

**10 Couples Pooled Together for Bus**

Nogales, Ariz. — Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sexton decided to take a three-day trip to Las Vegas. They talked it over with some friends. Everybody got enthusiastic. Everybody decided to go. A bus was chartered to take 10 couples on the trip.

**Tough Groundhog**

Liberty, Ky.—Motorists thought they were seeing things. Right in the middle of Liberty's main street sat a groundhog. Everytime a car approached, he disappeared. Road workmen found the groundhog had dug through 18 inches of roadbed and two inches of blacktop to make an almost invisible hole.

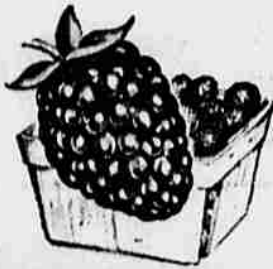
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**LIGHTHOUSE MOVED**—The lighthouse which since 1906 has been warning ships away from the shallow Southampton Shoals in San Francisco Bay, will have a new home on Tinsley Island on the San Joaquin river where it will become a clubhouse for the St. Francis Yacht club. To be replaced with an automatic warning light, the half-century old landmark was moved rather than demolished. Using two huge sea-going cranes, the top two stories were lifted off pilings and deposited on a barge for the trip in an operation that took five hours but didn't even break a window in the old building. (UPI Telephoto)

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**Small Worlds Around Us**

By Lynn M. Watkins

Many Myths Have Been Built Up Around the Owl. "Yes, sir, I've caught many an owl by just walking around in a circle. The owl will keep turning its head until it wrings its own neck." So spoke the Old Timer. It's surprising how many people believe this, all because the poor bird cannot move its eyeballs but must always turn its head. The eyes are firmly locked; to follow a moving object the owl must turn its head, but it certainly doesn't turn it completely around. The head only comes to an extreme turning point, then quickly it is turned back. The ball-and-socket arrangement in the owl's neck does allow for a great turning radius, but it does not permit a full turn. It is only a superstition that an owl could wring its own neck.

Another erroneous belief usually associated with these solemn birds is the idea that they can see at night or in complete darkness. No animal, the owl included, can see in total darkness. Of course the owl, like many other creatures that hunt during the night, can see better in half-light than daylight-feeding animals, but they cannot "see" in the dark. Neither is the owl an exceedingly "wise" bird in spite of its dignified appearance and universal reputation for "knowledge." In a wild, instinctive way he is wise to the habits of those creatures on which he preys, but his actual IQ rating is rather low; he doesn't rate with the top third of his class. Probably because the owl is abroad only during the hours of darkness and carefully hidden from sight during the daylight hours, he is but partially understood by most folks. Around the bird, because of its habits, have been fabricated many strange myths and superstitions. The owl is often used in stories of witchcraft and is a symbol of mysterious "going's on" at Halloween, and all because he is so little understood. Owls of some variety occur in nearly every section of the world. There are at least 18 kinds in North America. Our owls range in size from the tiny, little elf owl of Arizona, which is barely six inches long, to the great Arctic owl, that may stand nearly three feet. **Feathery Faces** All owls have exceedingly feathery faces; even the bill is almost completely hidden. One, the saw-whet owl doesn't even cry like others of its family but utters a sound startlingly like a dull file scraping on a steel saw. All owls are valuable, inasmuch as they consume great numbers of mice and rats as well as many insects. The owl swallows hide, feathers, fur and bones of its prey, apparently needing this "roughage" for proper digestion. The owl family has always been terribly misunderstood. Ancient literature credited them with being "birds of ill-omen." As "wise" as owls appear to be, they have never been able to educate the majority of people with their worthiness and harmlessness. Poor things — they can neither "see in the dark nor wring their own necks." (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1960)

**Man 'Alarmed' at Firemen's Plight**  
Buffalo, N.Y.—Local firefighters were on the job at a general alarm blaze in nearby Lackawanna, but Raymond J. Schafer, 40, decided that Buffalo firemen should also get in the act. His appeal for a neighbor's help got Schafer arrested on a charge of sounding a false alarm. But the judge dismissed the case on grounds that Schafer didn't mean to commit a criminal act.

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