

### OSC Research Is Shedding Light On Virus Problem

Corvallis—A joke currently making the rounds is that when your physician looks at you with a frown, shakes his head, and says "you seem to have a virus" he really doesn't know what your problem is.

Whether or not this is true, Oregon State college research is throwing some light on the complicated subject of viruses.

In studying transmission of plant viruses by insects, Dr. Knud G. Swenson, OSC entomologist, has come up with facts that will help scientists understand human viruses as well as plant viruses.

Although humans and animals are not affected by plant viruses, mosquitoes that carry human viruses transmit them in the same ways as insects that carry plant viruses. This basic fact means that agricultural research does much spade work for medical research, for facts learned by studying the ways plants become infected can be applied to ways humans and animals become infected.

**Studying Vectors**  
Swenson has been studying vectors (insects that carry plant viruses) for about 10 years—the past six at OSC. During the coming year, he will continue his work in Australia under a Guggenheim fellowship awarded him as an outstanding scholar.

The entomologist reported there are about 400 known plant viruses. Some 300 of these are transmitted by insects—100 by aphids. Much of his research at OSC has been with aphid-borne viruses, for, as he puts it "you must understand the biology of the insect before you can control it, and you must understand the biology of the virus before you can control it."

Viruses affect all sorts of plants—small grains, gladioli, beans, clover, alfalfa, potatoes, cane fruits, strawberries, peas, sugar beets, asters, carrots, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, cherries, cabbage, broccoli, onions, and lilies.

### Religious Sect Hides in Fear of Russian Attack

Benson, Ariz. — (UPI) — About 100 members of a small religious sect remained hidden today in bomb shelters and cellars of their sealed homes, fearful of a Russian nuclear attack within two days.

The men, women and children went underground Monday night and refused to answer their telephones or open their doors to visitors or newsmen because: "We're afraid the Soviet Union is going to attack the United States by Saturday."

**Warrant Procured**  
City Attorney Fred Talmadge procured a warrant to determine whether the children of the members of the Full Gospel Assembly were safe, and Wednesday night entered the home of Elder Wilbur William, a member of the assembly.

"When we tried to get in they thought the alert had come and we were outsiders trying to take advantage of their shelters," Talmadge said.

**No Further Action**  
"After we started to break in they realized who we were and let us in with apologies. These are good people. We weren't overly worried, but did want to make sure the children were okay. We plan no further action.

"They have a right to their beliefs."

Talmadge said Williams indicated the sect's conviction of a nuclear holocaust was divinely inspired. However, he said Williams told him the members would leave their hiding places Saturday if no attack had occurred.

**Stocked With Food**  
The shelters and cellars of the sect's members were well stocked with food and water, were spacious and equipped with electricity, Talmadge said.

Seclusion of the members has left much of the north end of this small southern Arizona farm town looking like a ghost town.

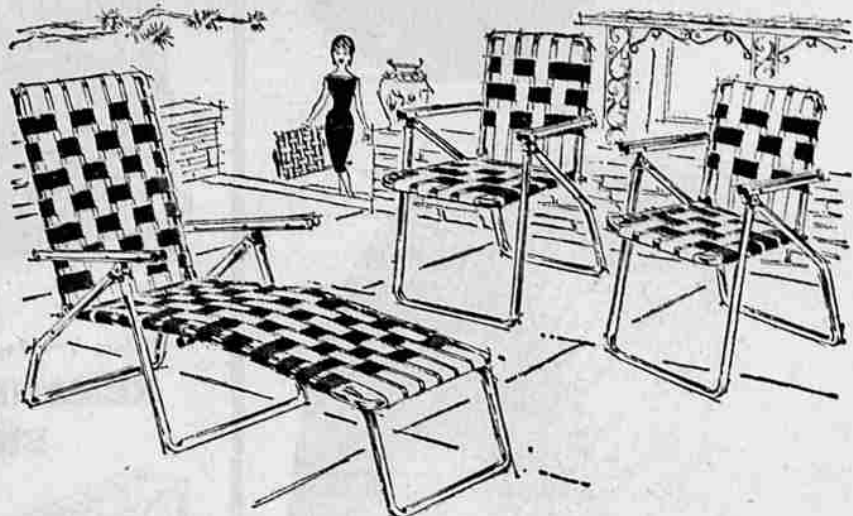
**POETRY OKAYED**  
Knoxville, Tenn. — (UPI) — Mrs. Margaret Bass, specialist in English education, at the University of Tennessee, reported today a survey of 295 10th grade pupils showed that 95 per cent would not be embarrassed if their friends caught them reading poetry.

**TRAVELER'S AIDE**  
London — (UPI) — Singer Maris Valseca, obviously piqued at the wisecracks of the marquis of Blanford at a West End night club, told him: "There's a bus in 10 minutes. Be under it."



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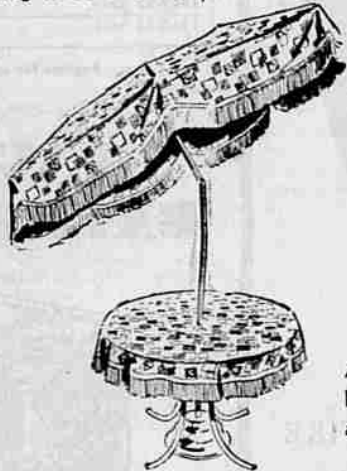


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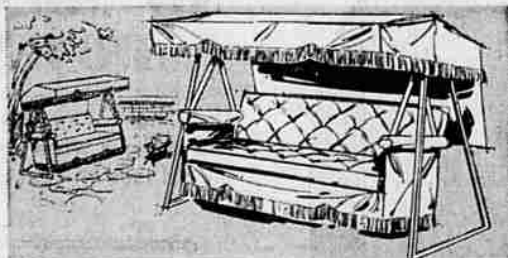
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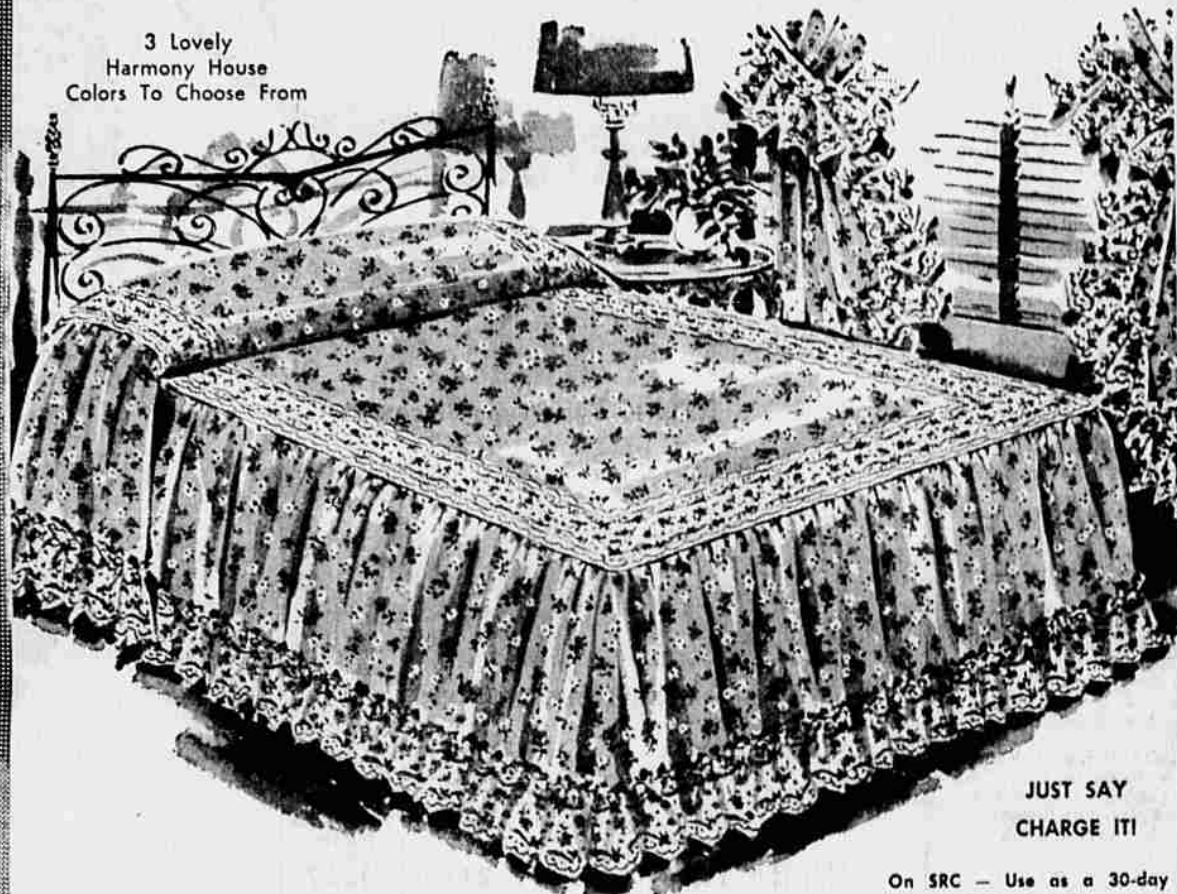
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