

Post Office Makes Profit On Poorly Wrapped Parcels

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT
Almost a million mailed parcels a year are undelivered because of careless wrapping. That's a lot of packages to have pile up, but the Post Office has a way of getting rid of them. They're auctioned off.

The auctions are held several times a year in various cities around the country. The auctions have a "grab bag" atmosphere because, though the auctioneers are allowed a brief glance at the merchandise they really don't know what they're getting.

For example, one man successfully bid \$35 for a piece of mechanical equipment, when he put it together it turned out to be a power steering unit for a tractor. He was lucky. He not only owned a tractor, but such a unit would have cost him \$200 otherwise.

On the other hand you can get stuck. A package was purchased which contained dozens of gloves as heavy equipment. The gloves, unfortunately were for the same hand and the equipment was junk.

The Post Office does okay, though. Last year it realized \$667,949 in auction sales. A tidy sum just for getting rid of sloppily wrapped packages.

GETTING SOME modern machine operators to sit down and watch television at night is pretty difficult. That's because thousands of them spend a good part of their day glued to a screen. These are the workers who toil in the remote field of micro-miniature production.

Demand for more and more nearly invisible parts in the aerospace and other industries has led to the development of high-precision machinery equipped with elaborate optical equipment without which the operator

might not be able even to see the part he is making.

Ball bearings of pencil-dot size and integrated solid state circuits, precision watch parts and transistors for compactly built satellites are all produced within infinitesimal tolerances with the aid of magnified viewers.

ANOTHER ADVANCE in micro-miniature production was made recently in an Arcadia, Calif., plant that produces a machine for grinding drills that are almost as thin as a sewing needle. Key to the unit developed by the aerospace tool division of Omak Industries, Inc., is an optical system that enlarges the drill 22 times, and gives the operator a side view of the drill as well as a picture of the head, no small achievement even in this field.

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Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

In Birmingham, Ala., an avid dog lover, gave up his famed hound kennel.

BREED OF THE WEEK — Welsh Terrier . . . The Welsh Terrier is believed to be one of the oldest, if not the oldest of the British Terrier breeds. There are in existence countless paintings and old prints depicting various sporting subjects showing harsh-coated black and tan terriers which are easily recognized as Welsh Terriers.

From all indications the Welshman has changed very little, if at all, during the past 100 years. Originally, he was used in hunting the badger, otter and fox.

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High honors in dog shows have done much to enhance the Welsh Terrier's prestige in the eyes of the public, and he is enjoying a steady increase in popularity.

The Welsh Terrier tips the scales at about 20 pounds and in height 16 inches. His coat is harsh in texture, close fitting and dense. In color he can be found in black and tan or black grizzle and tan. The ears are small, V-shaped, set high and carried folded over close to the cheek. The tail is docked and set on high.

Tune in Francis X. Lohmann's radio version of Kanine Korner, Monday through Friday at 4:30 p.m. over station KTYM 1460 kcs.

Another area of great possibilities for disposables, Mr. Loescher said, is the swift growth of nursing homes and intermediate care centers, a growth that has been stimulated by broader insurance coverage for older people.

A hollow wall fastener has been introduced and its big feature is its speed of application. It can be hammered into plasterboard walls; no drilling is required. Just about any size screw or rib nail can be used with the polypropylene fastener when it is hammered into a wall-board.

A tape recorder study kit has been developed for people who want to improve their knowledge by listening to courses while bogged down in traffic, or waiting in air terminals. One of the courses, "How to Buy Stocks and Bonds."

BEFORE the sign advertising for pets only went up, said manager David Charlton, several dozen persons a day stopped looking for a night's lodging for themselves.

One California couple, for example, drove up to the motel and asked a man sprinkling the lawn if meals were available with the rooms.

"Yes," was the reply. The couple then asked, "How much are they?" "It all depends on the size of the dog," came the answer. The dog-less tourists drove on.

THE DOG motel, like many people motels, has two wings that stretch out on either side of the main office. In styling it is early American, including a full-paneled reception room. It can handle up to 100 pets at a time. Charlton informed this reporter that his pet inn is normally full to capacity during the summer months and over the holiday weekends.

Charlton said all cats and the smaller, more delicate dogs are placed in air-conditioned, tiled kennels enclosed by wrought iron grillwork. They are taken to exercise pens twice daily.

The larger breeds of dog are placed in kennels equipped with fibrous glass roofs that can be chilled with water on hot days to keep the occupant comfortable.

A giant-size fireplug is located at a strategic spot in the center of a big, grassy exercise yard.

Several litters of puppies have been born at the motel. "We treat them just as if they were born in a hospital," Charlton concluded.

YAPS AND BARKS — Golden State Chow Chow Club held their 31st Chow Chow Specialty Show, Saturday at Recreation Park in Long Beach. Today San Fernando Kennel Club puts their best paw forward with their 15th Annual All Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trial to be held at Recreation Park in San Fernando. Charles F. Kellogg has been set to judge the Best Dog in Show.

Never clip dogs in order to keep them cool. Nature has provided some breeds of dog with long and heavy coats in order to protect them from the hot sun, fleas, mosquitoes and flies. A long haired dog that is clipped loses this protection. . . Norbert Bazar, President of California Animal Products, manufacturers of the Original Dog Chew Sticks, recently announced that veterinarians nationwide have endorsed his nutritional recreational Chew Sticks as a potent rebuttal to a dog's delinquent chewing problems.

Original Dog Chew Sticks are available at all pet shops.

LAWRENCE Harvey is an avid Golden Retriever fancier, baseball great Phil Rizzuto goes for the Afghan Hound and Amanda Blake favors the Pug. . . New York City police trained a German Shepherd to help combat post-midnight muggings in Central Park but gave up the first night after the German Shepherd got mugged by a Cocker Spaniel. How about that? . . .

Does are among the most sensitive of animals, their feelings being easily hurt and their spirits easily raised or depressed. Loud words and harsh language startle and depress them, their sense of hearing is usually much more acute than ours. . . In stopping a dog fight, a large pail of cold water thrown over the dogs' heads will almost always prove effective. . . It is most interesting to note that in 1787 in order to preside at the formation of the Federal Constitution, George Washing-

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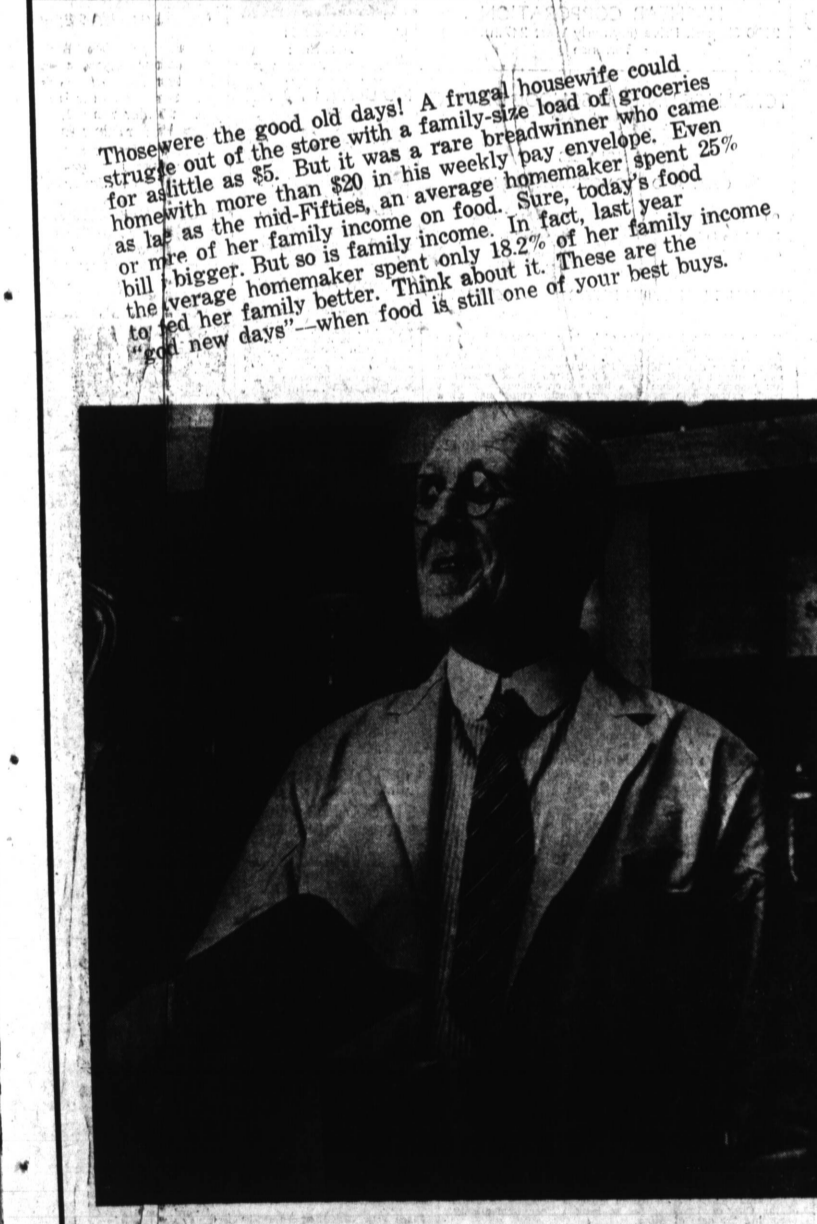
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