

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

How Was He To Know It Was A Piece Of Glass? He didn't see the glass pane for he was looking right through it, and he was in a hurry. The first thing he knew, after he began to have a hazy interest in what was happening, was a painful return to semi-consciousness, and the fact that he was flat on his back, with a headache that began in his pointed head and reached back to the tip of his rounded body. He hurt all over.

Up until he had slammed into the transparent glass pane, he had led a very sheltered life down underground in what remained of a rotten board. Even for his species he was unusually large, nearly an inch and a half in length. He was also very fat and exceedingly large in circumference. He was an adult stag beetle, a bug with great curved mandibles, so large they gave the beetle the appearance of wearing antlers. He looked tough, and he was. But he had slammed into something that was tougher than he.

What Happened? Even now that he had regained his meager senses, he still couldn't understand how a hard, unyielding material as transparent as air could be such an impassable barrier. Actually, he had not learned his lesson at all-how could he? He couldn't see the glass even when he was looking right at it-or through it-from his prone position on the ground, let alone while in rapid flight in the air. He could see a desirable location, but he couldn't reach it.

Without ever thinking about it, he subconsciously assumed that the hard outer shell covering his entire body like a shield could withstand any shock. Any object large enough to be seen always had been avoidable. He never flew headlong into trees, buildings or telephone poles. It was disconcerting, and besides it caused one's head to ache.

Only a bug. Of course, being only a bug, he couldn't be expected to understand the principle of transparency. He was accustomed to dodging things that were there-things that could be seen and therefore avoided. A sheet of glass that, to all appearances, just wasn't there at all, proved to be something he couldn't fly through, around, under or over.

This poor, battered beetle was as perplexed about a sheet of glass as the stupid man who thought the invention that allowed a person to see right through a brick was pretty wonderful. But it was only a window. Perhaps the moral to it all is, be sure you are right before you fly into things. (Released By The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1960)

Trained Newsmen Said Safeguard On Information

Honolulu (AP) - Trained reporters provide the nation's safeguard against misleading information, a United Press International executive said here Wednesday.

William C. Payette, general editor of UPI, told the Hawaii Employers Council that he had noted heckling of the press by special groups.

There is no substitute, he said, for the trained eye and ear of the professional reporter.

Cuba Trends Cited "You wouldn't trust your surgery to someone without training in the field, no matter how intelligent," Payette said, "and you shouldn't trust your reporting to nonprofessionals, either."

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Mosquito Control Program Here to Be Studied More

Further study of the Jackson county mosquito control program will be made next month, the county court said yesterday.

Verne C. Reiser, chief of general sanitation section, state department of health, said two men from his department would conduct a review and survey of the mosquito control program the week of Dec. 5.

"They will evaluate the present program and spend several days with the public health department" in Jackson county, Reiser wrote. "The county court had written Reiser requesting the survey. During a meeting on air pollution conducted by the county court recently, T. M. Gerow Jr., district sanitary engineer here, had suggested perhaps the county "be going about mosquito control the wrong way."

Problem Presented County Judge Earl Miller had presented the problem of mosquito control in log ponds to the lumbermen attending the meeting.

George Flanagan, manager of Elk Lumber company, said the county mosquito control program did little good in his log pond. He suggested dusting ponds by using an airplane.

County sanitarians said ponds are difficult to spray effectively because of stacks of logs on the edge blocking access and plant life allowed to form over the pond surface.

15 Out of 20 Oregon Dailies Support Nixon

Eugene (AP) - A survey conducted by the School Journalism at the University of Oregon showed that 15 of Oregon's 20 daily newspapers editorially support Vice President Richard M. Nixon for president.

Three have endorsed Sen. John F. Kennedy and two had not declared for either candidate, the survey said. The three dailies supporting Kennedy are the Coos Bay World, Medford Mail Tribune and the Pendleton East Oregonian.

In the U.S. Senate race in Oregon, the survey showed Elmo Smith, the Republican candidate, had support of 11 dailies and Mrs. Maurice Berger, the Democratic candidate, the support of six. Three had not declared at the time the survey was made.

Other Sentiment Given Republican candidates for state offices had endorsement of most of the dailies although four favored Monroe Sweetland, Democrat, over Howell Appling for secretary of state, the survey said.

In Oregon congressional races, five dailies support Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) for reelection to note for his opponent, Democrat Mervyn Owens. In the Second district, Rep. Al Ullman and GOP candidate Ronald Phair each had support of two. In the Third district one, the Oregonian, had announced for Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) over Wallace Lee. In the Fourth district, six dailies support Dr. Edwin Durno, Republican candidate, to two for Rep. Charles O. Porter. At the time the survey was made, the weekly press was more evenly divided. He said that survey revealed no significant shifts in editorial preferences among Oregon newspapers over the past three presidential campaigns.

Local Men Named Directors of Group

Two Medford members of the Western Lumber Marketing association were elected to the board of directors for the coming year.

They are Robert Schott, Forest Glen Lumber company; Carl E. Wimberly Jr., Western Lumber company, Inc. The second annual convention was held Oct. 28 in Seattle, Wash.

Other officers elected were Russ Fryburg, Eugene, president; Gus Giovannelli, Seaside, first vice president; Charles R. Widman, Vancouver, B.C., second vice president; Robert O'Neil, Coquille, Wash., third vice president; Denby Mackie, Eugene, secretary; Harry Tanner, Portland, treasurer.

VOTER TURNOUT EYED Portland - (AP) - City Auditor Ray Smith said Wednesday he expected an 86 percent turnout for Portland at the Nov. 8 general election.