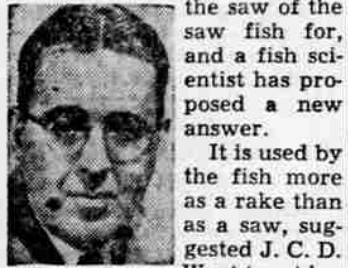




TAKING OFFICE at end of week-long convention in Kansas City, here are new leaders of Future Farmers of America. Front row, from left: Adin Hester, president, Aurora, Ore.; Norman A. Brown, student secretary, Temperance, Mich. Back row: Lee Todd, Bells, Tenn., vice president, southern region; Thomas E. Stine, Ozark, Mo., vice president, central; Richard Van Auker, Monroe, N. J., vice president, North Atlantic.

Saw Fish Said To Use Saw Mainly as Rake To Find Food

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor
New York — (UPI) — Among the innumerable unanswered scientific questions is what is the saw of the saw fish for, and a fish scientist has proposed a new answer.



It is used by the fish more as a rake than as a saw, suggested J. C. D. Watts.

Watts; the fish rakes the sea bottoms with it, rooting out small fish hiding in the mud and then gobbling them as they appear.

Previous answers centered on the obvious. Surely any animal with a snout as long and mean-looking as the saw of a saw fish, used it as a weapon, Watts said, perhaps to now and then, but that wasn't its main purpose.

Among Nature's Ugliest If you've never looked at a saw fish in the eye, you have a nightmare waiting for you. They inhabit the warm seas and are among the ugliest of nature's creatures many of which are ugly enough to stop a clock. In the first place, they're rather flat and spready at the belly. Then there's the saw of bone lined on both sides with triangular teeth, which can account for more than one third of the total length.

Finally they run to size. The largest with which people have become acquainted were 20 feet long with six-foot saws, weighing around 1,000 pounds. Fortunately for human peace of mind, people don't see them often because they are bottom livers.

Watts is employed by the fisheries research unit of the government of Sierra Leone on the African west coast, a good place to study saw fish. Occasionally they get washed up on beaches and fishermen encounter the disaster of getting one in a net.

10 Miles From Sea They're known to swim up rivers for long distances when the rivers are in flood. Watts based a part of his contribution to science's scant saw

fish knowledge on one he caught in a river 10 miles from its outlet into the sea. This fish was male, 14 feet long, weighed 566 pounds. In its stomach was a small fish which, having been gulped down, was whole and in "a fair state of preservation," Watts reported to the international technical journal, "Nature."

This small fish had been both sawed and stabbed by the saw fish's saw. On the basis of this, Watts admitted, you could think the saw was a weapon of offense. But he thought it was a happenstance. When saw fish are in the rivers at flood time, the water is so muddy they couldn't see prey at a great enough distance to use their saws.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Westside Beefy's 4-H Club
The Westside Beefy's 4-H club met at the home of Don Bradshaw one of our leaders, Sept. 28. Completion cards were filled out and turned in. A discussion followed on how to properly complete the record books. We talked about buying a steer, feeding it out and selling it at the 4-H auction and turning the money over to the Shrine hospital.

Officers for the coming year were elected. They are Linda Gibson, president; Marsha Watson, vice president; Roxy Terry, secretary; and Clint Gibson, reporter.

A motion was made and seconded that a meeting could not miss a member without a good reason and when three meetings are missed they will be dropped from the membership. The motion passed as the members believed that a member would be interested enough to attend all the meetings if he wanted to be a 4-Her.

The next meeting will be Oct. 26 at Marsha Watson's home at 7:30 p.m.
Clint Gibson, Reporter

Westside 4-H Hayburners
The Westside Hayburners 4-H Horse club held their overnight ride Oct. 11 and 12. The members met at the Posse Grounds Oct. 11 and rode from there to the Ragsdale home near Lake Creek.

Saturday night the club had their regular meeting. Linda Gibson, reporter, was the only officer present and she acted as president and Sharon Forde acted as secretary. Four new members attended the meeting and they were Judy Bradshaw, Pam Roberts, Roxy Terry and Nancy Hurlbut. Two guests attended the ride and they were Nancy Lusk from Asiland and Jan Main of Medford.

The club decided to have a hayride instead of a Halloween party. The hayride will be Nov. 1 and will end at the Ragsdale home. The next meeting will be at Sharon Forde's home Nov. 8, at 10 a.m. After the meeting was adjourned, Wallace Ragsdale played the guitar and his daughter, Barbara, played the accordion.

Sunday on the ride home the club did a good deed of helping the H. W. Robertsons put their straying horses back in the pasture.

The club left the posse grounds about 10:30 a.m. Saturday and returned about 6 p.m. Sunday. Eight members, our leader and two guests attended the ride.

Linda Gibson, Reporter

Grange News

Roxy Ann Grange
Roxy Ann Grange met Fri-Alva Sims presiding.

Home Economics chairman, Mrs. Carl Quackenbush, reported HEC met at her home, with Mrs. Marvin Garrett as co-hostess. There were 30 members and four guests present. She announced there will be a public dinner at the Grange hall, Sunday, Nov. 2. The public is invited. The next HEC meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. O. Myhre Nov. 5. Mrs. Byron Ellis will be co-hostess.

Mrs. Clarence Pfister welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moeller who had not attended for some time.

Mrs. Madge Nowlin in charge of display had old Bibles, each owner gave a short history of their Bible.

Roscoe Roberts, insurance agent, announced there will be a change in fire insurance and raise in extended coverage. He urged everyone to clean up fire hazards and be careful of cigarettes.

The Master read a letter from State Grange saying they had passed the resolution regarding labeling of shoes and was sending it to National Grange.

Agricultural chairman, Charles Whitcher, reported beef prices steady, hay off a bit and there had been a change in wheat acreage allotment.

Mrs. Bruce Moffatt, lecturer, read a piece entitled "Something to think about" and games were played.

Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moeller and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burchfield.

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WACs Find Valuable Places In Army Posts Around Globe

Editor's note: What are some of the complications in training a small army of women to take up the slack behind the front in wartime. This second of two dispatches from the Women's Army Corps training center discusses these problems.

By WILLIAM TUCKER
United Press International
Ft. McClellan, Ala. — (UPI) — "Send us more WACs!"

That, according to Lt. Col. Marjorie C. Power, commander of the Women's Army Corps training center, is the most frequent communication she receives from generals engulfed in paper work across the globe.

"And I'll repeat the demand," said the graying lady soldier. "Send ME more WACs."

It isn't that the WAC does not get the right kind of girls. The wrong kind are screened out at the recruiting office, or early in service.

But the WAC has an inadequate, thinly spread recruiting force. Its publicity budget is low and the WAC traditionally has had a poor press since its creation in the confusion of World War II.

Wants Right Headlines
"If only they would make headlines out of a WAC getting the legion of merit instead of one getting arrested," said the salty colonel who would not look out of place on the liveliest battlefield.

The WAC has 72 recruiting stations in large cities throughout the country. But each is "manned" only by one WAC officer and/or a WAC sergeant and the total force is less than 200.

"An officer covering a large territory will sometimes spend all day on the road and, just as in the traveling sales business, you can't take orders when you are driving," said Maj. Mary Jane Eldridge, public information officer here who has also done recruiting duty.

"Our moral standards are very high and rigidly enforced," she continued. "If a woman in the army does something wrong she will stand out."

"Especially must a woman on recruiting duty conduct herself as a paragon."

Takes Great Pride
Occasionally a WAC will write her home town newspaper, without giving her name, that she is "looked down on" in the community and she wonders why, because she takes great pride in her service.

Major Eldridge said her experience had been that she

was "looked at" instead of "looked down on."

"We're a curiosity in places where there is no military concentration," she said.

"Most people do not even recognize our uniform and they are inclined to stare."

Veteran WAC officers who, through the hurly-burly of World War II, admit that the corps had a few undesirable members in that period. But they say the WAC drew a lot of criticism it didn't deserve.

"In those days it was easy for girls doing any kind of defense work to say she was a WAC and try to dress the part. I believe a lot of the so-called WAC delinquents were really outsiders."

Civilians Make Passes
In their relations with men, say WAC veterans, the tendency is for the military to fuss over them and for civilians to make passes at them.

"I still hear suggestive remarks if I ride a New York

subway," said one officer. "You learn to pay no notice to them."

When a WAC group arrives at a remote base, said this officer, the local commandant will usually make a great stir of detailing men to set up housing, sanitation and other facilities for the girls to ensure privacy.

"We know what to do," she said. "We learned it in basic training. When the men have left us alone, we have set up our own camps without a hitch."

Enlistments and re-enlistments are on the upswing, Colonel Power said. "Maybe we are getting better publicity," she said, "and

maybe the Middle East crisis had something to do with it. Or maybe the recession could be a reason.

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