

# Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE LATE OLIVER GOGARTY told about a self-important colonel who arrived at a club and demanded accommodations. Told that the last room had just been rented to a no-account civilian, the colonel stamped up to this room and whacked the innocent occupant with his sword. "Sir," he shouted, "consider yourself insulted!"

"Oh, go away," yawned the civilian, "and consider yourself shot."

"What was the rank of that Navy man you were dancing with all evening at the country club?" demanded an anxious mother. "I'm not sure," answered the daughter coyly, "but judging by his actions, I'd say he was a Chief Petty Officer."

A fond mother came home to find her teenage son engaged in a poker game. What's more, his stack of chips was low indeed. "Look, mom," he said sadly, "no hands!"



# Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS  
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North America has always been rich in animal life. When the white man first crossed the plains, no other continent had had such a profusion of game—up to 60,000,000 of buffalo, up to 40,000,000 of antelopes, and prairie dogs by the billion.

Ten thousand years ago, elephants, horses, giant sloths, lions, and many kinds of deer, and other mammals abounded in every corner of our land judging from fossil remains.

Going back millions of years, our land was full of giant animals. For example, the largest animal to roam the earth lived here: the giant dinosaur or thundersaur which lived in swamps some 160,000,000 years ago. It measured 87½ feet in length.

These semi-aquatic reptiles weighed more than 40 tons. (As compared to the sulphur bottom or blue whale, which weighed more than three times as much, this is still comparatively small. Although while in the water it needed no support—it floated.)

A more bulky animal was the Baluchitherium. This animal—a type of extinct rhinoceros which was unearthed in Mongolia, was slightly more than 18 feet tall at the shoulders. It probably stood 25 feet tall to the crown of its head.

The largest of any flesh-eating prehistoric animal was the tyrannosaurus rex, remains of which were found in Montana in 1908. This fierce-looking monster stood 18½ feet high and was 47 feet long.

**Tusk 16 Feet Long**  
The largest tooth (or tusk) of any prehistoric animal ever discovered, was that of a mastodon unearthed at Port, Tex. This tusk, which is now housed in the American Museum of Natural History, New York, measured slightly in excess of 16 feet.

As for the largest fossil snake, that was found in Egypt and reached a length of 50 feet. This is considerably longer than any snake living today—the longest being the reticulated python of southwest Asia which has been known to attain 33 feet.

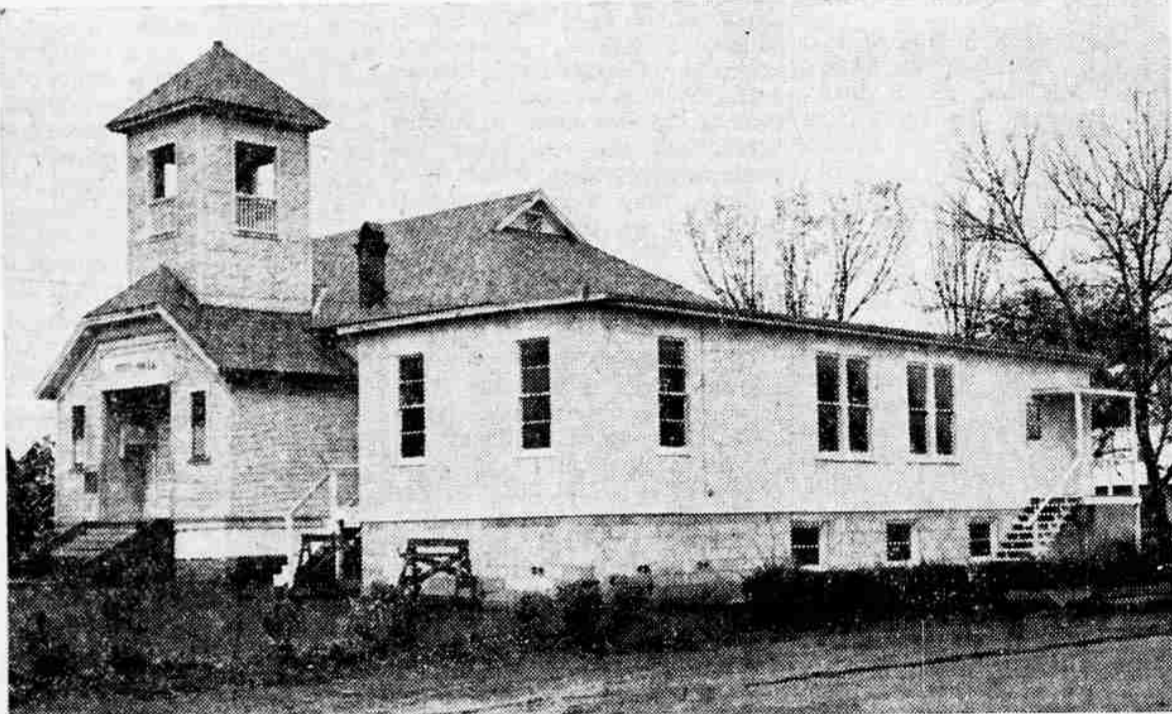
The largest bird that ever lived, Aepyornis maximus of southern Madagascar, stood about 10 feet. Its eggs were 13 inches long with a diameter of 9½ and a capacity of two gallons, weighing perhaps 18 pounds. Judging from its bones, this bird which lived up until 25 years ago, must have weighed a half a ton.

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**NEW LIBRARY**—Librarian Alta Estes, left, and Talent Mayor Frank Christian discuss further additions to the new branch library that is housed in the recently constructed addition to the Talent city hall. Most of the labor on the 1,200 square foot addition was donated by Christian and Talent Police Chief

Bill Young. A money donation by the Talent Lions club started the building fund off, and other donations including materials, were received from individuals, clubs and business firms. The \$10,000 structure cost the city of Talent only \$2,500 in cash.



**CITY HALL ADDITION**—The picture above shows the newly-completed addition to the Talent city hall that will be dedicated, along with the town's new post office, at ceremonies and open house Thursday evening, Oct. 31. Behind the new addition is the old city hall building. The new structure houses a library,

youth center, police office and council room. Mayors from various towns in Jackson county as well as county officials, have been invited to the ceremony. Special festivities for youngsters will begin at 7 p.m. in the youth center and the adult program will begin at 8 p.m., according to Mayor Frank Christian.

# New Talent Library Dedication Scheduled

The enlarged and remodeled Talent community hall will be presented to the people of Talent and neighboring communities at an open house Thursday evening, Oct. 31, according to Mayor Frank Christian.

Festivities will begin at 7 p.m. for the children, at 8 p.m. for adults, with refreshments to be served to all. Officials of the neighboring cities, and of Jackson county, are being invited.

New arrangements in the hall provide a downstairs clubroom for the use of all youth organizations of the community, and an upstairs clubroom and auditorium for adult activities. This room has been doubled in size, freshly painted, and given a floor covering of asphalt tiles and an acoustic ceiling. A smaller clubroom is also available for the use of groups.

**Original Building**  
Added to the original building is a wing containing a council chamber and police office. There is also a new, separate library room, with its own entrance.

The project was originated by the Talent Lions club, which have furnished the financial backing. Other organizations and individuals of the community have responded with generous offers of future assistance with the furnishing of the rooms, according to Mrs. Frank Christian.

The actual work of construction and finishing was directed, and much of it accomplished, by Mayor Christian, with the assistance of volunteer labor. Fire Marshal and Police Chief Bill Young contributed the labor of painting the new interior.

**CITIES IN 'TROUBLE'**  
Baltimore, Md.—The president of the American Institute of Architects believes crowded American cities must be kept livable for the sake of civilization. AIA President Leon Cahtelain Jr. said "man's culture began only when he began to fashion cities and live in them." He told a group Friday American cities are in "fairly deep trouble" and said the "obvious solutions are planning and controlled growth and federation of local governments to handle common problems."

# Switch Engine, Car Involved in Crash

Richard Wayne Imhausen, 24, of Agate rd., escaped injury Thursday night when the car he was driving collided with a switching train on Agate rd. between Dragstrip rd. and Antelope rd., state police reported.

An engine, switching about 25 box cars, was crossing the roadway travelling west when the car driven by Imhausen collided with the train, state police said. One of the cars apparently hit the automobile front end and turned it sidewise, they reported.

Arthur Lawrence Bradshaw, 40, of route 3, Medford, was engineer, police said. The engine is owned by White City Terminal and Utility company of Camp White.

Richard Rudolph, 45, of 88 Crownon rd., Ashland, was cited by state police for failing to stop before entering a through highway following an accident Thursday near Ashland.

State police said Rudolph was backing a flat bed truck out of a driveway onto Highway 66 when it collided with a car driven by John Kercher, 44, of route 1, Central Point. No one was injured, state police said.

# California Man Bound Over To Grand Jury

John Joseph Polato, Santa Barbara, Calif., was bound over to the grand jury Thursday on Charges of forgery.

He waived a preliminary hearing and is being held on \$1,500 bail.

Polato is charged with attempting to pass a \$45 check at a Union Creek store recently. Sheriff's officers said the charge involves taking checks from a home in Prospect while acting as a magazine salesman.

Ronald Joseph Sunseri, 18, California, is serving a 60-day sentence in Jackson county jail on charges of petty larceny. He was found guilty in district

court of taking an automobile wheel and tire. City police arrested him recently.

Alex Williams of Alaska, is serving three months in the county jail after pleading guilty in district court last week to carrying a switch blade knife with a blade three inches long. Such blades became illegal by a recently enacted state law.

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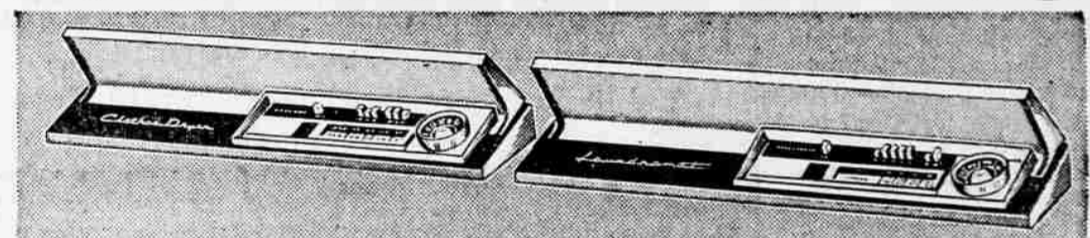
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