

**They'll Do It Every Time** By Jimmy Hatlo



**The Fearless Congress men**  
**New House Rule Would Eliminate Burdensome Travel for Lawmakers**

By DICK WEST  
 Washington—(AP)—As public servants, members of Congress oftentimes must perform duties that are burdensome and possibly even dangerous. Among the onerous tasks that can befall the lawgivers are assignments from congressional committees to make post-adjournment trips to strange and distant lands.

Most congressmen would, of course, prefer to spend the entire adjournment period in their home districts, familiarizing themselves with the problems of their constituents. But when there are matters overseas that need their attention, they seldom shirk. Their credo in this regard might be stated as follows: "Ask not only what we can do for our country, but what country we can do it in."

Some of them even have been known to expose their wives and children to the rigors of foreign travel, which reflects a dedication

**Small Worlds Around Us**  
 By LYNN M. WATKINS

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Strange Plants, Indeed, Are Members of Fungus Family  
 There was always supposed to be a very fat little toad or frog sitting under a fungus plant that resembled an open umbrella.

Just who started the idea in the first place is not known. Probably it was a fairy story for the amusement of children at bedtime. Of course, any careful observer, walking in a quiet woodland, might have seen a toad nibbling on a toadstool, for toads do eat parts of certain kinds of fungi.

Squirrels, garden slugs and fermites, as well as deer and cattle, all show a preference for certain kinds of mushrooms. Just how the animals know which kind to eat and which ones to leave alone is not too well understood either by students of plant culture or experts in animal behavior. Given a choice, animals have been observed to avoid certain kinds which later were found, by careful chemical tests, to be poisonous.

Strange plants, indeed, are the members of the family of fungus. There are hundreds of varieties, of which about a dozen kinds are poisonous. It takes an expert to tell which is which, and even the experts make frequent mistakes in identification.

Retain Poison  
 Experiments with the poison variety of mushrooms have found that they retain their poison for as long as 10 years. The blushing amanita is one of the cup-shaped toadstools. Its cap is covered with warts and it is dangerous. Mushrooms do not contain chlorophyll—the green pigment of most plants—and as they cannot manufacture their own food, they must depend on animal or vegetable matter.

Fungus requires very little light or oxygen, thriving best in a warm, moist temperature above 70 degrees. Under suitable conditions, their growth is rapid—so fast, in fact, that there are records of fungus breaking sidewalks and rocks.

Underneath the umbrella or cap of many toadstools are the rather neatly arranged gills, each a knife-thin, from which come the spores.

From these dust-sized spores come the toadstools of tomorrow. Threads, which grow around the roots at the base of the stem or shaft, also produce new stalks.

'Sour' Soil  
 Usually we think of soil in which toadstools grow as highly sour. Rotten leaf mold of the forest floor is an ideal environment, especially after a warm, spring rain when the soil is wet and the air of the woodland is moist and humid. Mushrooms weather, the old timer used to call such a day.

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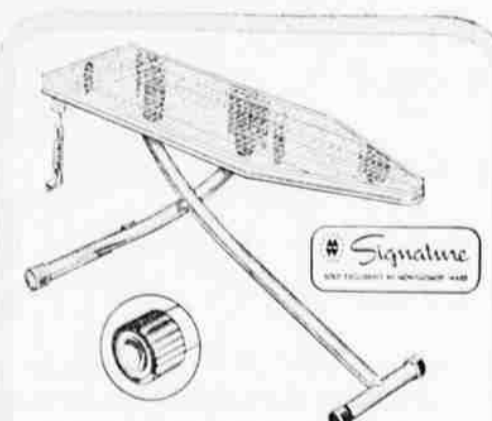
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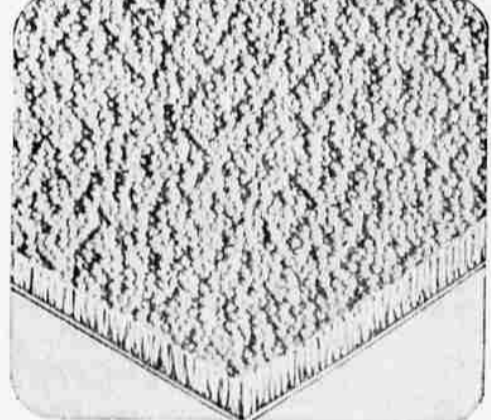


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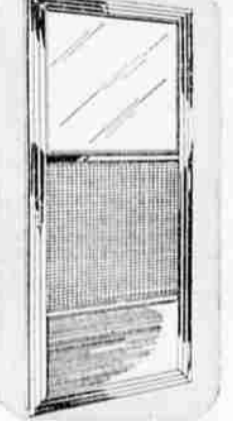
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**Medford Youth on Willamette Dean's List**

Salem—Charles R. B. Kirk, son of Col. and Mrs. Charles G. Kirk of Medford, a first year law student at Willamette university, has been named to the Dean's list.

The Dean's list is made up of the law students receiving the highest grades following the mid-year final examinations. Seven students of the 75 enrolled in the first year class were named to the list.

**ONE SLIPUP**

Springfield, Ill.—(AP)—State Auditor Michael Howlett told the budgetary commission Monday he made a mistake in his proposed budget. It omitted Howlett's \$20,000-a-year salary.

**Dr. Sheppard Tells Marriage Plans**

Columbus, Ohio—(AP)—The case of Dr. Sam Sheppard, convicted of murder in the bludgeoning slaying of his pregnant wife, Marilyn, took a surprise turn on the eve of his latest bid for freedom.

Sheppard's Boston attorney, Lee Bailey, said Monday night the doctor is engaged to a German divorcee.

The state Pardon and Parole commission Tuesday was scheduled to act on Sheppard's application for commutation of his life sentence for the 1954 slaying in the couple's Bay Village home near Cleveland.

Bailey said Sheppard became engaged to Mrs. Ariane Tebbel-Johnson, 32, of Düsseldorf, Germany, after a courtship by mail. He said the correspondence began three years ago after Mrs. Tebbel-Johnson, the mother of a nine-year-old daughter, became interested in Sheppard's case.

**Wolves Driven Out By Cold in Hungary**

London—(AP)—Europe's cold wave today drove herds of sheep hunting wolves into the Hungarian plains.

As in Hungary, the freezing weather remained in Switzerland, Austria, Italy and elsewhere. But Britain's slow thaw continued. The cold had killed at least five persons in the past 24 hours, with another seven missing and feared dead.

Budapest Radio said the remains of 130 sheep were found on the plains near Theiss river in Eastern Hungary. The wolves apparently were driven from the Carpathian Mountains by the extreme cold and snow. So far, hunters on their trail have been unable to get close enough to destroy any of them.

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is possible, if one is in the right place, to actually see the cap raise up above the litter of the forest floor and open its typical umbrella shape. Look at the same one a few hours later and it will have collapsed, turned from snowy white to a black mass of rotting vegetation. The life span of most toadstools is short and sour.

These lowly plants play an important part in Nature's plan by reducing organic matter into soil as food for certain animals. Some members of the family that contain the molds, rusts, yeast and mildews are used in the manufacture of some drugs, penicillin being one of the important ones.

Future studies will probably reveal many more uses in which fungus members will contribute to man's welfare.