Delake 'Monster' Might Well Be Whale Shark, Expert On Fishes Says

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New York, Mar. 7—(U.P.)—A man who knows his fishes said today that the "monster" washed up on the shore at Delake, Ore., might well be a whale shark. It certainly is no serpent, he said.

The expert, Dr. E. W. Gudger, honorary associate in the department of fishes, American Museum of Natural History, said that a whale-shark is a harmless critter of the sea and that its body is shaped somewhat like a tadpole.

Big Scare Recalled

Gudger, who has been interested in fishes and marine life for almost half a century, said that the "monster" and "sea serpent" stories pop up every once in a while. He recalled one "big scare" back in 1903 when a "terrible" serpent was seen in the bay of Tonquin, French Indochina.

"Trouble is," he said, "no scientific person has ever seen serpents."

He also recalled that there was a "scare" about 10 years ago when a sea serpent, with an extremely long tail, was observed off the coast of France. The serpent turned out to be a school of whale-sharks, or basking sharks, who were swimming along in single file. They are called basking sharks because they like to swim on the surface of the water, seemingly to bask in the sun.

Whale-Sharks Harmless

"Whale or basking sharks are harmless," Dr. Gudger said. "Their teeth are only about one-fourth of an inch long. They have scales, but not so the lay person could notice them. If you run your hand over the back of a whale-sharp it feels like running your hand over a coarse file."

The technical name for the whale-shark is cetorhinus.

He said it would be easy for a lay person to mistake a column of the sharks for a serpent as they ride the crest of waves in the ocean.

The whale-shark, according to Gudger, has a bulky body and has a long tail, sometimes 15 to 18 feet long. He wouldn't go so far as to say the west coast's "monster" was a whale-shark. But he agreed it appears to resemble one.

Not Something New

At any rate, the "monster" is not something new from the depths of the ocean.

Dr. Gudger said that sea life in the dark depths of the ocean is small bodies. The big fish, he said, stay comparatively close to the top.

Multnomah Sheriff Tells Of Bribe Offers

Portland, Ore., Mar. 7—(U.P.)—Multnomah County Sheriff Terry D. Schrunk today said he had turned down several bribes offered to ward off his interference in gambling operations.

Schrunk did not say who offered the bribes. The largest fer he said was $20,000.

WEATHER
By United Press

Northern California: Fair today, tonight and Wednesday except considerable cloudiness extreme northern portion and light rain near Oregon border tonight and Wednesday. Slightly warmer today. Variable wind 8-15 MPH, mostly northwesterly in afternoon but southerly tonight and Wednesday from Point Arena north.

COMEDIAN'S FATHER DIES

Hollywood, Mar. 7—(U.P.)—Comedian Jack Carson flew here today to make arrangements to bury his father, Elmer L. (Kit) Carson, who died yesterday after a heart attack.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Defense Secretary Johnson speaking:

"No amount of money can give America 100 per cent protection from atomic bombers in the event of war.

"THERE IS A RISK TO LIVING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE 20TH CENTURY. It is a risk that every community must take in an atomic age."

WHAT is the risk?

Secretary Johnson spells it out like this:

"Some enemy pilot with the zeal and fanaticism of a kamikaze ("kamikazes," you will remember, were Jap suicide pilots) might get through our net on a one-way suicide mission and the United States might get hurt."

The suicide pilot, of course, would be carrying an atom bomb or a hydrogen bomb. He would drop it on some city. If MORE THAN ONE suicide pilot got through, the bombs would be dropped on more than one city.

That is how it would work.

WHY suicide pilots?

The answer to that is that AS YET Russia is not believed to have developed a plane with range enough to fly to the United States, drop its bombs (if it got past our defenses) and FLY BACK TO RUSSIA.

SO—

"Suicide" pilots would have to do the job. They'd drop their bomb (or bombs). Then they'd crash. Or maybe they'd land on some airfield and give themselves up as prisoners of war.

OR—

And this is the latest suggestion:

They'd bail out AFTER ALERTING THE NEAREST COMMUNIST CELL. They'd hope that when they landed they would be picked up by their communist ffiends, concealed and eventually smuggled back to Russia to do it all over again.

We must bear this in mind:

In the event of war with Russia every communist in America will be a suicide enemy in our midst whose life will be pledged to doing us all the damage he can in any way he can REGARDLESS OF THE RISK INVOLVED.

SECRETARY Johnson goes on:

"Even if the U. S. put all its defense money—now 13 billions a year—into air defense it wouldn't guarantee immunity from atomic attack. This is what we can and WILL do instead:

"Build a strong air defense. . . make enemy raids costly—so costly that the enemy will find himself unable to continue his attack. . . we can make RETRIBUTION so deadly he will wish he had never started."

GRIM?

Sure it's grim. Death in any form is grim. That train wreck back on Long Island, when human beings were ground up like sausage meat, wasn't nice.

BUT WE DIE ONLY ONCE.

Let's keep that in mind. It takes away some of the grimness.

WHEN a bridegroom throwing a party on the night before his wedding day CAN CHOKE ON A FRIED EGG and die as dead as if he had got in his sole person the whole explosive power of a hydrogen bomb, it rather puts a new light on the whole business.

So far as he was concerned, a fried egg was as deadly as an H-bomb.

There have always been fried eggs.

Guided Missile With Range Of Almost 1000 Miles Seen

Washington, Mar. 7—(U.P.)—A guided missile with a ground-to-ground range of nearly 1,000 miles is possible with present American knowledge and experience, the army disclosed today.

But Brig. Gen. Leslie E. Simon, chief of army ordnance and development, said an immediate program to make such a missile would mean "freezing design" at the present stage of development and concentrating on production rather than research.

Year of Work

Under present conditions and if ample funds were on hand, it was indicated, it would take about a year to carry out necessary work in design and engineering production.

Simon said the services have been working on the long-range guided missile about five years and "we have solved many of the basic scientific problems" in this field.

He said the so-called "Wac Corporal" fired last year at the White Sands, N.M., proving grounds could have been hurled more than 500 miles if it had been fired for maximum range.

Instead, Simon said the two-stage missile—in which one missile travels a certain distance and then releases a smaller one—was fired vertically so it would fall safely within proving ground limits. It was fired to a height of 25 miles.

Witness To Progress

"That flight was a substantial accomplishment and bears witness to the progress made beyond the elementary stage at which the Germans were stopped on V-E Day," Simon said.

He said the Germans rushed guided missiles into production prematurely while the United States is concentrating on research and development.

This process, he said, has "led to a number of highly efficient surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles."

Firemen Organize New Group Here

An organization of regular and volunteer firemen was effected last night when about 35 men met at the city fire hall and elected Barry Bigham president. A committee to draw up by-laws and another committee to plan social activities were named.

Other officers elected were Clyde Fichtner, vice president; LeRoy Williams, secretary-treasurer, and Virgil Swanston, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Acting Fire Chief Leo Weidner said that hereafter volunteer firemen will be known as "callmen." He stressed that as far as the local department is concerned there is no real difference between the callmen and the regular firemen.

The entertainment committee named last night will plan for a social event in April open to firemen and their wives.

Services Arranged For Mrs. Liza Jane Cook

Ashland, Mar. 7 — Services for Mrs. Liza Jane Cook, who died at her Talent home Sunday, will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Litwiller funeral home with interment at Mountain View cemetery.

She had been in failing health for several years. Mrs. Cook was born March 22, 1875, at Worthington, Ia. She came to Talent three years ago.

Survivors are her husband George; three sons, Rolland, Talent; Milo, Medford, and Wendell Coos Bay; six brothers and sisters, Melvin and John Breakey, Mrs. Nellie Deach and Mrs. I. M. Schessel, all of Nora Springs, Ia.; Ralph Breakey, Portland, and Mrs. Louis Glassell, Brea, Cal., and three grandchildren.

Happy Is The Day When Backache Goes Away . . . .

As we get older, stress and strain, overexertion, excessive smoking or exposure to cold sometimes slows down kidney function. This may lead many folks to complain of nagging backache, loss of pep and energy, headaches and dizziness. Getting up nights or frequent passages may result from minor kidney irritations due to cold, dampness or dietary indiscretions.

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Penitentiary Terms Given Two Felons

Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna yesterday imposed prison sentences on two admitted felons and arraigned a third in an afternoon court session. Louis Roy Valdez, charged with larceny from an auto, was sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary, and William Frank Collins, charged with grand larceny for the theft of a wrist watch from Brophy's jewelers, was given a one-year sentence. Both had pleaded guilty.

Farley Orval Pollock was arraigned on a grand larceny charge involving theft of a power saw and asked that his case be continued for a few days before he pleads on a district attorney's information. He has waived grand jury indictment.

Heartbroken Boy Seeks Body Of Lost Dog So He Can Give It Proper Burial

Broken-hearted over the apparent death of his pet dog, which fell into Bear Creek and disappeared Sunday, 11-year-old Duane Denney has made an appeal to the Tribune to help him find the animal's body in order that he may bury it.

"While playing in Bear Creek park Sunday afternoon I saw my dog fall in the water under Bear creek bridge," Duane wrote. "Then he was washed over the falls at the west end. He never came out of the whirling water. If someone finds my little pal washed somewhere along the bank please let me know. For this information I cannot pay, but will thank you sincerely," the boy's note concluded.

Was Blue Terrier

The dog, which Duane called Diablo, was a blue terrier with white markings. He wore a rabies vaccination tag No. 117598 and a 1950 license number on his collar.

Duane's mother, Mrs. Laura Denney, 504½ North Grape street, said that Duane and a companion were playing in the park and were skipping rocks along the banks of the creek. Diablo had been trained to fetch rocks and sticks, and when one went too far and fell into the water, he rushed after it.

The two boys and Mrs. Denney spent about two hours searching along the edges of the creek after the accident, the mother said, but no trace of the dog could be found. She said Duane and the dog had been constant companions for three years, and the dog had been trained to ride in a basket on the boys' bicycle.

Duane got up early both Monday and Tuesday mornings and hopefully hurried out to look in the dog's box, thinking he might not have drowned and might have come home during the night, she said.

"The reason Duane is so anxious to find the pet and bury the body is because Diablo was following orders when he was drowned," Mrs. Denney explained. "This really means a lot to Duane."

The Denny's telephone number is 2-8390.

Man Held In Jail On Car Use Charges

Authorities here are holding Richard Laverne Augustine in county jail in lieu of $2,000 bail on a charge of taking and using an automobile without authority. Central Point Police Chief Douglas Sawtelle, who filed the complaint, said Augustine took a car owned by Oran W. Van Dyke, Central Point, on March 4. The case has been continued for hearing.

In the meantime, Augustine is serving a 60-day jail sentence for being drunk in a public place. He was sentenced in county justice court yesterday by Judge W. P. Tucker.

Manila, P. I., Mar. 7—(U.P.)—Moderate to light temblors shook several central Philippine islands today but caused only slight damage. Several persons were reported injured in Iloilo city when they ran from theaters in fright.

Ashland Lumber Firm Bids High On Timber

The Red Blanket Lumber company, Inc., Ashland, yesterday was successful high bidder for about 11 million feet of timber placed on sale in the Whiskey creek area of Rogue River national forest. The Red Blanket firm bid a total of $114,727 for timber on two blocks of land in the area. The forest service had set a minimum price of $85,362 on the sale.

Red Blank Lumber company was represented at the oral auction by William Mattson and there were competitive bids from the Ross Lumber company and Skeeters and Skeeters Logging company.

Marines To Organize Drill Team Locally

A drill team which will take part in the coming Armed Forces celebration, will be organized by the marine reserve unit, VTU 13-21, it was announced today by Capt. William O'Brien. A meeting will be held Thursday, March 9, at 8 p.m. in the armory building to organize the team.

Captain O'Brien stressed that any young man interested in drilling with the team is invited to attend, and said they are not required to be members of the reserve unit.

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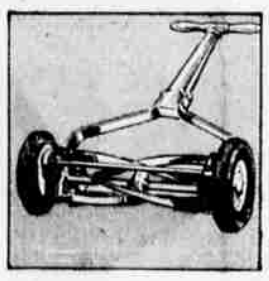

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