



Small Worlds Around Us

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'Pied Piper' Had solution But Someone Smelled Rat
The outcome was considerably less than hoped for. At first it looked like a really good solution.

The butcher had a problem, a serious one. His shop was in a very old, wooden building over a large basement. The cellar was a catch-all; it was cluttered with barrels, boxes, old lumber, tubs and a wild assortment of odds and ends. It was a mess.

In the clutter lived an army of rats. Rat population, like the population of any animal including man himself, is controlled by food supply and shelter. Here in the butcher shop ample supplies of food were available.

A visit to the basement was an experience. Rats were everywhere. They dashed along the rafters and climbed the walls. A flashlight beam thrown into any corner revealed one or more pairs of green, glowing rat-eyes. They peered out from every corner and crevice.

The butcher tried traps with less than mild success. There was too much food; the rats were too wise and too well satisfied to be tempted by any trap with man-smell.

The butcher had just about given up. He resigned himself to doing business in a place where there were several times more rats than there were customers. The press of the rat explosion became so bad that some of the animals showed up in the daytime. Some even dashed between the man's feet as he was cutting meat at the block. Constantly the man could hear the squealing, rustling, fighting and scurrying in the basement below him.

Then one day a Pied Piper showed up at the shop. He had heard the man complain about his unwelcome guests and he had a plan. For a nominal fee he thought he could reduce the rat population. The desperate butcher had nothing to lose and much to gain, so he agreed.

The plan was made and the battle joined. The "expert" showed up the following afternoon with a .22 caliber rifle, a flashlight and a pillow ...

The tools with which he was about to work on the rat-eradication program.

The pillow he placed on the fifth step down from the cellar door. He placed himself on the pillow, attached the flashlight to his hat and loaded and cocked the rifle. The enemy was there and the battle began.

A faint rustle sounded in a far corner. The flashlight beam reflected greenly on a pair of rat eyes. The rifle cracked; a dull thud sounded as a furred body struck the floor. The butcher in the store overhead nodded grimly. One down and many more to go.

He continued to count the reports. By day's end the game was counted. By week's end 30-odd rats had been killed; it had been a pretty successful hunt. The man collected his fee.

The butcher was happy, but his joy was of brief duration. A few days later when he opened the shop, a terrible stench greeted him. The air was heavy with a sickening, overpowering odor—the odor of dead rats. Those animals which had been wounded had crawled into crevices, in between the walls and in the boxes and barrels, and there they had died.

Daily the smell became worse. The stench was beyond endurance. Unable to eradicate the odor the butcher was forced to close his shop until that indefinite time when the air would again be tolerable.

The butcher, or someone before him who had a similar experience, must have been the one who truthfully said, "I smell a rat."

Year-Old Baby Gets New Year's Playmate
Albuquerque, N.M. — Catherine Rupp of Albuquerque was one year old today. She was the first baby born here in 1962.

At 1 a.m. this morning, her mother, Mrs. Connie Rupp, 20, presented Catherine with a baby sister, the first baby born here in 1963.

Father of the family is Warren Rupp, 23, a research technician at Lovelace Clinic here.

Medford Doctor Provides Material For Health Paper

The case histories and experimental research of a Medford naturopathic physician, Dr. Ralph R. Weiss, will help provide the scientific framework for a discussion on human health scheduled for delivery to delegates to the National Health Federation this week.

Cooperation of Dr. Weiss in preparation of the talk was enlisted by Dr. John Noble, president of both the national and Oregon state associations of naturopathic physicians.

Dr. Noble will be a featured speaker at the 1963 convention of the National Health Federation Jan. 2 to 5 at Long Beach, Calif.

Dr. Weiss is slated to address the evening session of the convention Jan. 3 with a talk on the "Problems of Naturopathy in Today's Fast-Moving World." He will outline the basic principles of naturopathy and explain the six-year educational requirements demanded of a naturopathic physician before he is admitted to practice.

Other speakers at the four-day convention include Pamela Mason, movie and television personality; Dr. Roy Lee, founder of the Lee Foundation for Nutritional Research in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and noted Washington attorney, Charles Orlando Pratt, who for many years was legal adviser to the federal food and drug administration.

The National Health Federation, established as a non-profit corporation eight years ago to work for rigid standards of food inspection and strict enforcement of pure food laws, is recognized as the largest and most influential "grass roots" health organization in America. It maintains one of the most elaborately-staffed lobbies in the national capital.

The federation was credited recently by Peter Edson, columnist for the Washington Daily News, with successfully engineering through Congress two important amendments to federal legislation in 1962: one requiring consent of patients before they are given experimental drugs; the other, to make mass vaccination voluntary.

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Identity of Burglar Learned by Supervisor

Mincola, N.Y. — For a year, the "ice cream burglar" successfully looted one store after another of a Long Island dairy chain.

Thomas Giery, a supervisor for the firm known as Dairy Barn, wondered along with other company employees how the thief was able to get into the stores without breaking a window, and open the safe without damaging it.

Sunday Giery found out who was pulling the jobs which netted a total of \$3,000.

The culprit was his wife, police said. Mrs. Betty Jean Giery, 34, was spotted inside one of the parlors early Sunday and arrested.

Mrs. Giery wept as she told police how she took her husband's keys once a month while he was asleep, and picked one of the stores to rob. In each of the places she knew where the safe combination was hidden, and the rest was easy. She even made the cab driver wait outside.

Mrs. Giery said she needed the money to pay for an operation for a four-month-old daughter with a heart defect, and for her seven other children.

She was held in \$1,000 bail on burglary charges.

Four Kinds of Pears Included in Plan

The U. S. department of agriculture's offer to purchase "a significant quantity" of winter pears for school and institutional use will apply to Comice, Bosc, D'Anjou and Winter Nellis in the Rogue valley, according to local fruit growers.

The inclusion of California, Oregon and Washington winter pears in the federal school lunch program is the result of work done by Sen. Wayne R. Morse (D-Ore.) and follows a recent conference arranged by him between Pacific coast fruit growers' representatives and USDA officials, Raymond Reter, of Reter Fruit company, Medford, attended.

In a recent letter to Morse, Reter asked him to urge USDA officials to expedite the program since fruit shippers have no French or German export outlets this year because of trade restrictions.

Money for the school lunch program comes from part of the tariff received on agricultural imports. The Commodity Credit corporation allocates the money and any unused portion reverts back to the fund for future federal agricultural purchases.

DO IT THE HARD WAY

Chicago — Chicago police said Monday that would-be safecrackers at a business place here used an electric drill, a sledge hammer, a screwdriver and a can opener, but were unsuccessful.

William Blackford, owner of a doughnut plant, where the safe was located, said, "It wasn't locked, and there was a slip of paper bearing the combination on top of the safe."

Ice Contributes to Accidents in Area

Icy highways shrouded with fog contributed to New Year's Eve accidents, state police reported.

A rear end collision occurred on the Jacksonville highway at Reager st. at the west edge of Medford when a car driven by Dan Preston Turpin, 16, of 1604 West Main st., was involved in an accident with a car driven by Regina Clara Dixon, 61, route 1, box 11, Jacksonville. No injuries were reported.

An accident occurred on Highway 99 at the south edge of Central Point when a car driven by Michael Joseph Tungate, 23, of 932 South Ivy st., was involved in an accident with a car driven by Dee Clinton Thames, 36, of 2760 Connell ave. No injuries were reported.

Instant Folk Music

Attempt To Trim Beard Forces West To Change Subject for Interview

By DICK WEST

Washington — A tragic thing happened to me on my way to interview Peter, Paul and Mary. I lost my beard.

P. P. & M., as you may know, are folk singers. Two of them — I forget which two — wear beards. I have heard it said that beards are good for the voice. At any rate, they began playing an engagement here about the time that I began sprouting a beard of my own. I had an appointment with them and I was naturally self-conscious about exhibiting my beard in the presence of a pair of, shall we say, "mature" beards.

In desperation, I tried to trim it before it was ready for trimming. As a result, I got it out of balance. It listed to port, so that my face appeared to have been built on the bias.

A lopsided beard, I discovered, is like a lame horse. There is nothing you can do but put it out of its misery. Pity.

I had intended to discuss beard growing with Peter, Paul and Mary, but the mishap forced me to switch topics. We talked about folk singing instead.

The rise of folk singing in America is one of the phenomena of our time. The way things are going there will soon be more folk singers than there are folks.

Most of the professionals in the field are practitioners of what I would call "instant folk music." By that I mean that they don't wait around for folks to produce folk music. They write their own.

Peter, Paul and Mary are among the rising stars of the do-it-yourself folk circuit in Greenwich Village, a folksy sort of neighborhood in New York City.

Now they are reaping royalties from a hit record and have moved up to folk centers that serve something stronger than coffee. For Christmas they gave each other original art works, which shows what can happen when you get folk music away from the folks.

All of this popularity and commercial success does not

fit my concept of what a folk singer is.

I can remember when a folk singer was anyone who knew all 47 verses of "John Henry." He sang mostly for his own amusement, largely because nobody wanted to hear 47 verses of "John Henry."

Peter, Paul and Mary insist, however, that their style of folk singing, in its way, is as authentic as the more primitive form.

They may be right. The future of folk singing can perhaps be foreseen in the fact that Peter, Paul and Mary, two-thirds of whom play guitars, have hired a bass player to augment their act.

I predict it is only a question of time before folk singers will be accompanied by their own symphony orchestras.

London — The London Daily Mirror named President Kennedy its "Man of the Year" Monday because of his "leadership of his own country and the Western alliance." The newspaper said Kennedy came into the presidency "like a lamb" and has seen 1962 out "like a lion."

Fred Sears Receives Company's Award

Fred Sears, Medford agent for Prudential Insurance company, was presented the Most Valuable Associate award for 1962.

Announcement of the presentation was made in a telegram to Gene Williams, president of the Rogue Valley Association of Life Underwriters.

Sears, in competition with 32 fellow agents in the Eugene office, was winner of the award on the basis of production of quality life insurance sales during 1962. Paul Jagarian, manager of the Eugene office for Prudential, made the announcement and the presentation.

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