



Small Worlds Around Us

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These Animals Are The Thrifty Type

The saving habit has reached a high degree of perfection in man; bank deposits attest to this fact. But few of the lower animals make any plans for putting something away for a rainy day.

There are a few notable exceptions. Squirrels, especially the various ground squirrels as well as those that live in trees, make the storing habit almost a phobia—to them it is a means of survival.

Dogs occasionally bury a bone against the days of short supply. Ants, bees and a few of the other species of insects collect food against times of famine—and usually not for themselves, either, but selfishly for those of their fellows that will follow. The bee that works itself to death gathering nectar probably will be dead long before what it saved is used.

Frugal Ants

For all-around thrift and resourcefulness and constant frugality, probably the various species of ants exercise the most judgment in assuring themselves that they and their fellows will continue to live off the fat of the land.

There is ant species that stores grain, watches over it with constant care, carrying it up into the sunlight if it becomes wet and biting off the sprout ends to keep the kernels plump and fresh.

There is an ant species that raises its own food in the form of fungi. There are ants that store the nectar from flowers in the distended bodies of some of their own hill-mates. Some keep plant lice, tend them carefully and secure from them sweet honeydew; a thin, sweetish juice relished by ants. Not foresight or plan, just a saving habit they can't seem to neglect or overcome.

Few Birds Save

A few bird species save objects but not food. In the rodent family of animals there are many that are extremely thrifty and, strangely, some that are hopelessly shiftless, making absolutely no plan for days when, if they had any judgment at all, they would know it would be a long time between meals.

Mice, rats, gophers, beavers and muskrats all store food. The hamster accumulates more food than he and all his immediate family could eat in several years.

He gets so carried away with his work that he stores so much grain he doesn't have room for himself. Yet other rodents such as the porcupine, rabbit and woodchuck, as well as some others, never bother to lay away a smidgen of food for tomorrow's breakfast or even this afternoon's lunch.

Brookings Firms Adopt Fast Time

Brookings — (UPI) — Business and professional men here said today they would change to daylight saving time effective May 21.

A poll of 58 businessmen showed 56 to be in favor of fast time. The city council said it would take no official action, but would change to fast time if the community wished.

Of the three mills in the area having large employment, one has changed to fast time and the other two said they were exploring the possibility by polling employees.

Brookings school was to decide today if fast time would be adopted.

Idaho Power May Be Sued Over Fish

Portland — (UPI) — Oregon, Washington and Idaho may sue the Idaho Power Co. for fish losses at the firm's Brownlee and Oxbow dams on the Snake river.

This was decided by the attorneys general of the three states here Wednesday. The trio, Oregon's Robert Thornton, John J. O'Connell of Washington and Idaho's Frank Benson, reached agreement that the Idaho firm should be made to pay for fish losses.

Thornton listed three legal aspects as: (1) can the states sue the power company? (2) can negligence be proven? (3) and how can damages be assessed?

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Real Estate Investors Merge Talents for Thriving Business

By HENRY J. BECHTOLD

New York — (UPI) — Too many cooks may spoil the broth, but Transcontinental Investing Corp. has shown no adverse effects from such a set-up.

The company was organized last October when three young and aggressive real estate investors decided to join hands.

President Robert K. Lifton, Ira J. Hechler and Howard L. Weingrow saw many opportunities available to a company engaged primarily in the investment in and integrated ownership, operation and management of office buildings, apartment developments, hotels, motels, and other income producing real estate.

Each of the three executives is equally versed in all phases of the company's activities, giving a management depth that is particularly rare in the highly individualistic real estate investment field.

Continuing Operations

The company places emphasis on continuing operations, and will sell properties when they no longer provide tax shelter or when large capital gains can be realized.

Its present properties are located in 15 cities and include two office buildings, three apartment complexes, five hotels and 10 motels.

The company expects to focus its activities in four primary areas: The continued acquisition and ownership of sound income producing office buildings, a partment houses and industrial properties; creation of profit through the purchase, refinancing and sale of income properties; organization and sponsorship of promising syndication situations; and expansion in the hotel field.

It's this last area that represents a particularly promising growth field for the company, Lifton told United Press International.

The firm's wholly-owned Dinkler Hotel Corp. was the result of the integration of Transcontinental's hotel and motel properties with the Dinkler hotel-motel chain.

Lifton said that through the acquisition of the Dinkler chain Transcontinental received the services of the Dinkler organization which has been in existence for more than 50 years and is noted for its outstanding managerial ability.

Major Transactions He noted that the Dinkler reputation already has permitted the company to undertake management of hotel properties owned by others on a "lucrative" basis. Me a n while, the company

soon is expected to announce some major transactions that will make it a major hotel operator.

The very nature of the company's business and geographical locations of its present properties really keep Lifton, Hechler and Weingrow on the move. At least one of the three is traveling around the country every week.



Bechtold, a real estate investor, decided to join hands.



BOY AND HIS DOG—Lotroy Sakypa, 3, member of a Tibetan holy family living in Seattle, hugs his new Tibetan terrier pup, a gift from a kennel owner in Great Falls, Va. Lotroy calls his new friend "dog." (UPI Telephoto)

Jeff Chandler Fighting for Life

Culver City, Calif. — (UPI) — Rugged, gray-haired actor Jeff Chandler, weakened by 7½ hours in the operating room, fought for his life today at Culver City Hospital.

Doctors said Chandler, 42, underwent emergency abdominal surgery Thursday and his postoperative condition was critical.

Other sources said the movie he-man had received more than 50 pints of blood by transfusion, apparently because of an arterial hemorrhage that began Thursday morning.

Chandler's condition was the third shock in recent months for Hollywood where beloved film stars Clark Gable and Gary Cooper have died. Gable, 60, died Nov. 16 of a heart attack and Cooper, 60, died last Saturday of cancer after a painful illness.

Bill Solves Problem Of Florida Speed Trap

Tallahassee, Fla. — (UPI) — The Florida Senate, irked by charges that the little town of Boulough on the Georgia-Florida border was running a speed trap to fleece tourists, passed a bill abolishing the town Thursday.

Council of Blind To Meet Sunday

Jackson Council of the Blind will elect officers at the regular monthly meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21, in the Guild hall of St. Mark's Episcopal church, Fifth st. and Oakdale ave.

Mrs. Eve Prentice will speak on her recent trip to Europe and India. Light refreshments and a social hour will conclude the afternoon's activities.

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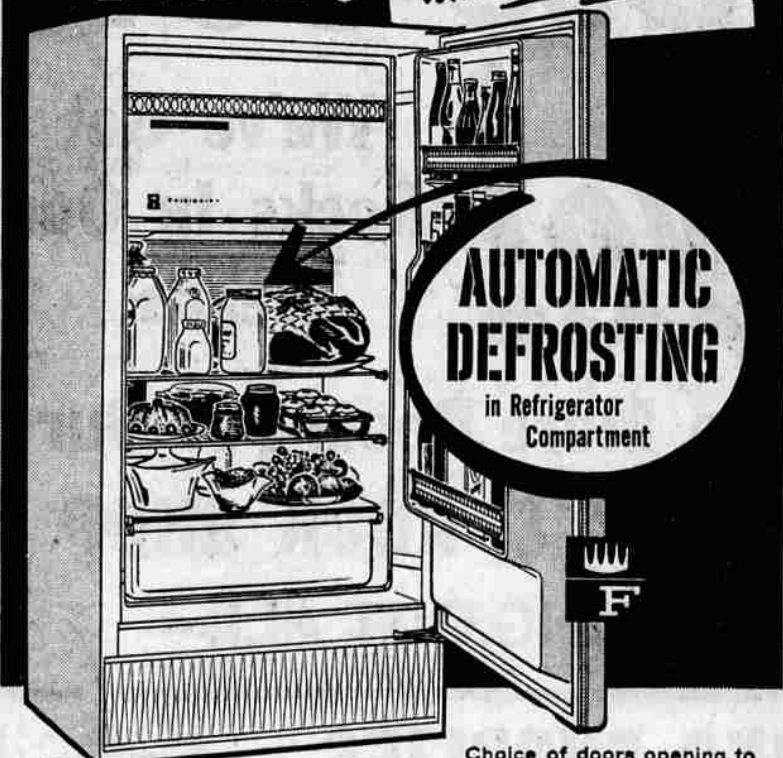
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