



Small Worlds Around Us

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Colony Sels Sentries To Warn of Danger

Fortunately for their own preservation they are exceedingly wary, winging away with a great clatter of wings at the approach of any suspected enemy. While the group is feeding, sentries are always posted at carefully selected points to alert the colony if danger is imminent.

Unlike the heron, the ibis does not spear its prey, but grabs it in its powerful bill. It feeds on small fish, frogs, snakes, and some water insects. A group of birds will tramp around in a pond, stirring up the mud until the fish have to come to the surface to get a breath of air, then they are grabbed by the wading birds.

Rare Experience

It is a rare and exciting experience to be within hearing distance of a wood ibis rookery where hundreds of birds are nesting, such as can be found in some parts of the Florida Everglades. Never in your life did you ever hear such a commotion. There are squawks, groans, coughs, wheezes, whimpers and hoarse croaks, as both young and adults give voice to their feelings.

The nest, built of dry sticks, is usually close to the ground, in mangrove trees whose roots are immersed in water. There are often half a dozen nests in a single tree. Some nests contain eggs while at the same time other nests will hold

young birds, and both may be in the same tree.

Common Names
In the swamps, swales and wetlands of the south, the wood ibis is known by several local, common names: Flint-head, probably because the head is bare, entirely naked of feathers, and the skin is of a dull grey color, maybe like flint. For this same reason other folks call the bird "Old Baldy," or "Ironhead." The amateur bird student, seeing the wood ibis for the first time, would undoubtedly say, "Oh look at the storks!" and he wouldn't be too many miles off course for the wood ibis is a member of the stork family. In fact it is the only American representative of those long-legged birds that nest on old world chimney pots.

Multnomah Hotel Sale Effort Denied

Portland - (UP) - Reports that active efforts are being made to sell the 51-year-old Multnomah hotel here were denied Thursday by Gordon Bass, senior vice president of Western International Hotels. Bass said his firm had a 12-year lease on the hotel. He indicated that any hotel was for sale if the right price were offered but said sale of the Multnomah was not imminent.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

TOMMY RICHARDSON had a disturbing experience in a small-town church one Sunday. The collection plate was passed, and Richardson put in a bill. It came round a second time and he kicked in again. The third time around he donated all the change he had left. Then, lo and behold! The ushers formed ranks to come down the aisles for a fourth time! At this point a little old lady seated next to Richardson leaned over and whispered to him, "What do you think they're going to do now? Search us?"



A young doctor, who had recently hung out his shingle in an exclusive suburb, got his first dinner invitation from the richest couple in town. His wife was unable to accompany him, but couldn't wait for his report when he got home. "I went over with a bang," he enthused, "and Mrs. Jones was the most thoughtful hostess imaginable. Not only did she serve a splendid dinner, but she sat me down between two young mothers who haven't had their kids' tonsils out yet."

Limerick time:
An imaginary line is the waist:
It never stays long where it's placed.
But rises or slips
From shoulder to hips,
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Report Deals With Psychiatric Angle Of Desegregation

By AL KUETTNER
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A major report will be released this week end dealing with the psychiatric aspects of the desegregation of southern schools. Like most such studies, its findings will be controversial - accepted as scientific data by some, discarded by others. The report will be published by the Southern Regional Council and the Anti-Defamation League. This adds to its controversial aspects because both have been active in pro-integration efforts. The study was produced by Dr. Robert M. Ciles, a Boston psychiatrist, now residing in Atlanta. He spent two years gathering the clinical material. Studied Many Cases He spent many hours with Negro school children having their first experience in integrated situations, with pre-school Negro youngsters, with

teachers and with white parents and pupils who were both for and against desegregation.

Coles, discussing the project in an interview prior to release of his report, said the conclusion of his study was that Negroes can make their way in integrated schools without psychological stress on their own lives or ill effects on the lives of white pupils.

During his racial study, Coles said he often visited the homes of Negroes, playing on the floor with their young children as a means of gaining their confidence. It was in such situations, he said, that he learned Negroes develop knowledge of racial differences at a very early age.

Children Learn Early
"At four and five years of age, these children know the score," Coles said. "I have been in homes where children

NO GOOD WHEN COLD

Columbia, Mo. - (UP) - Guests at the Boone county ham breakfast Saturday will get their ham and eggs but no grits, and all because caterer James C. Nanson is a Southern cooking purist. Nanson said grits must be cooked and served quickly in the best tradition. He feared the grits would not withstand being carted to the fairgrounds to be served lukewarm.

Coroner's Jury Tells Ward Verdict

London - (UP) - A coroner's jury ruled today that Dr. Stephen Ward, the society osteopath who touched off Britain's scandal of the century, killed himself with an overdose of sleeping pills.

It took the seven-man jury only three minutes to bring in its suicide verdict. Coroner Gavin Thurston formally recorded the finding that Ward died of "bilateral softening of the brain" resulting from self-administered drugs.

Ward, who had medical training and knew how much to take, died of barbiturate poisoning Saturday rather than face sentencing on vice charges.

Ward's family arranged private burial services today for the 50-year-old Anglican minister's son and refused flowers for the funeral.

Ward was already in a drug-induced coma when the old Bailey jury convicted him of living off the earnings of prostitutes last Wednesday. He never regained consciousness to hear the sentence which could have been 14 years in prison.

Petitions To Ask Closures To Fishing

Salem - (UP) - A sportsmen's group has filed preliminary petitions for an initiative to close all Oregon inland waters to commercial salmon and steelhead fishing.

If the measure gets on the November, 1964, general election ballot and is approved by the people it would mean the end of commercial salmon fishing in the Columbia river.

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Cardinal Cushing Voices Sympathy

Boston - (UP) - Richard Cardinal Cushing this morning expressed his "heartfelt sympathy and affection" to President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy over the loss of their 2-day-old son.

"I pray that the good Lord will give them strength and courage at this time," the Catholic prelate said. The cardinal is a close friend of the Kennedy family.

"It will be a special comfort to the President and his wife to know that everything possible was done to save the life of the infant.

"They (the Kennedys) will know that the baby now lives in the nurseries of the Kingdom of Heaven," Cardinal Cushing said.

Offshore Lease Nominations Asked

Portland - (UP) - The Interior Department today called for nominations for areas for prospective oil and gas leasing in the outer continental shelf off the coasts of Oregon and Washington.

This would be the first leasing of offshore lands in the Pacific Northwest by the Federal Government. The area currently has no production of oil and gas.

Under Secretary of the Interior James K. Carr, chairman of the Department's Offshore Oil Committee, said plans call for competitive sealed bids for leases on specific tracts to be received Oct. 1, 1964.

Prospective leases must now indicate offshore areas on which they are interested in drilling for oil and gas. Nominations must be submitted not later than Nov. 01.