

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

EARTHWORMS ARE KNOWN BY DIFFERENT NAMES IN DIFFERENT AREAS! IN CONNECTICUT, THEY'RE EEL WORMS; IN UTAH, DEW WORMS; IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, MUD WORMS; IN PENNSYLVANIA, RAIN WORMS; IN BOSTON, GARDEN WORMS; AND IN OTHER PLACES, THEY'RE ANGLE WORMS, AND FISH WORMS.



A FLICKER, IN ILLINOIS, LAID HER EGGS BELOW GROUND LEVEL! SHE EXCAVATED A LARGE WILLOW FENCE POST, AND DEEPENED THE CAVITY UNTIL THE BOTTOM OF THE NEST WAS LOWER THAN THE SURFACE OF THE GROUND.

KWIZ KORNER

SASKATCHEWAN TOUCHES WHAT STATES IN THE U.S.?



ANSWER: Saskatchewan touches Montana and North Dakota.

NEXT: Non-stop birds.

Faith in Book Makes Dream Farm Reality

EVANSTON, Ill. (U.P.)—Thirty miles northwest of here is a dream come true.

It is the 130 acres of farmland with the nine room white house and the big white barn.

It represents 18 years of heart-break, work, and torture—but it also represents peace, contentment and success.

The place belongs to Mary Jane Ward and her husband Edward Quayle. For the first writing Mary Jane Ward ever sold, she got \$10. That was the beginning. The ending is yet to come—but this year Mary Jane Ward has received more than \$100,000 from her first success, "The Snake Pit," a Book-of-the-Month selection and one of the most unusual books ever written.

Agent Turned It Down The story is Mary Jane Ward's own. It is the tale of an author, depressed by failure, ridden with fear, who suffers a mental breakdown and spends almost two years in a sanitarium. Its title is taken from the hospital term for shock treatment.

"My agent turned the book down," Miss Ward said recently. "He said no one would buy it. But my husband had faith in it—and so did I."

The next time Miss Ward sent the manuscript out, it was sold. Random House bought it. Then success piled upon success—the book club bought rights to it, Hollywood decided to make a picture of it, foreign publishers started bidding for translation rights.

So Mary Jane Ward and her statistician husband bought their dream, the dream that began when first \$10 check came in.

Untried Recipe Won "We were so very poor," Miss Ward related. "I wrote a recipe

and saw pop corn and potato chips made. On the way home, they visited at the Grobeck dairy "for ice cream cones."

Those who enjoyed the trip were: Roy Lee Smith, Martha Frances Carneal, Robert Joerge, Edith Wetenkamp, Thomas Carneal, Jerry Lee Fulton, Mrs. Kief, Mr. and Mrs. Carneal and Sammy and Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

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Water Route to Span Florida Is Historic Idea

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (U.P.)—Treasureseeking Spaniards 400 years ago, colonizing British in the 18th century and Americans with an eye to commerce ever since have sought a water route across Florida.

A total of 19 different routes have been proposed through the state from the Atlantic ocean to the Gulf of Mexico.

According to Dr. Carita D. Corse of the Florida Academy of

Sciences, who told an engineering group here that all nations which have controlled Florida wanted a cross-state waterway, no other project in the nation's history has had so many surveys made of it.

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Canal a Lost Cause Since then, the history of the water route, which began with a search for a natural waterway and continued with plans for a ship canal, has centered on the construction of a large canal across the state, starting at the St. Johns river near Jacksonville.

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for meat loaf out of my head because we couldn't buy any beef to try it out—but it won the newspaper prize. What a feast we had on the \$10 prize—hamburger steak, and a party. It was that night, in the candlelight that we vowed that when we got rich we'd buy a farm and raise our own steak and chops."

They've started with 25 cows, a thoroughbred bull, 100 hens, two litters of pigs and already they have three new-born calves. Quayle runs the farm; Mary Jane Ward does the housework. "A writer," she said, "needs exercise."

Naval Air Arm Trains Reserve In Northwest

SEATTLE (U.P.)—More than 2,500 pilots and aircrewmembers from Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho have been welded into self-contained units—ready for immediate assignments to carriers or bases should the need arise.

The project was initiated to keep naval aviation strong and virile during peacetime and comes under the new naval air reserve training program.

During off-hours from school or work, members of the units will fly from the naval air station at Seattle and fliers and ground crewmen will be taught by a group of special instructors, most of whom saw action with the navy during World War II.

National Program Aim Capt. Charles F. Greber, USN, 47-year-old former resident of New York, heads the program.

Capt. Greber said the program, called for a ready air reserve of 28,700 navy and marine corps airmen on inactive duty status and that their work would be closely integrated with the regular navy.

He said the training program will be carried out at 22 air stations throughout the nation when it is complete.

"We have the most modern aircraft available," Greber said, "and the program consists of 48 drill periods a year with approximately 100 hours flying time annually for pilots with an annual two-week training period at sea aboard carriers of the reserve fleet."

300 Fliers in Training Greber said about 300 aviators with necessary crewmen and maintenance personnel were undergoing training in the Seattle area for the ready reserve and each puts in about eight hours a month in the air.

Rear Adm. Edward C. Ewen, chief of naval air reserve training, from Glenview, Ill., assisted in laying the ground work in the Pacific northwest.

"The record of the navy's air arm during the war," he said, "proves beyond a doubt that the men who fought this war were the best-trained, best-equipped and most fearless fighters in history. These men, rich in experience are the foundation upon which is based the hopes of the world for preserving peace."

ALLEY OOP



RED RYDER



Black Market Hides Delay Shoe Industry



Mynard Students Enjoy 'Sneak Day'

MYNARD—Students of school district 45 located west of Mynard held their "Sneak day" Wednesday of last week and, with their teacher, Mrs. Louis W. Kief, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Carneal, and Mr. and Mrs. Royal Smith, visited several places of interest in Omaha.

Thomas W. Carneal, seventh grade pupil, reported that the group first visited the Armour Packing plant and found the slaughtering of animals and stuffing of vienners to be the most interesting sights. They also visited station WOW and were in the studio for the 12:30 p. m. broadcast during which Lyle DeMoss dedicated a number to the group.

"Our dinner was a special treat as we ate at the Chinese restaurant, King Fong," Thomas reported. "For many of us it was the first time we saw a Chinese."

After the dinner the group visited the World-Herald building and found the printing of the Sunday comics to be the most interesting sight. The party stopped at the Kitty Clover potato chip factory

and saw pop corn and potato chips made. On the way home, they visited at the Grobeck dairy "for ice cream cones."

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ST. LOUIS (U.P.)—Black-market activities are causing headaches in a new quarter—that of shoe manufacturing.

Investigation in St. Louis has disclosed that inexperienced slaughterers are sending badly mutilated hides to the factories, with slowed production and increased costs the result.

One shoe firm official estimated that 34,000 slaughterers are operating today, compared with about 1,400 during the war years. Most of these are black marketers, he added.

Manufacturers who once bought hides solely from meat-packing houses now must purchase from small slaughterers, who have mushroomed since V-J day.

Shoe company officials say hides are improperly removed and cured. Because they get them in such poor shape, cutting value on the leather is lost.

Some illegal slaughterers bury the hides, causing more loss of leather.

to the manufacturers. The United States now is exporting more leather than it is importing, officials state. The shoe industry needs all the leather it can obtain.

50 Years in Choir NORTH PLATTE, (U.P.)—A. T. Yost completed 50 years of service in the choir of the First Lutheran church here Easter. Yost began singing in the choir the

Sunday after he was confirmed in April, 1896.

The world's first college for the systematic education of dentists was the Baltimore college of dental surgery, established in 1840.

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Advertisement for VY-TAB-O-LATOR, a vitaminized feed for livestock, featuring a product image and contact information for Carl J. Rhylander.

Advertisement for Bruning Drug Co. featuring Mother's Day gifts, Stover's Candies, and various toiletries.

Advertisement for ABE MARTIN, featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and a dog.

Advertisement for WANTED WOOL, offering top market prices for wool and pelts.

Advertisement for IRISES and ARNOLD SCHLIEFERT, featuring a list of garden items.

Advertisement for FARLEY'S FURNITURE CO., offering practical gifts for Mother's Day.

Advertisement for FASTER FASTER FASTER, promoting natural gas for cooking.

Advertisement for Wrecks Rebuilt, offering complete auto painting and spot work.

Advertisement for TASTEE SHOP, offering bulk ice cream for school picnics.

Advertisement for Insurance Question, featuring a cartoon and text about insurance benefits.

Advertisement for Stephen M. Davis, representing Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company.

Advertisement for WEED-NO-MORE, a magic weed killer, featuring a product image and contact information for Schreiner Pharmacy.