

**DELAKE'S 'JUGHEAD'**

**Smelly Nelly or Monster?  
Sea Legends Dime a Dozen**

DeLake, Ore., Mar. 7 (AP)—Experts and legend lovers have probed the shaggy expanse of a 1500-pound mass of marine flesh on the DeLake beach since Sunday to determine whether they had a genuine sea monster or something less wonderful.

Thousands of visitors have streamed into this small coastal fishing town for a peek at "Jughead," the beast—or part of a beast—that washed in with a strong tide Saturday.

**Army Hospital  
Closure Halted**

Washington, March 7 (AP)—Defense Secretary Johnson told congress today he is halting until April 1 transfer of equipment of armed services hospitals he has ordered closed or reduced in size.

Exceptions, he told a house armed services subcommittee, will involve transfer of equipment that is needed in hospitals that are being expanded to care for transferred patients.

He declined a committee recommendation that his cut-back order be suspended until the committee completes its investigation of the order.

He said a turn-down of the committee suggestion was necessary because part of his order already is in effect. This part provides that affected hospitals should accept no new patients after February 15.

The secretary's views were given to the committee verbally by an aide.

Johnson's reply was received at the end of a committee hearing devoted to the effect the cut-back order will have on naval hospitals.

Most of the testimony involved the 1,500-bed Long Beach, Calif., naval hospital, which has been ordered closed.

Rear Admiral Clifford A. Swanson, surgeon general of the navy, said he would prefer to have Long Beach remain open. He added, however, that closing Long Beach would have less serious effect on the navy than the closing of any other naval hospital of similar size.

**Sharman Douglas Says  
Lawford Just Friend**

London, March 7 (AP)—Sharman Douglas said today when she arrived by plane from the United States that she and Peter Lawford were just friends and were going to stay just friends.

Dispatches from New York reported she said approximately the same thing yesterday when she left there after Lawford gave her a farewell kiss.

The blonde daughter of U.S. Ambassador Lewis Douglas denied she and the movie actor were romantically inclined.

"He may come here to make a film," she said, "and then again he may not come here to make a film. But there's no romance, no engagement."



**Watermelons from Down Under**—David Miller, 2½, gets first-hand flight information from Capt. Merle Balch of Pan American Airways who flew 12 ripe watermelons from Auckland, N. Z., to the youngster in San Mateo, Calif. David has chronic nephrosis, a kidney ailment, and needs large quantities of liquid to keep up his strength during treatment. Juicy meat of the rare-in-the-winter 'melons substitutes for liquids. (Acme Telephoto)

**Woman Tells  
Rescue Tries**

Miami, Fla., March 7 (AP)—Mrs. Gladys Laws, 40, lay in a hospital bed today, too exhausted to talk about her 18 hours of clinging to a capsized skiff and her fruitless efforts to save a companion.

Mrs. Laws was reported in serious condition from her ordeal, which began late Saturday and ended Sunday when a Coast Guard pilot slipped a rope about her body and pulled her aboard his plane.

Another survivor, Charles Sanchez, about 40, swam three miles to shore.

The two, with William Mickels, 46, Miami construction foreman, had left Sanchez' fishing camp at Rock Harbor, near Key Largo, in a 14-foot skiff. It overturned about 5 p. m. Saturday.

Mrs. Laws managed to tell her rescuer, Ralph Douglas, that

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You couldn't easily knock down the sea monster story in DeLake, where the people have grown up with the legend of nearby Devil's Lake. The story goes that the lake, connected to the ocean by the world's shortest fresh-water river, the Dee, harbors a hoary old monster that surfaces in the moonlight and once capsized an Indian chief's daughter's canoe with the daughter aboard.

That's why it's called Devil's Lake.

As for Jughead, the world abounds with sea monster legends. Probably the most famous is the old reliable at Loch Ness, Scotland. The latest observer to see Nessie was J. W. McKillop, a sober man, who said he sighted it traveling diagonally across the loch.

Some experts look beyond the lore and legends and make sea monster hunting a business. Anton F. Brunn, Copenhagen zoologist and explorer, set out last year to plumb the deep pastures of the seas for strange marine serpents.

In 1948 a dozen passengers of a steamer claimed they saw a 60-foot sea serpent in Georgian Bay off Lake Huron. There's the oft-reported sea monster off Whiskey Run Reef, Oregon, which is supposed to have long-lashed eyes and a mouth that smacks when it approaches a boat.

J. Fordan, master of the steamship Santa Clara, reported he saw a monster with a snake like head rear out of the sea about 30 feet off the starboard bow of the vessel off the North Carolina coast in 1947.

New England's favorite sea serpent supposedly has made more or less regular calls at Gloucester, Lynn and Nahant since 1815.

The Indians at Wallowa Lake, Eastern Oregon, passed down a story through generations that a particularly reprehensible monster drowned a honeymooning young chief and his princess by upsetting their canoe.

Ivar Haglund, sea food purveyor in Seattle, once offered \$5,000, dead or alive, for the "Madrona sea monster" reportedly sighted four times in Puget Sound and occasionally in Lake Washington.

Kilimanjaro, an African mountain, springs almost directly from the plains, has no foothills, is 200 miles in circumference at its base, and is said to be Africa's highest.

**Brannan Will Plug for Plan  
Until Better One Comes Along**

Denver, Mar. 7 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan said Monday he would welcome the presentation of a better farm price support and surplus program than the administration's plan.

But until an improved version comes along, the agriculture secretary said, he is going to keep plugging for enactment of his program.

Brannan flew to Denver from Washington Monday morning to speak before the National Farmers Union convention.

At a press conference, he said he hoped that one day some means would be found to prevent a rigging of the market. He didn't offer any prospects that market-rigging would be solved soon, however, and added: "Maybe we never will."

Brannan revealed that the government now has 70,000,000 pounds of dried eggs in storage and that there is every chance that the accumulation will continue to grow rather than dwindle.

The secretary pointed out that Americans increasingly are eating fewer eggs per capita.

He foresaw no immediate solution, either, to the potato surplus problem. The spuds, he said, can't be given away to persons who might re-sell them because that would only force the government to buy more potatoes.

All of the known means of disposing of the surplus spuds, such as converting them to industrial alcohol, animal feed, and the like, have been fully exploited. Brannan revealed that it would cost the government one-fourth again to continue

**Practice Teaching  
Interests Sheridan**

Sheridan—Since the beginning of the second semester, four practice teachers have been observing and teaching various classes at the Sheridan high school. Mr. Bates and Mr. Boro teach biology and senior health and physical education. They

are also assistant baseball and track coaches. Mr. Worden is assistant teacher in general science and teaches world geography. The sophomore English and general math classes are under the direction of Mr. Tidd.

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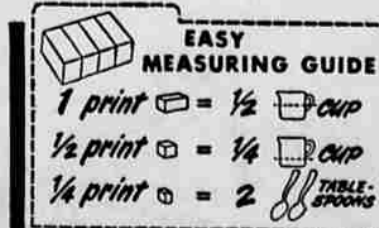
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