



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Something To Worry About—Parrot Feather Has Escaped

No one, with the possible exception of the owner, ever needs to worry too much over the escape of an animal, for none of them are particularly dangerous.

But there is a very real "danger" in the "escape" of some things that actually are harmless, but can become pests.

When these things escape there are no headlines, no police activity, but there is a "danger" of sorts. When these things escape it is usually caused by carelessness; folks dump things that they want to "be shut of," and at the time no one takes any notice at all; even the real culprit seldom knows what the results of his careless act can mean. These are the "wild plants" that have been brought from some other locality; sometimes from another country.

Now Rampant

There are many of these "wild orphans" that have escaped and are now rampant. One such that is now becoming a real problem in the southern United States, is the so-called parrot's feather. This one is loose and spreading. It will clog fresh water ditches and lakes; it, like the hated, but very beautiful water hyacinth, has come to stay. Of course if you are not concerned with "wild plants" or drainage problems, you don't care much whether or not this noxious weed is flourishing, but it affects many things; some of which have a bearing on the cost of something or other you have to buy or the taxes you will be asked to pay.

Millions of dollars have been poured into lakes, streams, and ponds in an effort to kill off the water hyacinth and the battle is still not won. This flower was thought to be very beautiful and was introduced as a pretty addition to the flora of the South. But it has turned out to be a villain in disguise.

Clog Creek

The parrot's feather, has nothing to do with a bird; it is only called that because of its light green feathery foliage that sticks up five or six inches above the surface of the water.

The rather delicate, bluish-

green foliage looks anything but dangerous; the bad part is underneath, for the roots may be 20 to 30 feet in length, jointed every few inches, capable of breaking anything and sending up a new plant at the break. Once established these fleshy, brittle roots completely clog the entire creek and impede the proper flow of water. Fish cannot swim in the mass of roots; wild fowl cannot find an inch of open water on which to land. The parrot's feather takes over, both above and below the water's surface. A stream becomes clogged, the water becomes sluggish and stagnant. When rains swell the volume of water the plant floats and its growth is accelerated.

The parrot's feather is a native of Chile. In its native land it has enemies that keep it under control. In America its enemies are absent. It started out innocently enough. It was sold as a green plant for us in a gold fish bowl. Then someone, no one will ever know who, dumped the plant in a ditch or a pond. Now this plant has escaped, becoming very much more dangerous than any wild animal. It is now growing in many sections and in every place it is doing fine. Someone placed it, innocently, in a favorable environment, and away it went, another example where "somebody goofed."

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LAVA TAKES TOLL—A papaya tree farm of Hawaii Island near Kapoho. The first day of damage was estimated in excess of \$250,000. (UPI Telephoto)

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By WALTER TOWNSEND
Casey Jones died Jan. 8. He was well known to everybody as he worked in the post office, and had been there for many years. He was one of the original members who came to this Domiciliary when it opened.

Out of the thousands of men who have passed through Camp White, there is only one original member who is still here.

He is Price E. Payne, who came here on transfer from Whipple, Ariz., Jan. 17, 1949.

Jimmie Fuller, bootblacker in the shoeshine parlor of the barber shop, has been working harder than ever, since the snow.

Jimmie has been shining shoes for the members and personnel for past seven years.

The income tax season is

here again and J. C. Barry, who has many years of banking and income tax experience is available to make out reports. Barry has never had any of his reports returned for refiling.

Andrew Delano Jackson, youngest son of M. P. Jackson visited his father last week. His fiancée, Lani Kelley, accompanied him. Both are of Seattle, and were visitors at Camp White for several days.

They came by automobile, intending to stay one day, but M. P. Jackson persuaded them to stay three days. They returned on Jan. 5.

Oliver P. Longfellow will be 90 years old on Feb. 17. Born in Knox county, Missouri, in 1870, he is a veteran of the Spanish American war and served in the Philippines 62 years ago. Since that war,

he has lived in Montana most of his life.

Longfellow has never married, because, he said, he had not stayed in one place long enough. But he would be making his own living now, if he were not a "little under the weather," he said.

He left home young, and does not claim any blood relationship to the poet Henry W. Longfellow of New England. His mother's family name was Grant. Putting two and two together, he did not deny the possibility that he might be of kin to the author of Evangeline, as well as U.S. Grant, since both his parents came from "up there in that country around New England."

GOOD MEMORY

Sarasota, Fla. —(UPI)— Detectives hunting for the thief who stole six cases of beer questioned the city dump garbage man who remembered picking up a lot of empty beer cans at the home of Mrs. Jo Ella Behn, 40. Officers said they found the unconsumed portion of the stolen beer in Mrs. Behn's home and arrested her.

2,466 Complaints Are Reported to Deputies in 1959

A total of 2,466 complaints were reported to the Jackson county sheriff's office during 1959, according to statistics released by the department.

The total is 738 more than received by the department during the previous year.

Of the total complaints received, less 91 that were unopened or cleared by an arrest 2,014 of the complaints for a percentage of 84.8. Still pending at the end of the year were 361 complaints.

A break down of complaints received showed that 367 were for felonies; 365 misdemeanor, and 1,464 miscellaneous.

Burglaries Listed

Burglaries accounted for 115 of the felony complaints with larceny a close second at 97. Fictitious check complaints totaled 61 with rape and auto theft listed at 17 each. Forgery complaints received totaled 16, and 8 homicides were reported.

Petty larceny topped the list for misdemeanor complaints with 159 received, followed by disorderly conduct 76, malicious mischief 74, discriminate shooting 57, and violation of road laws 40.

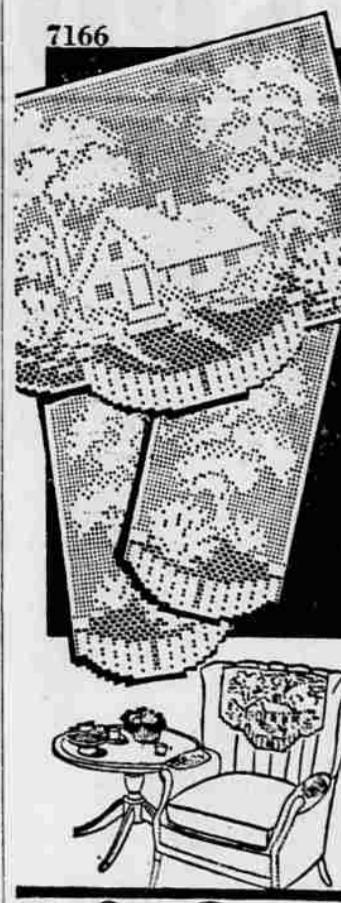
Assisting public offices accounted for 506 of the miscellaneous complaints.

A total of 3,534 civil papers were served by the department during the year.

The jail division shows that 876 persons were lodged in the county jail last year. Of these, 432 were lodged by the sheriff's office, 231 by Oregon state police, 113 by Medford city police, and 100 by other agencies.

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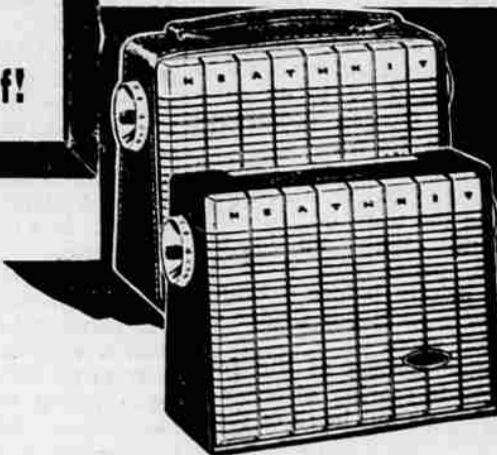
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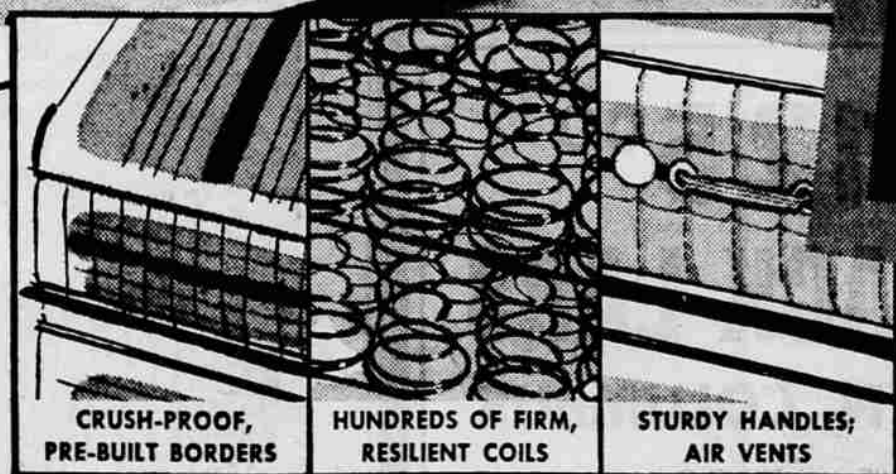
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