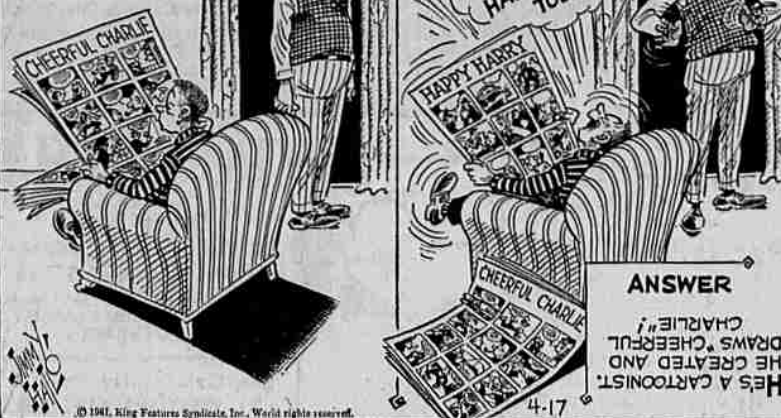


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Medicinal Value Of Small Herb Is Studied at College

Corvallis—The first study on possible medicinal value of a common small herb, Galium triflorum or fragrant bedstraw, have been completed by the first doctor's degree graduate in pharmacy from Oregon State college.

The analysis by Robert P. Knott indicates that the plant has some limited promise for use in reducing blood pressure. An extract of the dried plant produced a drop in the blood pressure of dogs used as test subjects.

A related species of the herb has been found capable of lowering blood pressure in animals, but Knott's work is

the first comprehensive study made with fragrant bedstraw which is found throughout the Northwest and many other sections of the country. He did the work as the thesis for his doctor's degree in pharmaceutical chemistry.

Fragrant bedstraw is most commonly found from May through October in moist shady woods from near sea level to moderate elevations in the mountains. An Oregon physician suggested a study be made of the plant after hearing claims of its medicinal value from an individual who had used it in a tea.

Additional studies of the

plant constituents will be required before the final value of the plant for any medicinal use could be assessed, Knott said.

Knott completed requirements for the doctor's degree last summer and is now on the school of pharmacy staff. He will receive his Ph.D. degree at June graduation.

The graduate student program in the OSU school of pharmacy is being steadily expanded. Six students are now working for master's or doctor's degrees in the areas of pharmacy, pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmacology, or pharmacognosy.

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Travelers Cheque Idea Growing In Popularity; Started in 1891

By HENRY J. BECHTOLD UPI Financial Editor

New York—(UPI)—The travelers cheque is celebrating its 70th birthday this year and is growing stronger in popularity all the time.

Conceived at first in 1891 as merely a convenience to the relatively small number of Americans

traveling to Europe by steamship, the travelers cheque almost immediately was found usable as international currency.

The American Express Co. began advertising it as such and that is what has become. It is distributed by more than 30,000 banks throughout the world, and to date more than a billion cheques have been put in circulation.

Currently, several million dollars worth of transactions take place daily through the medium of this unusual form of money. This is in sharp contrast with the first year's volume of \$9,120.

American Express has doubled its annual issuance of cheques to the public in the past nine years, and company officials say consumer trends

indicate a redoubling of this volume in the 1960s.

Forecasts are that more than 2.5 million Americans will travel overseas this year, and that they will carry these cheques on two out of three trips.

At the same time more than 80 million Americans will travel on vacations and business within the United States and carry the cheques on one out of five trips.

Travel, however, is not the sole explanation of the cheque's growth, according to American Express which supplies about 70 per cent of the domestic demand for dollar cheques.

It said the cheques have shown a versatility that has opened the door to many new uses. People moving to new homes now are able to use them in payment to the movers, and parents use them in remittance to their children at college.

At closings in home purchases, on business trips, and as household emergency funds, the peculiar safety features of the cheques are attracting consumers and creating new markets.

The company noted that through a world-wide security system its cheque holders are protected against loss, theft or carelessness. Refunds are made on the spot, and are made immediately when nec-

essary to protect a person away from home against being stranded. As many as 5,000 persons a month claim such refunds.

The idea for the travelers cheque was born when J. C. Fargo, of Wells-Fargo fame and third president of American Express, returned from a trip to Europe irritated by the inconvenience in cashing his letters of credit.

Figuring that other travelers must have had even greater difficulties than he experienced, he instructed an aide, M. F. Berry, to do something about it.

The problem was to create a piece of negotiable paper as acceptable as currency but safe-guarded against loss. Berry's solution was ingenious and simple—the double signature idea.

PUC Denies Request For Bus Rate Hike

Salem—Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill Friday denied an application by Western Greyhound Lines division of the Greyhound corporation for an increase of 10 per cent in intrastate passenger fares. Hill said exhibits and evidence presented at public hearings failed to support claims that constantly increasing costs of operation in the face of declining traffic justified the increase requested.

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