

Small Worlds Around Us

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Where People Live Must Other Things Die?

In hopeful anticipation the children would watch for their friend, night and morning. It was a wonderful experience at bedtime to look out into the moonlight and see the wild cottontail rabbit hopping across the lawn.

There were times when, for several nights in a row, the rabbit was not in evidence night or morning. On several occasions the daddy reported to the children that he had seen the rabbit when he drove into the yard. Mother and children were glad to know that the little wild thing was still present in the neighborhood.

Fear Dogs

The children, snuggled in their beds, thought of the rabbit out there in the moonlight or in the morning mist. At first they had worried for fear a dog would catch their wild pet. Strangely enough, however, the daddy discovered the neighborhood dogs paid no attention to the rabbit.

With confidence born of

familiarity, the little cottontail hopped past the disinterested dogs with careless unconcern. In the animal fraternity there was no conflict.

"Hurry, children, we've overslept. It's late," called the mother one dark, cloudy morning. The children scrambled from bed, glanced out doors. The rabbit wasn't there.

"Maybe tomorrow," they reasoned. The daddy gulped his coffee. He was going to be late to the office. Still chewing his toast, he backed his car out of the garage. Two blocks from home he turned onto the paved street. There, on the highway, barely a block from the corner, was the mangled heap of fur and flesh that once had been a rabbit, killed sometime during the night by a speeding car.

Became Significant

He drove on, a little sad. Never again would the children see the little animal in the yard. He was a serious man, and his mind raced. The dead rabbit suddenly became significant; it represented a condition he, as an intelligent

Brookings Chamber Votes Fast Time

Brookings - (UPI) - Southern Oregon coast.

Directors of the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce have voted to start unofficial daylight saving time June 3 and end it Sept. 1.

Most of the southern coast still is on standard time. But Gold Beach and Port Orford have indicated they may go along with Brookings.

human being, began to realize. The broken little body on the highway seemed prophetic; it seemed to predict what was to come, and all too soon.

What chance for survival had this little creature, and all others like it, in a world where nothing matters but churning, grinding wheels, and hurrying hordes of people, all running roughshod over lesser creatures?

The man wondered if, when his children are adult, there will be little, living things for them to see, or if they will all be exterminated, and the only living beings on this earth will be people crowding each other for elbow room.

Will humanity then be satisfied with what they may feel is a triumph? Must it be that where people live, all other things must die?

California Power Official Opposes Federal Intertie

Washington - (UPI) - An official of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. has told Congress that it would be "wasteful" to appropriate funds for a proposed federal power intertie between the Pacific Northwest and California.

Robert H. Gerdes, executive vice president of the California company, appeared before the House public works appropriations subcommittee to oppose budget requests of \$750,000 for the proposed intertie.

Gerdes, who termed the proposal a "new invasion" of the power business by the government, said his company and Pacific Power and Light Co., Portland, planned their own intertie.

The private power official specifically opposed a request by the Bureau of Reclamation for \$250,000 for interconnection studies and a Bonneville Power Administration request for \$500,000 for preliminary engineering.

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Unemployment Dips During Past Month

Washington - (UPI) - Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg reported Wednesday that unemployment fell by 430,000 in April and called the development an "encouraging sign."

The Labor Department's official release said, however, that the decline to 3.9 million was seasonal. The release, prepared by department experts, said there was "no significant change" in the jobless picture.

Goldberg reported that both total employment and non-farm employment increased last month to new April highs. Goldberg said this was "additional evidence we are continuing to emerge in a vigorous manner from the recession of a year ago."

But he told a news conference that last month's unemployment total, even though one million less than in April, 1961, still was "much too high."

Russia Refuses Display of Capsule

Washington - (UPI) - Russia has refused to allow the United States to exhibit astronaut John Glenn's space capsule in the Soviet Union, it was disclosed Wednesday.

The U.S. Information Agency, which is handling a four-month, world-wide tour of the Friendship 7 capsule, said Russian authorities rejected a request to allow the space vehicle to be shown as part of a U.S. exhibition in Leningrad.

The capsule was placed on display today in Mexico City after being exhibited the past few weeks in Bermuda, Colombia, Chile, Argentina and Brazil.

Site Approved for Agriculture Building

Salem - (UPI) - A subcommittee of the Oregon Capitol Planning Commission has approved a site for a proposed new State Agriculture Department building on the Capitol Mall.

The subcommittee settled on a multi-story building at the corner of Winter and Marion sts., bounding also by Summer and Union sts.

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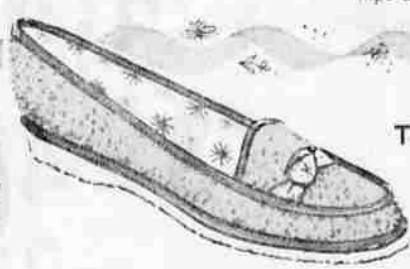
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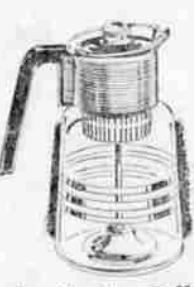
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