

Folks Who Thrive On A Diet Of Challenges

What happens when a Midwestern city such as Sioux Falls becomes down because of snow, and gusts up to 40 miles per hour?

You can't keep a good town down. Local enterprise takes a deep breath, the snowplows resume plowing at midnight, and the next day traffic is flowing as usual.

But you're wondering, with the state highways blocked, whether you're going to reach your appointment by plane or doglegged, or whether you will be forced to imitate Whittier's "Snowman" for a week.

This correspondent flew into Sioux Falls at the end of a week of falling flakes - and drifting drifts. The Midwest had lots of snow. One morning paper had carried a humorous piece by "Faren Heck," announcing that "A strange, bright object" had appeared momentarily in the skies on Wednesday.

The day the snow stopped business at Sioux Falls and the bus lines quit at 3 p.m., the radio stations announced the various cancellations of meetings and dinners for that evening. But what was impressive was not that various get-togethers were postponed for a week, but the quantity and quality of meetings that went on over a regular week.

The private meetings and sessions which keep the modern free enterprise society humming are ordinarily dissuaded by neither sleet, nor snow, nor gloom of wintry night. There are chambers of commerce meetings, sessions of a half-dozen different farm groups, corn and wheat and cattle-raising associations, Parent-Teachers meetings, county seat meetings and groups convening over at Minneapolis-St. Paul, salesman's meetings and Boy Scout conclaves and I wish I could remember what else. It took the radio announcer five minutes to run through the list.

This correspondent had arrived on one of the last planes before the airport closed down, besieged by drifting snow, writes William H. Stringer in the Christian Science Monitor. He did an unexpected pinch-hit job at the local television station, there being virtually no other out-towners around to tell the town-folk, in their warm-sealed living rooms, how Mr. Kennedy is doing in Washington.

Ninety miles distant Sioux City, has just been honored as one of 11 "all-American cities" in a civic achievement contest sponsored by the National Municipal League and Look magazine. This city has relocated the Floyd River at a cost of \$18,000,000, 42 per cent locally financed, set up a \$42,000,000 urban renewal program, attracted new industries, built new schools and churches and modernized its art center.

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ANYBODY FOR STUDYING WELSH? - Here's a good beginning exercise - pronounce Llannfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlantyllicogoch.

LLANNFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCHWYRNDROBWLANTYLICOGOGCH. Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlantyllicogoch, the name of a town in Wales. Trainman is shown trying to unravel the puzzle of letters.



FRAMED - Patricia Kennedy manages to get the best position she can to watch a parade pass by.

flock to Florida and Arizona and California seeking the sun. But admiration is due the people of the northlands who carry on their selling, manufacturing, schooling and farming, their church work and even their listening to errant speakers from Washington, in the season of salt temperatures.

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In San Diego They Drink Sea Water

Conversion of sea water into almost chemically pure drinkable water for domestic use has become an actuality in San Diego, California.

With the help of the federal and state governments, San Diego is obtaining 1,000,000 gallons of this water daily now.

This is only a fraction of 73,000,000 consumed by this city each day, but that is not the important thing about the newly dedicated sea-water conversion plant located on the west side of Port Loma.

The method being employed here to desalt sea water is not new. It is an adaptation of the same method being used by the sun in creating rain.

Sea water is evaporated, the vapors rise to a cooling system where they are condensed to fall into a trough as water that tests 99.995 per cent chemically pure, or less than 50 parts of dissolved minerals per million gallons.

The good water that is delivered to the city, which pays 20 cents for 1,000 gallons of 665 an acre foot. The city's water purchased from the Metropolitan Water District cost \$45, although it obtains some of the MWD product for \$21 an acre foot.

Actual cost of the water is estimated to be at least five times what the city is paying, of from \$1 to \$125 per 1,000 gallons. The city agreed to take the water at a cost higher than it pays for other water, considering this an investment in knowledge.

The San Diego plant uses the same principle employed in Kuwait, on the Persian Gulf. However, refinements in methods since the Kuwait plant went into operation in 1950 have reduced operating costs considerably.

Prices on the free market were greatly affected by season and region. A child tried to sell me a small fish for 14 yuan (about \$5.60). A dozen pieces of garlic cost only one yuan (about 40 cents), because the harvest had started.

At Tianan, near Peiping, an old man sat on the street holding out five small eggs. I saw groups of people crowd around him to gaze at the white eggs as if they were diamonds.

I could see completely empty official shops in the H-man province, while on the sidewalks peasants were crowding with baskets full of cucumbers, olives, salads and the delicious fine beans which are one of the products of Chinese cuisine.

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WHAT I SAW IN RED CHINA

(Second of Series) BY FERNAND GIGON, NEW YORK - For NEA

Blind People And Seeing-Eye Dogs - To me blind men in the city of a holiday. They had money. I could see their hands slip into their pockets to make certain the cash was there.

He stroked a striped shepherd dog for four years. "I feel very familiar with you, especially you. You know my family and I lived before moving to York Heights," he said. "I'm quite unprepared for the construction work in progress along the sidewalk three times daily."

Surplus of her rice flour to make tiny cookies, as large as a pebble, which she was selling. Elsewhere, in the North, a diplomat unluckily ran down a hen. A peasant rushed out of his house waving his arms.

When applying liquid mercury fungicide containing red dye to grain seed, a farmer may wonder if every kernel has to be dyed for the treatment to be effective.

Volatiles fungicide diffuse gas through the pile of seed after a few days' storage, effectively treating all kernels. It is best to wait a week as rate of diffusion differs with different types of grain.

House plants get a touch of luxury to the home. They can, however, give something else - a pest control problem. While the problem may be solved in some cases by washing the plants, insecticides may be required in other instances.

Another trouble maker is the spider mite, which causes the foliage to become mottled and whitish in color. The mites can be controlled to some extent by washing the under surfaces of leaves with a strong stream of water.

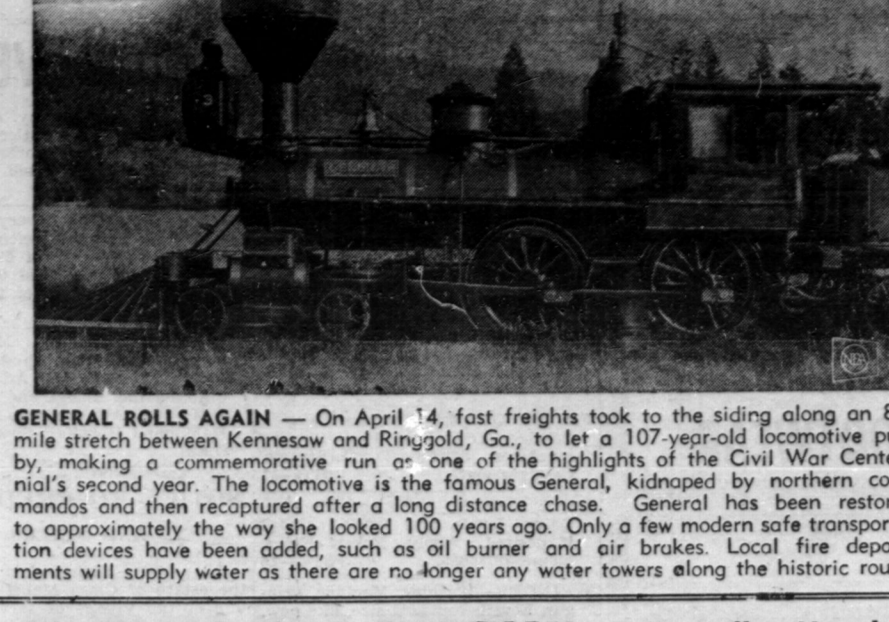
Two pests difficult to control are mealybugs and scale insects. Mealybugs, common on plants such as rose, fuchsia, geranium and oleander, are oval-shaped and have a white waxy covering.

Somehow the plants are surrounded by swarms of flies called fungus gnats. The maggots of these gnats live in the soil around the roots and, while seldom injuring the plants, may be a nuisance.

They may be controlled by adding a solution of formalin with a solution of one teaspoonful per gallon of water. A nicotine sulphate solution in the same proportion is also effective.

Scientists are using a new weapon in their battle against gypsy moths - sex appeal. A synthetic scent of the female moth has been developed and is being used to lure unwary males and trapping them before they mate.

SLEEPY TIME PALS - Rex Sandifer, 14, has no difficulty dropping off into dreamland during stock show. His two steers make a perfect pillow and foot-rest.



GENERAL ROLLS AGAIN

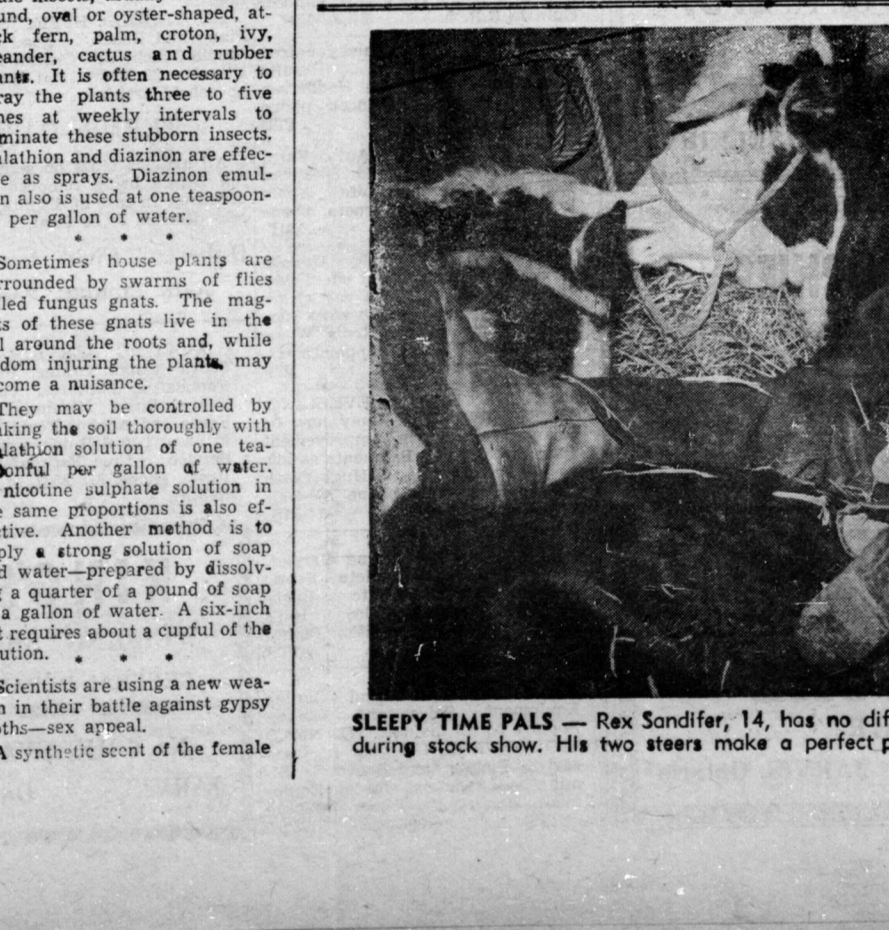
On April 14, fast freights took to the siding along an 87-mile stretch between Kennosaw and Ringgold, Ga., to let a 107-year-old locomotive puff by, making a commemorative run as one of the highlights of the Civil War Centennial's second year.

Several times a day a younger dutifully walks into the principal's office at one of Dallas's 157 schools, grins his teeth, and "gets burned."

Man was made to mourn - and woman was made to see that he does it.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 4. Valuable, 5. Musical instrument, 6. ...



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. R. B. Warren, B.A. B.D. A Disciplined Faith Hebrews 10:1-31; 12:1-14

Memory Selection: For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Hebrews 10:36

We have all read with interest of the strenuous self-discipline of John Glenn that he might qualify to become an astronaut.

The undisciplined child in the home often makes for an unhappy child and an unhappy home.

In "Big D" - however pedagogues - and parents - still believe in paddling, so much so that in one recent six-week period 321 Dallas boys (girls are spared the rod) were whacked for a variety of offenses ranging from throwing spitballs, to smoking, to "being impertuous."

"We get almost no complaints from parents," Dr. W. T. White, the Dallas school superintendent, said last month. "In fact, many parents call up to ask why we didn't paddle their boys sooner."

Last year, aircraft sprayed 19,000 acres in Quebec and Vermont border as part of a campaign to prevent infiltration by gypsy moths from the United States.

The moths defoliate and kill trees and have caused heavy losses in the northeastern United States. Diligence by Canada has kept the problem under tight control.

The history of gypsy moths in North America dates from 1869 when a French scientist brought some to Massachusetts from Europe for experiments in silk production.

At first confined to New England, the gypsy moth gradually spread to parts of New York State, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In 1954 an outbreak was reported near Lansing, Michigan.

The first Canadian outbreak occurred in 1924 near the U.S. border south of Montreal. It was stamped out, as were subsequent outbreaks.

Found in the Office Suggestion Box: "Dear Boss: If automation replaces part of the working staff it is permissible for the staff to pick up the vacation time due the automated machines?"

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