

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Regarding 99 per cent of the world's approximately 1,200 kinds of warm-blooded mammals, we know next to nothing. But many do have popular names, from A to Z. For fun see if you can list one for each letter of the alphabet—with Q, U and X excepted. No peeking at the following list until you are finished. A score of 23 makes you a park naturalist, 21 a ranger, 18 an outdoorsman, 13 a drugstore cowpoke, long on words and short on knowledge. Time: Five minutes.

A. Anteater, antelope, armadillo, aye-aye. The aye-aye's survival is due to a native myth in Madagascar that anyone touching it will die.

B. Badger, badger, bai, bear, beaver, bighorn, binturong, bison. The binturong of Asia is the only civet with a grasping tail.

C. Capybara, caribou, chamois, chimpanzee, chipmunk, coati, mudi, cony, cougar and coyote. The Central American coati mudi sprints during hot afternoons.

D. Deer, dik-dik, dingo, duiker, dugong. Mythologists have attributed our mermaid legends to the dugong.

E. Echidna, eland, elephant. The Australian echidna, an anteater, lays eggs.

F. Ferret, fisher, fossa, fox. The fossa, a big flesh-eating cat of Madagascar, is reportedly as ferocious as a tiger. Take this with salt.

G. Giraffe, gun, gopher, gorilla, griffin, groundhog, guinea. The latter, a monkey, has long silky hair which has been used for trimming coats.

H. Hamster, hare, hartebeest, hedgehog, hippopotamus, hyena, hyrax. Although rabbit-sized, the hyrax is a relative of the rhinoceros.

I. Ibis, iguana, impala, indri. The indri of Madagascar although tailless, is a skillful climber.

J. Jackrabbit, jackal, jerboa. When frightened, the African jerboa is sometimes mistaken for a bird as it leaps across the desert.

K. Kangaroo, kinkajou, klipspringer, koala. The kinkajou of Latin America is one of the few animals that can climb up on its own tail when you hold it by the tail.

L. Lemming, lemur, leopard, lion, llama, and lynx. Most of the lemmings are about the size of a cat, with the face of a fox and the body of a monkey.

M. Macaque, mangabey, marmoset, marten, mole, mongoose, moose, musk ox, muskrat. The mangabey, a most expressive monkey, can scowl, laugh, grimace, wink or smile.

N. Narwhal, nilgai, nutria. The narwhal is a whale with a great twisting tusk of ivory that

projects from its upper jaw. O. Ocelot, okapi, onager, opossum, orangutan. The onager, a wild ass of Baluchistan, is captured by employing relays of swift horses to exhaust it.

P. Panda, panther, pika, porcupine, potoo, pronghorn. The potoo is unique among mammals in having its backbone partly outside its body.

Q. Quagga and quigui. The quagga, believed extinct, is a link between the zebra and the wild ass with stripes only half down its back.

R. Raccoon, reindeer, rhesus, rhinoceros, ratel. The ratel, a thick-furred African animal, is fond of stealing honey from beehives.

S. Sable, saiga, seal, serow, shrew, skunk and squirrel. The Siberian saiga's horns are considered medicinal by many Chinese.

T. Tapir, tenrec, tiger, tilmouse. The tenrec, an insect eater, has no close relatives outside of Madagascar.

U. Uakari, uru. The uakari, a South American monkey, has almost snow-white hair and a red face.

V. Vampire bat, vicuna, vole. Recent laws prohibiting the making of goods from the Peruvian vicuna's prized wool have helped it survive.

W. Wallaby, walrus, weasel, wildebeest, wolf, wombat. The Australian wombat female carries her young in a pouch and digs her burrow lying on her side.

X. Xerus. This squirrel-like South African rodent sits up like a prairie dog in front of its burrow.

Y. Yak, yapok. The most beautiful of the opossums, the yapok of South America, is rarely seen.

Z. Zebra, zebu and zorilla. The African zorilla, when attacked by dogs, ejects a nauseating musky fluid and then feigns death.

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A Nichol's Worth of . . .

Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — What's new in Washington: John Nance Garner, who recently celebrated his 88th birthday, told a friend in Uvalde, Tex., the other day that the worst thing that ever happened to him was being elected vice president.

"Speaker of the House," he said, "I could have done more for the party than anywhere else."

The Coolidge Thanksgiving menu in 1926 had roast Vermont turkey, creamed boiled onions, sweet and mashed potatoes, cranberries, peas, pumpkin pie and ice cream, and coffee.

Prices back there were what a man, even a president, could afford. Coffee was about half what it is today.

But the newspaper headlines were about the same—Western charges against Russian purges, and strife in Egypt. A small item that became known as the "Tepot Dome," was an exception.

The government, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has this comment:

"In a small town, folks will sympathize with you in trouble—and if you haven't any trou-

ble, they'll hunt some up for you."

Another from the FDIC: A kindergarten teacher, when she asked a young charge his father's name, was told "Daddy."

"But what does your mommy call him," she persisted. The kid, being a kid, replied: "She doesn't call him anything—she likes him."

Mrs. Mary MacIntyre, a Washington area housewife, bought a new car the other day that cost over \$4,000. It had everything, power steering, power brakes, everything automatic.

The lettering on the front end spelled out "DeSoto." On the back, it said "DeSoto."

Mrs. MacIntyre isn't going to do anything about it. Said she: "It makes a good conversation piece."

The Texas and Pacific Railroad magazine has a cartoon in its latest edition.

A high-batted longhorn rancher, hands behind his head, mouth open, is saying to the conductor: "Ticket, son? Ah, don't need one. Ah've just bought this here ol' railroad!"

The magazine "Machinist," published here, has a "Swap Shop Column." This one never goes into print:

"Grown Boxer, A.K.C., registered. Will eat anything. Especially fond of children."

United Press Correspondent
By ALINE MOSBY

Editor's note: A phenomenon is taking place on the desert—a new city. The United Press sent Aline Mosby to the area to record the boom.

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Hollywood Writer

Palm Springs — (U.P.) — This little desert resort town nestled among the swimming pools, cactuses and sequoias is riding the crest of a boom that may make it another Miami Beach.

Many a tourist thought Palm Springs already was as big as it could get with, with 357 hotels, 1200 swimming pools and lavish homes for such celebrities as Frank Sinatra and Darryl F. Zanuck.

Now the village of 12,225 shows signs of busting loose into a full-blown city of 50,000.

Tracts mushrooming
Mansions of flagstones and glass are rising from the sand dunes. Some lots that sold for \$1500 four years ago are \$15,000 now; most lots have at least tripled in value. One tract of houses, selling for \$40,000 and up, was sold out even before the concrete was poured.

Stores, expensive trailer camps and new hotels are popping up. Romanoff's of Beverly Hills plans a restaurant here. Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball head a group opening the Indian Wells Country Club, hotel and restaurant Dec. 15.

No Smog
One reason for the growth appears to be millionaires such as oil George Cameron who are developing the area. He thinks smog and the expansion of Los Angeles is skyrocketing Palm Springs. Another reason for the boom is that some of the best land in Palm Springs, owned by the Agua Caliente Indians, now is for sale (a nationwide policy of the Indian Service which was somewhat of a controversy in the recent election).

Handsome 40ish Cameron, who started from scratch as a wildcatter in Oklahoma and built himself a \$30,000,000 fortune, has given the biggest boost to Palm Springs. He launched the town's third radio station (KIES). He bought the weekly newspaper, the Desert Sun, a year ago and turned it into a thriving daily.

"We were lucky to fill 10 pages then, now we print 16 and could print 24 if we had the newsprint," he said.

But his biggest venture is Cam-

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By Jimmy Hatlo



Pickin' Pears

News and Notes
From Camp White

By Bill Hurn

Central Point American Legion auxiliary entertained with games at the Recreation hall Monday afternoon. Mary Parker and Eva Campbell assisted Thelma Williams, hospital chairman.

United Spanish War Veterans auxiliary has been designated as the group to be honored on VAVS plaque this week by E. K. Ricker, manager.

Blue Star Mothers of Grants pass spent Wednesday at Camp White with the morning devoted to sewing and mending at arts and crafts and in the afternoon gave a party for ward 1. The group consisted of Ruth Harmon, Edna McKenzie, Jennie Smith and Martha Ertel.

Rogue Valley Navy Mothers drew a full-house at the theatre Wednesday night with 27 tables of cards. Hostesses were Myrtle Coggins, Olena Kuhl, Lola Ludwig, Ann Rodgers, Doris Davies and Bertha Colleigh. Cigarettes were distributed and homemade pie and coffee were served.

Thanksgiving Day observance at Camp White consisted of morning chapel services and a noon dinner, which was planned

and prepared by Mrs. Helen Pearson, chief dietician, and her staff. The souvenir menu was provided by the VFW of Shady Cove. Table favors were by the Junior Red Cross of Medford. Two football games were special entertainment highlights.

Cootie Nicotine by Pup Tent 3 and Ladybugs 4 of Medford was conducted in the evening by Ivan and Helen Lusk assisted by members from Camp White.

Percy King, Robert Myers, Paul Hill and Frank Clayton of the Cooties and Ben Anderson were the volunteers assisting.