

dent—*Social Science Research Council*, 86 p., paper, free upon request direct to publisher, 230 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

SYNONYMICAL NOTES ON NEOTROPICAL FLIES OF THE FAMILY TABANIDAE (DIPTERA)—G. B. Fairchild—*Smithsonian*, Miscellaneous Collections Volume 131, No. 3, 38 p., paper, 60 cents. The nomenclature of these flies has long been in a state of great confusion.

THE TENTH WONDER: Atomic Energy—Carleton Pearl—*Little, Brown*, 129 p., illus., \$3.00. The title may make you wonder about the eight and ninth wonders. The author explains, "Everybody has his own favorite eighth wonder, Albert Einstein's theory of relativity is the ninth." A simply written, readable book from Columbia's School of Engineering.

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FORESTRY

**Battle Against Tree Disease Being Won**

► THE WAR against the costly blister rust disease that attacks white pines is being won.

The deadly plant disease has been checked on 17,000,000 of the 23,300,000 acres where control is needed throughout the nation, the U. S. Forest Service has reported.

Under attack in 32 states, the disease was responsible in a recent typical year for the destruction of 623,000,000 board feet of sawtimber.

In the fight against the blister rust, 12,800,000 wild currant and gooseberry bushes, which act as intermediary hosts for the disease, were destroyed.

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**Find Ankle Spurs in 45% Of Young Athletes**

► UNSUSPECTED ANKLE SPURS were found in 45% of a group of 120 young athletes aged 15 to 25, Dr. Don H. O'Donoghue of Oklahoma City reported to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons meeting in Chicago.

In another 120 non-athletes of the same age, the X-ray examination showed spurs in only 16 of the men. This, Dr. O'Donoghue said, shows that excessive activity plays a part in the spur formation.

Spurs are bony overgrowths on ankle or shin bone. They are hard to detect. Often they are found responsible for mysterious loss of "drive" in an athlete who previously had been a star performer. Because there is no swelling, pain or tenderness to show the spur, team mates and coaches may think the player is shirking.

Restricting activity is usually enough to relieve symptoms, Dr. O'Donoghue reported. Surgery offers a good chance for cure. Spurs did not recur in 14 patients he operated on.

A high percentage of patients who see a doctor give a history of relatively mild injury to the ankle some time in the past.

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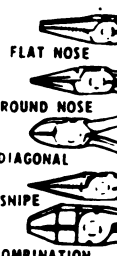


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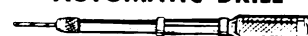
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