

Back-Yard Inventor May Still Hit Cash Jackpot

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT
Is there a man alive who hasn't dreamed of inventing something he could patent, so that he could live in luxury and ease ever after on all the money rolling in?

Numerically, the trend is away from the independent inventor—the man who finds pay-dirt inspiration in some attic or back-yard shop of his own. More than a thousand patents are granted each week, but about 700 of these are issued to corporations for inventions made by their employees in research laboratories.

The patent system is now 175 years old, and there are some pressures to modernize the system by bringing costs down, and perhaps speeding the processes. An average patent takes three years, and involved ones in chemistry and electricity can take another year or two. Despite the initial expenses and time involved, successful patents can still hit the jackpot for the person with inventiveness, initiative, and perhaps "a little bit o' luck."

NEW CHEMICALS—Which are the companies that are growing fastest? Studies show that industrial chemical output is rising twice as fast as total industrial production. This exceptional growth has had a noticeable effect on plans of corporations in building their expansion programs. One company, for instance, that is listed among the "100 fastest-growing corporations" by a leading financial service, this week announced plans to build a new line of chemical silicates, some of a type that are not now being made in the United States. President John T. Whitely of Amerace Corporation, in making the announcement, commented that the chemical industry offers a better-than-average rate of return on capital invested and that he intends to concentrate on developing more chemical products.

BITS O' BUSINESS—Giant new passenger terminal at Kennedy International Airport, New York, to be built by BOAC at cost of \$19.6 million. Will be designed to handle expected growth in transatlantic, Caribbean and Bahamas traffic. Importers of foreign-made autos are looking for another big boost in sales this year, for third straight year. They predict sales of 550,000 or 13 per cent over 1964, which was up 15 per cent over the previous year. Domestic auto mak-

ers are not overlooking the big marine engine market, and it was revealed surprisingly that a leading car manufacturer also supplies the lion's share of inboard marine engines. Many modifications are made by the engine firms, however, including explosion-proof and corrosion-resistant electrical equipment and carburetors, and flame arrestors in place of air cleaners.

HOW TO GIVE PARTIES—

In the rapidly shifting pattern of today's retail market, stores and shops find novel promotions, both for stimulating new interest in their merchandise and for making customers more loyal, are the ones that move ahead of competition. When the new approach is combined with Americans' penchant for giving parties for people of all ages, there should be a sure-fire success.

Now, for less than the price of many paperbacks, there are several new "how-to" party books for all occasions. In these books are listed many decorative themes, menus, games, activities and recipes for helping the host and hostess give a successful party. Hallmark Cards, Inc., has just published these books for use at card parties, for holiday events, including New Year's, and for all sorts of festive occasions. Tips are given for birthday parties, and also for seasonal parties, indoors and out. As the leading greeting card, gift wrap and party goods maker, Hallmark believes the books will help retailers, and also provide much-needed assistance for the harried hostess in planning parties.

THINGS TO COME—

Automatic fish scaler that works when dragged along behind the boat. It's a cylindrical metal cage that rotates as water passes through, scaling the fish as they move against a wire mesh. . . . Non-ekid eyeglasses with small rubber rings for the brows and hinges to give extra tension so that the glasses don't slide down or fall off. . . . Special exerciser adjustable, without heavy equipment, so that weights from eight to more than 500 pounds can be lifted. . . . Low-priced battery-operated burglar alarm that gives off steady siren noise when tipped over. Ideal places for the alarm are behind doors, on window sills, in cars, and in other places where intruders might enter a building.

SCIENCE IN THE NEWS—

New clue found that may lead to possible cause of rheumatoid arthritis, but much further study indicated. There are signs that some defect of chemistry in the patient's body leads to freeing a substance that binds copper, and

Teen Drinking Blamed On Parent Delinquency

Teenage drinking in Torrance is no worse than elsewhere, but there is a direct relationship between teenage drinking and juvenile delinquency, Officer Ray Silagy has told the Torrance Youth Welfare Commission. Silagy, a Torrance policeman for the past 10 years, told the commission the problem is not, however, juvenile delinquency, "but parent delinquency." He said nearly every boy or girl he handles in the juvenile division comes from a broken home, a home

where there is a step-parent, or a home where drinking is a problem.

Reasons for teenage drinking are, Silagy said, boredom, defiance of authority, and lack of parental supervision.

The Commissioners discussed the problem of high school dropouts and suggested a "big brother" program might be initiated. A letter has been prepared requesting Dr. J. H. Hull and members of the Board of Education, comment on the plan.

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DOROTHY DIGS in the garden

We are just about at the end of the bare root season and you will have to hurry to get your bare root stock.

In most nurseries they are marking down the bare root plants and by careful shopping it is possible to get a bargain in some species. Be sure to plant them immediately and use a vitamin-hormone solution to help start those feeder roots and to minimize the shock of planting. You should use this solution in your water for the first few weeks to get these late plants off to a fast start.

By being real careful in your selection and handling of these plants, you should still have success with your bare root purchases at this late date.

Spring is really "bustin out all over" and so are the bugs. I would suggest that you make sure you have a dual-purpose Rose Spray for the aphid and mildew and also a more potent bug killer for both the sucking and chewing insects that will soon appear.

46th District Republicans New Offices Will Open

Republican Headquarters for the 46th Assembly District at 58 11th St. in Hermosa Beach will open officially Saturday.

All interested Republicans are invited to attend the open house from 2 to 4 p.m., according to Roland Robertson, assembly district chairman.

Invitations have been extended to Assemblyman Charles Edward Chapel, Congressman Alphonzo Bell, Ronald Reagan, Wayne Scott, congressional district chairman, and Julius (Jud) Leatham, county chairman.

Plans are being made to keep the new offices open during business hours. Volunteer clubs are urged to make use of the facilities for meeting, Robertson said.

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