

**RUM JUNGLE**—Alan Moorehead—*Scribner's*, 181 p., illus., \$3.50. Rum Jungle is located in a wild region of northern Australia. An Australian born journalist here pictures for you the people who live there, the wildlife, and even the fabulous rocket range and the dugong which, the author tells us, is the basis for the myth of the mermaid.

**THE SECRET OF THE GREEN THUMB**—Henry T. Northen and Rebecca T. Northen—*Ronald Press*, 431 p., illus., \$5.00. Written to give gardeners the scientific facts on which all gardening methods must be based. You acquire a "green thumb," the authors explain, only when you understand what goes on in the plants themselves.

**A SOURCE-BOOK OF MEDICAL TERMS**—Edmund C. Jaeger with foreword by Irvine H. Page—*C. C. Thomas*, 145 p., illus., \$5.50. An alphabetical list with explanatory material about prefixes and suffixes and word formation.

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND UNUSUAL SERVICES: A Guide to Organizations and Agencies Which Are Sources of Information of General and National Interest, or Which Render Unusual Services**—Jewel Alexander, Ed.—*Informational Directory Company*, 3d ed., 64 p., paper, \$2.00. Listed alphabetically by subject.

**SYMBOLIC WOUNDS: Puberty Rites and the Envious Male**—Bruno Bettelheim—*Free Press*, 286 p., illus., \$4.75. Watching children at a special school for mentally ill or emotionally disturbed youngsters, the author noted many similarities between their beliefs and behavior and those of primitive peoples.

**TV TROUBLESHOOTING AND REPAIR GUIDE-BOOK: Volume 2**—Robert G. Middleton—*Rider*, 160 p., illus., paper, \$3.30. A practical book for the television technician.

**TEAMWORK IN RESEARCH**—George P. Bush and Lowell H. Hattery, Eds., foreword by Howard A. Meyerhoff—*American University Press*, 191 p., illus., \$4.00. In which a team of collaborators discuss whether the research team has replaced the solitary expert in investigation or whether each has a special contribution to make to the sum of scientific knowledge.

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**UNTIL THE DOCTOR COMES: Or, First Aid in a Nutshell**—Louis H. Merker—*Sheridan House*, 256 p., illus., \$3.50. An informal, readable book on first aid, telling what *not* to do as well as what to do.

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#### TECHNOLOGY

### Bag-Wheeled Army Vehicle No Sad Sac

► **THE ARMY** Transportation Research and Development Command has been experimenting with a revolutionary vehicle that uses inflated bags for wheels.

Called the "Rolligon," the vehicle is driven by rollers which press against its baggy wheels, causing them to turn. In contrast to ordinary trucks, no power is provided at the wheel axles. (See SNL, April 4, 1953, p. 215.)

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#### MARINE BIOLOGY

### Cheap Fertilizer, Animal Feeds From Seaweed

► **CHEAP ANIMAL** feeds and a combined fertilizer and soil conditioner can be made from the seaweeds that abound along Canada's Atlantic coast.

The Maritime Regional Laboratory at Halifax, Nova Scotia, was opened by the National Research Council of Canada in 1952 to find new uses for the seaweed, mostly rockweed or kelp. The seaweed is dried and ground to form a meal.

Feeding experiments with poultry and bacon hogs have already shown that seaweed meal can be used as a supplement to animal feeds, or as a substitute for certain feed elements such as ground oats.

About 40% of the meal is a carbohydrate that contains a large amount of polysaccharides. These hold moisture in the soil and serve as a soil conditioner. The mineral content of the meal is high, adding to its value as a fertilizer.

Meal made from rockweeds is rich in protein. The protein is relatively complete, lacking only two of the essential amino acids.

Seaweeds are also a good source of vitamins. They contain carotene, vitamin B-1 or thiamine, vitamin B-2 or riboflavin, vitamin B-12 or cobalamin, and vitamin C.

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