

Burglars Become More Daring Than Ever

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No matter where you turn in life, you discover that Man or Nature is forever finding ways to outwit Man or Nature. DDT no longer kills insects in many pest-ridden areas, because nature has spawned DDT-resistant species. Counterfeiters are forever coming up with more precise plate-making skills and finer inks and papers, to challenge the Treasury Department — which then manages to find new ways to foil the offenders.

It's that way now, say law enforcement officials, with housebreakers and foilers of housebreakers. In both city apartments and private houses, say the police, housebreakers are invading homes with

greater frequency, and with more daring and skill than ever before. The means to outwit them are available — but it's up to both householders and police to use them.

What's the success formula for staying burglar-free? Begin with some old stand-bys: take out burglar insurance; you can have it incorporated in a well-planned "comprehensive" policy . . . when you're away for a full day or more, inform some trustworthy neighbors as well as the local police . . . don't let your place look untenanted. . . have a local boy take in your papers or milk or packages . . . check all door and window locks, put away any aids to entry such as ladders . . . keep a barking dog if you can.

Then go on with your choice of anti-burglar equipment now on the market: a phone-answering service, clued in to respond that you'll be home soon . . . master light controls: plug-in time or photo-eye switches that turn lights on at dusk and off in the morning . . . money safes set in concrete foundation walls or fireplaces . . . burglar alarms triggered by wiring around doors and windows.

THE "SUPER heroes" are taking over from the witches and black cats this Halloween.

Superman costumes are leading the sales parade at F. W. Woolworth stores, with Batman outfits a close second and the Green Hornet third,

reports C. W. Holstrom, buyer of toys, Halloween masks and costumes.

"People are buying higher quality costumes this year," the Woolworth expert says. "They are spending more money and probably intend to keep the costumes for next year. This may be a factor behind the popularity of pajama-type costumes for small fry who wear them to bed long after 'trick or treat' night is over."

New in a "trick or treat" bag is one made of metallic material that reflects automobile lights. Also there's a transparent mask with hair and beard attached so you can be an "instant beatnik".

BUS DRIVERS are often accused of bad manners, but in

Boston it's apparently the other way around. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority reported that verbal abuse piled on drivers by patrons caused 350 of them to apply for 14 vacancies as subway-car, streetcar, and bus cleaners. The chosen fourteen took pay cuts of \$13 a week. . . .

Quandah, Iowa, is a little town situated in northeastern Iowa and it's up for sale. The blacksmith shop, post office, shoe shop, grocery store and bank are closed because the owners either died or moved away. The entire town will be sold piece by piece, at auction. The total bill for Joe College and Betty Co-Ed — the six million young men and women attending the nation's colleges and universities this year — is \$11.7 billion, ac-

ording to an expert in the field of financing college costs.

Steady increases in both the average cost of a college education and in the number of college students have caused a 165 per cent increase in the over-all college bill in the past 10 years, says Robert J. Wolf, executive vice president of The Tuition Plan, Inc., New York. The firm enables parents to meet college costs on a "pay-as-you-learn" basis; it pays the college bills for tuition, fees, room and board and parents pay it on a monthly instalment basis.

FOR PARENTS with children in elementary schools, Wolf warns that average college costs — \$1,640 per year for four million students now

in public universities and \$2,570 for two million in private colleges — will keep going up in the next 10 years. By 1976, he estimates, the total college bill will be nearly \$23 billion.

A new, rechargeable power source that weighs 9½ pounds has been introduced. The CRL-1200 power pack is a 12-volt unit and can be used to power most battery-operated devices such as portable television receivers, tape recorders, phonographs and radios. A new product called Amazing is designed to replace shaving creams and lathers with a lotion applied to the razor blade. The lotion is applied while the blade is in the razor. Instead of using cream or lather the user simply washes his face and shaves.

Four Road Projects Under Way

A \$5,700 highway project for resurfacing five county roads in this area has been started by the County Road Department, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The following sections of county roadways will be improved:

- 218th Place from Alameda Street to McHelen Avenue.
- 219th Street and 219th Place from Solomon Avenue to McHelen Avenue.
- Salmon Avenue from 218th Place to south of 219th Street.

Chace pointed out that the project is a part of the County Road Department's Road Betterment Program designed to keep the county roadway system in top operational condition.

"The completed improvements," Chace said, "will reduce maintenance costs, extend the service life of the roadway and improve the surface riding quality of these sections of county highways."

Principal Sets San Jose Trip

Trends and innovations in adult education will be the topic of a conference which Raymond Collins, principal of the Torrance Evening High School, will attend Nov. 1 through 4.

The conference, called by the California Association of Adult Education Administrators, will be held in San Jose.



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