

Is That So?

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Did you know that... despite the enormous publicity given the gorilla, it was hardly known 100 years ago?

It was not until 1847 that the first gorilla skull was examined in the U.S., and the famous London zoo did not get one until as late as 1887. At first they were believed



to be overgrown chimpanzees. It was years before it was definitely established they were a separate species.

The bitterling, a three-inch fish, uses a living freshwater mussel as a nursery. The eggs are deposited in the mussel, fertilized there, and two or three weeks later the tiny bitterlings emerge to begin their lifelong swim.

You can spot the black widow spider by the red, hour-glass shaped mark on the underside of its round abdomen.

The American beaver ranges the entire width of the country from the Rio Grande to Canada. In certain parts of the country, thanks to protection—the numbers of this sociable animal are increasing.

Probably the biggest close relative of the pig is the hippopotamus whose name means river horse. Though he stays in rivers most of the day, at night he is often found roaming the countryside in search of food.

Whenever you see a bat skimming over the surface of the water it is probably taking a drink. They may eat fruit, insects, fish, the blood of birds or animals, most of which has to be done when not in flight. But they drink on the wing.

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Does the Law Entitle a Dog to One Bite?

Eight-year-old Jack Jones and his mother were walking through the lobby of the hotel where they were staying. When Jack leaned over to pat "Sport," the hotel owner's mongrel pup, the dog bit him on the arm. A legal action in Jack's name was begun against the hotel owner seeking damages for the injuries caused by the dog bite. The hotel owner argued that the dog had never bitten anyone before and he had no reason to know that the animal had dangerous or vicious propensities. Otherwise he is not.

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Not in Agreement
The court did not agree with this contention because the dog had growled and snapped at people before and

His tail was armed with a spiked club.

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Layoffs Told By Texas Firm

Dallas, Tex.—The Lone Star Steel company has disclosed it will lay off 500 more men on May 1, when it closes its open hearth department in its east Texas plant at Dainfield.

The company laid off 1,500 men about a month ago.

E. B. Germany, president of Lone Star, said sales and revenue had been severely curtailed because of conditions in the oil and gas industry.

RED SHIP IN TANGIERS

Tangier — For the first time since Czarist days, a Russian ship was being unloaded in Tangier today. The Svernjaja Dvina, loaded with paper and woodpulp consigned to Spain, put in here because the Spanish government has a ban on Soviet ships. The cargo is being transhipped far out in Tangier Bay into small coasters which then sail across the Straits of Gibraltar into Spain.

had otherwise demonstrated to his owner that he might bite. Actual biting is not the only way an owner can gain knowledge that the animal might be vicious.

This holding would cover similar cases involving animal-inflicted injuries. A dog is only one of the animals considered by the law to be a "safe" domesticated animal. Others are sheep, cats, chickens, horses and the like. In cases involving these, the owner will usually be liable if he knew or had reason to know that the animal had dangerous or vicious propensities. Otherwise he is not.

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Viciousness Not Indicated

In Minnesota a playful dog jumped on a lady and caused her to fall and suffer an injury. She was not permitted damages from the dog's owner only because she could not show that the owner had knowledge of the dog's dangerous propensities. This would indicate, however, that the animal does not necessarily have to be vicious, only dangerous.

A border-line case in North Carolina involved a man gored by a bull who was denied damages because he could not prove that the owner knew of the bull's dangerous or vicious propensities. No doubt other courts would take the position that anyone would know that a bull might be vicious.

In Oregon the rule is the same as in all these cases mentioned. The owner will be liable for injuries done by "safe," domesticated animals if he knows or had reason to know of their vicious or dangerous tendencies.

Mexico Broadens Tourist Rules

Mexico City.—The government has liberalized tourist regulations to allow foreign visitors to bring three bottles of liquor into the country duty free and to eliminate the requirement for Mexican customs inspection of their baggage when they leave.

The increased liquor quota was designed to offset a recent rise in duties on commercial liquor imports. The abolition of customs inspection for outbound tourists was a reaction to recent criticism of the "humiliating searches" to which travelers had been subjected.

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By Jimmy Hatlo

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Stock Exchange Issues Book Full of Answers On Market

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New York.—The Stock Exchange Tuesday issues its 1958 "Fact Book," a 50-page compendium packed full of answers to a thousand and one questions one might ask about the market.

But it won't tell you what the companies listed on the big board — and there are more than a thousand of them — manufacture or how they earn their living. Such an analysis would take a pretty sizable book shelf.

It's pretty important to know what companies make before one buys their stock. But the market performance indicates there are many things yet to learn.

For example, the other day when the low-priced autos such as American Motors and Studebaker-Packard were active and rising, little traders took a fling in Hupp which hasn't made an automobile since the depression of the 1930s. It makes air conditioning equipment.

Little Fellows

It's said the little fellows were toying also with Graham-Paige which is another ex-auto maker. It is now an investment trust. So is Overland Corp., which used to be Willys-Overland.

When the gold miners get going Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co. stock gets attention. It no longer mines gold. It makes auto equipment and sells electric power.

When the airlines get attention Seaboard Air Line almost always gets a lift from novice traders. It's a railroad and hasn't got a single airplane.

Then, there's American Hawaiian Steamship—no ships here but lots of cash and investments.

Adams Express is another No express. It's an investment company.

American Sumatra Tobacco has nothing to do with Sumatra, and West Virginia Pulp & Paper has no connection with West Virginia.

Boots From a Railroad
Wouldn't you think Philadelphia & Reading was a railroad? It used to be nothing but a coal company. But now it makes and sells cinder blocks, men's and boys' underwear, and cowboy and other boots. Also a little ant-

thraxite.

Plough, Inc., instead of being farm equipment is in the medicine and cosmetic business runs a few drug stores and owns a few radio stations.

Once upon a time American Ice was exclusively in the ice business. It still makes and sells ice, but it has added to its products for sale, coal, fuel oil, and oil burners. In addition it operates a laundry and dry cleaning business.

American Machine & Foundry has no foundry, but it is the leader in making and leasing bowling equipment and cigar and cigarette machinery.

Olin Mathieson, often classified as a chemical, could fill a page with its products which include drugs and toiletries, arms, ammunition and metals.

When the silver price goes

up don't jump at the conclusion that's good for International Silver. It's bad. The company makes silverware and is a big purchaser of silver.

Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing does a bit of mining for abrasive material but it's noted principally for scotch tape. Newmont Mining does not mine anything. It holds mining stocks. Joy Manufacturing has nothing to do with amusement. It makes mining equipment.

If you have these troubles of guessing wrong on what the companies do, don't worry. Keep trying. And if it's any comfort a New York newspaper some time back carried the performance of Seaboard Air Line in the same sentence with such companies as Eastern Air Lines, American Airlines, etc.

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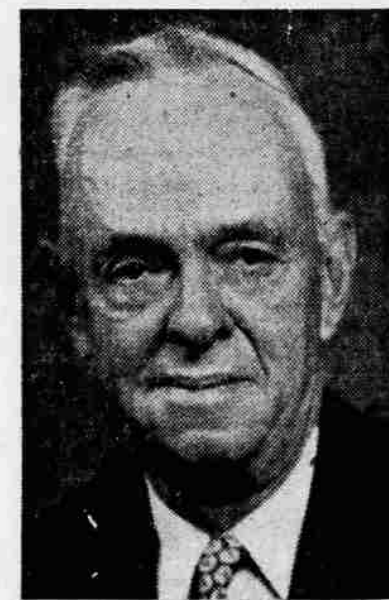
Vets Urged To Eye Housing Loan

Washington — Congressman Charles O. Porter has urged World War II veterans interested in financing housing loans to look into the features of Public Law 364. That law, recently passed by the 85th Congress, extends the veterans' loan guaranty program for two additional years and makes \$350 million available for direct loans for veterans during the next two years.

Porter said Rep. Olin E. Teague, chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, stressed the need for interested persons to apply for such funds immediately.

Congressman Teague said it would probably be the last opportunity for World War II veterans, particularly those living in small towns and rural areas, to benefit from the program. Persons interested should contact the VA regional office in Portland for additional information.

Specific features of the law include raising the maximum amount of direct loans from \$10,000 to \$13,500 and authorization of an additional \$1.55 billion for the Federal National Mortgage Association to use in purchasing FHA and VA mortgages.



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Cairo — Egypt released the crews of two British Army patrol boats early Saturday after holding them since they strayed into Egyptian territorial waters Wednesday. The boats, from Libyan bases, also were released. An official spokesman said investigation showed the boats had been forced into Egyptian waters by a sudden storm while on their way from Libya to Cyprus.

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