



### Is That So?

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Who are the animal Samsons roaming this earth? Sounds simple, but is it? Right off, there must be qualifications. What about weight limitations? I've seen a weasel dragging a jack rabbit at a rather fast clip—that's the same as a lion dragging an elephant at about 5 miles an hour. Then, upon what basis have observations been made? Among animals of the same species variations occur in power, vigor, agility, and muscular development. And perhaps more important, the motivation was never the same. Was the animal in anger? In fear? Defending its own territory, or attacking? Contending with another male?

Taking all this into consideration, I think that the elephant is the all-around heavyweight champion. There is an account of an elephant trampling and flinging a large crocodile 14 feet up into a tree alongside the Limpopo river, Africa.

To feed on the tender upper branches of the Mimosa, elephants have been known to uproot 30-foot high trees with trunks 4 1/2 feet in circumference.

For dragging deadweight, without benefit of wheels or rails, the elephant holds the record: in Burma's teak forests, one has dragged a load of 4 tons.

If it were not for his slower speed, the heavyweight belt might go to the more bulky hippopotamus which may attain a length of 12 feet and a weight of 8,000 pounds, 500 pounds of which make up its massive head. With their enormous mouths, they have been known to crush river boats and sever a man with one bite.

**More Formidable Foe**

The ill-tempered rhinoceros, being faster, makes an even more formidable foe except for one thing: fortunately, this behemoth is very shortsighted. But when anger or fear is an incentive, the charge behind the great horns on his snout is irresistible for any living creature. (The Indian rhinoceros has only one horn.)

The animal which has the reputation for being at once the most dangerous and fiercest in Africa is the buffalo. It has massive horns, extremely broad at the base and meeting across the forehead so as to form a bony protection which no bullet can penetrate. In the London zoo buffalo have bent thick iron cage bars with their horns. For that matter, its cousin, the bull in the ring, has performed some rather prodigious feats—such as tending a horse and rider over a 6-foot high stockade.

What of our king of beasts, the lion. The wallop it dishes out with its paw is one of the hardest thrown punches in nature. With a single blow it can kill an ox, antelope or zebra. While carrying a calf in its mouth, it has been known to leap a wall 9 feet high.

Tigers too are powerful. In Malaya a tiger leaped a stockade, seized a workman, and then leaped out with him. The stockade was 7 feet high.

On the subject of powerful paws, the bear is not to be trifled with. A cage that will safely hold a lion cannot contain a bear once he decides to make a bid for freedom. The polar bear, swimming in the ocean, has been known to lift a 100-pound seal out of the water and land it stunned on an ice floe with one sweeping stroke of its paw.

Another one of the world's most powerful creatures is the gorilla which with its enormous

ly long arms and wide chest is endowed with immense strength. A single blow from an enraged, full-grown gorilla, has cracked a man's skull as though it were an eggshell. The gorilla, Garantua, when not full grown, was given a rope held by 15 hefty men. With one hand he tugged them all up to the cage.

**Ram Great Fighter**

In the lightweight class, a ram with his trick skull, doubled-backed horns and powerful neck is a great fighter. So dramatic is his jousting, or ramming, that for a long time he was kept in India just as fighting cocks are in other countries.

In jumping power, the kangaroo has few rivals—covering 10 yards in a bound, and keeping this up for as far as 18 miles without stopping.

Antelopes, too, are endowed with great strength and render a good account when brought to bay. With their long backward-sweeping horns, these courageous and graceful creatures have been known to kill lions in combat.

And then for the bantamweight Samsons, what about the mole? Tiny as it may be, this creature is a tremendous tunneler and can lift more than 30 times his own weight.

So from tiny mole to mighty elephant, many are entitled to the rank of nature's Samsons.

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**NOBEL WINNER** — Dr. Dickinson W. Richards, 61, (above) professor of medicine at Columbia University, is one of three doctors awarded the 1956 Nobel Prize for Medicine. The others were French-born Dr. Andre Courmand, 61, Richards' assistant for 25 years, and German Dr. Werner Forssman.

**Sudden Squall Hits Galveston; Two Drown**

Galveston, Tex. — (U.P.) — A sudden squall overturned at least 15 small boats in Galveston bay late Saturday, and last night the Coast Guard said at least two persons were drowned and from 15 to 20 others missing.

Chief Warrant Officer Albert M. Glenn of the Galveston Coast Guard said he had reports of some fishermen reaching a beacon light at an oil rig in the bay and had dispatched a Coast Guard vessel to rescue those clinging there.

**LEADER DIES**

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Eugene La Barre, 68, Long Beach, Calif. municipal band leader, died here Friday of a heart attack.

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## Capehart-Wickard Race in Indiana Mapped Mainly Around Farm Issue

Editor's note: This is another of the dispatches on top election contests across the country.

By **BOYD GILL**  
United Press Correspondent  
Indianapolis — (U.P.) — Sen. Homer E. Capehart, Republican, and Claude R. Wickard, Democrat, might appear on the surface to typify the businessman versus the farmer in their fight for the U. S. Senate.

Capehart is known as a wealthy manufacturer of juke boxes. Wickard is a former secretary of agriculture and has long been a farmer.

Yet Capehart has a 2,400-acre farm, almost four times bigger than Wickard's, and was born the son of a tenant farmer. And Wickard has had big business experience as head of the rural electrification commission.

But one thing is certain in this Indiana battle—the concentration is on the farm issue where Democrats consider the GOP vulnerable nationally.

Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler, himself a Hoosier, made no bones about wanting Wickard to make the race and encouraged him to make a specific target of Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson, drawing on his own background as secretary under FDR from 1940 to 1945.

Wickard launched his campaign for Indiana farm votes last winter, months before he was nominated. He made the rounds of rural communities, criticizing the administration for

failure to produce a farm program and parity price structure. Capehart began campaigning in June—talking on foreign policy, housing and small business as well as the farm issue. He solidly backed the Eisenhower team although in 1952 he was an ardent advocate of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft in the divided GOP.

On the farm issue, Capehart calls attention to his sponsorship of legislation calling for extensive research in new uses for surplus farm crops to eliminate the need for price supports. His plan for agricultural research was included in the GOP platform this year.

Wickard is 63, a ruddy-faced man who looks like a farmer. He claims credit for developing a food program during World War II which provided for the nation, the armed forces and our allies. He points to the strides made in low-cost electric service to rural areas while he was REA administrator.

**Hard Worker in Campaign**

Capehart is a genial and extroverted heavy-weight of 59. Seeking his third six-year term in the Senate, he has campaigned so strenuously that five weeks before the election he sprained an ankle stepping off a platform but it didn't slow him down. He is one of the Republican senators in Washington with a political record that goes back to the days just after the defeat of Alf M. Landon. If Indiana voters elect Wickard, they will be doing an about face in

party tradition. Indiana has gone for the GOP presidential nominee every year since and including 1940 and the decisive factor has been the rural vote which overrode Democratic majorities in the industrial areas, including the steel section.

Newspaper polls in the last few weeks have shown Capehart leading Wickard by about a 3-to-2 margin.

### Two Men Are Injured In Traffic Accidents

Two men suffered injuries in car accidents in Medford late Saturday, according to state police.

Elmer C. Allen, 51, of Camp White, suffered head injuries and a broken leg while walking across Highway 99 to Kim's restaurant when he was struck by a car operated by Loyal Norman Goodnough, 35, of 2083 College way, Medford, police said.

He was taken to Rogue Valley hospital by Medford Ambulance service. Hospital attendants said his condition was "critical."

Kenneth Waldorf Nottingham, 3686 Crater Lake highway, Medford, suffered head lacerations when the car he was operating failed to negotiate a curve at Crater Lake ave. and Grandview ave. The car struck a concrete abutment and rolled over in a ditch, state police said.

He was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance service. Hospital attendants said his condition was satisfactory.



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**GOOD THING HE WEARS TIGHT PANTS**—Executing an acrobatic pass to get out of harm's way, matador Chano Ramos does a back bend to avoid sharp horns of the charging bull in the Plaza Mexico arena in Mexico City. The tricky behind-the-back pass with his cape marks Ramos one of the most skillful matadors now performing.

### 19th Deer Season Death Reported

By **UNITED PRESS**

Oregon's deer hunting death toll stood at 19 Saturday with the death of Staff Sergeant Gregory Franklin Zimmerman, 23, who was shot and killed by a companion near Burns late Friday.

State police said the fatal shot was fired by Airman 3-C Franklin Darrel Sales, 18. Both men were stationed at Burns. Sales told officers he saw a deer and fired at it. The bullet struck Zimmerman who was about 40 yards away, according to the officers' report.

Another hunting death Friday claimed the life of Thornton L. Stanley, 74, who was hunting near his home at Enterprise when he was stricken by a heart attack.

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### Probe Starts Into 10-Year-Old Remains

Portland — (U.P.)—Technicians at the State Crime laboratory here Saturday began an examination of the 10-year-old remains of a Wasco county prospector which were discovered by a hunter last week.

Of the bleached bones recovered, the skull had a bullet hole in it. Wasco county sheriff Ernie Mosier said he was convinced the aged remains were those of Joe Ingram, an itinerant, half-blind prospector in his late 60s.

Ingram disappeared from his mountain shack in southern Wasco county in 1946. A small search was conducted for him after his starving saddle and pack horses were found wandering through the hilly country.

A deer hunter, Mike Whiteconnon of Wamic, discovered the bones while hunting last higher rating among contenders week.

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