

The Winner—World Traveler

If Our War Dead Could Arise . . .

From the invasion of Poland to Germany's surrender, World War II lasted a little over 5 years and 8 months, or 2,075 days.

Battle deaths of all combatants totaled 15,220,251—an average of 7,335 a day. (If you include non-combatants and uniformed men who later died of wounds, add 11,000,000 more.)

At Gettysburg, in the Civil War, the North and South lost 5,659 in three days.

In World War II, more soldiers died every average day than in all three days at Gettysburg, and this went on for 2,075 days.

One could describe World War II as 2,075 Gettysburgs.

THESE DEAD SOLDIERS and sailors

Not Practicing His Preachments

Lots of criticisms and lamentations have come forth as the result of the defeat of the Kennedy-Ives labor reform bill. You recall that this bill never got through Congress. The chief reasons given were that it was too weak a proposal satisfactory to improve the ethics and internal workings of much of organized labor.

As a matter-of-fact, why criticize those who defeated this bill? Why not place the real blame where it belongs: upon the authors of this week and watered-down, politically inspired bit of hoped-for-legislation?

After all, Senator Kennedy, wanting the Democratic party's nomination in 1960 for the Presidency, doesn't want to lose any

Can We Save Our Way Of Life?

It takes warmth to hatch an egg—money to feed the hen to keep her warm. Throughout the nation, thousands of young men and women work at businesses of their own. They have invested their savings; worked long hours, with no coffee breaks; and lived on bare necessities in order to save enough to expand their small ventures. Some may fail; others will grow and provide jobs—that is, if workers produce efficiently and so make possible a profit for the owners.

But here is a barrel of moonshine. Will Government let these young people keep enough profit to expand and move ahead?

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

What is so sacrosanct about American courts that even the U.S. Supreme Court cannot be criticized. . . . even be re-restricted by new laws, to those traditional confinements set forth in the U.S. Constitution? This Court, headed by Earl Warren, has come forth with numerous decisions that have weakened the rights of Congress to investigate, has trespassed on States'

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Walter P. Nickell, Cranbrook Institute of Science's naturalist, already has set himself two new records.

He's banded and freed more than 9,000 birds in the first 9 1/4 months this year.

The nuthatch he took from a nest last week was the 89th variety of bird he's banded in the same period. His previous mark was 71 varieties.

"With 10 weeks to go, I may get another 1,000 birds, and a few more varieties," said Nickell, who's been at the Institute over 24 years.

Suburban Sentiment

OG No! Alphabet soup for me Isn't simple as A B C. N fact, it's complex as can B I eat in rotation, U C.

—Lynn Carter.

of 27 nations were the pick of their people. Practically all were conscripted, and nearly all were young.

"Life, to be sure, is nothing much to lose, but young men think it is, and we were young," as the poet Houseman wrote of the dead.

Well, we fought one war to get rid of the Kaiser—and got Hitler. Then we fought a second war to get rid of Hitler—and helped put "peace-loving" Stalin and Khrushchev in Hitler's saddle—a greater menace by far than the first two.

As between the present rights of individuals, and the rights of the dead and of all young men to be alive, and of our country to be safe, the current solitude of the U.S. Supreme Court for those who serve the Communist menace seems grotesque, incredible—appalling!

support of labor leaders . . . so he deliberately helped to author a bill that would not, if passed, clean up labor's mess.

EVEN DEMOCRAT Senator John McClellan, head of the Senate Committee investigating labor racketeers, did not favor the Kennedy-Ives bill.

Yet Mr. Kennedy once wrote a book called "Profiles of Courage," which revealed the great public service achievements of numerous past and present American public officials. Too bad the Massachusetts millionaire doesn't use all of the qualities of these profiles in his own public career.

Punitive tax laws and monopolistic labor leaders encourage no nest-egg for anyone's future. The outcome of this means Socialism: no private property; no free markets; no freedom of enterprise; and no limit to governmental controls of wages and profits. Ninety-nine per cent of all our people oppose Communism, but not Socialism, which is deodorized Communism.

Will enough U. S. citizens learn the dangers of socialism in time to prevent the complete loss of "the free American way of life?"

Rights, has given much "comfort and solace" to Communism. By the lord Harry, we applaud every honest and legal effort by Congress to prevent this Court from usurping the powers of a legislative body! We also praise the recent resolution of a group of Chief Justices of the various States, wherein they openly criticized the Court for "its lack of judicial restraint." (Earl Warren more and more is referred to as "President Eisenhower's worst appointee.")

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NATURE NOW by Lydia King Frehe

Leaf-Eating Larva Attracts Interest

Since early September the ravages of a small leaf-eating larva have attracted wide-spread interest in Detroit and its suburbs.

Some erroneous information has been offered to worried owners of shade trees whose leaves have been skeletonized by the thread-spinning larva of this insect. To set the record straight and to satisfy her own curiosity, your scribe has spent hours of research tracking down this tiny invader. The essential facts in its life history here recorded have been verified by Dr. James W. Butcher, entomologist at Michigan state university.

The small, honey-colored "worms" are the larval stage of a leaf-mining moth with a long name, "Bucculatrix canadensisella." It is a member of the Lepidoptera order. A common name is the "Oak-skeletonizer."

The eggs are laid on the leaves of various trees, chiefly on red and white oak, although they may also appear on such trees as maple, birch and sycamore which are at this writing honey-yellow larvae from 5-6 mm. in length. With the aid of a hand lens, one can clearly discern the scant fine-hairy covering, the four pairs of middle abdominal legs, the deeply grooved joint with the testes visible under the skin of the fifth segment.

DURING the larval stage, the insect progresses through several molts in the silken cases or webbing which are at this writing scattered on almost every fall-oak leaf in the infected areas. With a hand lens one can plainly see the discarded larval skin by opening or turning over several of these cases with a pin. The succeeding larval stages experienced by repeated moltings show definite and progressive changes. Each of these is called an "instar."

As is usual with insects, the larva is in the greedy stage. In this species they eat their way through the upper and lower leaf tissues, feeding on the green plant substance between until only the skeletonized remains remain. The mature larva then spins a strong thread by which it lowers itself to the ground. These were the annoying

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

36 YEARS AGO October 23, 1922 "An infant weighing 30 pounds was born at Shevona, Wisc., the other day. Who can think of an appropriate name for him?"

"When leaving your order at Shain's, don't fail to guess how many seeds in the squash." "Pontiac is contributing largely to the Michigan Red sufferers, and so is our sister Village Rochester. What is Birmingham doing? Nothing, absolutely nothing. Wake up. Be willing to give something besides sympathy."

30 YEARS AGO October 25, 1928 "There is to be social distinction among the dead. A Villager has reported to the Wanderer. One day last week a saleswoman from a mausoleum corporation approached a villager with an unusual proposition. She was offering to make provision for the villager's death, promising her a resting place among the elite. . . . We intend to enter the exclusive society of Bloomfield Hills with the exception of a few Birmingham persons of high social rank; the saleswoman explained. This inducement to die was further embellished by promise of avenue in the mausoleum arranged according to social prestige. The villager broke down and consented to saleswoman that she had a certain little hole in the ground reserved in a far away city where she felt that she could lie contented without the glory of a mausoleum bluebook."

Do We Write From Left to Right?

Because most of us are right-handed? Well, Hebrew is written and read from right to left. Ancient Chinese history writings began in the upper right-hand corner and ran diagonally down the page to the left edge. Japanese and Chinese today write from top to bottom as we do a column of figures. . . . It is merely true that it is natural to move our right hand from the left shoulder toward the right. Britishers, in writing on the left-hand side of the road is natural. It makes horse raising.

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