

Wild Bee Hunting Lifelong Hobby Of Lakeview Father

Following the wild bee to its honey store has been a favorite hobby of Lige Armstrong of Lakeview for most of his 65 years. As a lad in the Ozarks, he found he had a "way" with bees and kept his family and the neighbors supplied with wild honey.

After his marriage, he moved his family to Lyons, Kansas. His hobby was continued by the keeping of tame bees and he recalls that he was very seldom stung by one of his bees. During the dust bowl era both he and the bees gave up the country and the Armstrongs moved to Oregon, eventually arriving at Lakeview on October 7, 1938.

Over the years he has worked out a sure-fire system of finding wild honey. Its simplicity makes it foolproof, he says. He has learned that all bees seek water—and he finds them at little stagnant puddles or along the edges of swift-flowing streams. From the water they take the most direct route back to their hive-tree. From that instinctive action, he says, comes the term, "bee-line."

They come up from the water, circling to the height needed for their straight flight home. Some of them get so heavy with the load of pollen they are carrying, they almost clump in flight.

His daughter, Mary Reames, of Klamath Falls, tells of accompanying him on a bee-tree search.

"We drove out to the Cottonwood Dam area and then walked and walked and walked. Finally, Dad went on alone and when he came back he said he had found honey in a fallen log on the ground."

"It's all right," he said, "You



LIGE ARMSTRONG

Red Labor Moves Told

SEATTLE (AP) — The Communist Party attempted to integrate into its underground various labor leaders who resigned from the Party in order to sign Tatt-Hartley non-Communist affidavits, Mrs. Barbara Hartle told the House Un-American Activities Committee Thursday.

The former top Communist functionary said national Communist labor leaders signed the Tatt-Hartley affidavits in order not to lose important union connections.

Unions whose officers refuse to sign the affidavits are barred from the services of the National Labor Relations Board.

Mrs. Hartle took the stand for the fourth consecutive day. A top Communist for 20 years, she broke with the party after being convicted last year under the Smith Act of conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the government by force and violence.

Thursday's hearing began on a note much quieter than Wednesday's heated session when the committee, in an unprecedented action, voted to ask that George Tony Starkovich be cited for contempt of Congress.

Searchers Find Girl Sleeping

TROY, N.Y. (AP) — Nearly 200 perspiring searchers last night combed bush and swamp for Holly Chase.

The 2-year-old girl had disappeared during a game of hide-and-seek. Seventy-five policemen, 30 firemen and 25 Boy Scouts joined neighbors in the search.

The firemen tackled a nearby swamp, laying down a board walk as they progressed. The cops manned searchlights.

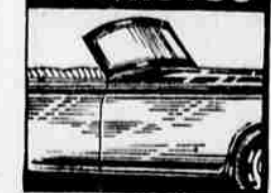
Finally, 14-year-old Gail Fitzgerald recalled that Holly was accustomed to playing in a neighbor's house, and went there to investigate. She found her sleeping in an upstairs closet where the youngster had hidden 3½ hours earlier.

Segregation Ban Postponed

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The State Board of Education has postponed any ban on segregation in Kentucky's public schools and instructed schools to operate through the next school year with the races divided.

The board said in a statement yesterday that it took the action because the U.S. Supreme Court has yet to issue final decrees on how and when its action banning segregation in the nation's public schools should be carried out.

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can drive to within 100 yards of it."

"We could, all right, but we had left the road about two miles back. He thinks an automobile can do anything a mountain goat can do."

"There was the log, so we inspected it at a safe distance. Then we helped him into his paraphernalia which includes a face net, gauntlet gloves and an extra pair of overalls. Wrist and ankle openings were tied closely with strips of cloth so the bees could not enter."

"Earlene and I (Mary Reames' daughter) retired quite a distance up the hill. It turned out to be a swarm of black Spanish bees which are noted for being the most ferocious of all bees, but also among the most industrious."

"We watched him saw halfway down through the log and remove the section with an axe, exposing the honey. By this time he was literally black with bees. The honey combs follow the rotted-out sections of a hollow log or tree trunk."

"He lifted the honey out gently in as large pieces as possible and put it into a wash boiler. If you're a good sportsman you don't take all the honey — you leave enough for the bees to winter on. It is better to move it in a receptacle having a lid because the swarm being robbed and all the neighboring swarms come along for a free lunch and carry as much of the honey back with them as they can."

"As he worked, the swarm quit fighting him so hard. After Earlene and I got 'dive-bombed' once by the swarm we helped him carry the wash boiler back to the car. I was on the back end, of that 100-pound boiler and my six-foot-four dad on the front end going up a 45 degree bank through the brush. He was never yet found a bee tree on the upside of a road so we could haul the honey down, but we finally made it."

"That haul of honey resulted in nearly eight gallons of strained honey. He is careful not to allow it to reach too high a temperature, as that damages the flavor. His family boasts that he can tell by the color, aroma and flavor whether the bees have been working in sage, juniper, white or red clover or in any combination of them."

Armstrong always saves the bee bread and places it in the back yard where local bees carry it away for their own uses within a matter of hours.

Care must be taken not to get any drops of water in the honey or fermentation will result, he warns. Fermented honey mixed with earwig bait makes a potent mixture that will rid the whole neighborhood of the pests in a short time.

He is already spotting trees to be "robbed" in August and early September. Their location, though, is a deep, dark secret. And he'll leave at least a third of the honey to see the bees through the winter, according to his daughter.

Mrs. Reames says his infrequent deer hunting expeditions always winds up in the same fashion.

"He'll be watching for a deer and will exclaim: 'Isn't that a beautiful buck?' and raise his gun and then... 'Oh, oh. There goes a bee!' and off he goes after it."

Red Threat Warning Told

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The United States, says Adm. Arthur Radford, is confronted with "the diabolical enmity of international communism," and the threat is growing.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff recalled last night President Eisenhower's warning that American freedom is threatened so long as "the world Communist conspiracy exists in its present scope, power and hostility."

"Today, the threat seems even more intense," Radford said in addressing the national convention of the American Red Cross.

The admiral spoke at the concluding session of the three-day meeting. Earlier, the organization's national chairman had some more to say about cities which accept Red Cross money when disaster strikes but fail to make reimbursements to the relief agency from supplemental funds raised locally.

This was a subject which touched off a cross-country controversy Monday night.

Radford, in discussing the Communist menace, termed Red China "obviously empire-bound, seeking not so much an 'Asia for Asians' as they claim but seeking instead what might be called a 'Red Asia for Asiatic Reds.' They want all of Asia incorporated into a Red Asia, one that is a basic part of the long-term Communist dream of one 'big Red world.'"

The military situation of free Asia and southwest Pacific nations could be improved materially, he said, "by an effective Southeast Asia collective security arrangement."

"Positive collective actions by countries which have vital interests in that area would help prevent further Communist empire building in that part of the world," he said. "Such actions would help pave the way for building that peaceful world which is the aim of free societies everywhere."

ORDER

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Prime Minister Mohammed Ali told Parliament Thursday his government will restrict movements of Russian embassy officials in Karachi.

All did not decline the limits to which the Soviets would be allowed to travel.

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Foreign Aid Denial Told

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Foreign Affairs Committee adopted a proposal Thursday which would deny arms aid to France and Italy unless they join in an international army.

At the same time the committee approved a plan which apparently would spur the creation of a new type of European defense organization taking in those countries which have approved the European Defense Command Pact.

These nations could continue to get American weapons but Chairman Chipperfield (R-Ill.) said they could do so only if they "join in a new organization for collective defense" or are jointly developing mutual defense programs in a manner satisfactory to the president.

The vote on the new language in the foreign aid bill was reported as 18-2.

The nations which have ratified EDG are West Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Two Killed In Jet Crash

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — An Air Force P4C jet interceptor plane carrying 24 live rockets crashed and exploded Wednesday, killing the pilot and radar observer.

Great Falls Air Force Base identified the victims as 1st Lt. Robert E. Durham, 28, Deer River, Minn., the pilot, and 1st Lt. Bobbie C. Franks, 24, Elmer, Mo., the radar observer.

The 29th Fighter Interceptor Sqn. plane crashed between the North Central Montana towns of Highwood and Waltham, about 15 miles east of its home base here. It was on a training flight.

Most of the rockets exploded and base officials said all that was left was a 10-foot deep hole in the ground.

Both of the victims were married. Their widows are in Great Falls.

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