



Small Worlds Around Us

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Tragic Waste - The Story Of Our Natural Resources

"They never can be all killed off" was the ridiculous statement made by the first amazed white men as they witnessed the vast herds of bison on the Western plains. The same stupid remark was common when great flocks of passenger pigeons darkened the sky over many Middle Western states. Yet the pigeons and the bison went the same way as the heath hen, the Labrador duck and many other species of wildlife once thought to be plentiful.

The philosophy of "no-cause - for - alarm - there's-world's - of - them" proved to be a way of extinction. It's one reason why mounted specimens in a museum or a short paragraph in a natural history book give present day children the only evidence they can ever get of some of the natural resources abused by us and our forefathers.

Market-Hunters' Hey Day

Grandfather remembers well the barrels of dead and frozen rabbits waiting on depot platforms for shipment, their stiff forms bulging the cloth covers of the barrel tops. He remembers, too, the hampers crammed full of dead ducks; the burlap bags filled with dead squirrels.

It was the market-hunter's hey day. Hotels, restaurants and boarding houses contracted with hunters to supply them with great quantities of wild game; partridge, duck, quail and many varieties of what we now consider song birds.

Hardly noticed at the time was the rapid decline in the available supply. The killing went on and the "bounty-hunter" entered the scene. He, too, left a scar that will never be healed.

Not a Friend

The bounty-hunter often posed as a friend of wildlife. Some even sincerely believe he exerts a beneficial influence on the supply, thinking that by reducing the number of predators he increases the population of desirable animals. Unfortunately it never works out that way.

Predatory animals are a

Town and Country Conference To Be Held in Corvallis

Corvallis — Classes designed to help clergy and church and community leaders better understand economic and sociologic factors affecting the community and the church are scheduled for the fourteenth annual Town and Country church conference at Oregon State university Aug. 6 through 10.

Heart of this year's conference will be three basic classes which will be offered daily with OSU staff members as instructors, reports the Rev. Kenneth C. Larson, Corvallis, conference chairman. The core classes will be in communications, the implication of community change and changes in Oregon agriculture and forestry.

To Be Understood

The conference schedule, which also includes general sessions and elective classes, has been arranged to give help in educational methods and processes in working with people, to discuss problems of mutual concern relating to churches and community life and to encourage a sharing of experiences, Larson stressed.

The communications course,

America Spends More On Yearly Vacations

New York — American Express says its latest travel poll indicates Americans will spend \$23.2 billion on their domestic summer vacations this year.

Last year, the big travel firm said, the expenditure for vacation hotels, motels, food, transportation, auto upkeep, administration fees and recreation was \$22.5 billion.

part of the natural plan. They reduce the number of aged, diseased or immature animals, thereby allowing only the healthy and the fit to become parents. By this method only the fittest survive, and the offspring have a better chance for survival. It is exceedingly doubtful if any bounty on any animal was even mildly helpful in any way. Paying the bounty burdened the taxpayer, and only benefitted the bounty-hunter himself.

America was pretty reckless with what we had. Perhaps too many of us, even now, subscribe to the "there's-a-plenty" theory. But game plentyfulness has long since passed.

which will be taught by Burton Berger, extension information specialist, will cover the personal and interpersonal basis of communication as well as how to communicate and be understood.

Mrs. Buena M. Steinmetz, Portland, former extension family life specialist at OSU and Iowa State college, will lead the course in social and

personal implications of community change. In this class, attention will be given to the rapid changes taking place in Oregon communities, the implications of these changes, how to meet them and keys to successful community action.

The third basic course will deal with changes in agriculture and forestry. Those at-

tending the conference will study the scientific and technical inventions which have changed both fields, new marketing and financing methods and also take a look at what the future may hold.

Take Basic Courses

Each person attending the conference will take the three basic courses and will have a choice of elective subjects,

Larson said. Two general sessions each day are scheduled for the entire conference.

Pre-registrations for the conference are now being accepted by the Rev. Loren H. Bush, recruitment chairman, Church of the Good Samaritan, 35th and Harrison sts., Corvallis. Pre-registration will close on June 30, Larson emphasized.

Housing and meals for conference participants will be provided on the OSU campus with special arrangements being made for family groups. A Corvallis church will provide child care at cost during conference sessions.

The conference is sponsored and planned by representatives of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, state and

local church women's associations, denominational representatives, Oregon Council of Churches, Oregon Farm Bureau federation, Oregon-Washington Farmers union, Oregon Home Economics Extension council and Oregon State Grange in cooperation with OSU and the cooperative extension service.

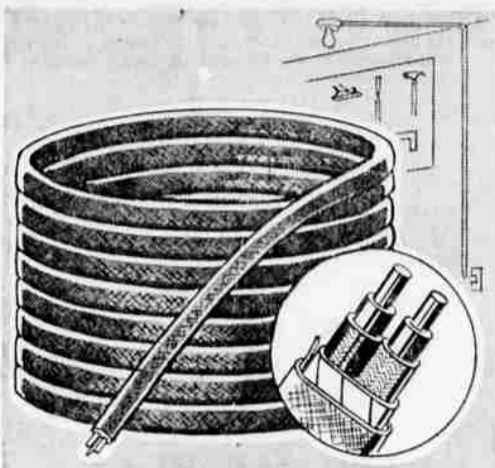
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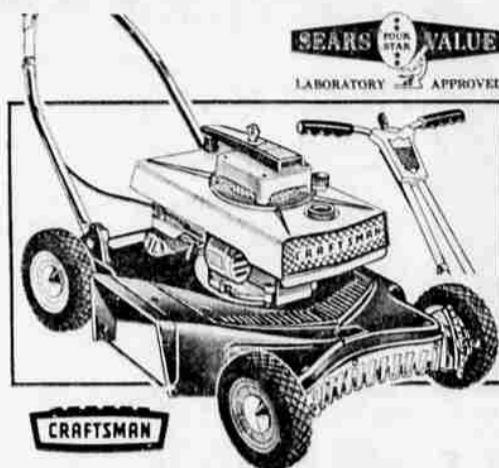


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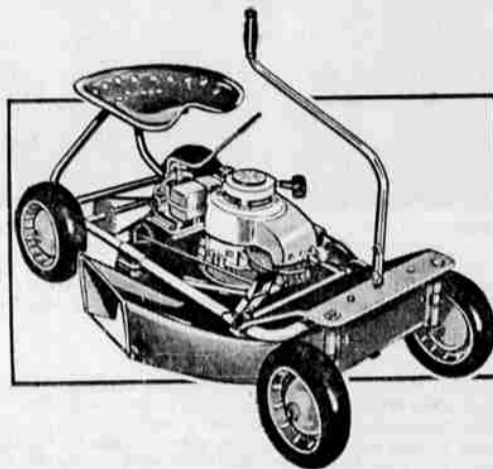
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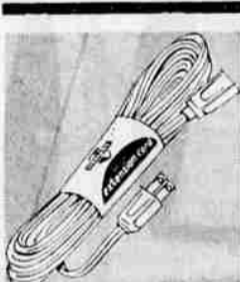
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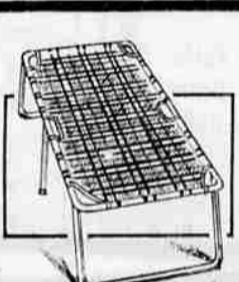
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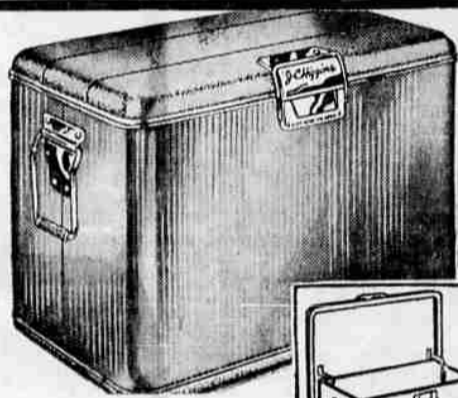
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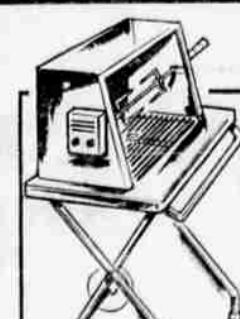
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