

### Is That So?

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Did you know that the average person eats his lunch in food worth six to eight cents?

The level of the ocean has risen about 100 inches in the past century — due to an increase in temperature and the melting of glaciers.

Hundred year old marble gravestones in the Grove Street Rural Ground, New Haven, Conn. are heaving. Some of these flexible stones, due to the heavy and scattering it is believed have warped up to five degrees.

Canadian fishermen biologists are using "knock-out" anesthetics to quiet sports fish and then transferring them peddled in chipped ice from lake to lake.

It's like this in moving pickeral and pike over 40 miles of road in the Prince Albert National Park last summer. The big fish were placed in canvas bags containing an anesthetic in the water. When they were "put cold," the fish were bedded down in chipped ice in wooden containers and then taken to their new homes. Doing this kept the cost to a minimum and

weather pigs will be quiet for hours at a time and severely limit their intake — which of course results in a sharp decline of growth rate. So keep em cool artificially.

Tree diseases in the west — mostly heart rot and root diseases — cause an annual loss of about \$54,500,000. This means a total loss of almost 4.3 billion board feet.

Although the earth's climate seems to be getting warmer in the past 100 years, ocean temperatures have only gone up about one-fiftieth of one degree.

Animals such as dogs, cats, lions, tigers, elephants, horses, birds, cows, baboons, gorillas and llamas, like man, suffer from hardening of the arteries.

By using Carbon-14 dating methods, it has been ascertained that glacial ice thousands of feet thick buried the area where Milwaukee, Wisconsin, now stands some 10,700 years ago. This was the last ice age to blanket southern Canada and the Northern U. S.

**Right or Left Handed**

The man-killing Portuguese man-of-war, a jelly fish, can be either right or left handed. Under the influence of wind, it has been found that the left-handed jellyfish move to the right of the downward direction of the wind and the right-handed jellyfish go to the left. This movement in only one direction with the wind apparently has survival value. It prevents an entire brood from washing up on shore. Right and left handed

are about equally divided.

The poison of the black widow spider is 16 times more powerful than rattlesnake venom — but fortunately there is very little of it.

In the ancient palace of King Nestor of Pylos, Greece, a built-in bathtub decorated inside and out with painted patterns, has been unearthed. The bath water was carried away by a drain.

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### Around Hollywood

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Picture show, it is now being reported to be the most successful and profitable industry in the world. In the picture industry, Hollywood is the center of the world.

**It's a World** — What is the role of the movie business? The industry has a sense that it is a year ago that saw film theaters as top dog in the entertainment world is drawing to a close.

This year Hollywood is gambling its future on a rash of epic pictures that costs nearly \$50,000,000.

Movies aren't the only victims of the show business revolution. The big theaters are folding, big nightclubs are fading and only the extract except in New York and Las Vegas, New York.

Picture show may not be the prime reason. Sociologists say the pattern of American life is changing. City activities are being crowded out by the automobile backyard barbecue, the do-it-yourself movement and TV set.

Whatever the reasons, revolution signs in the movie industry have been increasing.

Warner Bros. sold its backlog of films to television. When traditional MGM recently announced it would rent its old films to TV — including "The Wizard of Oz" — theater exhibitors objected and even ex-MGMite Clark Gable complained.

**Net Profits Dip**

Net profits of the big movie studios have dropped, some as much as 50 per cent.

Most film makers think the trend will be toward the release of fewer pictures a year, most of them expensive epics. Many will be made by independent producers without studio overhead or voice talent, while the studio concentrates on TV films.

The big picture multi-million-dollar films are being released than at any time in history. As one producer says, "If these movies don't draw them into the theaters, nothing will."

Many film makers feel the fate of Hollywood hinges on what happens to these pictures at the boxoffice. "The Ten Commandments" cost \$17,000,000. "War and Peace" (\$8,000,000). "The King and I" (\$4,300,000). "Moby Dick" (\$4,300,000) and "Giant" (\$5,000,000).

So far, the pictures that have been released are doing well. But whether the tremendous investment will pay off in the long run will be known until the final returns are in.

Many Theaters to Close

However, others say they don't think the revolution means the end of the movie business. They expect profits within five years the nation's 19,000 movie theaters 14,000 drive-ins and 15,000 "hardtops" will dwindle to 10,000. These low theaters will show sentimental epics and "adult" pictures (minus a production code seal) that can't be seen on the family TV set. Pay-TV may mean top movies at home.

A top director, John Huston, maker of "Moby Dick," recently told me, "I'm not pessimistic. Anyone that didn't see this coming must have been blind. Back in 1930 I predicted the studios would make less pictures, and they were sore as hell."

"But I repeat — an average studio is down to 20 pictures a year. Soon it will be making 10. People who say they can't make pictures at big budgets will change their tune. Within two years we'll be getting many \$10,000,000 pictures. And it that doesn't happen — we may as well all quit and start working for television."

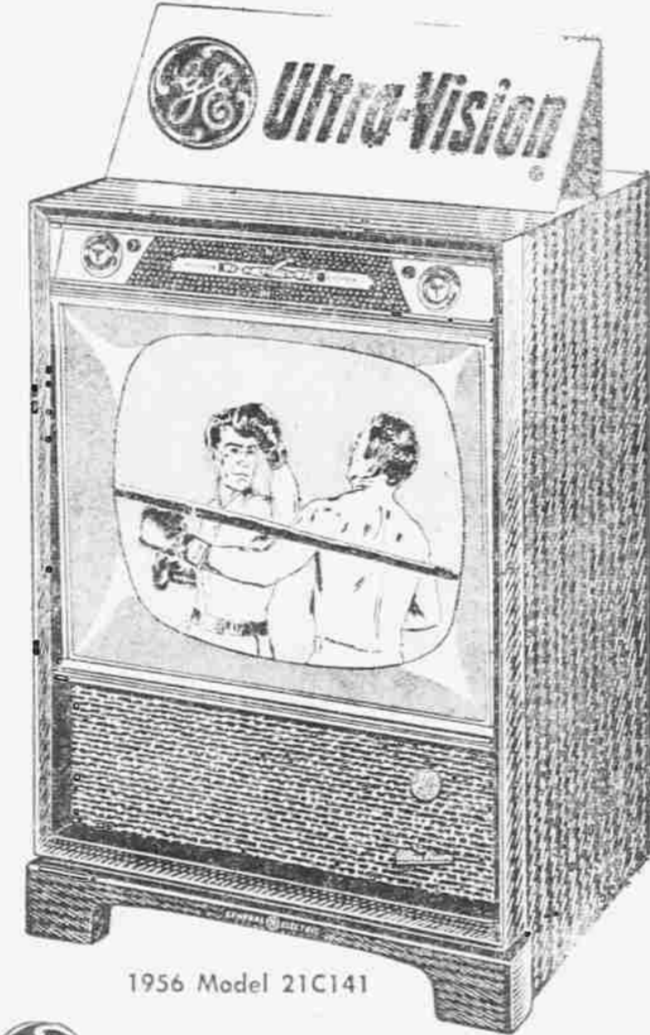
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