



**PROUD POSSESSION** — Larry Wheatley, 16, gingerly holds the article identified by a Roseburg teacher as a mastodon tooth. Young Larry, an amateur archaeologist, found the tooth on Deer Creek. (News-Review photo)

**PRIMEVAL PRIZE**

**Local Youth Discovers Large Mastodon Tooth In Deer Creek**

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A mastodon lost a tooth about 20,000 years ago, but it was only recently that Larry Wheatley, 16, found it.

Larry, who lives at 2143 NE Klamath and who is a sophomore at Roseburg High School, is an avid searcher for Indian arrowheads. He also spends a good part of his time looking for fossils, rocks and other scientific objects.

His recent search took him about 2 miles east on Deer Creek. There, submerged in the water on the creek bottom, he discovered the tooth which had been shed thousands of years ago by the giant prehistoric creature.

**Size of Fist**

The incisor or molar, whichever the case might be, is about the size of Larry's doubled-up fist. To his knowledge there has been only one other found in the Roseburg area.

Larry took the tooth to his former science teacher, John Hausotter, an instructor at Joseph Lane Junior High School. He made a positive identification of the tooth and said it was about 20,000 years old. The mastodon became extinct about 10,000 years ago, Larry said.

**According to Larry, the Mastodon, a vegetarian, was a large animal about the size of an elephant, only shorter. It had tusks as well as teeth, and its body was covered with long shaggy hair. The tooth in question had seven "cones" or ridges which indicated that the mastodon was old when it died, said Hausotter. As the tooth wears, more tooth grows, thus forming the cones.**

**Hunts Arrowheads**

Larry has been hunting arrowheads for about two years. He now

**FALLS OFF MOUNT**

WINDSOR, England (UPI)—Prince Philip bruised his right shoulder Sunday when his polo pony stumbled during a match here.

Philip was thrown to the ground while a crowd of nearly 10,000 spectators watched. Queen Elizabeth left the grounds five minutes before the accident occurred.

**SALEM (UPI)—** Saturday, then Sunday, were days of disappointment, bitterness, frustration and confusion in the capitol building.

The legislature was supposed to adjourn sine die but didn't. Saturday was a day of hopeful anticipation when the Senate and House convened at 9 a.m.

But as the day grew longer, tempers shorted, plans were changed, the unexpected became the rule.

Spectators in the galleries were confused as each house met for a while to act on a few bills, then recessed to wait for the other, and to let legislators confer.

It was late in the afternoon when the trouble surfaced. The House refused to vote on the heavily lobbied three-way workmen's compensation measure.

The Senate issued an ultimatum: Vote on the bill or the Senate will adjourn until Monday.

House members were polled. When leaders were certain the bill could not pass, the rules suddenly were suspended. The House then killed the measure.

Throughout the evening and night the hallways between the Senate and House were jammed with clusters of lobbyists.

Some, smiling and relaxed, were waiting to see what would happen. Others, angry, tense and threatening, frantically tried to get last-minute consideration of a pet measure.

By evening, all that blocked adjournment was a decision on higher education salaries, and whether the Portland tuberculosis hospital should be closed.

Conferees argued, pleaded, threatened. But each chamber, sore at the other, refused to give.

Sen. Dan Thiel, D-Astoria, who collapsed of exhaustion Friday, was ordered by the legislature's doctor not to serve on a conference committee.

The House formally excused Rep. Joe Rogers, R-Independence, for a couple of hours so he could attend his daughter's wedding.

Rep. Ray Dooley, D - Portland, who suffered a heart attack ear-

**It Was Frustrating Weekend For State Legislators**

lier in the week, notified the speaker he had gone home.

Pages stuffed legislators' papers and books into boxes piled up along the walls of each chamber.

Lawmakers families who had come to Salem to see the final hours became weary.

Desk staffs worked frantically to keep records straight.

Senators suggested going home until Monday. Musa stalled them. Then at 11 p.m., the Senate recessed until Sunday afternoon.

The news stunned many secretaries, clerks and onlookers. The House threatened to quit until Monday. Then, after a caucus of nearly an hour, agreed to quit until Sunday too.

A pretty page exploded, "Damn, this will go on forever."

A representative's wife, tired and puzzled, scolded her husband, "We can't stay. There's no place for the children to sleep."

At midnight, the representatives trickled out of the capitol.

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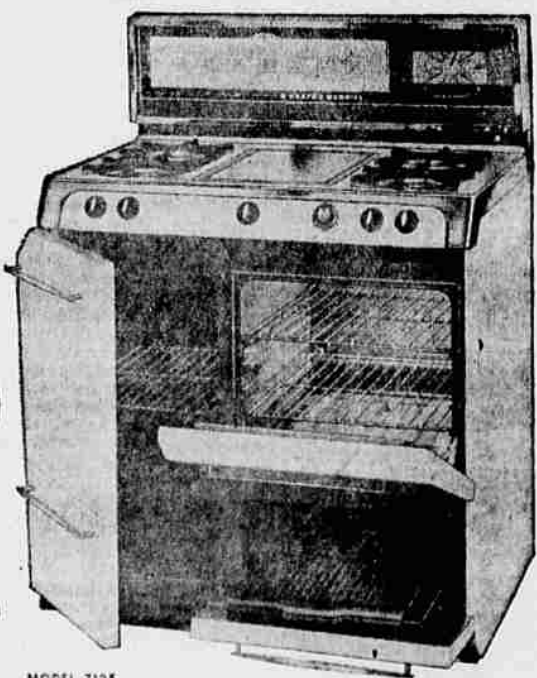
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