

## Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS  
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**What We Call A 'Vicious' Attack Is Only Way of Life**  
We call it a vicious attack, that sudden pouncing of a predator upon a lesser animal; terrible, we think too, is the killing and the eventual eating of the poor thing. Actually the attack is a way of life. Unlike a human murderer who kills in anger or for revenge, the wild beast kills only to sustain itself.

## Fully Automatic Weather Station Records Data

Washington—(AP)—The Agriculture Department has established a fully automatic weather station, operating around the clock, to collect and record nearly a dozen weather elements at Athens, Ga., for researchers.

The station, devoted exclusively to agriculture, was built by the Agricultural Research Service in cooperation with the Georgia Agricultural Experiment Station.

**Varied Uses**  
Scientists are using data recorded by the station in their research on solar heating for farmhouses. Agronomists and soil scientists also will use the weather information in studies with various types of ground covers.

Among the weather elements the station records are temperature (dry bulb and dew point), wind speed and direction, radiation from the sun, difference between ground and sky radiation, evaporation, rainfall, soil temperature and moisture, and black globe temperature. Black globe temperature is a measure of the combined effects of heat radiation, wind movement, and air temperature.

**Senses Elements**  
Instruments, located outside, sense the various weather elements, which are recorded by electronic equipment kept in a small building nearby. Wind speed and direction, for example are measured by an outdoor anemometer and vane positioned some 20 feet about the ground. These instruments are wired to the recording equipment in the building.

Every 30 minutes all weather and soil data and the place and time of day are accurately recorded on data-processing cards. This recording takes only a few seconds.

The automatic equipment operates around-the-clock, day after day, without attention. The punched cards are periodically collected and run through a computer, which translates the data into easy-to-read form.

## Clackamas Boy, 2, Presumed Drowned

Clackamas—(AP)—Terrance O'Grady, 2, Clackamas, was missing and presumed drowned in the Clackamas river today.

The boy apparently fell into the river Wednesday afternoon after wandering away from his home.

## Religion in America

### Lutheran Article Counters Reasons for Quitting Ministry

By LOUIS CASSELS  
UPI Correspondent

A few months ago, the venerable Saturday Evening Post published an anonymous article entitled, "Why I Quit the Ministry."

The author, a young Presbyterian, left the impression that the ordained ministry is an unsatisfying vocation, willed with frustrations and disappointments.

How many young people were discouraged from entering the ministry by this widely-read article can only be conjectured. But even one would be too many. For the Post article did not present a fair and accurate picture of the ministry. As many clergymen have pointed out, it was apparently written by a man who did not belong in the ministry in the first place. And a misfit is a poor judge of any profession.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A FAMOUS foreign director who has conquered everything in Hollywood but the English language was supervising a furious sword fight between two stalwart actors, watched by a large crowd of costumed extras. The fight started, the cameras turned, the extras held their breath. Suddenly the director shouted "Lunge!"

Unfortunately, the extras thought he said "lunch"—and made a mad dash for the commissary. The scene was ruined, at a cost of—considering what stalwart stars draw down these days—approximately \$20,000!



In Ottawa, Ill., Colonel Duffy advised an aspiring young humorist, "The only way you'll ever get your stuff laughed at is to read it to a girl who has dimples." And in Hollywood, a producer told the author of a current best-seller, "I've read worse books in my time—but you wrote all of them!"

An ingenious hostess in Westport kept her guests reasonably contented during a sudden Sunday thunderstorm by demanding they attempt these four tasks:

1. Describe the taste of chocolate.
2. Assume that I am color blind. Describe the color blue to me.
3. Keep your hands folded and describe how you tie your shoelaces.
4. Keep your hands folded and describe a spiral staircase.

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## School News

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The Future Homemakers of America is sponsoring a dance Feb. 8. The theme will be "Valentine Fantasy," and there will be live music. A king, queen and two princes and princesses will reign over the ball. The royalty will be announced during the intermission.

Every year at this time, students of McLoughlin and Hedrick Junior High schools participate in an essay contest. The contest is sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary. The topic this year is "Americanism, Today, Not Tomorrow!" Mrs. Dorothy Sutter is in charge of the contest at McLoughlin. The winner will be announced in March.

The winner and his parents will be honored guests of the American Legion Birthday dinner in March. The student will read his or her essay at the dinner and will be awarded a cash prize and medal. His or her name will be placed on the plaque in either of the two schools. The essay will then go to the state contest. So far, McLoughlin has had the plaque for three years.

The dates pertinent to registration for sophomore classes have been set. Feb. 18 and 19 deans will explain and deliver senior high handbooks during homeroom periods. Feb. 21, Miss Josephine Kirtley, assistant principal of Medford High, and the sophomore counselors will meet with interested ninth grade parents in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25, the sophomore counselors will start individual registration conferences and continue as needed.

This year 12 McLoughlin students will journey to Linfield college in McMinnville to participate in the speech tournament there. The tournament is to be held Feb. 14, 15 and 16.

The students participating this year are Anne Bannister, Doug Black, Linda Dorrell, Tom Hampson, Dick Howley, Janice Lampkin, Gail Lyon, Carole Pesenti, Brenda Powers, Greg Smith, Marali Stedman and Karen Waldron. Miss Sandra Lien is the advisor for the group this year.

At the end of this nine weeks period there were 98 students receiving an honor roll average of 3.5 or above.

In the seventh grade there were 44 honor students; eighth 36; and the ninth 18. Six girls received A's. They are Anne Bannister and Janice Lampkin, ninth grade; Nancy Eakin, Judith Rickard, Carol Stuart, eighth; Carolyn Giles, seventh grade.

The Melo-Macs, McLoughlin's ninth grade boys octette, appeared on KMED TV's Focus Point recently. The boys in the group are Mike Allen, Ken Curtis, Dick Howley, John Pruitt, Curt Smith, Greg Smith, Dan Thomas and Harold Van Sickle.

Steve Eichelberger, a former McLoughlin student and graduate of Medford High school, recently returned from Japan after studying there. He spoke to the students of Mrs. Dorothy Sutter's homeroom recently. Eichelberger told of the stay with a Japanese family and the Japanese way of life.

**Embezzlement Nets 30 Days in Prison**  
Portland—(AP)—A former employee at the Citizens Bank of Oregon at Lake Oswego was sentenced to 30 days in prison for embezzlement by Federal Judge John F. Kilkenny Wednesday.

Frank H. Yoast, 30, Newberg, was charged with taking \$5,501 during a three-month period. The shortage was discovered last Dec. 10. Judge Kilkenny ordered two years probation for Yoast following the prison sentence.

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