



With the coming of frost the deciduous trees will begin to lose their leaves. This often presents a problem for the home owner, both in town and country, who wants to have a neat yard lawn and garden. The usual impulse is to rake up the leaves and burn them or to rake them into the street and have the city trucks cart them away.

But, as deficient as our soils are in organic matter burning leaves is a wasteful procedure. It is true, of course, that the leaves must be raked off of the lawn grass—especially newly planted grass—or they will smother the grass. The thing to do is to rake the leaves and make a leaf compost. Pile and rot them so that they can be spread on the garden and incorporated with the soil or used as a mulch around shrubs—especially azaleas. Leaves are difficult to rot if they are just raked up into a large pile. The compost pile should be built up in layers about a foot deep. Each layer should be thoroughly wet down and a small amount of a fertilizer high in nitrogen sprinkled over the leaves. A complete fertilizer such as a 6-8-6 or 8-8-8 can be used, or sulphate of ammonia, or nitrate of soda will be satisfactory.

Along with the fertilizer, each layer of leaves has been built up to the desired height, it is covered with a thin layer of soil and allowed to stand for eight to 12 months. During this time it must be kept wet. The result will

be leafmold which is a valuable supplement to most garden soils. Leafmold is usually very acid in reaction and unless you are using it around acid loving plants, lime should be added.

On large lawns leaf raking is a tedious chore. For those who can afford it there is a machine which picks up the leaves, grinds them up into fine particles and spreads them back over the grass in a form that will be beneficial rather than harmful.

JAMES W. MCCURRY
ABOARD USS MACOMB

Mediterranean (FHTNC) James W. McCurry, chief machinist's mate, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dolph McCurry of Route 2, Burnsville, N. C., and husband of the former Miss Maryleen Ollis of Frank, is aboard the high speed minesweeper USS Macomb, and Charles E. Harris, yeaman, USN husband of the former Miss Clarabell McDowell of Star Route, Burnsville, is aboard the ammunition ship USS Mazama taking part in the joint NATO training exercise "Weldfast".

Weldfast is aimed at testing and strengthening the readiness of land, sea and air forces to operate and maneuver in the defense of Allied Powers Europe's Southern European and Mediterranean Command Area.

United States, British, Greek, Turkish, and Italian forces are participating in the large scale operation.

Hunters Are Urged To Be Cautious Around Children

Now that hunters are taking their guns out of locked closets, the next three months may well be termed "open season on children." While all hunting accidents are needless, the maiming and killing of children as a result of the sport of hunting is particularly tragic.

An estimated total of 9,000 shooting mishaps will occur this year. About three-fifths of these deaths and injuries will occur in the field or in public places, while the remaining two-fifths will happen because of carelessness with guns in or around the home. How many children will be involved? Last year the figure topped 2,700 killed and injured.

According to the Institute for Safer Living of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company, parents should be as gun-wary during the hunting season as battle-shy vets.

If you live in the country or wooded areas, don't let the children play in the fields.

Warn the children not to pick up or throw rocks at any shotgun shells they may see on the ground. Ammunition is not to

be played with. Don't let Dad toss his hunting jacket over a chair when he comes in from hunting. All ammunition should be cleaned out of hunting togs, placed beyond reach of children, and locked up before the hunting clothes are even put away.

The hunting gun should be "broken down" and put safely in its case before the hunter enters the house.

When Dad cleans his gun, make sure the children are not present.

Finally, never allow a child under the age of 14 to accompany a hunter on a trip. No matter how cautious the child or his parent, there are probably other hunters in the field. Too many of them are thoughtless and "trigger-happy."

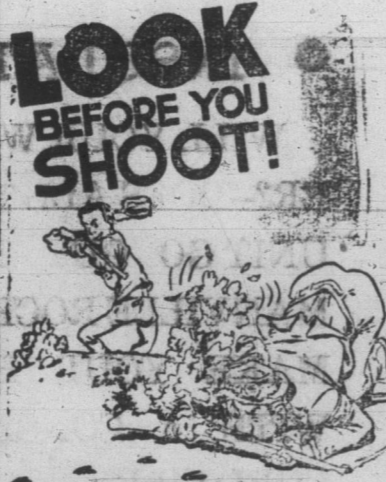
If guns and ammunition are no more accessible to children during the hunting season than at other times, and if children are kept out of target range, the headlines need not count so many children among the hunting season casualties again this year.

IT'S IN THE BOOK!

I've had an argument with my wife about this question. Is passing on the right ever permissible?

M. P. C. Graham

Under certain condition, yes. The Motor Vehicle Manual describes these conditions as: When the vehicle overtaken is in a lane designated for left turns; on highways of sufficient width and marked for two-lanes of traffic in each direction, the lanes not obstructed by parked vehicles; and when driving in a lane designating a right turn on a red traffic signal.



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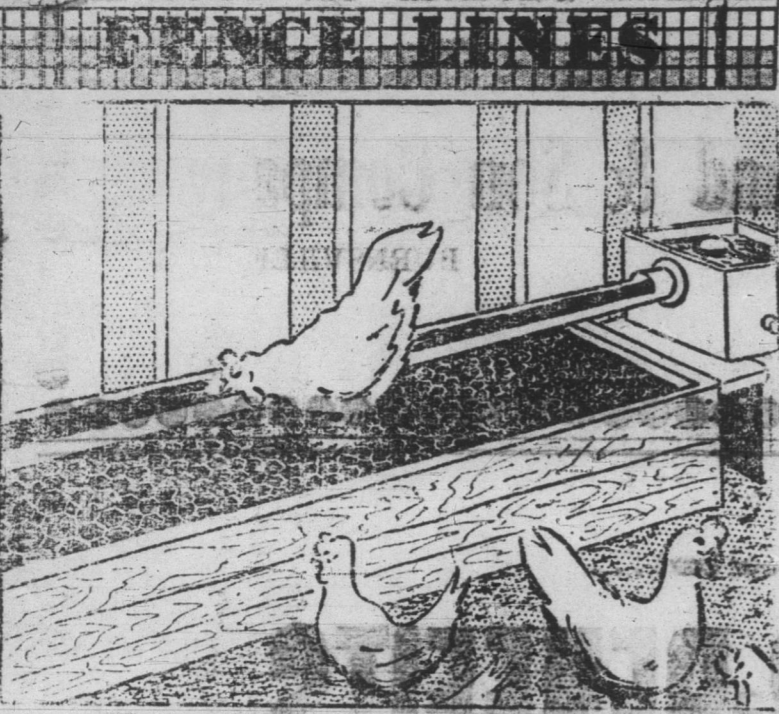
Q—Will House seats have to be reapportioned if Hawaii is admitted to the Union?
A—No. The House-approved statehood measure provides that Hawaii's representation in the House (one or two seats, depending on the final form of the bill) be added to the 435 total membership until after the reapportionment due as a result of the 1960 census. House membership has been stabilized at 435 ever since 1910. It was 65 in 1787. By 1900, it had increased to 391.

Q—I've noticed that Chairman Harold H. Velde (R. Ill.), of the House Un-American Activities Committee, is a former FBI agent. Are there any other Members who are former agents?
A—According to the Society of Former Agents of the FBI, there are four others: Reps. Omar Burleson (D. Tex.), Thomas J. Dodd (D. Conn.), Ed Edmondson (D. Okla.) and Allan Oakley Hunter (R. Calif.). No present member of the Senate has had FBI experience, but two governors have. They are Govs. Frank Clement (D. Tenn.) and Edwin Mechem (R. N.M.).

Q—I've heard a lot about lobbying by organized pressure groups. How can an ordinary citizen have his views on legislation considered by Congress?
A—In at least two ways. He can testify, in person, or submit a statement to Congressional committees. Also, a Member of either chamber may file a petition from an individual asking that Congress act or refrain from action on legislation. Petitions are referred to the appropriate committee for consideration, and are printed in a special section of the Congressional Record.

Q—Why is the building in which Congress meets spelled "Capitol" while the District of Columbia is called the "Capital"?
A—"Capital" is from the Latin: capitalis, derived from caput, meaning head. From this primary meaning, it came to denote chief, or principal city. "Capitol," although also derived from caput, originally meant the temple of Jupiter, on the Mons Capitolinus in Rome, where the Senate met.

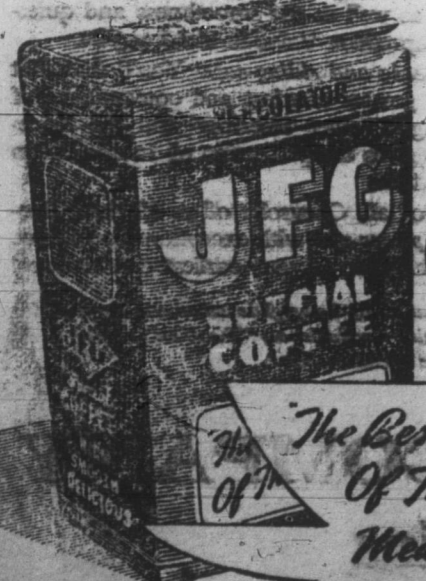
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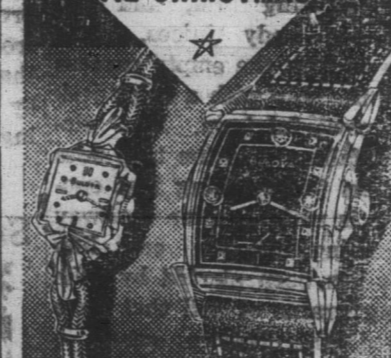
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