

Thief Gets Peanuts Loot

CERRITOS, Calif. (AP) — A burglar has pulled a job here for peanuts, Lakewood sheriff's deputies said.

The burglar apparently forced open a railroad freight car parked behind the All-American Nut Co., and took 200 pounds of peanuts valued at \$5,000, authorities reported.

Lower Ferry Road To Be Closed

Lower Ferry Road will be closed for repairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow and Tuesday from River Road to Sullivan Way.

Ewing Township officials said local traffic will be permitted to use the road.



Staff Photo By Calvin Soliday

ON THE TRAIL — Deede Hearn, 8, of Titusville with her eyes closed demonstrates how the blind can use the new nature trail at Washington Crossing State Park's Nature Education Center. Mrs. Lucille Bertuccio, a center naturalist, is carrying a tape recorder that describes the many plants and trees along the trail.

Nature Trail For The Blind Opens In Park

By JANE S. FINK
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HOPEWELL — A special nature trail for the blind, whose winding path cuts through the woods of Washington Crossing State Park's Nature Education Center, was formally opened yesterday.

The entire project is a gift of the Hopewell Township Lions Club to the nature center.

And just as sighted persons wander about museum-with head phones on to listen to museum lectures, so the blind will be keyed into the wonders of the nature trail out-of-doors.

For in addition to building the trail, the Lions have donated tape cassettes, which provide a running commentary about the many plants, vines, shrubs and trees located here.

Yesterday the Lions Club members came back to the nature center to view their efforts, holding a special dedication ceremony with park officials and representatives from the Trenton Association of the Blind.

The horseshoe-shaped trail is two-tenths of a mile long, carpeted with wood chips so the blind and sensory-handicapped can feel the trail's pathway. Stone has been laid along the trail where a horse path crosses.

In addition, a sturdy wire cable has been strung waist-high along one side of the trail to help guide the blind.

Public Service Electric & Gas Company donated the tops of 50 telephone poles, which the Lions Club sunk about three feet into the ground to support the wire cable. Each pole is numbered and there are additional stops along the guide wire to indicate when the blind should turn on their hand-held tape recorders for more information.

Mrs. Rachel S. Horne, head naturalist at the center, is very happy that the trail has been constructed, after more than a year in the planning stages.

"The trail is for anybody who wants to sniff and listen," she says, pointing out that "kids may want to use the guide wire. They can close their eyes and feel the pathway. It makes them think and listen."

At the end of the trail Mrs. Horne plans to place a tall wooden tub planted with different herbs so that the blind can smell and feel these different plants without much trouble.

Among the many summer plants and shrubs that will be pointed out to the blind are wild flowers, red cedars and junipers, broom sedge, wild honeysuckle and grape vines, galls, fungus, and dogwood, shag bark hickory, ash, oak, chestnut, maple and beech trees.

Those traveling the blind trail this summer may also be in for an extra surprise—a visit by an inquisitive little deer named Jingles.

One of Mrs. Horne's chief concerns is caring for injured wildlife, nursing the animals back to health and returning them to the wild if possible.

Jingles, now a yearling, was found in the hills by a Ewing Township couple and brought home to their back yard. Here the fawn was raised and domesticated for about nine months.

Although the fawn ate horse feed and lawn grass, "she didn't know about eating tree branches, vines and wild clover. She didn't know how to live as a wild deer," says Mrs. Horne, adding: "She was a terrific pet—but she wasn't a deer. And she wasn't nearly as strong and big as she should be."

As a result, since the end of March when Jingles arrived at the nature center, Mrs. Horne and her assistants have been patiently trying to encourage her to become wild. However, Jingles loves to remain on the park grounds and still relies on a bowl of feed which Mrs. Horne leaves out for her each night.

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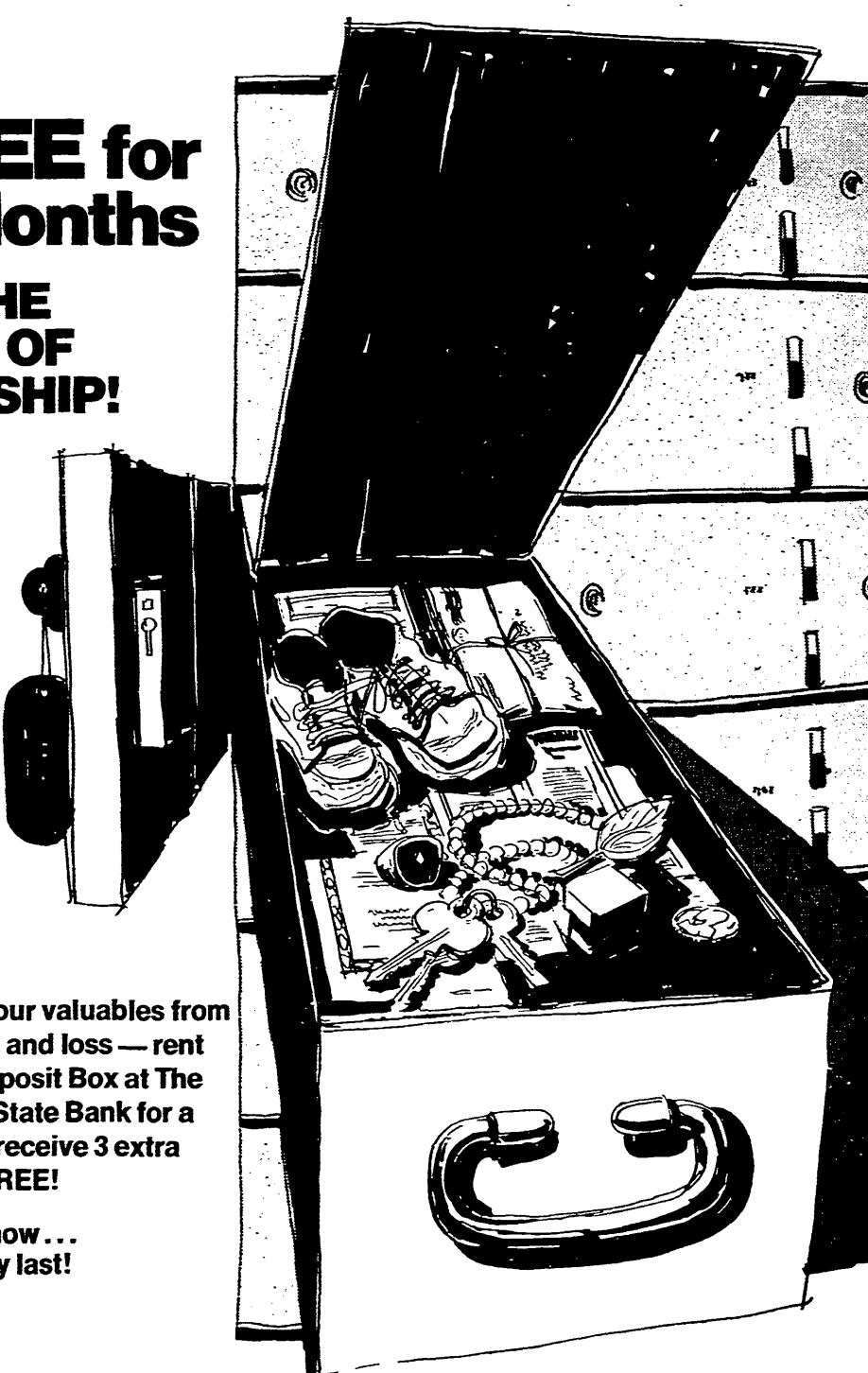
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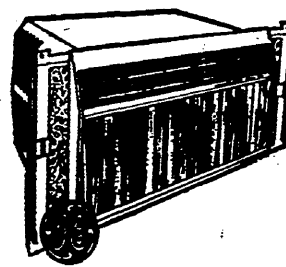
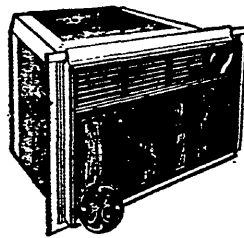
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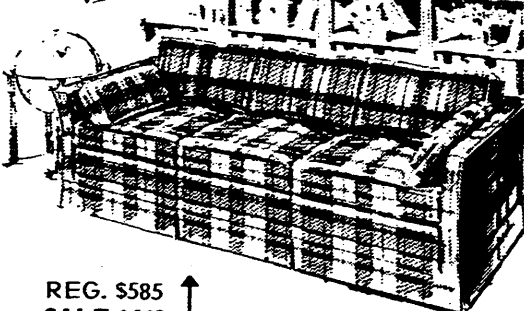
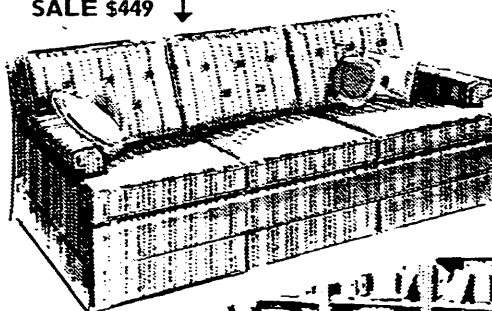
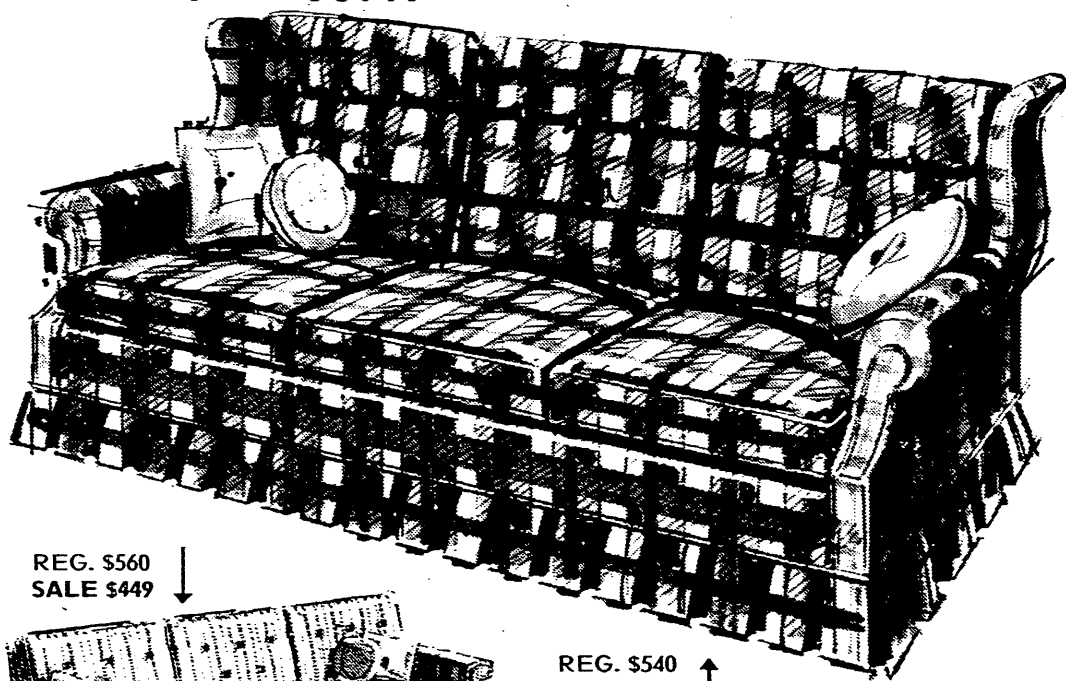
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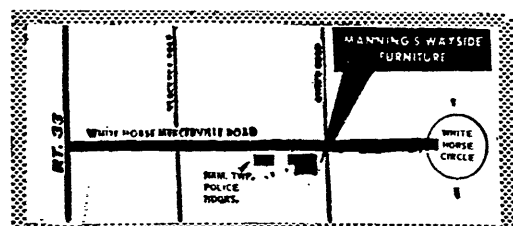
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