



VACATIONING ROYALTY—Looking like any other tourists, casually-attired Emperor Hirohito and his wife discuss the shells they collected along the beach on Kasashima Island, off Hayama. The imperial couple were vacationing at the imperial villa at Hayama. (UPI)



Small Works Around Us

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Why Does Grass Stand Up Again After It Is Stepped On?

Without a thought as to the result, you step on the grass in your yard, forcing it down. Heavy rains pound your garden; plants bend before the pressure of the rain. A heavy limb, some other object depresses the garden plants, bending them, often laying them flat. Blustery winds come, the plants bend. An animal with heavy feet, a blundering cow walks across the pasture, under the pressure of each foot, the grass is flattened.

All these can be classified as natural forces of varying pressures. The stems, twigs, or blades of the plants, possessing as they do, the flexibility of structure, bend but do not break. Actually what they do is roll with the punch, the same as the boxer in the prize ring.

Springs Back

The force pressing them earthward, once released, may allow the plant to regain an upright position by springing back, but outside pressures may be continued for some length of time, then the springiness is gone.

Follow a cow across a pasture, with every footstep the grass is depressed, but the cow stop to graze, another agency must be called into play. The same thing happens if you place a box or a board on the lawn and leave it there, all the grass underneath becomes prostrate. Remove the object and the plants, for a little time, remain prone.

Overcome Adversities

The plant, any plant, to survive must adapt itself to changing conditions. It must possess the ability to overcome adversities. If it is healthy it will. Nature a very long time ago foresaw this contingency, made allowances for these natural forces, and instilled an opposite force, a counter action, working against gravity and outside pressures.

It is a fortunate thing plants have this power, otherwise trees, plants, even the blades of grass in the lawn

would be forever flattened, without the power to right themselves. For forces are constantly at work, bending, pushing, forcing plants to bow their heads against a superior force.

Forces of Gravity

A growing plant must always contend with the downward pull of gravity; to grow upward it must overcome this force. It must have a power to resist, and that we call growth. Bend or force the plant downward until it is prone, and release it, it will attempt to spring back, but held there it exerts an

SOME FRIEND

Kansas City, Mo.—UPI—Last December, Edwin L. Edison of nearby Lake Lotawana loaned his oil company credit card to a man he thought was a friend. Since then, Edison reported today, his credit card bill has totaled \$1,159.

other force that is somewhat mysterious.

This power of a plant to right itself, and regain an upright position, is called "geotropism," to some degree it is present in all living plants, as well as in some animals. Geotropism can be of two kinds, positive and negative, it is oriented with respect to gravitation, as the direction of growth of plants or the ability of some animals to avoid an upside down position in the air.

Due to geotropism you just can't keep a good plant down; it may be down today but, if it continues to live, it will be upright tomorrow.

Upward Trend Noted In Sale of Bonds

"Local and state sales of U.S. Savings Bonds are continuing their upward trend which commenced the first of the year," Jackson County Savings Bonds Chairman Morris B. Leonard said today when announcing July sales of bonds in the state totaled \$3,140,944.

He compared this with sales of \$2,702,306 for the same month a year ago.

"This brings purchases of bonds in the state to \$21,433,202 for the January-July period of 1963 compared to \$19,662,363 during the same months last year. Locally, county residents purchased \$57,418 worth of savings bonds to help the state reach its record July sales mark," he added.

Institute Planned On Juvenile Court

Eugene—Several outstanding men in the field of juvenile correction will participate in the sixth annual Juvenile Court Summer Institute Aug. 12-16 at the University of Oregon.

The workshop, co-sponsored by the Oregon Juvenile Court Judges association and the university, is expected to attract about 125 juvenile court judges, probation officers and counselors, law enforcement personnel, social workers, high school counselors and graduate students from Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Speakers will be Dr. Gordon Higginson, psychologist at the Delauney Memorial Clinic in Portland; Dr. Richard Jarvis, Seattle psychiatrist; Dr. Delbert Elliott, sociologist at San Diego State college; and Dr. Frank Hartung, sociologist at Wayne State university. Workshop leaders will be Jack Ellis, delinquency prevention consultant for the Department of Institutions, State of Washington; Don A. Miller, director of the Children's Farm Home at Corvallis; Stan Hulbert, juvenile law enforcement consultant for the Department of Institutions, State of Washington; Al Green, director of the Multnomah County Juvenile Court and Home, Portland; and Judge William S. Ford, Circuit Court Judge for Lane county.

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Nordstrom's Buys Apparel Firm Stock

Portland—UPI—Nordstrom's Inc., of Portland and Seattle, has announced purchase of all the capital stock of Best's Apparel Inc.

The announcement was made Tuesday by Elmer J. Nordstrom, Everett Nordstrom and Lloyd W. Nordstrom, owners of the shoe store firm.

The announcement said that Best's Apparel stores in Portland and Seattle would be operated as a division of Nordstroms Inc., and that Peter Best would continue as vice president and general manager of Best's.

The amount involved in the purchase was not disclosed.



PROGRESS REPORT ASKED—Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz, right, chats with Rep. Oren Harris (D-Ark.) prior to appearing before the House Commerce Committee. Wirtz was called by the committee to outline whether any progress is being made in renewed negotiations between the railroads and the rail unions. (UPI)

Money, Candy Taken From Service Station

A service station at 1303 North Riverside ave. was broken into late Sunday or early Monday and an undetermined quantity of money and candy was taken.

According to police reports, entry to the station was gained by breaking out the front window with a rock. No other damage was reported.

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