

Courthouse Work Being Studied

A study is being made to remodel and improve sections of the first and second floors of the courthouse, County Judge Earl M. Miller said Thursday.

A structural engineer is studying the possibility of strengthening the ceiling of the auditorium and floor of the county clerk's office with trusses. The heavy counters and metal tile cabinets have caused a depression in the clerk's office floor.

The court also plans to have the auditorium stage partitioned off and a room extended into the breezeway between the old and new courthouse sections.

The new room would be used for the print shop and new electronic computing machines planned for county purchase. A speaker's platform would be raised adjacent to the present stage and the auditorium extended by removing two restrooms at one end.

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn W. Watkins

Long List of Myths About Snakes is Made Longer

They were working on the railroad. This is exactly what they were supposed to be doing and what they were getting paid for, but they were also conscious of some unusual happenings that were going on nearby, over the fence in fact, just off the right-of-way. There, in plain sight on a small pile of sand, was a very large rattlesnake, sunning himself.

The section hands watched the snake with fascination, debating in their minds whether to climb the fence and dispatch the big snake with a shovel. They hesitated merely because the foreman was a short distance down the track and was looking their way.

Then one of the men noticed a much smaller snake of a different kind, crawling through the sparse grass toward the big rattler. Being casually familiar with some of the reptiles, one of the men attempted to explain to his co-workers what was happening. He told them the kingsnake was an enemy of the rattler and would kill one wherever he found it.

Half as large crew concentrated their attention on the smaller snake that had now come to a complete stop a few feet from the sleeping rattlesnake. It was easily discernible that the kingsnake was only about half as large as the one sleeping on the little sand pile. The smaller snake was obviously looking the situation over and reached a wise decision. He turned and slithered off through the weeds. One of the men remarked, "Boy, that little one scared himself, he has run away."

The men resumed work, but listened attentively while the "expert" explained the difference between the two species of reptiles. While he was talking, one of the crew who had been working closest to the fence alerted the rest with the startling statement: "Here comes the little snake again and he has a big snake with him."

The work on the railroad stopped. Without realizing it, there was about to be born another legend, to be added to the long list of myths regarding those little understood creatures, the snakes.

Fact or Fiction
There were six men in the railroad crew but what they actually saw was much different than what they thought. Each one now claims he "witnessed with his own eyes," a small kingsnake - knowing he was no match for the rattlesnake - go for help and bring back a large snake of its own species to kill the rattler. The men assume the smaller snake knew where his friend was, where to find him and how to get him to attack the enemy.

That was the story and the men insist it all happened. But such a thing could not have occurred. Two snakes might have passed the rattlesnake, but no snake would help any other snake. No snake would ask another for help. Sometimes we attribute to an animal an action it is incapable of accomplishing. Accident, or coincidence, often confuses the issue, and makes it appear a snake displayed a high degree of intelligence, which it could never do.

What the men saw - or imagined - was always be a little hazy, but one thing they did accomplish. They added to the list of snake myths, and the list is already very long.

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Two Crises at Once May Be Too Many
Washington - (AP) - The Air Force told Congress Thursday that its tactical forces may not be able to deal with two crises at the same time.

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