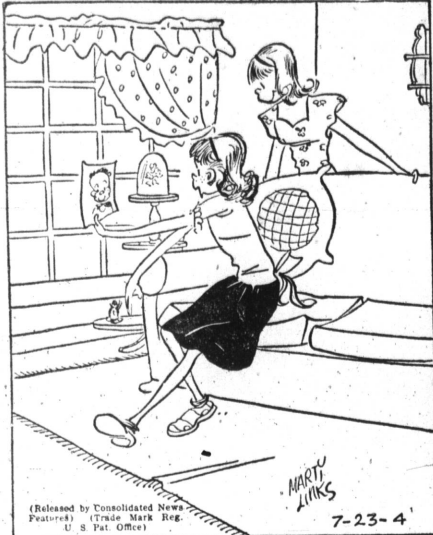


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"Oh, he's all right to be engaged to—but I'd hate to marry him when I grow up!"

Total Social-Security Payments Pass \$1,500,000,000 Mark

Total payments under the Old Age and Survivors Insurance system of the Social Security Act recently passed the one billion and a half dollar mark according to J. G. Bretherton, manager of the Long Beach office of the Social Security Administration. Checks were paid monthly to persons entitled to continuing monthly payments because of retirement or death of workers insured under the system. There were also many lump sum death payments made to survivors where no one was entitled to monthly payments. Checks amounting to over \$37,000,000 go out each month to more than 1,750,000 persons now eligible to receive payments under the Social Security program. These figures are of particular interest at this time because they show the magnitude of this social insurance system and the economic contribution it makes in every community of the nation.

Great Damage To Plants Caused By Red Spider

By Agricultural Extension Service, Los Angeles County
Where's the red ink? We want some red ink. We want to print this in red ink. Go out into your garden and look at your strawberries, youngberries and raspberries, probably your carnations, and maybe a lot of your other flowering plants. Look hard. Find those little red spiders that are sucking out the green coloring matter, making the leaves fine-speckled with yellow, and weakening them so that they die and turn brown in the hot sun. Then you'll "see red" whether this is printed in black ink or red ink. And speaking of "red ink"—if you don't do something about the red spider before leaves are destroyed, the damage to the plants will reduce this crop and the next, so if you were a commercial operator you would wind up in the red.

All kidding aside, red spider is serious this summer. We've talked about it before, but let's talk about it again. You can apply high quality dusting sulphur to most plants with safety as long as temperatures aren't much above 90. Wait a day or two if there is a hot spell at hand when you read this. Do not put sulphur dust on raspberries or squash, cucumbers, melons or other members of the so-called cucurbit family. They won't stand it. You can put it on beans, tomatoes, and many other crops with safety. It may burn young and bosenberry leaves at 90 degrees—yes, and strawberry leaves too, but will do less damage than the spider. For plants that are close to a high pressure water line, you can do a great deal to control red spider with a powerful stream of water from a nozzle—literally wash them off.

Water
Scientists have measured the amount of water used by trees under different weather conditions. What did they find that is important? Well, for the average irrigator, the important thing is a difference in the amount of water used on a dry hot day as compared to a cool humid day. At 95 degrees plants will use ten or twelve gallons of water where one was used before. That means more irrigation water.

QUEEN BEES
Six queen bees, a gift of the University of California College of Agriculture at Davis, have arrived in Australia after the longest air flight to which such insects have ever been subjected.

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