

Is That So!

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WITHOUT DOUBT, the most astonishing mammal on our planet is the blue whale, master of the oceans, mightiest of all animals living today.

His weight is that of a herd of 50 elephants—and the elephant is the largest of living earth-dwelling creatures. A not unusual specimen of this blue whale, also known as the sulphur-bottom whale, may weigh over 125 tons and attain 90 feet which is longer than a Pullman car.

His closest all-time rival on earth, if we are to believe a few scientists, were some of the dinosaurs which may have exceeded 100 feet in length but most of this measure would have gone to neck and tail. In sheer bulk, our existing blue whale, assuredly, would weigh again as much as these imagined creatures.

Yet the egg from which this giant is born is no larger than that which produces the one-ounce mouse!

The whale's gestation period is between 10 months and a year—no longer than that of the fisher.



or our Alaskan fur-bearing seal. An African elephant's is again as long.

WHILE IN THE MOTHER, his growth is tremendous—at birth he is 24 feet long and weighs over 8 tons—as much as two hippopotami.

As a calf, his growth is the fastest of all mammals—he gains from 200 to 300 pounds every day and by the time he is 6 or 7 months he may be 50 to 60 feet long, and still suckling lustily.

His mother's milk which looks like cow's milk but tastes strong to humans is almost half butterfat—and she has a special muscle to force-pump it down his gullet. Within two to three years he is 75 feet long and sexually mature.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOLF

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The PGA tournament committee fined Marty Furgol of Lemont, Ill., Doug Ford of Yonkers, N.Y., and Bill Nary of Tucson, Ariz., for a clubhouse in the Greensboro Open Tournament last weekend. Furgol also was placed on six months probation.

BASKETBALL

LINCOLN, Neb. — Harry Good resigned as head coach at Nebraska.

RACING

LOS ANGELES — Mrs. M. E. Person withdrew her top-ranked colt, Porterhouse, from the Kentucky Derby.

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Six Fifteen (\$13,900) won Chukker Purse at Bay Meadows.

NO-NO HURLED

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Portland State and Clark Junior College split a baseball doubleheader Wednesday with freshman Curt Dickerson pitching a no-hitter in Clark's 5-0 victory in the seven inning nightcap. Portland State won the opener, 3-0.

The bear takes again as long as Indian elephant five times longer. His coat of blubber—an insulation layer between the skin and his flesh to keep him warm in cold weather (penguins and seals have such a coat too)—weighs up to 26 tons. It would take a herd of 500 swine to have so much fat.

One hundred and sixty barrels of oil have been rendered from one whale's blubber, meat and bones—and his bones are full of oil so he can float more readily. That's a matter of 36,800 pounds of oil.

ONE BLUE WHALE could supply enough meat to make a cheeseburger—if we had 65 tons of cheese—for every person living in Chicago.

Yet the eye for this gigantic mammal is only slightly larger than that of a horse.

His blood would fill 8,750 fifth bourbon bottles and is bright red but 16 degrees cooler than that of a sheep.

Every one of his ribs is taller than a man; his liver weighs as much as a whole moose; his kidneys as much as a cow; his tongue as much as a heavy bull buffalo. Yet, this colossus who bestrides the seven seas has a throat so tiny that he has difficulty swallowing an orange—something which an ostrich can down without blinking!

Evashewski, Taylor Get Positions With All-Stars

CHICAGO (AP) — Forest Evashewski of Iowa and Chuck Taylor of Stanford have been named assistant coaches for the college all-star football squad which meets the Detroit Lions at Soldier Field Aug. 13.

They will be included on the coaching staff headed by Jim Tatum of Maryland, whose right-hand man is Oklahoma's Bud Wilkinson, assistant in charge of offense.

Taylor's 1953 Stanford team just missed winning or tying for the Pacific Coast Conference title. He led the West squad to a 31-7 victory over the East in the Shrine game.

Iowa, under Evashewski, was rated one of the Big Ten's strongest teams at season's end and held Notre Dame to a 14-14 tie. All-star practice will open July 23 at Purdue.

Idaho State Mentor Snubs Vandal Offer

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Idaho State's Steve Beiko says he isn't interested in replacing Chuck Finley as basketball coach at the University of Idaho.

Beiko, whose Idaho State team earned a berth in the NCAA Western regional at Corvallis, Ore., in 1953 and 1954, admitted Wednesday he has been offered the Idaho job, but said:

"As far as I am concerned I am making plans for the '54-'55 basketball season at Idaho State. Finley resigned at Idaho to become coach at Mississippi Southern."

Pendleton Divotear Regains OPGA Crown

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Harold West of Pendleton regained the Oregon Professional Golfers' Assn. championship he first won in 1951 Wednesday with a 3 and 1 triumph over Joe Steiger of Eugene.

Steiger, the defending champion, trailed most of the way but pulled even at the 22nd hole. He went 1 down at the 27th and West birdied the last five holes to put the match out of reach.



KURT VON POPPENHEIM, The Proud Prussian, displays some of the arrogance for which he is known and hopes it will help him and partner Buck Weaver in their challenge Australian tag team match against Pepper Gomez and John Paul Henning Saturday night at the Armory.

In semi-final event, Tommy Martindale goes against Bill Fletcher. Both events are slated for one hour or the best of three falls.

Douglas Defeats Glide JV, 16-12

Douglas hitters slapped out 12 hits in downing Glides' Jayvees 16-12 in a non-league baseball game at Glides Wednesday afternoon.

Larry Worthington batted in four runs on two hits and Billy Rudzik drove in three with a third inning triple to lead the Trojan assault. Rudzik hit four for five.

Other leading Douglas hitters were Perry Welch with three RBIs on a double and Kenny Wilson who doubled and hit three for five.

Catcher Baker drove in two runs for Glides in the seventh while top Wildcat scorers with two apiece were Baker, Person and Shermanhorn.

Box Score: Douglas 352 041 4-16 12 4 Glides 710 000 4-12 6 4 Counts: Gilman and Worthington, Dell, Sharpe and Baker, W. Gilman, L. Sharpe.

Willamette Base-running Brings Win Over OSC

CORVALLIS (AP) — Unorthodox base-running earned Willamette a 4-3 victory over Oregon State in a 10-inning baseball game here Wednesday.

With two out in the 10th, outfielder Gary Shugarts doubled. Then he set out to steal third base. The Oregon State throw to nip him was wild, and Shugarts raced home with the winning run.

Willamette 020 000 010 1-4 3 1 Oregon State 000 100 002 0-3 4 4 George, Coen (8) and Koepf, Niernman, Guidotti (5), Dehaas (10) and Stephenson, Weaver (8).

Moore Sprains Ankle; Slade Bout Postponed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lightweight champion Archie Moore turned up with an ankle sprain Wednesday and his fight with Jimmy Slade, scheduled to be nationally televised next week, was ordered postponed.

The Moore-Slade bout was rescheduled for Turner's Arena here on May 12.

Ahearn said Moore, the St. Louis veteran, injured his ankle while doing roadwork.

O'Brien Proves Scoring Prowess In Army Game

FT. LEWIS, Wash. (AP) — Although he played on a losing team, Johnny O'Brien demonstrated at the All Army basketball tournament here he hasn't lost the scoring touch that helped earn All America honors at Seattle University in 1953.

Playing for Aberdeen Proving Ground, Johnny dropped in 41 points—a tourney record—as Aberdeen ousted Pacific Command of Hawaii 89-82 Wednesday. Aberdeen was eliminated 92-57 by Ft. Ord, Calif., Wednesday night but O'Brien still managed 34 points for a total of 103 for three tournament games.

Twin brother Eddie chipped in 20 in the Wednesday night affair. Another All America, Dick Gorat of Ft. Belvoir, Va., contributed 28 points as the Virginia five clipped Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. 87-86 Wednesday.

Ord and Belvoir were paired Thursday and the winner will meet Camp Gordon, Ga., Thursday night. The winner of the night game will play Camp Chaffee, Ark., Friday for the All Army championship. Chaffee continued to dominate the tourney Wednesday turning in a 91-70 verdict over Camp Gordon.

Fights Last Night

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OAKLAND, Calif. — Chuck Davey, 149, Lansing, Mich., outpointed Gerald Dreyer, 151, Pretoria, South Africa, 10.

College Scores

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Seattle U. 44, Washington 28 Portland State 3-0, Clark J.C. 0-5 Lewis and Clark 7-2, Oregon 2-0 Willamette 4, Oregon State 3

Spring Football Slated By OSC Next Monday

CORVALLIS (AP) — Spring football training will open at Oregon State next Monday.

Coach Kip Taylor said he expects a large turnout, including 17 lettermen. Three other lettermen are engaging in other sports. Halfback Jack Peterson is a sprinter for the track squad, and quarterback Jim Withrow and tackle Dick Isbell are playing baseball.

ARMY GAMES

FT. LEWIS, Wash. (AP) — Results of Wednesday's games in the All Army basketball tournament here: Camp Chaffee, Ark. 91, Camp Gordon, Ga. 70

Ft. Belvoir, Va. 88, European Command 74

Ft. Ord, Calif. 92, Aberdeen Proving Ground 87 (loser eliminated)

Aberdeen 89, Pacific Command 82 (loser eliminated)

Ft. Belvoir 87, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. 86 (loser eliminated)

BACKFIRE

PASADENA, Tex. (AP) — Pick up all the stray dogs, ordered Police Commissioner Ralph A. Davis.

His men did, and one was a large collie.

Davis went down to the dog pound and paid \$5 to get the collie out, because it belongs to Ralph A. Davis Jr.



THE HEIRS listen eagerly as Lawyer Crosby reads the will that sets the action for "The Cat and the Canary," senior class play to be presented Friday and Saturday nights at the Senior High School at 8 p.m. Standing are Erv Darling and Wayne Medford. Seated, left to right, are Jody Brant, Anita Herman, Eleanor Damron and Larry Erskine. Joe Levine, seated right, plays the attorney. (Dave Kesner Photo)

Senior Class To Present 3-Act Mystery

Roseburg Senior High School's senior class will present a three-act mystery drama, "The Cat and the Canary" Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. at the senior high school auditorium.

The action centers around six heirs who respond to a summons of an attorney to hear the reading of the will of their late uncle in the old family mansion, "Mammy Pleasant," a superstitious West Indian mammy, lends atmosphere to the plot. Mystery and suspense grow when the group learns that a madman is free from a nearby asylum and a groping hand makes away with the heroine's necklace.

In the cast are Arlene Redmond, Joe Levine, Wayne Medford, Jody Brant, Anita Herman, Erv Darling, Larry Erskine, Eleanor Damron, Bob Richardson and Don Powell. Miss Jean Claire Smith, drama instructor, is director. The play, originally produced and presented on Broadway in 1921, is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French.

Game Commission Begins Spring Liberation Of Fish

Oregon Game Commission crews have started the annual fish liberation activities. At present, six trucks are in operation, and shortly three more will be added to the rolling stock.

Thus far, approximately 300,000 fish have been released. Plantings have included silver salmon, steelhead, and chinook salmon which have been planted in the coastal streams and all of which have been marked for future identification.

The crews have released yearling trout in coastal lakes, and beginning this week, trout will be released into the streams of the area. Also next week, trucks from the new Leaburg hatchery on the McKenzie River will start hauling to Willamette valley reservoirs, and the Oak Springs hatchery near Maplin will start sending fish to various parts of Eastern Oregon.

In addition to these liberations of legal-sized fish, kokanee fry will soon be stocked in several lakes, and some stocking of fingerling-sized rainbow and cutthroat trout will be carried out in coastal waters.

Reino Koski, liberation biologist for the game commission, listed the following tentative schedule of releases of catchable-sized fish to be carried on during the coming year:

March	50,000 trout
April	800,000 "
May	600,000 "
June	550,000 "
July and August	500,000 "

Through the marking of many of these fish, the commission is attempting to gather information as to their whereabouts after release. Any sportsman catching marked fish can aid the commission in this work by sending in a report containing full details regarding the catch.

Two Coos County Elk Moved To Scottsburg

A yearling cow elk and a last year's female elk were recently caught in the elk trap on Vaughn Mountain in Coos County and transported in the head of Scare Creek in the Vincent Creek burn area north of Scottsburg in northern Douglas County.

Bob Corthell, district game agent at Coquille, who had charge of the trapping and transporting, reports that the animals balked at entering the loading chute but otherwise gave no trouble and withstood the trip to their new home in good condition.

Damage to Douglas fir seedlings on Weyerhaeuser timber lands has necessitated the removal of elk from the area.

Catfish To Be Trapped By State In Coast Lakes

Trapping operations to remove an overpopulation of catfish from the Tennessee lakes in northern Coos County will start this week, announced H. J. Rayner, chief of fishery operations for the Oregon Game Commission. A similar operation for the removal of perch will follow after it has been determined that the wire traps constructed for the purpose will do the job.

Decline in the average length of both catfish and perch as shown by biological examination of the fish population points to the need for thinning. Approximately 60 tons of catfish were taken from Tennessee lakes by Game Commission employees in 1952 by the use of fyke nets. Game Commission personnel with the help of local people will handle the fish removal job again this year.

Riddle Pioneer Suffers Broken Hip In Tumble

By ERMA BEST

Mrs. Hattie Thompson suffered a broken hip Saturday evening when she fell while walking home from a church program. Her cries attracted the attention of a neighbor who summoned help to take her to Forest Glen Hospital, Canyonville, for treatment. A repair operation was made Tuesday morning from which she appears to be rallying satisfactorily. Mrs. Thompson (Hattie Logsdon) is a pioneer resident of Riddle.

Stricken Suddenly
Bob Carder, proprietor of Bob's Bargain Shop, became suddenly ill while at work Tuesday morning with subsequent loss of speech. He was taken by ambulance to Forest Glen Hospital for medical attention. Carder opened the men's clothing store in Riddle last fall. Elmer G. Sunday Jr., of San Francisco has joined Hanna Nickel Smelting as chief engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Sunday and three small daughters are living in the H. L. Sharpe house in Riddle.

Retires
Glen Willis, for 12 years a plant operator for the state highway commission, has retired and returned to Riddle where he makes his home with his sister, Mrs. Edie Lodgewood. Both Willis and his sister have been living in Glenwood near Eugene for the past several years.

Riddle friends of Mrs. Paul Gary have received word of the recent death of her brother, Ross King, who is also known here. His death followed several operations. Mrs. Gary went to Los Angeles to make her home with him several years ago.

Mrs. Earl Hawthorth of Riddle fell and broke an arm Saturday while shopping in a market at Myrtle Creek.

Three-Act Comedy Set For Glide April 10

By JEAN RADCLIFFE

"Grandpa's Twin Sister," the three-act comedy put on by the Deer Creek Community Club will be presented at the Glides School Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Everyone is invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Fisher stopped over to visit the Gerald Rust family on Tuesday. They were enroute home to Oregon City after having been to Klamath Falls to attend a Black Angus cattle sale.

Mrs. Nile Leach of Port Angeles visited in the William Anderson home last week.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Glenn Attends Meeting — Mrs. Lynn F. Glens of Roseburg attended the annual meeting of the Women's Architectural League of Southwestern Oregon held in Eugene April 6.

Will Speak At Meetings — William T. Evans Jr. of Roseburg was guest speaker this noon at the Rotary meeting at Myrtle Point and tonight will be guest speaker in Myrtle Point at a meeting of Masons from that city. Bandon, Powers and Coquille. Mr. Evans will tell of his 22-months stay in South America.

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