



Is That So!

## What Tree Bears Fruit All Year?

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Trot out your thinker and see what you can do with this nature quiz. If you score 12, consider yourself a nature expert, ten is still powerfully good.

- 1.—From which tree can you gather fruit 365 days of each year?
- 2.—The total world bird population is approximately 100 billion, five billion, or 100 million. Take the nearest number.
- 3.—Can a beaver cut down a five-inch-in-diameter willow within three minutes?
- 4.—Are deer, horse, cow, buffalo and moose all cud-chewers?
- 5.—Has the crocodile bird actually been seen to pick leeches out of a crocodile's mouth?
- 6.—Is the sturgeon, which may weigh over half a ton, the world's largest fresh-water fish?
- 7.—Besides its lungs, does a bird have other air sacs in its body?
- 8.—Is it true that with the exception of the wolf, most wild animal fathers do not provide



food for their pregnant mates and their offspring?

- 9.—Are the pocket gopher's pockets, alongside its cheeks, actually lined with fur?
- 10.—Is the ostrich the fastest running animal on two legs?
- 11.—The shortest known mammalian gestation, approximately 12½ days, belongs to which of these: the mouse, opossum, bat, or rabbit?
- 12.—The length of the average human's blood vessels total about

five miles, 1,000 miles, or 12,000 miles. Select the nearest one.

- 13.—A stalk of corn will lift approximately 10, 100, or 400 pounds of water during its brief growing season. Again, select the closest one.
- 14.—Is it true that the emperor penguin which lives in the Antarctic lays its eggs during the height of the winter?
- 15.—Can a fish replace lost scales?

ANSWERS:

- 1.—The lemon.
- 2.—One hundred billion and the combined weight, reckoned at ten birds to the pound is almost 5 million tons!
- 3.—Right, I've clocked 'em.
- 4.—Wrong, the horse is not a cud-chewer. Sorry.
- 5.—Yup, I believe what competent authorities have reported. But, one can't help wondering.
- 6.—Yes, indeed, the sturgeon which spawns in fresh water is the world's largest fresh-water fish.
- 7.—Yes, it has. For that matter, some birds have hollow bones

which may be connected with the lungs. Some of the great flight birds, in fact, have such light bones that their feathers weigh more than their bones do.

- 8.—Absolutely right, the much-maligned wolf is one of the best fathers. About 98 per cent of all other wild fathers neither feed the mother nor their offspring.
- 9.—Yes, entirely fur-lined.
- 10.—Right, the 300-pound ostrich can run over 30 miles per hour and has the kick of a mule, too—forward, though.
- 11.—Opossum.
- 12.—Believe it or not, 12,000 miles is right.
- 13.—Four hundred pounds.
- 14.—Yes, in the dead of winter. To keep the egg off the ice, the emperor penguin hatches its egg on its foot, under a special fold built there for that purpose.
- 15.—Yes, a lost scale can be replaced and once it overtakes the other scales it continues to grow at the same rate, covering its particular share of the body.

## 3rd Division To Quit Korea

SEOUL (AP)—Announcement that the U.S. 3rd Division would leave Korea in October was accompanied Monday by renewed South Korean charges of bad faith in Washington and complaints the withdrawal will leave Korea open for Red conquest.

"The stage is set for Korean unification, but by the Communists," said a statement by Maj. Gen. Choi Duk Shin, a former armistice negotiator who accompanied President Syngman Rhee to Washington recently.

The statement appeared to be in reply to one by the U.S. Embassy last week. The embassy insisted the redeployment of U.S. troops had been discussed with South Korean officials in Washington. It also emphasized that South Korea was not being abandoned.

The U.S. 8th Army announced Sunday the 3rd would be the fifth American division to leave Korea this year and that a sixth will follow, leaving two U.S. divisions still on the divided peninsula.

The sixth division to be redeployed has not been identified but observers expressed belief it Marine and 7th Infantry Divisions in Korea.

## DR. JORDAN SAYS: No Positive Test Is Known For Wild Mushroom Use

Every year a good many people roam the fields and woods collecting mushrooms which they cook and eat.

This is a dangerous practice as there is no way to distinguish between the edible mushrooms and the several poisonous kinds. Even experts often have difficulties.

The superstition that a silver coin will become tarnished from the poisonous varieties if it is put in the dish in which mushrooms are being cooked is wholly false.

Also the taste is not reliable, as most of the poisonous species are supposed to have an agreeable flavor.

In the United States most cases of poisoning are caused by mushrooms of the amanita family, the best known variety of which is sometimes called the "death angel."

**SYMPTOMS**

The poison from the "death angel" or amanita phalloides, is technically known as a toxin. About six to eighteen hours after eating this dangerous mushroom the symptoms begin to appear. They usually consist of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and severe abdominal pains. There may be great thirst, inability to urinate, dizziness, jaundice after two or three days, and unconsciousness.

More than half of those who are stricken usually die, this generally occurring five to eight days after eating the mushrooms.

There is no good treatment for mushroom poisoning of this kind, although if the stomach can be washed out early most of the toxin is removed and the chances of recovery are better.

Another type of poisonous mushroom is called amanita muscaria, or the "fly amanita."

Here the poison is of a different type and is related to a drug commonly used in medicine, called pilocarpine.

In this type the symptoms ap-

pear early, usually within three hours of eating the mushrooms, and when death occurs it is usually within twenty-four hours.

**OTHER SYMPTOMS**

In addition to the symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain, there is also sweating, tearing of the eyes, narrowing of the pupils of the eyes, slow pulse and in fatal cases, convulsions and unconsciousness.

This variety, if identified early enough, can be efficiently treated with atropine. In such properly treated cases about one in ten succumbs.

It seems quite unnecessary to pick mushrooms in the woods and run this great risk when safe ones can be so easily bought.

Even experts have been caught by failure to tell whether certain mushrooms were one of the edible varieties or were poisonous.

The safe thing to do is to eat only those mushrooms which have been passed by competent or official inspection.

## Car Mishaps Take 2 Lives

PORTLAND (AP)—Traffic accidents in the Portland area Sunday claimed the lives of two.

Tony Joseph Depalmo, 35, of Seattle, was injured fatally when a car he was riding in struck a traffic divider. Depalmo and three others in the car were patients at the veterans hospital at Vancouver, Wash. The driver, J. Allen Burks, 24, Eugene, was jailed on a charge of being drunk. His wife, Muriel Doris Burks, 18, was treated at a Portland hospital for chest injuries.

Scott Burness, 11, was killed when struck by a car as he ran across Sunset Highway to observe a minor two-car collision. The boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Burness, Beaverton. The accident occurred near their home.

## Perkins Acting Head Of Religion Department

James C. Perkins has been named as acting head of the University of Oregon's department of religion during the leave of Dr. Paul B. Means.

A graduate of Princeton University, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1929, Perkins received his theological training from the Oberlin graduate school of theology, where he earned his bachelor of divinity degree in 1932 and his master of theology degree in 1933.

He was ordained as a Congregational-Christian minister and served for 17 years actively in the ministerial field, working in Presbyterian and Methodist churches as well as in Congregational-Christian.

## Bishop Dies in Jail

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Vatican has learned that Msgr. Zoltan Louis Meszlényi, 62, titular bishop of Sinope, died last Jan. 2 in a Communist jail in Hungary, a Vatican spokesman announced Monday. The bishop was arrested by Communist police in June 1950 and held in jail since.

## WAGER

CHICAGO (AP)—Joseph Bruce, a bartender, said a man ordered a beer at the bar Sunday and then told him:

"I've got a little bet on your age."

Bruce told him he was 36. Then the man, holding his hand in his pocket as if he had a gun, asked if he wanted to live to be 37.

Bruce said he did and handed over \$118.

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