

'Talking' Duck Quacks Replies to Greetings
BURBANK, Cal. —(U.P.)— When three-year-old Sharon Walters toddles around the lawn of her home, her arm is usually about home, a big white duck.
Elliott, daughter of City Attorney Archie L. Walters, consults her feathered friend about her childhood problems, and Elliott quacks back.
The talking duck converses with Sharon's brother, Bob, 9, too.

There's always a response when Bob calls "goodbye" when he leaves for school in the morning. Elliott also is a favorite of Taffy, the Walters' red cocker spaniel. They play together constantly, but the duck learned the hard way not to touch Taffy's bone. Now he catches insects instead.

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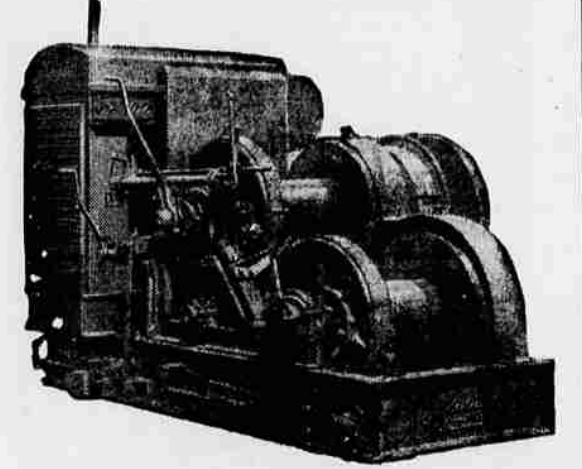
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SS-30	1 1/2"-1100' 1 1/2"-830'	1/4"-2900' 1/4"-1830'	1/4"-3000' 1/4"-1400'	8300 to 10300
SS-30	1 1/2"-1080' 1 1/2"-1378'	1/4"-2330' 1/4"-3300'	1/4"-3080' 1/4"-1430'	8400 to 11800
SS-30	1 1/2"-1000' 1 1/2"-1330'	1/4"-2700' 1/4"-3300'	1/4"-3800' 1/4"-1100'	11800 to 14500
SS-30	1 1/2"-1200' 1 1/2"-1200'	1/4"-3480' 1/4"-2280'	1/4"-3000' 1/4"-1430'	12600 to 14500
SS-30	1 1/2"-1000' 1 1/2"-1290'	1/4"-3300' 1/4"-3300'	1/4"-3900' 1/4"-1100'	14000 to 17300
SS-30	1 1/2"-1440' 1 1/2"-1730'	1/4"-3000' 1/4"-4400'	1/4"-3880'	17000 to 18340
SS-30	1 1/2"-1440' 1 1/2"-1730'	1/4"-3000' 1/4"-4400'	1/4"-3880'	19000 to 20000
SS-30	1 1/2"-1380' 1 1/2"-1490'	1/4"-3500' 1/4"-3300'	1/4"-3880'	17400 to 19900
SS-30	1 1/2"-1230' 1 1/2"-1490'	1/4"-3300' 1/4"-3300'	1/4"-3880'	20000 to 20000
SS-30	1 1/2"-1130' 1 1/2"-1230'	1/4"-3400' 1/4"-1630'	1/4"-4238' 1/4"-3300'	20000 to 20000
SS-30	1 1/2"-1230' 1 1/2"-1230'	1/4"-4400' 1/4"-1530'	1/4"-4238' 1/4"-3300'	20000 to 20000
SS-30	1 1/2"-1478' 1 1/2"-2100'	1/4"-4238' 1/4"-1900'	1/4"-4238' 1/4"-3300'	20000 to 20000
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LS-80	1 1/2"-1230' 1 1/2"-1200'	1 1/2"-1090' 1 1/2"-730'	1 1/2"-9980' 1/4"-11900'
LS-1	1 1/2"-1230'	1 1/2"-380'	1 1/2"-1300' 1/4"-730'
1184	1 1/2"-1230'	1 1/2"-380'	1 1/2"-1300' 1/4"-730'
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Coach Jean Caza scolds Mady Moreau at Paris pool for an imperfection in her diving technique. The 20-year-old girl rose meteorically to the top, winning the European women's championship after only three months of training. She has been selected as the pin-up girl of the French Olympic team.

Date Bureau Furnishes Escorts For a Variety of Purposes

By MICHAEL O'NEILL, JR.
CHICAGO —(U.P.)— A man isn't always planning to paint the town red when he asks an escort bureau to send him a gorgeous blonde.
He may only want to talk about fossils.
Helen Williams, Chicago, director of an international escort service, said there are scores of reasons why men are willing to pay for a date.
"Most men call on us for help because they want to spend a pleasant evening night-clubbing, or dancing with their dream girl, one whose looks they can specify," she said. "Others don't pay much attention to the looks, but want a girl to share their interest in music, circuses, or even tug boats."

Fossil Yen
One man called the other day and asked for a girl interested in fossils. Miss Williams, long used to unusual requests, flicked through her files and pulled out the card of a university coed who was majoring in archaeology.
"The two had a wonderful time parading through the city museums," she said. "They talked about fossils and archaeology and when the museums closed they said good-bye."
The chat with the girl cost the man \$25.
Miss Williams said another customer spoke seven languages. Whenever he had a yen to talk

Truman Views Italian Election

WASHINGTON —(U.P.)— President Truman told Congress Wednesday that the Communist defeat in the Italian elections made it clear that this nation's foreign aid program is a wise investment in peace.

He made the statement in his second quarterly report to the lawmakers on the \$522,000,000 in stop-gap aid approved last December for France, Italy and Austria.
Mr. Truman said this program had done much to keep the three countries going while the Marshall plan for general European recovery was taking shape.
"To us, the American people, our aid was an act of faith in a future in which free men shall prevail," he said. "The freely expressed will of the Italian people in their national election has already confirmed that faith."

War-Time Gas Chamber Is School Cafeteria

FRESNO, Cal. —(U.P.)— An army gas chamber solved the problem of feeding some 65 youngsters who attend the Pershing school here.

The building, used during the war to train air personnel in the use of gas masks, was bought by the school's mothers at a surplus sale. The price was \$51.

The building was placed on the school playground, given a cement floor and some newly painted chairs and tables. One end was partitioned off for the kitchen. The total cost of the new cafeteria was a little over \$3000.

I'm Only Asleep, Inquest Informed

STUART, Va. —(U.P.)— Sam East, a Stuart youth who has a marvelous capacity for sound sleep, awoke and broke up an official inquest into his "death."

East had dozed off in a shady grove near the Patrick County high school. Someone reported a "body" lying in the grove.

East happened to yawn and stretch his arms as Dr. B. A. Hopkins, the county coroner, Sheriff Richard Fuller and State Senator Frank P. Burton were debating whether he met his demise by foul means.

Manners Slipping, French Told

PARIS —(U.P.)— It's a sad state of affairs when Frenchmen have to be reminded one never kisses the hand of a lady in the street, and never, never blows one's nose during a meal.

That's the opinion of the weekly newspaper, *France Dimanche*, which sadly admits that French manners aren't what they used to be.

"The exquisite politeness for which the Frenchman used to be famous abroad is nothing more than a memory now," the paper moans, in publishing a list of don'ts for well-bred citizens. Some of the taboos:

Never offer jewels to a married woman without first getting her husband's approval.

In drinking, keep your eyes on the bottom of your glass and never on your neighbors.

Don't dunk your bread in your

coffee, blow on your soup or blow your nose during a meal.

It is bad taste to bring flowers to your hostess. One gives the impression of wanting to pay one's check in advance.

When entertaining a writer, never leave one of his books lying around uncut.

A married couple invited out should "abstain from all conjugal effusion under a roof that is not their own."

And, of course, kissing hands on the street is definitely out. Whether the lady wears gloves or not has no bearing.

The newspaper warns that the rules don't apply to "well-brought-up persons."

"They don't buy etiquette books, and besides, a well-bred person blows his nose before it runs down sadly into his soup."

Strange Leeches Found In Pre-Historic Well

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. —(U.P.)— A former U.S. Navy diver has found "millions" of mysterious leeches in the depths of a pre-historic Indian water hole near here.

The diver, Herbert L. Charbonneau, discovered the objects about 35 feet below the surface of Montezuma Well, now a national monument.

Charbonneau descended the murky depths in a diving helmet he fashioned from a surplus Navy Mark III gas mask.

He could offer no explanation for the leeches. Dr. Harold S. Colton of the Museum of Northern Arizona said he would reserve an opinion until he had a chance to examine a handful of the creatures Charbonneau brought up with him.

Blunt's Island in Portsmouth, N. H., Harbor, was named for Capt. John Blunt, the man credited with piloting George Washington's boat across the Delaware.

Fish Don't Strike (?)

WASHINGTON —(U.P.)— Sign of the times:
Shortly after John L. Lewis signed a new soft coal contract, Cyrus S. Ching, federal mediator produces an average of five billion dollars worth of minerals.

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