



YACHT BELIEVED MISSING—The Norwegian-built yacht Edward Grieg, with five and perhaps six Californians aboard, is believed to be missing in the Atlantic Ocean, as a result of a heavy storm. The yacht's owner, Eugene Scott, left, Newport Beach, Calif., is shown with his navigator, Emil Lamerdin, center, and Mrs. Lamerdin. It is not yet sure that Mrs. Lamerdin is aboard. Scott was accompanied by his wife and two daughters. (UPI Telephoto)



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Will the Insects Rule The World Some Day?

There are some scientists who seem to be reasonably certain that this earth on which we live may some day be occupied and taken over, lock stock and barrel, by insects.

Before we laugh and say such a supposition is only the ridiculous idea of crackpots, look at some of the figures present - day scientists have compiled, and at some of the unbelievable behaviorisms that are commonplace with many insects.

Nature, by devious and oft-times little understood ways, places checks and balances on the number of insects that can live in a certain area at a specific time. Every insect has thousands of enemies, great and small, that are forever trying to destroy him. Out of millions, only a very few survive to become parents. A host of animals depend on insects for their sole food requirements; toads, frogs, lizards, many varieties of birds and some mammals.

What would happen if all, or even a few, of these natural checks failed to operate? This has been figured out many times and the results are startling. The insects' strength lies in their numbers and their ability to adapt themselves to changing conditions. One generation follows another so closely that even a change in environment or food supply means nothing.

There are probably more insects today than there were 25 years ago of nearly every kind, merely because there is more food for them to eat. During the past quarter century many means of control have been developed in the way of poisons and mechanics, but not a single species of insects has been destroyed. In the exploitation of the land areas of the earth, man has exterminated many but not one variety of insect has been completely destroyed.

But how, you might ask, could the insects take over this earth, granting of course such a catastrophe could happen? One very simple way, the entomologist might answer, is that somewhere along the line a single species might develop a spark of bug-intelligence, or the ability to reason out a simple problem.

It seems like a remote possibility, but there are other

loopholes a bug might crawl through.

Any species of insect is like a time bomb, always ready to explode into countless millions of individuals. Given the right conditions of temperature, food and shelter from enemies, some might reproduce until there would be no room left for any other form of life.

Fantastic as all this might sound, there may be a shred of a threat. The insects form a silent, watchful bio-mass of living creatures - a mass that is critical, ready to explode, and to cover the land with a crawling, wriggling mass of insects. Impossible? We hope so.

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 3
The November meeting of Pack 3 Cub Scouts was held in the Roosevelt school gymnasium. Family participation in the Cub Scout program was emphasized.

Setting of the meeting was the old country store. Skits, including songs and group singing, were put on by the Cub Scouts under direction of the den mothers. Props included the old post office, county store, and stage coach with horse. After the meeting, cookies, candy and other items were sold at old fashioned prices by the boys to give them experience in transacting business.

Wayne Brooks, achievement chairman, awarded Gary Williams a one-year service star, Rocky James one and two-year service stars, Bobby Griffith a wolf badge and gold arrow, Mark Kountz a denner badge, Paul Butler an assistant denner badge, Earl O'dell a second-year service star, and Jerry Hollingsworth a wolf badge, gold arrow, and silver arrow. Jack McIntyre received a bob cat pin.

Mothers of Eleven Share Hospital Room

Gainesville, Fla. - They might have had a little trouble with visitors, but Mrs. Lloyd Hyde and Mrs. Sloan Huntington successfully shared a hospital room.

Mrs. Hyde gave birth to an 8-pound, 12-ounce girl. Mrs. Huntington to a 7-pound, 11-ounce son.

For each mother, it was the 11th child.



RAIN GEAR GETS TEST—Jean Heinze, left, and Mary Gordon get a chance to try out their rain gear as a record dry spell was broken when showers covered most of Southern California. The transparent umbrella allows the girls to get an unobstructed view of the long-awaited rain. They are also equipped with rain-proof cloth coats and head gear complete with pin curl clips. (UPI Telephoto)

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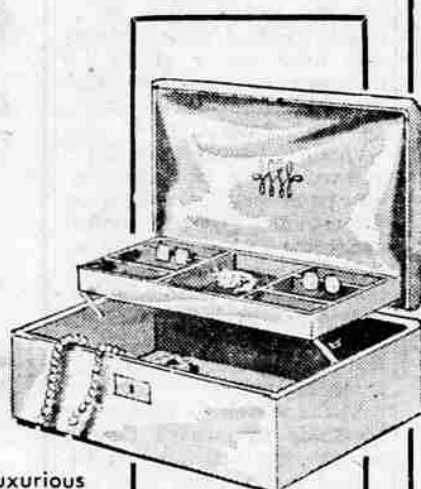
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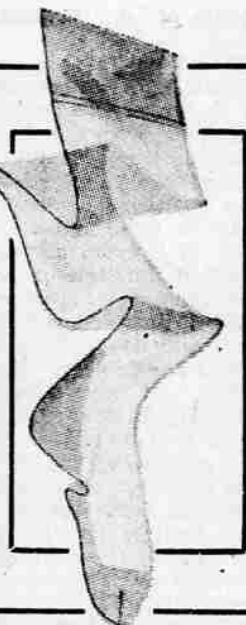
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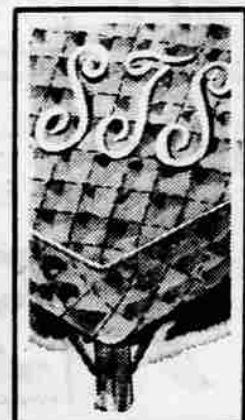
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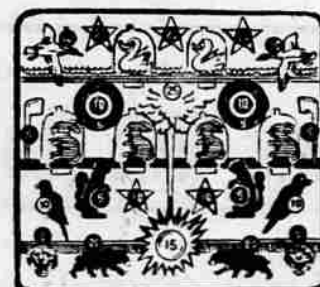
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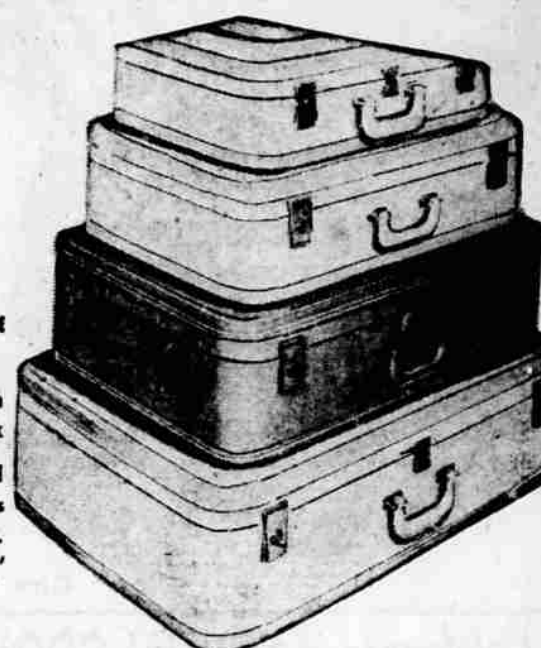
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