

Even Experts Can Be Fooled By Fossil Perpetrations

Washington—In the field of fossil study, where serious debates have raged over which end of a backbone a skull should be fastened to, it is inevitable that even the experts can be fooled.

Dr. Harry Ladd and Dr. Roland W. Brown, of the United States Geological Survey, tell of several frauds that have been perpetrated on paleontologists. The falsity of one fossil, as a matter of fact, was proved through research in preparing the article.

Dr. Ladd, remembering a specimen he had seen 30 years ago in an Australian museum, wrote for information about it. It was a piece of selenite (a variety of gypsum in crystals) with the wing of a large insect trapped inside.

A Put-Up Job

When the museum director photographed the specimen for Dr. Ladd, he noticed that, under pressure, tiny air bubbles near the wing shifted position. Closer scrutiny revealed that the crystal of selenite had been cut open, the wing slipped inside, and the crack pounded smooth over it. The wing, long believed to be a fossil of the Tertiary period, was nothing more than that of a common grasshopper.

Experts once identified a Wedgwood teacup handle as the stem of a "calamie," a fossil plant. But their shame was small compared to that of poor Johann Beringer, the credulous professor of Wurzburg.

An avid fossil collector, Beringer used to take his students digging in his favorite hillside. He believed that the Creator had planted fossils there for him. But the students didn't. They carved weird stone images and smuggled them into the hill for the professor to discover. As fast as the students carved, the professor gathered.

Not until after he had published his unusual findings in an illustrated volume in 1726 did Beringer tumble to the trick. Then he spent all he had trying to buy back the copies of his book. He died shortly thereafter, penniless and humiliated. Ironically, the book was reissued in 1767 and sold for profit as a collector's item.

The Piltown Plot

The most recent—if not the greatest—hoax of all was the Piltown man. For 40 years after Charles Dawson, a Sussex lawyer and amateur antiquarian, discovered the skull and jaw bones near Piltown, they were believed to have belonged to the earliest Englishman—a "beetle-browed chap with a murderous jaw" who roamed the land 500,000 years ago.

So rare were the fossils that they were locked up, like the crown jewels, for safe keeping. Because a few authorities—among them, the late Dr. Gerrit Miller of the Smithsonian Institution—doubted that the jaw belonged to a man, a team of British scientists finally decided in 1949 to re-examine the bones.

Through radiation and chemical tests, they proved that the jaw belonged to a modern orang-

utan. The skull was a real fossil. But it had been doctored to make it look 10 times older than its actual 50,000 years. Like the skull and jaw, other animal remains found with them also had been artificially aged. All the "fossils," moreover, had come from somewhere else and been planted at Piltown.

So far, the faker of the fossils remains officially unidentified. But it is certain that, in making a man of a monkey, he made monkeys of men.

On The Side

By E. V. DURLING
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We loved, sir—used to meet, How sad and bad and mad it was, But then how it was sweet!

Who is the richest man in the world? There is much disagreement as to who rates that title. It was held for years by the Nizam of Hyderabad. However, it is said he is not even among the first six at present. That some Texas oil men are richer. Still, let us shed no tears for the Nizam. He is still doing all right. His annual salary paid by the Indian government is the equivalent of \$2,000,000 a year. tax free. He also has an annual income of about \$250,000 from government bonds. Then he has a fortune in cash and gilt-edged securities amounting to \$470,000,000. I don't know what Texas has more than that. Rich-est resident of the Lone Star State I know of is H. L. Hunt, oil man from Dallas. However, his fortune is said to be only \$260,000,000.

Says She
"My girl friend and I, both Aquarians, have been noticing your repeated reports that the stargazers rate Scorpians the 'Oomph Girls' of the Zodiac," writes a young woman of Manhattan. "It is quite evident your horses and women department has not checked this claim. My friend and I have. We have checked on a great many women and find that a Scorpio with a bust measurement of more than 34 or 35 is a rarity. The real 'Oomph Girls' are the Aquarians. As for example, Lana Turner, the original sweater girl is an Aquarian."

Among the Married
Are you an expectant father? Are you insured against the extra expense that will be incurred if the blessed event expected is twins, triplets, quadruplets or quintuplets? Just heard of a young husband who took out insurance such as aforementioned. The policy cost him \$7. It called for the following pay-offs: Twins, \$700, triplets, \$980, quadruplets, \$1400, and quintuplets, \$2,800. The birth was twins. So the young father collected \$700. That was 100 to one. According to the experts on birth probabilities, the chances of having twins are one in 86.

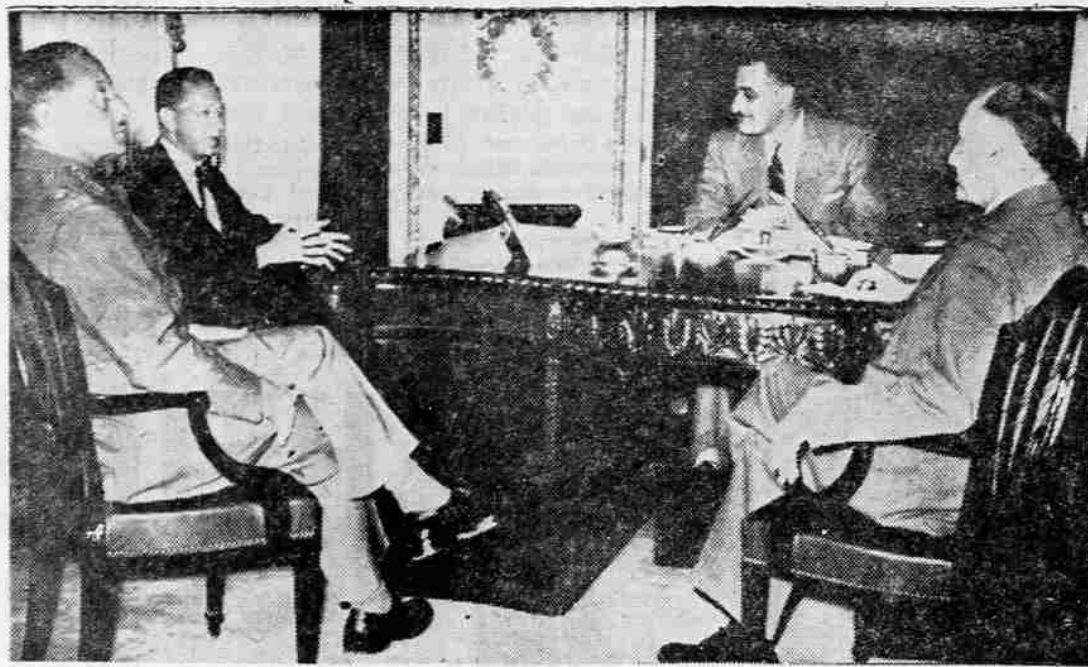
Unusual Family
Mr. and Mrs. George Thorn of Cudahy, Wis., have four children all born on Jan. 22 in different years. The births were alternate. First a girl, then a boy, then a girl, then a boy. Of additional interest, is that the births were each two years apart.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. Saw item saying Charles Coburn introduced the song titled "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo." That song is over 80 years old. How old is Coburn?

A. Song referred to was not introduced by Coburn, the American actor, but by a British comedian named Charles Coburn. Was first sung in this country by the comedian named "Old Hoss" Hoey in the play titled "A Parlor Match."

Sleep
What is your favorite position when sleeping? Don't answer me. That certainly is none of my business. However, you may be interested in hearing that Dr. Marie Stopes, an expert on restful sleep, says the best position is on the left side, with legs nearly straight and touching. Arms lightly crossed and supported on mattress. Doctor Stopes says that is the position favored by animals who really know how to relax.

Longevity
The death rate among bachelors is two-thirds greater than among husbands. Divorced men die twice as fast as those who stay married. So says a statistician. That is not a recent development. It was being discussed years ago. In fact, I recall when a lad hearing a male and female vaudeville team give out with the following jest: She—"They say married men live longer than single men." He—"It only seems longer."



PEACE CONFERENCE—Gen. E. L. M. Burns (left), United Nations Palestine truce supervisor, and Dag Hammarskjold (second from left), UN secy.-gen., confer with Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser (second from right) concerning peace between Israel and the Arab countries. Nasser's government accepted Hammarskjold's eight-point peace plan after four days of talks. The UN trouble shooter is now attempting to get Israel's Premier Ben Gurion to accept the same pact. Man on right is unidentified.

Gloria Swanson Has Hunch Marriage Of Grace and Prince Due Happy Ending

By GLORIA SWANSON
Written for United Press

Monte Carlo—(U.P.)—I have a hunch—but it has nothing to do with playing a lucky number in the Monte Carlo casino, heretofore the hub around which life revolved in this wee paradise.

Now, all the activity and excitement is no longer centered in the house where the wheel of chance rules but rather on the rock of Monaco around the palace and cathedral.

Only a few days ago Prince Rainier spent the evening at the Monte Carlo opera watching Antonio and his company of Spanish dancers. Having seen Antonio's inimitable dancing many times in Rome, I watched the Prince instead.

Rather Refreshing
His shyness is the most obvious thing about him—and is rather refreshing. It is true, I'm sure, that he thoroughly dislikes crowds. And now with his wedding near he has not only his own subjects massed around him but visitors from north, east, south and west. So I felt sorry for him.

Miss Kelly, in all her movie career, had never had such a welcome or ovation. The Monagasques have opened their hearts and arms to her. Wherever and whenever you ask the citizens of Monaco how they feel about the Prince marrying an American, you get a genuine smile of approval—an unusual experience for an American in Europe.

So the road ahead should be an easy one in Monaco for these two nice people if the outside world—including well-meaning friends and acquaintances, gossip-mongers, the press, and relatives wanting to share the limelight—will allow them the privacy that any marriage needs to find its way along a normal and sane road to happiness.

An Old Hand
I have been in the limelight ever since I was 15 years old, so it is part of my breathing, and I suppose if it were taken away

from me at this late date I might wilt. Though a hundred times over I have screamed for privacy.

In the case of Prince Rainier, I understand it is his pleasure to go about the world unnoticed. As for Grace Kelly, who has only had a couple of years of fame, I don't know whether it has got into her blood or not,

but even so I still have a feeling that she would happily exchange a movie career for a successful marriage.

With his dignity and her reserve they have a fighting chance against the trouble makers. Therefore I repeat, I have a hunch—that their story will end as it should "... and they lived happily ever after."

When Miss Kelly democrati-

Monagasques Think Troubles Are Over Now That Prince Will Marry American

Monaco — (U.P.) — Monagasques can dream too and now that their Prince is marrying the daughter of an American multimillionaire they think their troubles are over.

The Monagasques are a clanish, tight-lipped 4,000 among the 20,000 population of this little principality. Prince Rainier knows them all by name. They always refer to him as "le Prince Souverain."

It is only to these 4,000 that the Prince will make the traditional presentation of his princess from the top of the great marble staircase of Hercules in the palace courtyard, after the civil marriage ceremony April 18.

Special Princess Blown

Then Princess Grace will mingle with her new people at a cocktail party in the gardens of the palace for which special glasses have been blown with the red and white arms of Monaco.

The Monagasques are as impenetrable as small-town people anywhere are to strangers, but several chatted the other day under the exhilaration of the spectacular arrival of Miss Kelly, and a strange tale they told.

Frankly the choice of a film star by the Prince hadn't filled them with wild delight at first. They dutifully contributed to the \$100,000 jewelry present for her but how much better it would have been, they thought if he had married a princess.

ally announced a mixed group of bridesmaids, the Monagasques whispered to each other that doubtless these were all nice people but wouldn't it have been nicer if there were more titles among them?

Rumor Takes Hold

The majority title is "American housewife"—except for the Prince's sister, Princess Antoinette.

But gradually rumor spread and took hold. Of course! John Kelly, father of the bride, is a millionaire builder. His friends are rich, too. Without a doubt they would get together and rebuild the older hotels and add amenities that would enable Monaco to withstand the challenge of newer resorts.

The appointment of Conrad Hilton, the hotel owner, as representative of President Eisenhower, confirmed this story for them. When they heard about

it they decided that Hilton was going to build a huge hotel here and rumor even selected the supposed site.

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Bitter Fighting Rages in Algeria

Algiers, Algeria—(U.P.)—Bitter hand-to-hand fighting between French forces and "Army of Allah" rebels raged Saturday in the mountains of western Algeria.

French army headquarters reported the rebels have suffered "high losses" and that the battle is continuing.

At least 70 guerrillas were killed in sporadic clashes Friday.

Twenty rebels were reported killed in a clash early Saturday at Mestaoua, 100 miles southwest of Philippeville in terrorist-ridden Constantine province. Seven French soldiers were wounded.

Veteran Foreign Legionnaires led new French conscripts into battle for the first time in the close-up fighting in western Algeria.

British Reporter

Gets Varied Replies

London—(U.P.)—A British reporter got confusing replies Sunday when he welcomed part of the advance Russian delegation for Wednesday's Bulganin-Khrushchev visit.

The Daily Express reporter went up to four of the Russians and said "Welcome to England" in English.

He got these greetings from each one: "Very nice sir," "Yes, thank you, please, sir," "Please excuse, sir," and "Excuse please, the weather, she is very nice sir."

Milwaukee Transit

Strike Unsettled

Milwaukee, Wis.—(U.P.)—Milwaukee entered the fourth day of its street car and bus strike today with no signs of settlement in sight.

Police said they did not expect a repetition of the traffic jams which developed Friday when about 2,100 employees of the Milwaukee Transport Co. went on strike.

Federal Agencies Ready for Floods

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith said here Friday that Army engineers and other federal agencies would play a big part in any flood emergency which might occur in the state this spring.

However, the governor said the "primary responsibility for meeting any flood threat still rests with the individual, local and state government agencies."

The governor said he had been informed that the magnitude of the potential flooding in the Columbia river basin was dependent almost entirely on the weather of the next 60 to 90 days.

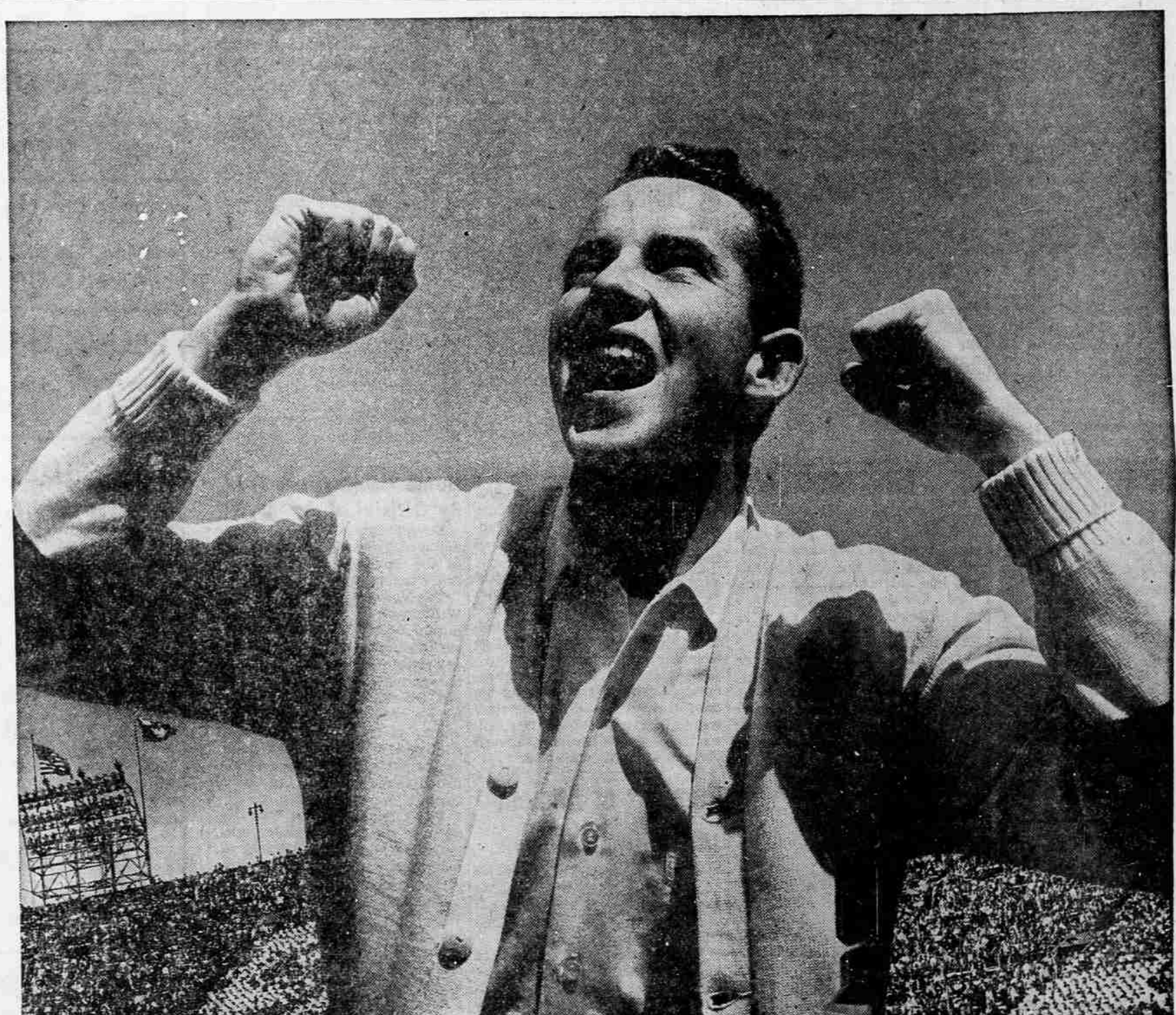
He said high water of at least moderate flood magnitude could be expected, but that a major flood would depend on very particular temperature and precipitation conditions.

State agencies were preparing to meet the most extreme conditions, the governor said.

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. James T. Patterson (R-Conn.) said Saturday the forthcoming H-bomb test in the Pacific will be "the most devastating explosion ever known to mankind."

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Allan Green

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