

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Pado

WHAT'S MY NAME DOING HERE? I DISTINGUISH MYSELF BY REMEMBERING TO CHECK OUT AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR THE CLUB!!

THEY OUGHT TO KNOW I'M GOOD FOR IT!! WELL, JUST FOR THAT I WON'T PAY 'EM!! I'LL RESIGN FROM THE CLUB!!

PHYFFE AND DRUMM MADE IT AGAIN—THEY'VE BEEN UP ON THE BOARD MORE THAN THE THUMBSTACKS—

ALL THE DONE FOR THE CLUB—BALONEY! THEY JUST TAKE UP ROOM AT THE BAR WAITING FOR A LIVE ONE!!

AW, GOSH!! DON'T LET 'EM RESIGN—THROW 'EM OUT RIGHT NOW!!

THE SHOE-SHINE BOY HAS THEM POSTED ON HIS BOX—THEY HAVEN'T PAID HIM EITHER—

COMING EAR TO THE CLUB BEACHCOMBERS AS THEY MAKE THE I.O.U. HONOR ROLL—

THANK AND A HAT TIP TO JERRY GOODMAN, EMERY HOTEL, PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

Small Worlds Around Us
By Lynn M. Watkins

Meet the Greatest Flycatcher of All

You can purchase a "flycatcher" at any hardware or 5-and-10-cent store. There is another effective fly-catcher, commonly known as "fly-paper," or one can make use of another device to accomplish the same purpose. This is called a fly-swatter.

But the best flycatcher of all is a bird. He's so good at it that he is aptly named Flycatcher. He works at the job all the time.

About the largest of the entire family is the so-called "crested flycatcher," about the size of a robin or a mockingbird but with a brownish colored body and yellowish white breast. Also, this flycatcher has a rather long bill and the male wears a perky tuft of feathers in the form of a crest on the top of his head.

Peculiar Call
Even though you may not recognize the bird by sight you have probably heard him and been somewhat surprised by the peculiar call he utters. When you do hear him you might associate the sound with a radio or the mysterious "beeps" from an earth orbiting satellite, rather than a call coming from a bird.

Everyone is familiar with the measured beep-beep-beep of a time signal sent out each day from time stations. The cry of the flycatcher is exactly the same and for this reason the flycatcher has been called the "time-signal-bird."

During the mating season the call sometimes becomes a little more musical, but even then the bird frequently

drops into the measured cadence of a mechanical time-beat. All the flycatchers are naturally quarrelsome. They do not get along too well with other birds and not too well with one another. As a consequence only a single pair will ever be found in one locality.

Usually they build their nests in abandoned woodpecker holes where they lay from four to six eggs, each egg generously marked with brown splashes. The birds depend solely on insects for food, catching most of them while on the wing.

Peculiarities
Most birds, like all the rest of us, have many peculiarities but the flycatchers have some habits that are downright fantastic, defying even common sense. This bird goes all out in bizarre "furnishings" for its nest by installing a part of the standard equipment a piece of snake-skin. Never does this skin seem to be a part of the nest itself. The skin, or in the absence of a suitable skin a piece of cellophane, is hung on the wall or draped over the edge of the nest opening. No one has ever advanced a reasonable explanation for this universal practice, unless it is intended to frighten away intruders.

There may be some less obvious reasons for this strange behavior. The heathen witch-doctor always uses snake skins as a "charm" or as a "strengthening agent" for some particular kind of "medicine." Could this insect-eating bird we call the flycatcher, also have some super-

Swiss Forester To Attend Program

Corvallis—Dr. Fritz Fischer, director of the Swiss Forest Research Institute at Zurich, Switzerland, will be the 1960 visiting lecturer at the Oregon State college school of forestry during April and May. The program is under the auspices of the Louis W. and Maude Hill Family Foundation.

During his stay on the campus, Dr. Fischer will conduct special graduate and staff seminars on European forestry, Swiss watershed protection practices, forest education, forest research and logging methods used in the mountainous terrain of his country. He will also deliver a series of public lectures.

Under the program initiated in 1955, foresters of international-renown are brought to the Oregon State school of forestry to keep students and staff abreast of new developments in the field of forest land management.

Previous lecturers have included D. S. Jeffers, dean emeritus of forestry, University of Idaho; Thorsten Streyffert, rector of the Swedish Royal College of Forestry; and Leo Isaac, American forest researcher.

stitious ideas? It would seem so, for the practice of incorporating a piece of the skin of a reptile in or near the nest cavity is a habit practiced by all the flycatchers.

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