

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Martins Wanted This Home, But Were Stopped Traffic lights are familiar objects; they are plentiful, and can be found on many city corners. They are changeable things, winking red, green and amber, times without number, as if they can't make up their mechanical minds whether to be one color or another.

Seemingly, all these lights look alike, but there must be a difference, for a pair of purple martins, birds somewhat larger than a robin and familiar to most folks, selected one of these lights for a prospective home.

To the pair of martins, this particular traffic light must have resembled a "martin house," the kind people sometimes build to attract these friendly birds. The light, to the birds, looked like a made-to-order domicile. They looked the place over, surveying the contraption with what later turned out to be frustrated interest. The shape and height above the ground was just about right. The round openings were a little large, they thought, but it looked solid, and safe. They appreciated the round openings with the glass doors. These doors, however, refused to open and at the most unexpected intervals they became brilliantly lighted from the back, with glaring red, green and amber lights.

Red Glare The birds would seat themselves comfortably in one of the openings, looking the situation over, when "whammo" the red glare would suddenly strike them. They flew away, circled over the traffic stream and returned to the light just in time for a startling green light to hit them in the eye again. When the selected opening went dark again, they hurried there. Then again the red flash, then the green. It was confusing and disconcerting.

All day long the performance continued, until both birds became subjects for nervous breakdowns. They were saved from complete frustration by the approach of darkness that made further flight impossible. They didn't notice that the silly light went right on changing from red to green to amber, all through the long night.

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By Jimmy Hatlo

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Louisa R. - I am 21 and a working girl. I attend college classes at night. That keeps me pretty busy, but not too busy for dating.

Up until recently all my dates were with college men and college graduates. However, a few months ago I started going out with a man of 24, who has never been to college and has no desire to go.

When I speak to him about it he laughs and says he is making and will make more money in the future than most of the college men he knows.

I find myself strongly attracted to Dan and I think he feels the same. I have every reason to believe he'll soon ask me to marry him and I want to say yes. But my parents have been against the whole thing from the start. They think it can't work.

Mrs. L.R. - With all the good-looking and highly intelligent men Louisa has gone out with, I can't figure out why she has picked on this Dan. It's true he's handsome, but he's not the only one.

I feel that it's very bad for the marriage for the wife to have more education than the husband. I have a college degree myself and I would never go out with anyone but a college man when I was a girl and I don't see why a college girl shouldn't be able to find a man from her own group.

My husband and I feel that Louisa is too eager for marriage. She can wait another couple of years. Why hurry? In the meantime she'll meet many more eligible men. We

feel her attraction to Dan is just physical.

The Council: We'll agree that persons on the same educational level tend to have similar interests and similar standards and both are needed in a successful marriage, but it is certainly a mistake to be as rigid as these parents are on that point. It is possible that Louisa's interest in Dan is as much a revolt against their narrow judgment as it is a physical attraction. The mere fact that she has enjoyed dating him for many months indicates that they have found interests in common, despite the difference in educational background.

Mrs. L.R. shouldn't be so amazed at Louisa's interest in a non-college man. Dan's easy confidence and his greater experience in the world probably make Louisa feel that he is more manly than the still-faltering college men she has known. The fact is that the college men tend to be boys a little longer than those who get out on their own at 18 and start making a living.

These parents haven't looked at Dan on his own merits and have instead used a very haphazard measuring rod - the college degree. This degree is no guarantee of character or intelligence and the lack of it indicates very little about the man.

The L.R.'s should, instead, be willing to try to know this man for himself and get Louisa to do the same. Louisa should ask herself whether she can be happy with a man who thinks of education purely in terms of dollars and cents and who apparently finds a need to flaunt his money-making ability at those whose goals may be a little different.

An honest examination may reveal to Louisa that she shares Dan's attitudes and in that case, they may very well be right for one another. Countless happy marriages are made between individuals on different educational levels and in many of those cases the wife has the greater scholastic background.

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Talent Men Enter Pleas of Guilty

Donald Dean Goyette, 21, of Talent, and Wallace Larson, 22, of Talent, both received suspended imposition of sentences for six months on petty larceny charges when they appeared in district court Friday.

The pair was charged with taking billboard letters from property owned by Oregon California theaters March 16. Both men pleaded guilty.

Imposition of sentence was suspended providing they live with and under the custody and control of Larson's father, they obey all lawful and reasonable requirements imposed by Larson and refrain from all unlawful acts.

Service Officer to Attend Conference Jerry V. Bianconi, Jackson county service officer and vice president of the County Service Officers association in Oregon, will attend the 25th semi-annual service conference in Salem, April 20, 21, and 22.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss changes, and new laws in procedures of distributing pension checks to veterans.

Tucson, Ariz. -UPI- Columnist Westbrook Pegler has been ordered to pay \$1,000 monthly to his wife for temporary support pending outcome of his divorce action.

Airplane Deicer Explodes the Ice

Washington (Science Service)-A newly patented airplane deicing system removes wing ice by exploding it off. It has the advantage of being externally attachable or removable at will.

A miniaturized detonating unit with a suitable initiating cap attached to one end of the cord has wire leads to connect the cap into a detonating circuit by means of quick-disconnect plugs at the junction of the wing and fuselage. The circuit may be energized from the plane's electrical system and actuated by a switch in the cockpit.

The deicing system is thus externally applied and may be attached or removed at will. It is claimed by its inventor, Herbert C. Johnson of Minneapolis, to be lightweight, reliable, and to have comparatively low drag characteristics.

Because high-altitude, supersonic aircraft normally operate above altitudes where icing usually occurs, and attain speeds where aerodynamic heating precludes ice formation on wing edges, conventional built-in deicers may offer more design problems than they are worth.

Some of the less desirable street parkway trees are: Silverleaf maple. Too large, surface root system bad for lawn, walks, curbing.

Oregon Broadleaf maple. Some of the same bad features.

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Mulberry, fruiting. Messy, messy fruit on walk or ground. But birds love 'em.

Evergreens, as pine, spruce, fir, are usually of brittle wood, wide spread, dense shade, and are too large and too high for street planting. They are nice along rural highways, but how long will it be a RURAL highway? Any evergreen is not desirable on south side of a home. In winter we need all the sunshine possible.

Now is a good time for Boy and Girl Scouts to start a nice herbarium. Oregon maple, locust, wild cherry, redbud, some nut trees, and others, are in full bloom.

And it's a good time to take another sight-seeing trip about Medford and the valley. Dogwoods, haws, flowering cherries, and several others, are now flowering.

CP Police Arrest California Man

Central Point Chief of Police Wallace Bowen arrested a 40-year-old man for the Medford police department Friday afternoon on a charge of attempting to obtain money under false pretenses.

Charles Augustus Pruitt, of Santa Cruz, Calif., is being held in the county jail on \$2,100 bail for Santa Barbara authorities who want him on a charge of forgery, police said.

Medford police received word recently from Santa Barbara that Pruitt might be headed for the Medford area. Friday morning police received a call from Pacific Telephone-Northwest here that a man representing himself as C. S. Pruitt tried to cash a check at their office.

Chief Bowen arrested Pruitt an hour later in Central Point.

Rogue Hi-Y Elects Officers for Year

The Rogue Hi-Y club of the Young Men's Christian association of Medford elected officers for the coming year's club last Thursday evening at the YMCA.

Elected president was Jerry Smith; vice president, Jeff Knop; secretary-treasurer, Don Biegler; chaplain, Jack Richardson, and sergeant-at-arms, Mike Wickersham.

The Rogue Hi-Y is a club made up of high school boys who are members of the YMCA. Some of their activities include giving leadership to many of the YMCA gym classes and camps, having money raising projects for world service, preparing dances at the YMCA, and attending the youth and government program in Salem each spring.

Eugene -UPI- Kernan Turner of Roseburg has been named editor of the Oregon Daily Emerald, student newspaper at the University of Oregon.



Trees . . .

By JOHN GRIBBLE

(Editor's note: The following comments on trees, particularly those adaptable to street use in Medford, have been prepared by John Gribble, well-known retired forester, and will be run in a series during the "tree planting season" here, "now under way.")

Scanlon Red Maple, Acer Rubrum Conico Scanlon

This cone-shaped maple is most desirable for parking space street plantings. Cost of maintenance is low, and it is good for medium width streets. It imparts full colors of the parent tree, red, amber to bright scarlet autumn colors. This tree is for Eighth (on property from court house west), on Fifth, Grape, Holly, all 50 to 60 feet; Lindero, 70 to 80 feet apart.

In April, 1959, 16 Scanlon maples were planted in Rotterdam, Holland, park in preparation for the 1960 International Horticultural Exposition. These are the only ornamental American trees so honored. These, like some other new varieties, are grafted onto 6 feet and 8 1/2 feet stems.

Most trees have some personal charm or characteristic, making them desirable for certain uses. This is especially so regarding trees suitable for parking strip plantings. Size, shape, root systems, tolerance to wet or dry conditions, soil, and soil-drainage are a few things to consider when selecting a tree for any location.

Wide-spreading, big trees afford lots of shade, are beautiful in proper settings, yet, in some places, hinder underrneath certain flower and lawn grass growing.

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Driver Cited After Accident in City

One driver was cited and another arrested following a two-car traffic accident Friday in which a woman sustained possible injuries.

City police arrested Lyle Vernon Davis, 29, of 320 1/2 Apple st., on a charge of driving while operator's license suspended, and cited Gary Dee Tyer, 23, of 1119 East Jackson st., for failure to stop.

Davis' wife, Ruby Jean Davis, 21, was taken to Sacred Heart hospital for treatment of possible internal injuries, police said.

The accident occurred about 4:25 a.m. at the intersection of Fourth and Grape sts. when the Tyer vehicle apparently failed to stop at a stop sign, causing the accident, police said.

Davis was fined \$100 in municipal court Friday morning.

Portland -UPI- Iron Fireman Manufacturing company has reported 1959 sales of \$28,664,942, a gain of about three per cent over the previous year.

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'MY FAIR LADY' - Actress Lola Fisher, above, stars as Eliza Doolittle in the 'My Fair Lady' company which has arrived in Medford for a Russia tour under the U. S. - Soviet cultural exchange program. The question running through Miss Fisher's mind ever since the plane carrying the cast circled over Moscow: "I wonder if Mr. Khrushchev will ever come to one of our performances?" (UPI Telephoto)

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