

Caught on Horns

Spray for Radish Brings Thoughts Of Lowly Washington Baseball Team

By DICK WEST
Washington - (UP) - Each summer since I joined in the colonization of darkest suburbia I have grown a small "victory garden" in my back yard. Little things that I have heard and read in recent years lead me to believe that the Victory Garden campaign has been losing momentum since the end of the war. But I have

continued to do my part. People who have the stimulus of war to grow a victory garden belong in the same class with sunshine patriots, I say. This year, however, we victory gardeners find ourselves caught on the horns of a dilemma, which is the next worse thing to being caught on the horns of a water buffalo. The dilemma got into the garden by way of Rachel Carson's widely discussed book "Silent Spring." Either that or somebody left the gate open.

At any rate, I was spraying a radish with an anti-tomtomit tincture (three parts tetraethyl to one part vermouth) when it hooked me. Suddenly I straightened up and said to myself "This spray I am using is undoubtedly contributing to the health and well-being of this radish, but how do I know it is not upsetting the balance of nature?" Miss Carson, as you know, raised a warning against the headlong use of pesticides and other horticultural chemicals lest it destroy nature's equilibrium.

Her message has had a profound effect upon us victory gardeners. We figure that nature isn't any too well balanced anyway. I put down the sprayer and was balancing myself in the hammock when my wife came out and asked why I had quit gardening. "I'm weighing the benefits that will accrue to our radish from a spraying with an anti-tomtomit solution against the possible disturbing effect that it might have on the natural order of the universe by driving

away the tomtoits." I told her. "I'm glad to know that," my wife said. "It appeared to me that you were taking a nap." "I think better with my eyes closed," I explained. Later on, I tried to get my mind off the problem by tuning in the ball game. But there was no escape. At I watched the Washington Senators sink deeper into the cellar of the American league, I couldn't help but wonder if their inability to hit and catch baseballs was a result of the chemicals that the

groundkeeper uses on the outfield grass. If anything, the Senators are even more off balance than nature is. Perhaps Miss Carson will explore this situation in her next book.

Laborer Killed In Crash at Vale

Vale - (UP) - One man was killed and two others injured seriously in a one-car accident near the Vale east city limits shortly after 10 p.m. Wednesday. The victim was Francisco Romero, 17, of the Vale labor camp. Two companions, Roy Sanchez of Driggs, Idaho, and Jose Silva Jr., San Benito, Tex., were taken to Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario. They were farm laborers working at Jamieson, Ore. Police said their car struck a brick wall at the Vale Hot Springs swimming pool.



BACK IN JAIL - Sara Jeanette (Jo Ann) Jones, 23, serving a 10 year sentence for armed robbery, was paroled June 18 so that she could continue her education at the University of Tennessee. Correction Commissioner Harry Avery of Nashville, hauled her back to jail and asked that she be charged with parole violation. Avery said she was found "celebrating" until the wee hours of the morning. (UPD)

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Man and Space Russians Believed Behind in Fun of Conquest of Space

By ALVIN B. WEBB Jr.
Cape Canaveral - (UP) - The Russians are beating the United States in manned conquest of space - but it's a safe bet they aren't having half as much fun at it. America's No. 1 spaceport at Cape Canaveral is tension laced with tomfoolery - a strange place where strange things might be expected to happen. They do. Like the time a Mercury astronaut spiced up an otherwise boring "dry run" by suddenly clutching at a gantry elevator and yelling: "No! I don't want to go!" The nation's press was on hand for that one. Or the evening the U.S. Navy managed to lose a boat-load of newsmen at sea for an hour when four officers were unable to find the port from five miles offshore. But none of it quite matched the recent evening when the Fenwick Aeronautics and Space Administration came to town, recruited virtually everyone from U.S. astronaut L. Gordon Cooper Jr. on down, and laid claims to beating both Russia and America to the moon. The slightly touched-up "documentary evidence" was a movie, "Mouse on the Moon," which related the story of how the tiny, mythical Duchy of Grand Fenwick started out to seek U.S. financial aid for plumbing and ended up by landing the first astronaut on the moon. Grand Fenwick may also be remembered as the 24-square-mile country that, in an earlier movie, decided that the best way to get U.S. foreign aid was to go to war with and get beaten by America. The movie may never win an Academy Award. But from Cooper on down, those spaceporters whose lives are wrapped in and around missiles, rockets and space travel found it a delightful spoof of their daily headaches and heartaches. It was perhaps the type of fun that "outsiders" might find hard to comprehend, especially amid the scientific fame and fortune that is Cape Canaveral. But the Cape isn't a place where you would want to live just for fun. After the initial glamour wears off - and it invariably does - it takes a high degree of dedication to keep a top-grade scientist or technician or missile worker here to put men and machines into space.

Depressed Areas Bill Has Chance

Washington - (UP) - Democratic leaders felt that chances of pushing expanded aid to depressed areas through the House on a second attempt were brighter today after overwhelming approval of the measure by the Senate. The Senate voted, 65-30, Wednesday to authorize \$455 million more for the Area Redevelopment Agency over the next two years. The vote in favor was two higher than when the agency was created in 1961. Democratic leaders hoped the Senate vote would be enough to make the House change its mind after it defeated the bill by five votes, 209-204, two weeks ago. The House vote was President Kennedy's worst legislative defeat of the session. The Area Redevelopment Agency provides funds for business enterprises in areas of persistent unemployment. But opponents said the program had been manipulated politically and had failed to reduce unemployment significantly. House leaders are expected to take their time building support for the bill before setting it up for a second vote. Indications were the attempt would not be made until the House has finished with Kennedy's civil rights proposals - or until late August or early September.

Women Indicted By Columbia Jury

St. Helens - (UP) - Two women involved in shootings were indicted Wednesday by the Columbia County Grand Jury. A manslaughter indictment was returned against Mary Lou Norman, 31, of Vernonia, in connection with the fatal shooting of logger Glenn Wood, 31, of Aloha early Monday. The shooting occurred at the woman's home. She is being held on \$2,500 bail at Rocky Butte Jail in Portland. Mrs. Donna Hedges, 27, Portland, was charged with burglary not in a dwelling. The indictment grew out of the alleged burglary of a Rainier tavern May 13 and a subsequent gun battle in which Rainier Police Chief Don Allen was wounded. Gerald T. McComber, also was wounded and has since been returned to the state penitentiary as a parole violator. He was arraigned on a burglary charge, but the grand jury has returned no indictment.

Oregonian Drowns In Canadian Lake

Williams Lake, B.C. - (UP) - A 26-year-old Oregon man drowned Tuesday in a remote British Columbia lake when his small boat overturned. Robert J. Baker of Hillsboro was one of six Oregon fishermen in two boats on Nimpo lake, 240 air miles north of Vancouver. The 10-foot boat overturned in rough water, tossing Baker and two other men into the lake. All had life preservers but one of the survivors said Baker discarded his and began swimming a mile to shore. He drowned before his companions in the other boat could reach him.

SMALLER CREW NEEDED
Tokyo - (UP) - A 12,000-ton cargo ship which can be operated by a crew of 28 men will be launched next December at Kobe, its builders announced today. "Now I am old, in August 88, alone, last of my line. Money is not everything!"