

MOVE THAT CAR

By Harold Gluck

THE big man was as angry as a bull and you could see the veins bulging up at his neck. He knew a police prowl car would be around in two minutes because he had just phoned headquarters. He walked right up to the small thin man wearing a pair of horned eyeglasses.

"What's the matter with you? Can't you read English?" "Read English?" repeated the small man. "I am a professor of English literature at the state university."

"Just a little wise guy trying to be smart," snapped back the big man. "I'm sick and tired of your type. The sign says NO PARKING. Your car is blocking my driveway. I can't get my car out. What's the matter with people. No consideration for others. Go and move that car."

"You forgot to say Please," corrected the small man. "I like people to be polite when they request another to do a favor. And especially when the person is a stranger."

"Go on and push that car with your two hands. Perhaps that will teach you a lesson," ordered the big man. "And if you weren't such a small guy, I'd break you in two."

The police prowl car drew up to the side of the parked car and the Sergeant came up to the big man.

"Received your phone call at headquarters. I got it on my short wave. I'll put a summons on this car."

"And make that little shrimp move the car right now. I'd like to have him do it with his own two hands."

"There is a city ordinance which prohibits the parking of a car in front of a private or public driveway. So move the car away from here," said the Sergeant. "And not with your two hands. Just get behind the wheel, start the motor, and go on your way. And take this ticket I am going to make out for you. Ten dollar fine. You can pay it in the Magistrate's Court tomorrow morning."

"I am not going to get into that car. Nor will I accept a summons. This is an outrage," said the small man.

The big man could take no more. Everyone was parking right in front of his driveway. He advanced belligerently towards the small man.

"And why won't you move that car?"

"Because it isn't mine," was the simple but rather determined reply.

There was a deadly silence. The Sergeant had to think of something while his face was turning red.

"What were you doing outside of this man's house? Loitering is a misdemeanor."

"I am his new landlord. I came here to tell him I am the person to notify if he wants a lease for the coming year."

The Ant Lion Seems To Be A Shiftless Critter

By Wendell A. Hinkey

A trolley line near where I lived as a boy was called the "banana line" by all who lived near it because the trolleys always came in bunches. Questions about various objects in the out-of-doors seem to be of somewhat similar nature often since several people may notice a particular phenomenon and ask about it all within a few days. In such a category is the ant lion.

In the dry woods or under a porch where it is dusty one may notice small funnel-shaped holes in the soft earth of various sizes up to almost three inches across. Digging at the base one can find a small insect with large curved jaws. This is the lion of the insect world—the ant lion. The funnel-shaped hole is built in soft loose sand or humus, with the sides just as steep as the loose particles of soil will allow. When an ant or some other small insect tumbles into this trap the grains of sand offer no foothold but rather roll downward at any attempt of the ant to climb out. When the victim reaches the bottom the waiting lion seizes it, renders it helpless by a paralyzing fluid, and then sucks the body juices, after which it flips the empty carcass out of the trap with a quick jerk of its powerful jaws. If a victim in falling into the trap does not seem to be falling fast enough or is making some headway in climbing out the ant lion which has been alerted by the moving grains of soil that have reached the bottom sends a shower of sand toward it to help bring the hoped for dinner within reach. Though I have watched at the site of ant lion traps for long stretches at a time I have never seen an ant clumsy enough to fall into one. But ants that have been captured and deliberately placed within the funnel seldom escapes. The ant lion makes its pit by going round and round with its head in the center tossing the sand out over its back until it gets a conical hole large enough to suit its needs. So many of the predators in the animal world are pursuing creatures with the ability to run, leap, fly or otherwise catch their prey, but the ant lion is among those few that

wait probably for long uneventful lengths of time till a victim falls into the pit it has dug, and even then it does not go forth and seize the prey but showers it with sand to bring it to its jaws. It would be hard to imagine a beast of prey of any kind that could be more sedentary. Even spiders run out on their webs after an insect is caught and make sure of its capture by winding it in silk or by paralyzing it.

Like many insects the ant lion is known mostly in its larval or immature stage. As an adult it resembles the slimmer type of dragon fly often called the damsel fly, but unlike the dragon fly it is nocturnal in habit and is abroad only at night and hence seldom seen and even less recognized as the adult form of the ant lion.

If put in a shallow box with an inch or two of dry sand ant lions may be kept for observation. They will dig out their traps over night and be lying in wait for the ants or house flies that you drop in from time to time. I must add that they are not recommended as a substitute fly trap instead of the usual preventive measures of fly control, since the number of flies that would fall into such a trap by accident would be disappointingly few.

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SCANNING THE NEWS

IT IS reported in Washington that the retail-sales-tax idea which the administration entertained for several weeks received such violent reaction from the public it actually scared its proponents. It was for this reason that President Eisenhower promised that the government would not seek to put a sales tax on articles when the retailer sells them.

The Treasury Department is now studying a plan to put a sales tax at the manufacturers' level. It has been pointed out that such a tax would be passed on to the consumer in higher prices. At the moment it is predicted that the reaction to such a tax will be as great as against the retail tax and the administration will drop the idea.

Of all its problems, taxation is the biggest headache facing the administration. The G.O.P. campaigned on the promise of lower taxes, a balanced budget, and free enterprise. As yet the administration has been unable to meet the lower taxes promise.

It finds itself unable to balance the budget because of rising costs of government operation, foreign commitments, and national security. It can not reduce taxes without a balanced budget and it can not balance the budget with reduced taxes.

As a result the administration has been searching for a way to eliminate unpopular taxes and substitute other measures not so unpopular. Here again it faces an impossible task. The need has been planted that taxes should be reduced. The natural result has been that all taxes are unpopular. That is not a new thought as far as the American people are concerned.

They have never liked paying taxes; they will never like to do so.

President Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson are not as far apart on foreign policy as most Republican and Democrat politicians would like to believe.

For instance, Stevenson recently suggested that a nonaggression pact with Russia might be a good thing to relieve tension in Europe. Later, after a call at the White House, Stevenson reported that the President to be "very interested" in the plan.

Stevenson said of the plan, "Russia was unwilling to accept the proposal it would be rather apparent that her peaceful professions aren't as sincere as they might seem." He added: It would put the Russians on the spot with respect to their intentions.

The fact that the American people are more religious than at any period in their history is substantiated by a recent report of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

The council reports the latest revision of the Bible has sold more copies in its first year than any other book ever published.

The revised version of the Bible is the book of 15 years by 32 scholars and was authorized by 40 Protestant denominations. It has been received by waves of praise, as well as bitter criticism. However, it has been approved by most major church bodies, including many that did not participate in the project.

SAVE MONEY ON MEALS

... with this low-cost recipe

BEEF PINWHEELS

with mustard sauce

1 lb. ground beef	1 egg, beaten
2 med. onions, chopped fine	1/2 c. milk or beef stock
1/4 c. celery, chopped fine	1 tsp. salt
	1/2 tsp. pepper

STEP 1: Mix all ingredients until well blended. Add more liquid if necessary, to make mixture soft enough to spread easily.

STEP 2: Make a biscuit dough using 2 c. self-rising flour. Roll into a rectangular shape about 1/4" thick. Spread beef mixture on dough to within 1/2" of all edges. Roll as for jelly roll, sealing moistened edges together. With a sharp knife, slice roll into 3/4" thick slices. Place slices cut side down on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 425° for 20-25 minutes. Serve with mustard sauce made by adding 1 Tbsp. prepared mustard to 1 c. medium white sauce. Serves six.

"EASY DOES IT"

BY HELEN HALE

WHEN you're seasoning meat balls and want them to have distinctive flavor, try soaking some herbs in milk before adding them to the meat mixture.

Steak and onions go together but usually the onions are fried. Why not try some baked ones for a delightful change? The large Spanish onions can be baked with cream, or they can be filled with sauteed or creamed mushrooms, before baking, to make them especially elegant.

Bits of pastry can be used to make turnovers for snacks or lunch

Recipe of the Week

Mulligan Stew
(Serves 8)

1 8-ounce package macaroni
1/2 pound ground pork
1 onion
1 pound ground beef
1 quart tomatoes
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

Cook macaroni in boiling, salted water to cover for 8 minutes. Strain and blanch. Brown ground pork, add onion, then ground beef. Stir over high heat until mixture is browned. Add cooked macaroni, tomatoes and parsley. Season with salt and pepper. Simmer for 20 to 25 minutes.

boxes. Fill with a good combination of apricot marmalade-mixed with cranberry jelly.

Baking powder biscuits take on new flavor if you add orange juice to replace the milk and some grated orange rind for flavor.

A lovely salad garnish which the men folk will like especially well is paper-thin slices of onion marinated in French dressing. Sprinkle the top of the salad with chopped parsley.

Mix flaked tuna fish with mustard sauce before spreading it on toast or crackers. Broil and you have an appetizing sandwich or snack.

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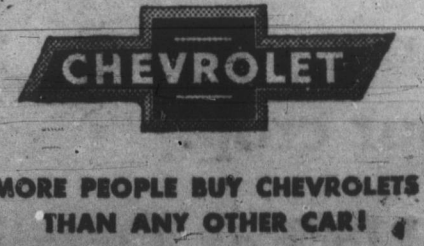
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