Small Worlds Around Us

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Unlike Harmless Millipedes, Centipedes Are Dangerous

Unlike its harmless little millipede cousin–the squirmy character with the many, many legs – the centipede is potentially dangerous. It is equipped with sharp fangs and poison glands. It inhabits the same environment as the millipede: the dark underside of buildings or debris, in the crevices of trees or in the darker part of your garage.

Like the millipede, the centipede has a segmented body except that it is less round and of a different color – usually brown, yellowish or orange. Its body is hard due to the external body covering. On each segment of the flexible body the centipede has a single pair of legs – about 100 in all. This is how it gets the name centipede . . . from the Latin meaning 100 pedal extremities.

The small boy pretty well described a centipede by saying it looked like "the skeleton of a small fish." On the end of each leg is a sharp claw. Unlike the millipede, with its supposed 1,000 legs, the centipede, with only a fraction of that number, is a very active creature – fast moving and very alert. The slow-moving millipede eats only vegetable matter, but the centipede feeds entirely on living insects and worms.

Head, Body Separate

The centipede's head is separated from its body, connected to it with a genuine neck which allows the creature to turn its head. Insect necks are more than a little unusual, but of course the centipede is not a true insect. It is, however, related to them, as well as to many species of sea creatures with segmented bodies, such as the lobster and shrimp – a class of animals called arthropods.

The arthropods are a motley group, comprising some mighty peculiar creatures: the crabs (called horseshoe or king), crayfish, ticks, spiders, scorpions, barnacles and sowbugs.

There are many varieties of centipedes, one inhabiting the western section of America that measures six inches in length. But most are about two inches in the body and about as large around as a soda straw.

Centipedes, well equipped with many legs for fast motion, prey upon other animals smaller than itself, being particularly fond of earthworms, beetles and roaches. It pounces on its prey like a jungle tiger, grasps the luckless victim with all its legs, and sinks its poison fangs into the body. The victim is paralyzed within a matter of seconds. Being incapable of the slightest movement, it must wait until the hungry centipede devours it.

Viciousness Test

To find out for ourselves just how vicious the centipede really is, we constructed a cage with a fine screen and liberated in it a couple dozen very active, large roaches. We supplied suitable hiding places for the roaches, as well as a plentiful supply of their favorite foods. Capturing two healthy - looking centipedes, we dumped them into the roach cage. The centipedes scurried for cover.

Before long they sensed the presence of living food. They began stalking the roaches. As fast as roaches are, they were much too slow for the fast-moving centipedes. One by one they went the way of all flesh.

They stalked their prey with a determined cunning, grabbing the roaches with their many legs and injecting the poison just behind the roaches' head. The big bug would quiver for a second, then collapse with muscles paralyzed.

No wonder the old fashioned method of ridding a house of bedbugs or roaches was to liberate a couple of centipedes in the room. "Centy" the centipede is no lady; on roaches she is murder.

Oregon Employment Increases by 3,900

Salem – (UPI) – Employment in Oregon jumped 3,900 in March over February to a total of 672,400.

Employment Commissioner David H. Cameron said employment in March of this year was up 14,200 over the same month a year ago.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

New York –(UPI)– More than a half million dollars in scholarship aid is available for journalism students, the Newspaper Fund said Thursday.

4-H NEWS

Happy Homemakers

Officers were elected at a recent meeting of the Happy Homemakers 4-H club. Chosen were Joan Dube, president; Ann Dube, vice president; Karen Dill, secretary; Carolyn Young, game leader; Neva Morris, song leader, and Mary Sue Emerson, reporter.

Following the election, the girls went downtown and arranged a display in Pete's Radio and TV shop window.

Preparation for the fair was the leading subject discussed at the next meeting of the club, held at the Phoenix High school. The girls judged a variety of articles—waste-paper cans, vases, table settings, buttons, accessories and clothes combinations. While the sewing group was busy judging, the cooking group baked cakes.

Donna Kedson gave a demonstration on deviling eggs after the judging. Plans were then made for the Mothers' Tea to be held April 27. It will be at the Phoenix High school in the home economics room. A fashion review is planned.

Each cake baked at the meeting was sampled and criticized.

Mary Sue Emerson,
Reporter

Spoons, Needles

A meeting of the Spoons and Needles 4-H club was held recently at the home of Mrs. C. Wieskamp. The girls measured and cut out a scissors case of felt.

The members will sew some at home and complete it at the next meeting. Cookies and hot chocolate were served.

Terri Sue Woodcock,
Reporter

Renegades

The meeting of the Reese Creek Renegades 4-H club was attended by 14 members and 11 parents. All participated in a quiz, naming the parts of a dairy cow.

Plans for a club tour to view each member's animals were discussed, and it was decided to make the tour on April 13 at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Robinson.

Debbie Phillips,
Reporter

Bowl Weavers

The meeting of the Bowl Weavers 4-H club was held at the home of Mrs. Rentz.

Martia Richter opened the meeting with prayer and the 4-H pledge. Linda read the minutes and took roll call. Eleven members were present. A movie on cooking was shown and a second movie on safety in the kitchen was viewed.

Kathy Ward,
Reporter

Trail Blazers

The Central Point Trail Blazers 4-H club held their April meeting at the home of Pam Peterson in the arena.

The president, Linda Corey, was absent and Vicki Caldwell presided. Secretary Janet Olufsen called roll, and read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved. Each member brought a horse and a prefair was held within the club. Vicki Caldwell gave a lecture on horsemanship and manners in the arena and at play days and fairs.

Refreshments were furnished by Melinda Fluck and Lynn Burroughs.

The next meeting will be held May 9 at the home of Pam Peterson. Refreshments for that meeting will be furnished by Tana LeRay and Janet Olufsen.

Sharon Sutton,
Reporter

Antelope Club

The Antelope Clothing and Cooking 4-H club held the April meeting at the home of Judy Hill. A demonstration of muffins was given by Eva Morey.

The girls judged cookies, carrots and utensils for making brownies. It was decided that the older girls would go to Mon Desir for their next meeting to learn about cooking with seasonings. The younger girls will make a special restaurant study later.

Judy Hill and Paulette Anderson showed the girls how to model and they will practice at meetings. Jennifer Nevin, Judy Hill and Paulette Anderson modeled at the fashion show in Medford.

Margie Lehman was elected to be the club reporter for the rest of the year. The next meeting will be May 4 at the home of Cheryl Hefley.

Margie Lehman,
Reporter

Two Lake Resort Transactions Are Announced Here

Transactions have been completed involving the ownership of two lake resorts in Jackson county.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Dance, Rogue River, have purchased Fish Lake resort facilities from Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morris, 2514 Country Club dr., Medford. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have bought out the interest of their partners, Mr. and Mrs. Bert McConochie, in Willow Lake resort and are now sole owners.

The Dances have improvements under way at Fish lake and the Morris's plan improvements at Willow lake.

Mrs. Dance said yesterday that the Fish lake lodge interior, the store and restaurant all have been remodeled and that Dance has done much work on the boat dock. Interior of four cabins has been painted. She reported that the resort will have a "serve yourself grocery" with "a pretty complete line of groceries."

Assisting Dances

Richard Niquette, Rogue River, is assisting the Dances at the lake and will be at the resort through the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris, who operated the Fish lake facility 11 years and who have been at Willow lake seven years, expressed appreciation for the patronage they have had. Morris said that improvements projected at Willow include remodeling and a modern trailer park. He reported that the county is working on the road now and plans to black top the road all the way to the store.

The telephone at Willow lake has been changed to dial. It is listed under Butte Falls and can be dialed from Medford (1-865-2494).

Morris, who was formerly with the forest service, is an owner of Cascade Marine at White City.

Dance has been a rancher and carpenter. He and Mrs. Dance first moved to the Rogue River area in 1946. They have been in and out of that community since then. They returned to Rogue River in 1960 after operating a dairy supply business at Caldwell, Idaho, two years.

Still to be issued to the Dances is a special use permit from the U. S. forest service. Its issuance is pending processing in the Portland regional office.

Art Class Students Displaying Work

Ashland—Work by Southern Oregon college art class students is now being exhibited in the Britt Center gallery.

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Marketing Manager Named by Company

Ross W. Porter has been named general marketing manager for Pacific Northwest Bell in Oregon, T. E. Bolger, vice president and general manager, announced recently.

Porter, who moved to Portland in 1962 as division accounting manager, succeeds D. G. Woodward, who recently became the phone firm's general traffic manager in Oregon.

A native of North Dakota, Porter started his phone career in 1935 as an accounting clerk with Northwestern Bell Telephone in Fargo. He transferred to Pacific Northwest Bell in Seattle in 1946 following Navy service in World War II.

Porter has filled a variety of posts in the phone company's Washington-Idaho commercial department, including manager assignments in Pasco and Yakima. He also worked at The American Telephone and Telegraph company headquarters in New York for 16 months.

Pacific Northwest Bell marketing offices are located in Eugene, Salem, Medford and Portland.

MAIL RETURNS TO MALE

Guyton, Ga. – (UPI) – This community finally has a male in charge of the mail. Milton Arden became postmaster Thursday, succeeding his late wife who was one of a series of postmistresses in this south Georgia town in the last 50 years.

Oregon Enrollment Shows Increase

Eugene – Enrollment at the University of Oregon reached 8,353 at the end of the regular spring term registration period recently. The figure represents a 7 per cent increase over enrollment during spring term of 1962.

Final enrollment for the term may climb above this figure as additional students petition for late registration.

Breakdown of the enrollment figure shows that there are 4,964 men and 3,403 women at the university.

All classes show percentage gains over last spring's enrollment, with the exception of the freshman class which has recorded an 11 per cent drop.

The junior class leads with a 24 per cent increase, followed by graduate students whose numbers have increased 18 per cent. The senior class has grown by nine per cent, and the sophomore class by five per cent. Special students have decreased by nine per cent.

All schools at the university show increased enrollment over last spring term, except a one-student drop in the school of architecture and allied arts. Areas of study showing the greatest percentage gains are interdisciplinary studies, journalism, and music.

Exams Announced For Civil Service

The United States Civil Service commission has announced examinations to fill seven positions.

The positions are management technician (aircraft maintenance) in the Air Reserves technician program; administrative officer (personnel and office service), also in the Air Reserve technician program; catographic draftsman; physicist; physical science aide; construction inspector for employment in the Portland district, Corps of Engineers; and warehouseman for employment with the bureau of land management, Medford.

Anyone wishing additional information regarding the poistions may contact L. B. Nelson, examiner, U.S. Civil Service, Medford post office.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Saturday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 22 – APR. 20: 9-22-39-42 44-78-84-89
TAURUS APR. 21 – MAY 21: 2-8-21-26 53-67-69
GEMINI MAY 22 – JUNE 22: 18-19-24-31 37-52-79-86
CANCER JUNE 23 – JULY 23: 34-36-38-40 46-49-50
LEO JULY 24 – AUG. 23: 59-63-64-65 71-73-77
VIRGO AUG. 24 – SEPT. 22: 3-28-54-74 75-76-83-88
LIBRA SEPT. 23 – OCT. 23: 32-33-47-56 58-60-82-85
SCORPIO OCT. 24 – NOV. 22: 6-11-12-20 29-43-80-81
SAGITTARIUS NOV. 23 – DEC. 22: 13-16-17-23 27-66-68
CAPRICORN DEC. 23 – JAN. 20: 41-48-51-55 61-70-72
AQUARIUS JAN. 21 – FEB. 19: 4-14-25-30 45-57-62
PISCES FEB. 20 – MAR. 21: 1-5-7-10 15-35-87-90

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7 Gala	37 Adopt	67 Awaits
8 Up	38 Involved	68 Waiting
9 Study	39 New	69 You
10 Social	40 Say	70 And
11 System	41 Offer	71 Messages
12 Responds	42 To	72 Sympathy
13 Someone's	43 Diet	73 Reach
14 Your	44 Make	74 Once
15 Affairs	45 Lend	75 Granted
16 Get	46 Nothing	76 Comes
17 Heaps	47 In	77 You
18 Talk	48 Some	78 A
19 Things	49 See	79 Of
20 To	50 Nothing	80 And
21 Your	51 Of	81 Rest
22 Prepare	52 Plans	82 Show
23 Of	53 Money	83 Back
24 Over	54 You	84 Hit
25 Wallet	55 Your	85 Socialize
26 Tempo	56 Life	86 Others
27 Good	57 Or	87 You
28 Favor	58 See	88 Twofold
29 Proper	59 Cheerful	89 Later
30 Don't	60 New	90 Hopping

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The Medical Roundup

by Walter Alvarez

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Diseases Which Kill Suddenly

Among the saddest letters I receive from people are those telling of a loved child who perhaps one evening had a little fever or sore throat, and the next morning was gone. In such cases, an autopsy generally shows an unusually virulent infection, perhaps of the meninges (the membranes which cover the brain) or of the endocardium (the inner lining of the heart), or of the lungs.

Alvarez

What happens often is that a germ is so highly malignant that it can kill in 24 hours or less. In the army, it is well known that sometimes a soldier will go to sleep at night apparently well, and in the morning will be found dead.

A disease which sometimes kills a child very quickly is acute leukemia. I remember a young man who seemed well enough one day. The next day he was so ill that he was rushed to a big clinic where he died during the night. His disease was an exceedingly acute leukemia – a sort of cancer of the blood.

The most important thing that I can say to the heartbroken parents of a child who has died with a virulent disease is that they mustn't keep blaming themselves, and they must not keep thinking every day, what could we have done that might have saved him? Should we have rushed him to some university hospital or big clinic? What did we do that was wrong?

I say, do not keep brooding; you were not at fault. In most of these cases, I doubt if much could have been done even by the most eminent physicians. Even if an expert on infectious diseases had known that the child was going to come down with the very virulent infection, he might have been unable to combat it, even with a powerful antibiotic.

Abnormal Heart

Dr. Denton A. Cooley of Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, has been doing magnificent work in repairing the defective hearts of thousands of infants. As he said, many physicians still feel that not much can be done for these children, but they are wrong. If not helped, 88 per cent die within the first six months of life.

Dr. Cooley said recently that of 400 babies at the Texas Children's Hospital who had undergone surgery for congenital abnormalities of the heart, 292 survived. This is a magnificent achievement.

Recently, I made rounds with Dr. Cooley and watched him work, and I was tremendously impressed with his skill and his fineness as a human being.

McMinnville Council Votes Manager Plan

McMinnville – (UPI) – The McMinnville City Council approved the recommendations of a charter revision committee to call an election to provide for a city manager form of government.

The city presently is governed by a mayor and six councilmen.

No date for the election was set.

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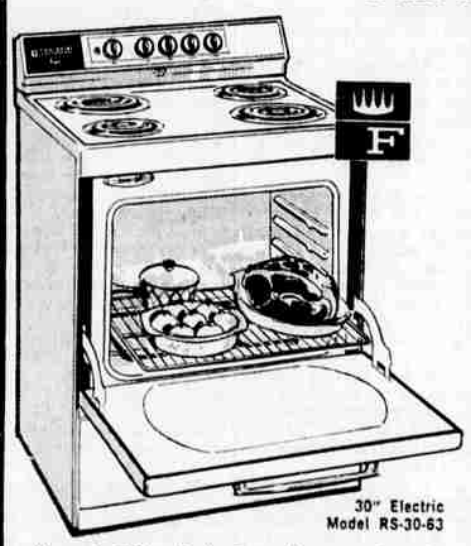

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