

# THE SQUIRREL CAGE

By Douglass Welch

A good day to you all, and particularly to people who feed the birds, but I do not include bird feeders like Mrs. McMurtury. Mrs. McMurtury is sore at me at the moment because she told her it is not enough merely to feed the birds. My feeling is that the birds should have a proper diet, heavy on protein and cereals, and light on fats. All Mrs. McMurtury can say at this time of year is to "Feed the birds, feed the birds! Suet, suet, suet!"

It is like she is some big old fat talking bird herself, and years ago when her husband's bank had the mortgage on my house, I wouldn't have dared say that about her. But now my house is paid for and what can he do?

The very minute the first snowflake of the year falls, Mrs. McMurtury has been in the sprinter's crouch for weeks waiting for it — she calls the newspapers and radio and TV stations and begins screaming "Suet, suet, suet!" And the other day she called me up and wanted me to put it in this column.

"You might as well put in something constructive and helpful," she said, "instead of that nonsense you usually write." And I did a quick burn, and I said all right I would mention feeding the birds, but I certainly wasn't going to advise people to put out suet for the birds because it is stupid. And I could sense her flinching. I said that concentrated fat is not a part of the regular diet of birds and I personally would not want to be associated with it.

responsible for birds dropping dead all over the neighborhood from too much cholesterol. And she said: "A lot you know about it."

Wise Up

And I said: "Instead of shouting Suet, Suet, Suet each winter like a stuck pig on a record, why don't you write up? If you really want the birds to eat decently during this weather, why don't you chop up some of those siphon butts you have been hoarding in your deep freeze, and give them some protein?"

And she said: "I don't know how your lovey wife puts up with you." And I said to Mrs. McMurtury: "My lovey wife if she does not have your problem. My lovey wife thinks things through. She does not automatically start shouting 'Suet, Suet, Suet,' all over the ball park when the first snowflake falls."

And she said: "I am going to tell my husband how you talked to me." And she did. And he came over and said: "What did you say to my wife that got her so upset this afternoon?" And I told him and he said: "Good for you!" And we had a drink on it.

I really feel sorry for Mrs. McMurtury, only she should not have said I write nonsense in this column.

She is a very lovely woman and she feels the world owes it to not love her, and she is a compensatory eater, and when things get too tough to face.

she stays up half the night bawling the neighborhood men who look like her husbands, and then she bites the heads off all of them. This is why she is 40-40-40 straight up and down.

Heavenly Judge

I think the thing that most bothers me about Mrs. McMurtury's bird-feeding bit is that she discriminates among birds. For instance, she will not feed sparrows, and she is not keen about feeding robins. She wants to feed the pretty, exotic birds. If she finds sparrows clustered around her bird feeder she will rub out into the back yard with a folded newspaper and scatter them with wild, inopportune swarms.

I said to her one day: "If you are going to feed the birds, you should feed all the birds. What are you, God, or something to decide that some birds should eat this winter and others should not?" And she said: "I only feed the worthy birds and I don't consider it any of your business."

Well, I don't know how you can tell whether a bird is worthy or not. It is a demonstrable fact that they are all stupid or why would they stay here when they could fly south to warmer weather? If I am a general operation plus \$38,600 for fencing, feeder pens and a general building; a total of \$128,401. The entire amount is derived from taxes on permanent betting, with the exception of \$26,000 which is local usage income from the fairgrounds, during fairtime and in the interim months.

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## Ag Group Picks Chief For Board

YREKA — Blair Smith was re-elected president of the board of directors of the 10th District Agricultural Association at the annual board meeting at the Shamrock Cafe on Jan. 29.

Alice Hessig was re-elected president; Charles Cooley, treasurer; and Jim Jones, secretary-manager.

Interim usage of the Siskiyou County Fairgrounds was reported by Jim Jones, manager, noting an increase from 14,072 persons in 1963 to 18,306 in 1964 using the buildings and facilities. The grounds and buildings were used as headquarters for emergency food relief activities during a December disaster in Siskiyou County. Jones reported the arena, Winema Hall and the Arts Building are available for special events, service club and organization use and for junior groups throughout the year.

A. K. Crebbin was elected to serve as advisory director to a review of the budget at the board meeting are \$92,401 for February and April. The unit's regular monthly MP game scheduled for the third Sunday each month has been set ahead in February from the 21st to the 14th to avoid conflict with the Regional Tourist week to be in process in Portland. The same game in April has been set back one week to the 25th because the regularly scheduled date for the event falls on Easter Sunday.

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## News From The Services

Army Pvt. Duane D. Moon, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Moon of Klamath Falls, has been assigned to the 8th Army Recruiting Station at Buffalo, N.Y., after completing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood.

Moon is a 1963 graduate of Klamath Union High School and was employed by Swan Lake Moulding Company in Klamath Falls prior to joining the Army.

Airman Dale R. Heryford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Heryford of Klamath Falls, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Heryford will receive technical training as a missile fuel cell specialist at Sheppard AFB, Tex. He is a 1964 graduate of Henley High School.

First Lt. Dennis A. Neubert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Murray of Klamath Falls, was among the Strategic Air Command aerial refueling crewmen who participated in recent rescue operations in the Northwest.

Neubert, a navigator at Mountain Home AFB, Id., assisted in the delivery of aircraft fuel for helicopters flying search and rescue missions in California, Oregon and Idaho. Neubert is a graduate of Klamath Union High School and attended Shasta Junior College, Redding, Calif., and Oregon State University.

Staff Sgt. Carl F. Baker, whose wife, Sharon, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alva R. Ash of Klamath Falls, has arrived in Korea for duty at Osan AB, Korea, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Baker of Junction City, a former student at Oregon Technical Institute.

The sergeant is a machinist and previously served at Shaw AFB, S. C.

Staff Sgt. Gregory L. Judd Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory L. Judd Sr. of Klamath Falls, has been awarded a letter of recognition in his Strategic Air Command unit as a KC-135 Stratotanker. He is a KC-135 crew chief.

William E. Jones, whose wife, Pamela, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Jones of Klamath Falls, has been promoted to first lieutenant at Hill AFB, Utah.

James A. communications officer, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Jones of Dillon, Mont.

Tech Sgt. Joseph Violette, Klamath Falls Air Force recruit, has announced the service is accepting, for a limited time, applications for enlistment from non-high school graduates. However, he said, the Air Force still prefers high school graduates.

Army Spec. 5 Joe W. Collins, has returned to the United States after serving two years in Germany.

Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Collins of Merrill, served in Germany. He is being transferred to Fort Bliss, El Paso, Tex., as an instructor.

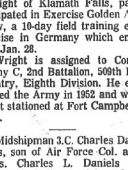
It was Collins' second tour of duty in Germany. He enlisted in the Army in 1959 after graduation from Merrill High School in 1958.

Army Sgt. Charles A. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenne

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## Bill Seeks Repayment For Victims Of Crime

SALEM (UPI) — A bill that would require the state to compensate victims of some crimes is being prepared for introduction in the legislature by Rep. Betty Roberts, D-Portland.

Mrs. Roberts doesn't expect the measure to get very far in this session, but she wants the idea implemented in the minds of the lawmakers.

"As a freshman legislator I don't know that I want to push it very hard, but I can introduce it again next time and it won't be new then," she explained.

The bill is being prepared by the legislative counsel and Mrs. Roberts doesn't expect it to be introduced until shortly before the cutoff date. It is patterned after a New Zealand law and requires considerable language changes.

The measure will provide that victims of various personal assault crimes can apply to a special commission, which would have authority to set the amount of compensation within limits provided by her bill.

The amount of compensation would depend on the circumstances of each crime, whether the victim played some part in inviting it, and on such factors as whether the victim had insurance that paid his expenses, Mrs. Roberts explained.

"There would be no compensation for crimes against property. 'It is the state's responsibility to provide law and order,' she contended. "When the state is unable to, and a citizen is injured, then there should be compensation."

The state also would have the authority to try to recover the amount of the payment from the person who committed the attack, even beyond the term of any prison sentence he might serve.

"Eventually it might also have a deterrent effect on criminals," she said.

"Liquid fuel is 'liquid property' in space technology."

She said the bill probably would provide that money be appropriated from the state's general fund for the payments. She also is attempting to find a way by which court employees could do the administrative work and members of the commission administering the law could serve without pay.

"I don't suspect that we have so many victims that it would be any more of a load than that," she said.



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**Victim Dies**

PORTLAND (UPI) — Mrs. Zella Phares, 70, Portland, one of five persons injured last Friday when a car went out of control and onto a sidewalk in downtown Portland, died Tuesday.

## Pair Score Bridge Win

Isabel Lemler and Dolores Reeves captured the one-session Open Pairs Championship at the Lakeside Bridge Club's Tuesday morning group held last week at the city library. Runnersup in the early bird tournament were Mrs. V. C. Rexford - Mrs. Jim Little, which third place going to Lena Smith and Kathleen Thompson.

The Klamath Falls Unit Committee has reminded tournament players of changes in its monthly masterpoint schedule for February and April. The unit's regular monthly MP game scheduled for the third Sunday each month has been set ahead in February from the 21st to the 14th to avoid conflict with the Regional Tourist week to be in process in Portland. The same game in April has been set back one week to the 25th because the regularly scheduled date for the event falls on Easter Sunday.

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## Heart Attack Hits Father

NEW PINE CREEK — Leo Perry of New Pine Creek has received word that his father, Tom Perry, 61, has suffered another heart attack.

The elderly Perry is well known to all the old-timers in the valley. He had suffered several previous attacks and was reported recuperating satisfactorily when the recent one occurred.

As of Jan. 21, he was still in the hospital at his home in Yreka, Nev., and his condition was still grave.

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