

THE PUBLIC MISINFORMED!

A regular feature from Consumer Affairs

By Judy Kroeger

"How would you like to make a good income STUFFING & MAILING ENVELOPES for me? IMMEDIATE EARNINGS! Receive CASH commissions on a daily basis, or a WEEKLY CHECK from me."

Sounds pretty good, doesn't it? The above quote was taken from a flier sent to persons responding to a classified ad placed by TK Enterprises in the Journal-World.

The flier goes on to say that you must send them cash or money order for \$10 "to cover expenses and handling costs." Luckily, several people in Lawrence became suspicious when asked for money, and called CAA. We in turn contacted the Better Business Bureau in Denver (where TK Enterprises is located) and received the following information.

The company is a solely owned enterprise, owned by a man who has been involved in similar enterprises before. The company sells information on starting your own mail-order business. A kit is sold for \$10 which includes instructions on how to recruit others in the business, a list of merchants who have items for sale by mail, and information about placing ads in newspapers. The worker will have additional costs, including postage and advertising. Profit, if any, is made from commissions on merchandise sold, or on money received from others who buy the same information.

POLITE SMILES, A HOSTILE UNDERCURRENT

Many people have taken time to complain about or mention the roaches at the Coop. We all know we have a problem. So far we have:

- *devised various traps--commercial boric acid or our own Chuck-designed cheese and boric acid specials,
- *systematically raided the worst areas with a vacuum cleaner,
- *been sprayed 5 or 6 times with pyrethrins (no deadly residue) by a commercial sprayer,
- *remodeled the entire store, doing such things as pitching the rug, caulking the cool room, lessening the number of boxes needed in an area,
- *put out fossil flour--harmless to mammals (and probably beneficial) substance that cracks open roach bodies so that they dehydrate,
- *hit nests with a non-Aerosol Real Kill mixture that is mainly pyrethrins and with fly swatters--a current ongoing practice.
- *removed the bins (refuge for many homeless, not to mention wayward roaches), replacing them with buckets and lids.

The Work Collective has invested much time, effort, thought, ingenuity and energy into this problem. While we are always open to suggestions, (the most recent hedge apples) we are most of all open to energy.

If the roaches bother you, come put in an hour at the store devoted to fighting off the creeping peril. We, the work collective, don't have time to cover all our work when we have to be out with our fly-

The flier states that workers will "be paid \$25 per hundred on a flat rate basis, or UP TO \$40 per hundred on a DAILY CASH COMMISSION BASIS." However, the information sent by the BBB does not indicate that such payment is actually made. According to the BBB, you would pay them more than you receive.

CAA would like to investigate this matter, but in order to find out if the claims are actually fraudulent, we need to contact people who have sent in the \$10, received the materials, and stuffed the envelopes. If you did take them up on their offer, or know someone who did, please help us by letting us know what happened.

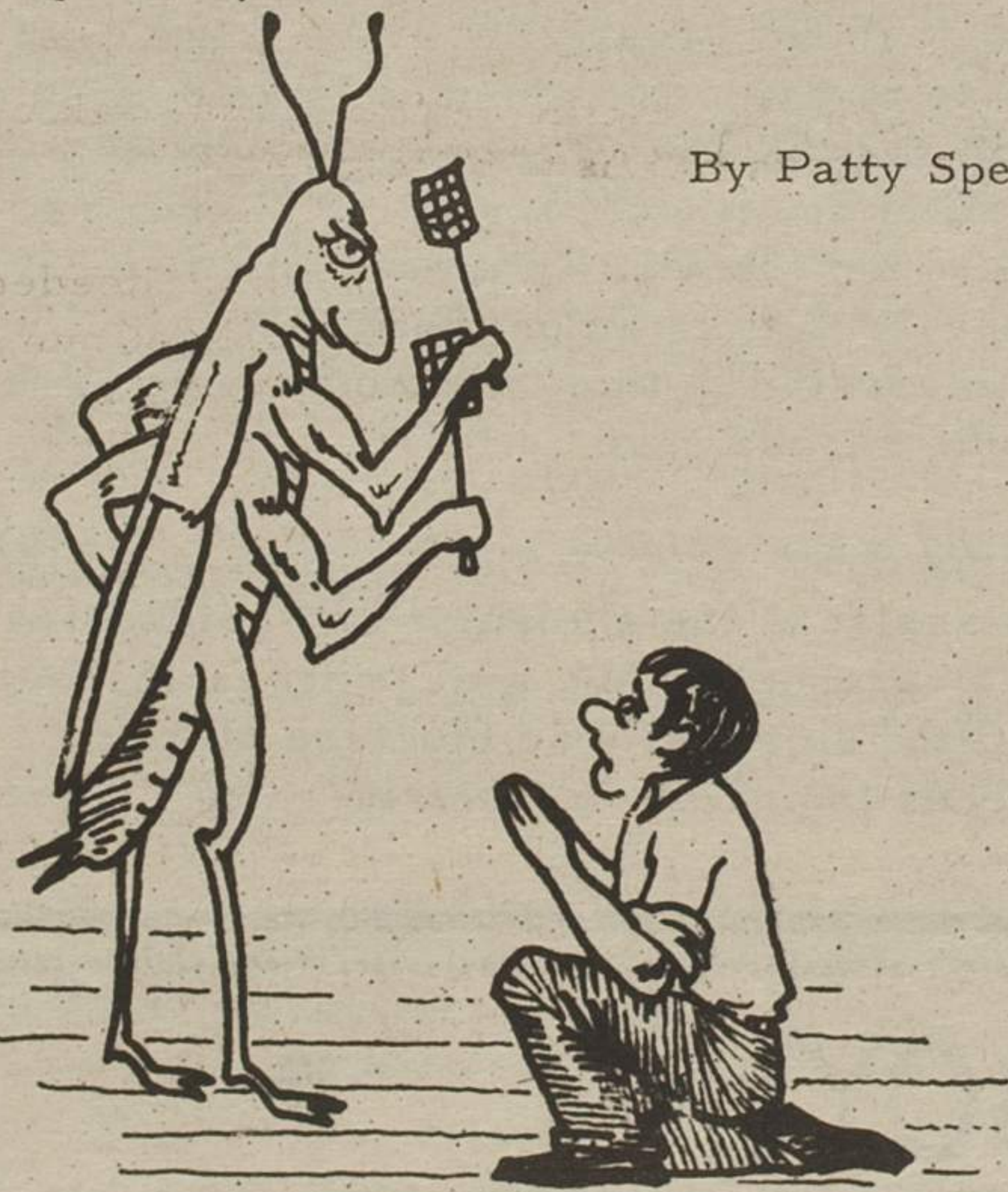
If you've noticed the food price survey in the Kansan, you might have noticed that the Community Mercantile is not included. The reason is that we had to limit the number of items surveyed to 32 basics each week, plus 10 items from one group which will change each week. The Mercantile does not carry most of the 32 basics, so we won't survey the coop unless it carries most of the in-depth survey items.

I would like to conduct a price survey which would mean more to coop members. Such a survey would be published in PUBLIC NOTICE, and would survey coop basics, comparing prices with other stores that carry the same or similar items. If such a survey is conducted, I will need HELP! If you are interested in helping conduct a coop food price survey, contact the CAA office between 9 and 4, leave a note at the coop, or leave word at PUBLIC NOTICE.

We also need two more volunteers to survey Rusty's Hillcrest and Rusty's North. If interested, give me a call.

swatters. We are confident that our programs have made an incredible dent in the roach population and if we have ongoing help we can keep them down.

We'd like to point out also that most grocery stores have roaches; they spray with heavy chemicals to keep them down, but their back rooms still have them (as you know if you ever taken boxes from a grocery store). As Molly says, our front space is like a grocery's back area. So lend a hand--we'll put a fly swatter in it.



By Patty Spencer

ART

CRAFTS

EXTRA-EXTRA-EXTRA-EXTRA-EXTRA-EXTRA

On Saturday, October 2, strains of guitar and accordion music wafted to the streets and sidewalks from the second floor of 615 Massachusetts Street. Folks with sandwich boards paraded up and down the block heralding the great event: the opening of the Kaw Valley Craft Exchange, now in business.....

Since early June, local craftspeople have been planning, organizing and renovating space for the Kaw Valley Craft Exchange--a cooperative that would provide an inexpensive means for people in the arts and crafts to exhibit their work for sale. The coop also provides opportunities for purchasing materials and equipment at wholesale prices, and functions as a resource for pooling studio space and equipment with other coop members.

The craft coop structure provides for the work and costs of operation to be shared equally among the members on a monthly basis. With a membership of thirty craftspeople, the individual cost is approximately \$3.50 per month. The craftspeople price their own products and receive full amount of the retail sale. The initial membership fee is \$10 to cover the costs of incorporation and renovation. There are currently 25 paid members.

The Kaw Valley Craft Exchange opened with a fine assortment of beautifully made crafts by local artists. On display are weavings, jewelry (silver and other), crocheted items for adults and children, embroidered shirts, photography, drawings, hand made clothes, and pottery. All items are priced very reasonably.

For more information on membership in the Kaw Valley Craft Exchange, stop by the shop located above the Mercantile, or call Patty at 842-8486. Shop hours are 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Monday through Saturday.

NOTICES

Coop Steering Committee pot-luck dinners will be held monthly on Sundays, with everyone invited. There's pot-luck and hanging out, followed by exciting and informative meetings, which shall guide the ship of state. If, by chance, you're allergic to meetings, you can leave after dinner...

Mark your calendars for these dates:
 October 17..... Diane Luber's, 743 N.H.
 November 14..... " " " " "
 Both of these dinners start at 6:30 PM

December 2..... Community Bldg., 115 W. 11th
 This is the general membership meeting, lifeblood of the Coop. Pot-luck, followed by meeting. This meeting establishes major policies for the Coop.

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