## Dennis the Menace

"I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEBODY CALLIN' ME!"

## Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS

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**Some Plant Movements Not Easily Explained**

Science has overlooked a peculiar ability of some plants to respond to objects or conditions near them. Some act in an unbelievable way. There is, of course, in all living plants the pull, push and shove of winds, and the slower, almost imperceptible movement of growth. These we accept and admit. They are forces always present and not at all strange – certainly not mysterious.

Within recent years, however, some serious-minded observers have noted other plant movements that are not very easily explained. Some are not even acknowledged by most of us. These actions border rather closely on the fantastic. Some of them would seem to indicate that some plants have more than a little conception of what is going on in their immediate vicinity.

Under care fully observed conditions, there are many common plants that seem to have the ability to "see, hear or sense" nearby objects and react accordingly. To help themselves survive, they perform some actions we can't believe, even when we watch them in action.

**Eye-Openers**

With a little time and a small amount of patience you can perform some simple experiments that may open your eyes to this world of wonders, and cause you to look with renewed interest at the miracle of growth and the power of movements in plants. If the experiment is successful, you still won't believe it. Unfortunately there seems to be no one that can explain the result. But try it anyway.

Take a common plant – a wild clematis will do. There are many species of this climber that grows in moist woodlands, climbing over fences, up into trees and over walls. In the summer the vine will be festooned with fleecy white flowers in clusters. In the late fall these flower clusters will have changed their appearance and may be known as "old man's beard." These silver plumes will be as attractive as were the summer flowers. In some sections of its range this vine is called virgin's bower or traveler's joy. In some sections it is called Virginia clematis.

**Grasps Twigs**

This vine clambers by grasping twigs, branches or any handy objects within reach and wrapping one of its leafstalks around it. Once attached, the tip of the vine grows its colorful way ever onward, always seeking something solid to hold onto.

With your fingernail, scratch gently the underside of one of the leaves, or tickle it with your finger like you would the chin of a baby. Within a very short time the leaf will bend downward, or toward the point where the contact was made, attempting to grasp what it "thinks" was there. Within a few hours it will have realized it has been fooled and will again right itself.

Another strange acting vine, even more common than traveler's joy, is the greenbriar or catbriar. This one may even be growing in your own yard or in a bush next door. It is rightly named catbrier, as the slender stem is well armed along its entire length with sharp prickles. It is the one vine that makes a real briar patch so difficult and so painful to walk through, as the catbriar scratches like an angry cat.

This plant, set in an open area, will emerge from the earth and rotate in a cycle, trying to locate something on which to climb. It will even grow toward a stake placed close to it in the ground. Change the position of the stake and the little vine will change "its mind" and direction just to grow toward the support.

Power of movement, we call this, and that's about as much as we know about it.

Impossible, you think? Try it sometime.

## 4-H News

**Livestock Club**

The meeting of the Jacksonville Livestock 4-H club was called to order by President Mary Cantrall.

Officers were elected. They include Marcia Dunlap, president; Donna Hammond, vice president; Mary Cantrall, secretary; Bobby Glathar, song leader; Dana Dunlap, news reporter; and Mike Reid, recreation leader.

There were two new members, Donna Hammond and Mike Reid.

We decided to have a Christmas party. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Mary Cantrall.

Dana Dunlap,
Reporter.

**POLICEWOMAN FINED**

Kendal, England (UPI) – Policewoman Joan Booth, 25, fined $14 Tuesday and banned from driving for a month. Her police car hit another car, a truck and another police cruiser while she was chasing a speeder.

## Court Records

**MEDFORD MUNICIPAL COURT**

George Edward Brown, driving without headlights, $10.

Marie Elizabeth Ingle, disobeyed traffic signal, $10.

Donald Lee Bagby, defective equipment, $10.

George Matt Walters, disobeyed traffic signal, $10.

Bert L. Large, no operator's license in possession, $5.

Robert Henry Farrell, disobeyed traffic signal, $10.

Henry Mark Keklinger, disobeyed traffic signal, $10.

William Britton Vroman, disobeyed traffic signal, $10.

Maryle Jane Coles, violation of basic rule, $10.

Richard Allen Muller, violation of basic rule, $10.

John Patrick Graham, disobeyed traffic signal, $10.

Robert Egbert Hale, driving without headlights, $10.

Donald Allen Bobbett, speed contest, $50 (Driver Improvement School).

Thomas Alan Linn, disobeyed traffic signal, $10 (DIS).

Mary Kathryn Walsh, improper passing, $20 (DIS).

Nellie Ann Purdin, improper left turn, $10.

Rodney Blake Vanderwood, speed contest, $50 (DIS).

Jerry Edwin Timms, violation of basic rule, $25 (DIS).

Kenneth Lee Baumer, defective equipment, $10 (DIS); operating vehicle on learner's permit unaccompanied by licensed driver, $15 (DIS).

James Platt Rowan Jr., improper left turn, $10 (DIS).

Calvin Lee Granger, violation of basic rule, $25 (DIS).

Harold Edwin Gould, driving without headlights, $10; and violation of basic rule, $50 (DIS).

Wayne Anthony Carodia, violation of basic rule, $10 (DIS).

Steaven James Wyatt, entering public street from private driveway without stopping, $15 (DIS).

Harry Harland Cole, failure to yield right of way, $25 (DIS).

John Reid Yocom, disobeyed stop sign, $10 (DIS).

Ralph Lee Mobley, operating vehicles on learner's permit unaccompanied by licensed driver, $15 (DIS).

Richard Douglas Larson, failure to yield right of way, $25 (DIS).

Edwin Bryce Cripe, violation of basic rule, $50 (DIS).

Darlene Nancy Evans, failure to obtain Oregon operator's license, $25 suspended.

James Laurance Anderson, disobeyed traffic signal, $10.

Vernon Charles Robertson, violation of basic rule, $10.

Robert Norman Clausen, 332 Hessie st., Medford, and Letha Fae Davis, 110 G st., Jacksonville.

George Arrol Bibby, Roseville, Calif., and Lucille Bethel Burton Potter, route 1, box 498, Gold Hill.

Charles Marvin Hart, violation of basic rule, $25.

Nathan Bedell Stoddard, disobeyed traffic signal, $10.

Ruth Ann Milligan, illegal turn, $10.

Donald Jason Simpson, failure to leave information at the scene of an accident, $100.

Donald Claude Bills, violation of basic rule, $10.

Edna Nenette Kalland, improper lane usage, $10.

Dennis Lee Strauss, violation of basic rule, $25.

Samuel Tayler Richardson, no year tabs displayed on license plates, $5 suspended.

Earl Tanner Johnson, disobeyed stop sign, $5.

Joseph William Powell, no operator's license, $25.

Jack Lewis Couch, violation of basic rule, $25.

Melvin Leroy Whitesides, violation of basic rule, $10.

Abraham Lloyd Thornton, violation of basic rule, $10.

Glenna Marie Brewold, violation of basic rule, $10.

Alfred Dean Von Stein, inadequate equipment, $10 suspended.

**DISTRICT COURT**

Dale Lynn Beate, no operator's license, $5.

Warren Clifford Skogg, violation of basic rule, $15.

Arthur Wallace Sharx, one headlight, $5.

Colleen Yvonne Bulgar, speeding on highway, $5.

Ralph LeRoy Mitchell, truck speeding, $10.

Harold Lee Reed, violation of basic rule, $25.

John Warren McFarlane, one headlight, $10.

Raymond Ellsworth Craft, improper right turn, $5.

Robert Paul Hamilton, violation of basic rule, $10.

Thomas Hughes Jacobson, no operator's license, $5.

William Joseph Spencer, failure to transfer title, $5.

Virginia Lon Benham, no vehicle license, $5.

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Delores C. Berry vs. Randall J. Berry, divorce complaint.

Loretta J. Rose vs. James A. Rose, divorce complaint.

Wilma E. Oliver vs. Jerry G. Oliver, divorce complaint.

Patricia Rae Johnson vs. Robert Eugene Johnson, divorce decree.

Leonard Chandler vs. Marie Chandler, divorce decree.

Marion Ann Lausmann vs. Jerry S. Lausmann, divorce complaint.

Betty Elizabeth McGee vs. Lee Roy McGee, divorce decree.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Elvin Dee Hawkins, route 1, box 604, Eagle Point, and Mary Anne Elrod, route 2, box 907, Trail.

Eddie Eugene Radliff, 857 Shafer lane, Medford, and Helen Darlene Goff, 556 Beall lane, Medford.

**JUSTICE COURT (Ashland District)**

Henry Ward Beecher, disobeyed stop sign, $15.

William S. Criswell, overload, $32.

Robert Martins, improper left, turn, $15.

Richard W. Champion, failure to dim headlights, $15.

Edward M. Jonas, overload, $44.

Clifford Weaver, overload, $36.

Elmer W. Gentry, overload, $32.

Arnold A. Housman, overload, $69.

Merle L. Carder, overload, $30.

Lawrence D. Davis, violation of basic rule, $25.

Robert N. Drake, overload, $36.

Lawrence T. Coombs, overload, $38.

Victor Swenson, overload, $81.

Larry L. Young, overload, $26.

Lance K. Jennings, violation of basic rule, $25.

Kenneth C. Maddox, failure to tag deer properly, $25.

Melvin E. Goguey, overload, $26.

Robert L. Parkins, overload, $66.

Clura P. Martin, overload, $69.

George W. Handy, failure to dim headlights, $15.

Dennis M. O'Keefe, violation of basic rule, $25.

Howry Worten, failure to dim headlights, $15.

Irene L. Williams, violation of basic rule, $25.

Donald W. Bachelder, violation of basic rule, $25.

Jessie L. Marconi, improper passing — on curve, $20.

Alice M. Clements, four in driver's seat, $15.

Harold L. Harris, overload, $108.

Reuben J. Sloan, overload, $15.

Andrew J. Lee, expired vehicle license, $5.

Theodore E. Byrnes, violation of basic rule, $10.

Carroll E. Hurst, failure to tag deer properly, $10.50.

Kenneth J. Mathews, overload, $40.

Sam Grace Jr., overload, $24.

Herman R. Moore, overload, $265.

Vincent T. Sakraida, overload, $34.

Elmer V. Parlanti, overload, $15.

Raymond E. Klaisner, overload, $32.

Robert L. Miller, overheight, $15.

Marion F. Kane, overwidth, $15.

Kenneth H. Spencer, no PUC permit, $100.

**ASHLAND MUNICIPAL COURT**

Richard Dean Bone, violation of basic rule, $20.

John F. Heeter, violation of basic rule, $10.

James P. Vanderlip Jr., violation of basic rule, $15.

Adrian Roy Young, violation of basic rule, $15.

Roland Frederick Sturdevant, fireworks violation, $10 suspended, curfew.

William Donald Saunders, violation of basic rule, $10.

Kenneth Lewis McMunn, disobeyed traffic signal, $5.

Joseph Francis Perry, disobeyed traffic signal, $5.

Clarancce V. Rayson, failure to leave name and address at scene of an accident, $25.

William Lowell Hicks, violation of basic rule, $15.

David S. Crocker, violation of basic rule, $20.

Alvin Benjamin Dickerson, violation of basic rule, $20.

John Mark Hurt, violation of basic rule, $20.

Ralph Edmund Martin, violation of basic rule, $30.

Gary Wayne Campbell, violation of basic rule, $15.

Kenneth Theodore Wenaus, violation of basic rule, $15.

## They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

## STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

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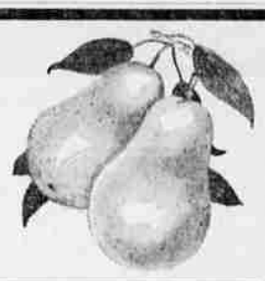

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## Research Aids Holly Shipping

Corvallis – A hormone dip, special box linings and rapid methods of transportation will assure arrival of fresher looking Oregon holly in homes of your East coast friends and relatives, an Oregon State university study shows.

Holly packed in cartons lined with either florist foil or plastic coated freezer paper retained a fresher appearance than holly packed according to other methods in OSU tests.

County extension agents in three Oregon counties, cooperating with Oregon nurserymen and the OSU Horticulture department, compared various liner wraps according to the amount of berry, leaf and moisture loss on arrival in Beltsville, Md.

They found that holly sent without liners or packed in newsprint dried out, discolored and was unsaleable on arrival when sent by parcel post (10 days travel).

Holly quality improved greatly when sent express (3 days travel), probably because it didn't dry out as much in transit. Holly packed without a liner was still saleable but was low quality; waxed paper or newsprint wrapped holly was acceptable. However, holly rated best when wrapped in freezer or foil wraps.

A hormone dip available at most garden supply stores controls defoliation effectively up to at least 15 days regardless of the shipping method, says A. N. Roberts, horticulturist. Holly may be freshened at its destination if allowed to stand in water.

**HOMELY BUT WARMER**

London–(UPI)–King's College Hospital nurses protested today an order that they exchange their black stockings for nylons. They conceded nylons are glamorous, but their thick, homely hose is warmer.

**GROWING FAMILY**

Halifax, England–(UPI)–Mrs. Rose Ann Coulter gave birth to triplet boys Tuesday. Mrs. Coulter, 40, and her 39-year-old husband, already have eight other children and two grandchildren.

**DANGER AHEAD**

London–(UPI)–Dr. John Akester, writing in today's British Dental Journal, said many persons who take to eating candy to beat the smoking habit are in danger of tooth decay.

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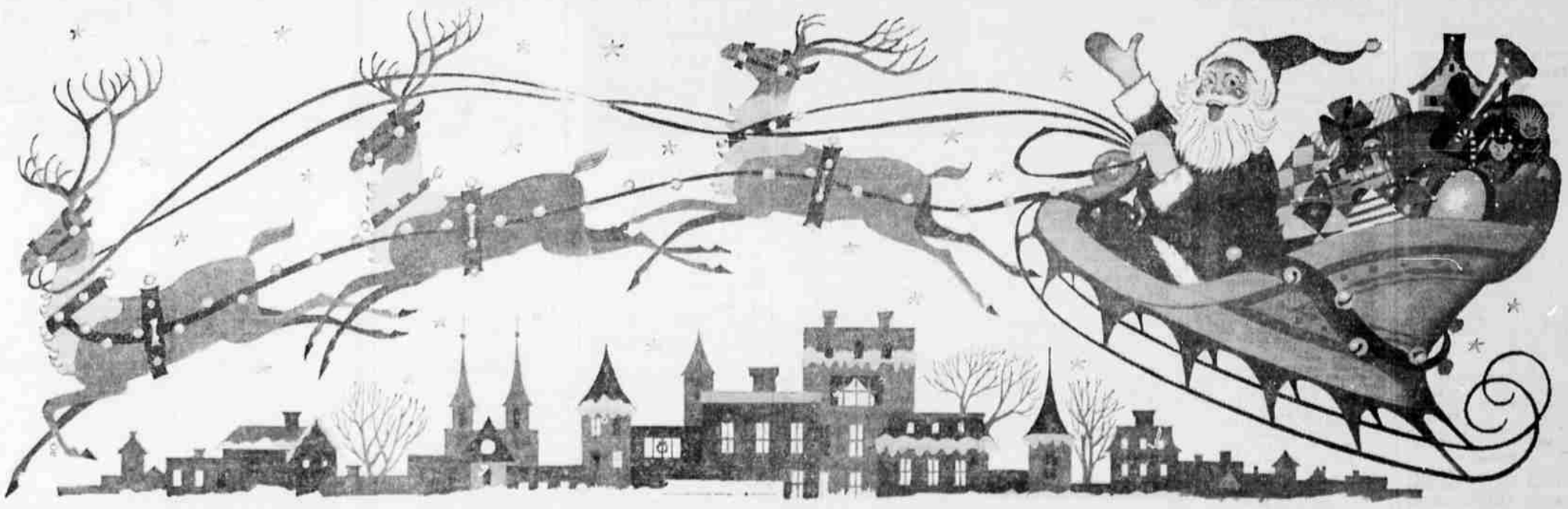

Santa and his Reindeer are Coming to Greater Medford, Friday, December 7th!

See Next Thursday's MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE for All the Details!