



## Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

### Freaks Are Abnormalities - Not 'Missing Links'

Part of P. T. Barnum's fame came from his observation about how many suckers are born; and how often. Most of his money was made cashing in on what he believed. He proved his point.

Since then many thousands of so-called freaks have been exploited and exhibited, and invariably people have paid money to see them. Even today the world is being searched for unusual things that will bring money into the box office.

Freaks are mostly abnormalities. When in the normal course of events nature goes haywire, something slips, a cog refuses to mesh or something happens, a freak of nature occurs.

When in animals a gland may become over-active, or dormant, or two glands, which under ordinary circumstances get along grand together, suddenly have trouble, then the resultant creature is born with more than his natural number of limbs, or with the head in the wrong place.

Sometimes there is a scientific explanation, sometimes there is not. Freaks occur in everything, trees, fish, birds and man. Any abnormality in size, shape or development becomes a freak; even the albino, being a departure from the ordinary, becomes a freak.

As a general rule natural born monstrosities do not live very long. If the abnormality is exaggerated, life itself goes from the body and the freak ceases to exist.

There have been many famous freaks of nature that have made scientific history. Siamese twins are an example. The man with hair like the wool of a sheep, the lady with the full beard; the girl with two bodies, and a host of others.

There also has been misrepresentation. A few years ago a traveling carnival attracted patrons by advertising the horse with its tail where its head ought to be. They exhibited an ordinary horse

### standing backwards in a stall. Born That Way

Some freaks are made, but most are born that way. Sometimes an accident or maladjusted growth causes a being to become different from its fellows and a monstrosity is created.

Human freaks were often advertised as "missing links" and their connection between normal people and themselves were supposed to prove something or other. Barkers at side shows and carnivals tried vocally and loudly to connect these freaks with evolution; or tried to show how the human race was slipping backwards into the past.

Nothing could be more ridiculous. Freaks are not "missing links;" they prove only that abnormality is accidental, and this has no significance in evolutionary history.

### Executive Program Set at University

University of Oregon, Eugene-The second annual Executive Development Program of the university will be held at the school of business administration June 14 through July 3.

The three-week course will be limited to 30 participants. It is designed to supplement company executive training programs and to provide executive training for companies which do not have formal training programs.

Director of the program is Charles F. Ziebarth, associate professor of business administration.

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Air sucked in at the leading edge of the wing and discharged through controllable vanes enables a new airplane to fly vertically or horizontally.

# SCHOOL NEWS

### Phoenix High School

Edited by Ginger Martin  
At the Southern Oregon Solo Ensemble contest, Phoenix High school music students received high ratings. This event was held in Grants Pass, with approximately 300 students from southern Oregon attending.

Joyce Stockstill won a superior rating, playing the flute solo. The piece was "The Chinese Dance," taken from the "Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikovsky.

Joyce Hunter received the rating of excellent with a solo on the French horn. She played the number entitled "Aria" from the "Magic Flute" written by Mozart.

The Girls' nonet received an excellent rating on their selections. They sang "Robin in the Rain" by Cain and "Grant Us Thy Peace" by Diggle.

Students of the Phoenix art class are lettering 10 historical road signs as part of the Oregon Centennial program. The Phoenix shop class is making the signs in the shape of Oregon. The signs will be made from incense cedar donated by the Sierra Cascade lumber company. Thirty-two inches by twenty-two inches, the signs will be put up by the Crater Lions.

The signs will have facts about the areas where they are placed. Historical places described are Logtown cemetery; Gin-Lin mine, the first with hydraulic equipment; Kuble Mill, and early trading post; Uniontown, once a mining town; the ice plant, the first mechanical plant; power plant, Ashland (electricity); Eagle Falls, a flour mill; Camp Baker, a civil war camp; the first school, an original one-room building; the Grove, the first Chautauqua.

Ashland, Crater, and Medford are constructing similar signs.

On the evening of April 9, the annual Phoenix FFA parent and son banquet was held in the grade school cafeteria. A program followed in the grade school gym for the anticipated crowd of 160.

Ceremonies conducted by the chapter officers and the invocation, given by Steve Kesler, opened the program. Jack Hoffbuhner introduced the guests, and Gerald Sloper gave the chapter history and progress report.

Following Bill Rasmussen's report on the national convention, the "lighter side" was presented by the freshman Ag members. Mike Lowery spoke on the state convention. The award ceremony was held. To be chosen as the Star The following boys received award medals: Leon Small, farm safety and public speaking; Jim Martin, dairy farming; John Whiteside, farm mechanics; Jack Hoffbuhner, soil and water management.

The Star Chapter Farmer award went to Bill Rasmussen. To be chosen as the Star Chapter Farmer the boy must have an outstanding supervised farming program in the chapter. For this achievement Bill received the medal and will have his name engraved on the chapter plaque. No boy can win the Star Chapter Farmer award twice. Leon Small was the winner last year.

Dean Sommers and Victor Coggins received \$10 and \$5, respectively for the Safeway Greenhand Establishment in Farming award. To win, the boys have had the outstanding supervised farming program among last year's freshmen.

An honorary membership to the FFA was given to C. E. Small for the help he has given the FFA.

The art class is currently occupied sculpturing masks and free forms in clay. Later, as a class project, they will design the setting for the style show to be given May 7 by the home economics classes.

An award assembly was held March 27 to award letters to the members of the junior varsity and varsity basketball team.

Those on the varsity squad who earned letters were Mike Consbruck, David Barlow, Don MacKintosh, Butch Blessing, Mike Reese, David McClurg, Gordon Caster, Gerald Sloper, Ron Baker, Jim Floyd, and Othar Ritchey.

JV letter earners were Danny Lumley, Doug James, George Hall, Gary Chriss, Glenn Thompson, Rod Fowler, Clair Coggins, Rance Eagleton and Roger Cascon.

Two SOC students are student teaching at Phoenix High school. Mrs. Audrey Lytle, a Phoenix graduate now majoring in English, is teaching junior English and journalism under Mrs. Mable Sims. Bill Beck, a science major, is teaching biology under Roscoe Larson.

With the completion of the study, "American Capitalism," the American problems class will begin a course of study

### concerning American problems of their own choosing.

To choose the topics, each class made a list of possible subjects. Then committee members Lola Good, Don MacKintosh, Sandra Skinner, Pat Imhausen, Allen Morse, and Butch Blessing met with Robert Myrick and selected topics as ones for further study. They are a "how to think" unit, marriage and family, instalment buying, mental health and institutions, comparison of governments, social security, and insurance. The committee has arranged to have speakers on some of the topics.

Each student will be required to give an occupational report in class before graduation.

Phoenix GAA softball team crushed Jacksonville on April 3. Leaving Phoenix at 3 p.m. they traveled to Eagle Point to play on Tuesday, April 14. Marjorie Brood has won the badminton tournament. To do this she defeated Eula Disrude in the playoffs as well as four girls in earlier matches.

### Crater High School

By DARLENE TOMLINSON  
Crater Future Homemaker of America celebrated FHA week in various ways during FHA week, April 6-10.

Each day during the week a rose was given to an adult who had done a lot for FHA's special activities. Monday the rose went to Francis Willett, FHA advisor; Tuesday to Warren Holbrook; Wednesday to Stella Ayers; Thursday to H. P. Jewett, superintendent; and Friday, Arthur Straus, principal.

On Wednesday a rose bush was planted by the FHAer's outside the library window. The rose is the chapter flower. Thursday was clean-up day and the girls spent activity period cleaning up the school grounds. Friday was red and white day on which everyone was asked to wear red and white clothing.

At the FHA meeting held April 7 Nancy McKay and Jeanette Purdy gave talks on the state convention. It was announced that FHA pins are on sale for all FHA members.

Ten members of Future Teachers of America attended junior high classes to observe classroom procedure on April 10. A group of six FTA members will attend the junior high on April 14 for the same purpose.

Those who have or will attend classes to observe are Sharlette Hale, Mary Head, Kathy Straus, Dennis Pfaff, Donna Burnett, Doris Owens, Virginia Munday, Louella Rone, Janet Scalburg, Alice Thompson, Margaret Pendleton, Alice Croxton, Nancy Dillon, Rayanne Greene, Patsy Charley, Nancy Schwebs, Byron Rominger, Rachael Hamilton and Barbara Pilcher.

Future Farmers of America elected their officers for next year at elections held in the vocational agriculture room on April 8 and 9.

The new officers are junior John Caster, president; Sophomore Don Denning, vice president; Sophomore Pete

Melsted, treasurer; Junior Don Ryan, secretary; Sophomore Nathan Barry, reporter; Sophomore Larry Ryerson, sentinel; and Sophomore Jim Frink, assistant treasurer.

Sally Carr was chosen Girl of the Month at the Girls' league meeting April 8. Sally is editor of the Constellation, a member of Quill and Scroll, Girls' league, Girls' Athletic association and Curtain Callers.

Junior girls presented the third in a series of four Girls' league assemblies, April 10.

A group of six girls sang "I Believe" to start off the program. They were Shirley McAllister, Connie Black, Janet Johnson, Sandy Renfrow, Joyce Francis and Patty Kime.

"Professor Pastry," who has often appeared on the Ed Sullivan show, was imitated in a skit with Marilyn Hixson playing the professor. Others in the cast were Connie McDonough, Patsy Charley, Shirley McAllister and Patti Straus.

Lea Padgett played "It's Wonderful" and "Blue Moon" on the accordion. Kathy Straus was the master of ceremonies.

### CP Junior High School

A track meet with North Grants Pass was held Thursday, April 9, at Crater High school. The score for the eighth grade was 80-33, in Central Point's favor.

New records for the eighth grade were set in high hurdles, Vern Swanson; shotput and discus, Pat Pepper; new relay record, Vern Swanson, Neil Rivenburg, Mike Glines and Gary Wald; 660-yard run, Loren Cochran. Ten out of 12 firsts were made.

The score for the seventh grade was 40-33 in Central Point's favor. Few changes will be made to strengthen the winning events.

Central Point will meet Ashland here on Friday, April 17, at 2:30 p.m.

Members of the Arthur L. Straus Future Teachers of America club spent their observation day at Central Point Junior High on April 10 and 14.

Their names are as follows: Dennis Pfaff, Donna Burnett, Doris Owens, Patsy Charley, Rayanne Greene, Virginia Munday, Nancy Schwebs, Louella Bone, Janet Scalberg, Alice Thompson, Bryon Rominger, Margaret Pendleton, Alice Croxton, Nancy Dillon, Rachel Hamilton, Barbara Pilcher.

### Cash Benefits To Oregon Vets Figured

Portland -UPP- Cash benefits to veterans and their families in Oregon in fiscal 1958 amounted to \$32,413,938, according to the Regional Veterans Administration office here.

Manager R. J. Novotny said the largest amount went to 27,699 vets in pensions and compensation for services and non-service-connected disabilities.

North Carolina is known as the "Tar Heel" state.

### Jobless Rally Draws Attack

Washington-UPP-Rep. John J. Rhodes (R-Ariz.) has charged that the AFL-CIO unemployment rally here last week was a cheap attempt by the "prophets of economic gloom" to exploit the misery of the nation's jobless.

Rhodes said the rally backfired because government statistics issued the day before it

opened showed a brightening employment picture.

Rhodes said that AFL-CIO President George Meany personally had opposed holding the Washington meeting, but the action was "dictated by Walter Reuther," United Auto Workers' president and vice president of the AFL-CIO.

### Boy Accidentally Hangs Self With Rope

Boring -UPP- Raymond A. Dow, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dow, Boring, was accidentally strangled by a rope in the back yard of his home here Sunday.

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