



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

"Hog Nose" Snake Acts Tough But is Harmless

This character can flatten out his throat and hiss like a boiling radiator. About all he succeeds in doing is scaring himself to death. Although he acts like a cobra, he is about as harmless as a piece of rope. If this snake would stop trying to act so tough, he and his friends would live longer. But he just can't help acting the bully. As a result he "gets it in the neck."

He's called the "spitting adder" or "hog-nose" snake. When excited he rears up in a menacing manner, inflates his funny-shaped head until its about double its normal size, and hisses with an ominous loudness that is terrifying to anyone not acquainted with his habits.

Lashes Out With Strikes

If he is cornered and agitated into a towering rage, he lashes out with repeated strikes, but always forgets to open his mouth. All he accomplishes by this vicious display of temper is to bump his snout against whatever he is striking at. He has teeth, but his bite is harmless. At the height of his ferocious demonstration his head flattens into a triangle. Probably this is the main reason someone called him the "flat-headed adder."

It all this bluff and bluster does not succeed in scaring his tormentor half to death, the "hog-nose" snake pulls another silly stunt which he is stupid enough to believe will save him. He tries to feign death. He pulls the 'possum death, and makes like he is dead. He goes into convulsions and writhes in apparent pain, twisting and turning as if in the last agonies of mortal injury. At the end of a minute

or two of these contortions he throws himself on his back and lies quietly.

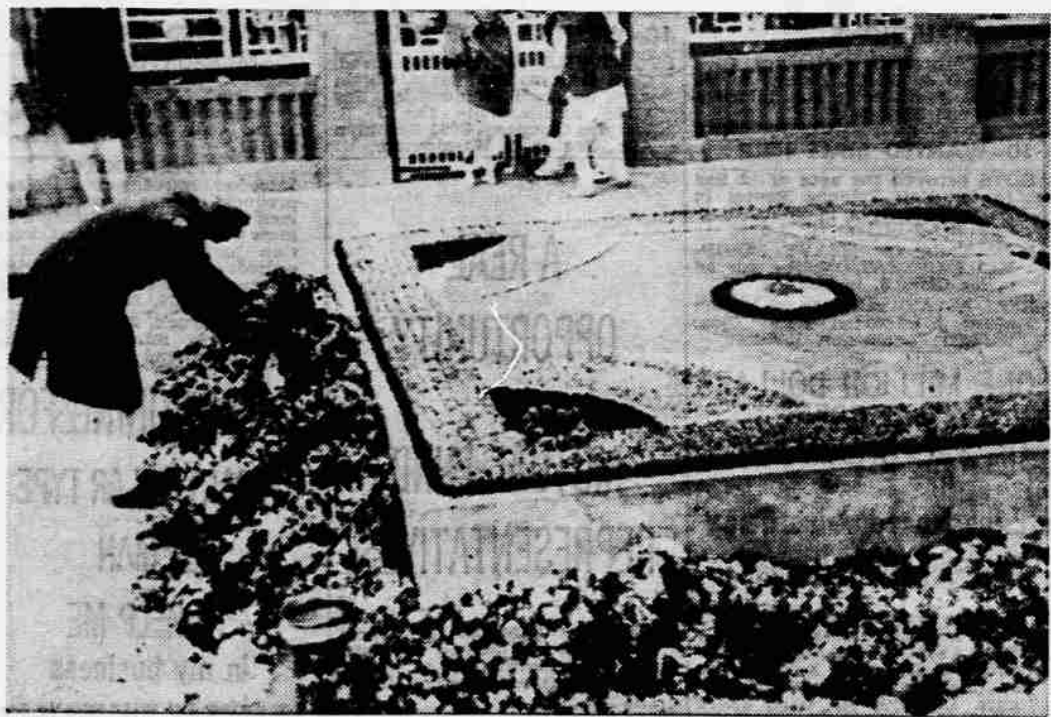
But the only way he wants to play dead is flat on his back. If he is turned over, in a normal snake position, he squirms around and ends up on his back again. He's made up his feeble mind that to be successfully dead he must be flat on his back, and that's the way he insists on remaining.

The name "hog-nosed" snake refers to the snake's upturned snout which does, in a small way, look like a pig's snout in bodily appearance. This snake looks a little like a rattlesnake.

Three Feet Almost Record

Seldom does the "hog-nose" snake ever reach any considerable length; three feet would be almost a record. The snake lives in barren regions, but prefers locations that are dotted with swamps, swales or water-holes, as his favorite food consists of toads and frogs.

The "spitting adder's" apparent viciousness and threatening actions, together with the ominous hissing he makes when angry, are only harmless gestures. Perhaps they are intended to intimidate his enemies, thereby saving himself. Unfortunately, however, the bluff and bluster doesn't always work the way it should. His act is so real, his range so well performed that he is usually killed on sight. Everyone who witnesses his actions thinks this is a dangerous reptile, when in reality the snake is only making a play for the grandstand. He just plays at being tough; actually he's just a big sissy. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1959.)



NEHRU LAYS WREATH — Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru lays a wreath at the spot where the body of Mahatma Gandhi was cremated in January, 1949. Gandhi was assassinated the year before.

A memorial to Gandhi has since been erected on the spot and President Eisenhower will lay a wreath there when he stops in India on his forthcoming globe-girdling tour. (UPI Telephoto)

India, With Fifth of World's Population, Fights Starvation

By United Press International

India is half the size of the United States, has twice as many people. One of the world's oldest civilizations, it became a nation nine years ago. Seventy per cent of its people are farmers; its major problem is starvation.

These contrasts set the scene for President Eisenhower's visit to one of the most over-populated, varied, historic, proud, individual nations on earth. It is the land of Gandhi, the Ganges, the Taj Mahal, cobras and elephants, Vishnu and Kali, tigers and "untouchables" and child brides and rajahs — a land of polygot people whose number one task is staying alive.

A Huge Triangle

India is a huge triangle whose point is in the hottest regions near the Equator and whose base is in the Arctic climate of the Himalayas. Its people speak more than 200 languages and share at least a dozen major religions. Alexander the Great invaded it in 326 B.C.; the Chinese Communists invaded it in a small way in November, 1959.

Nobody knows exactly how many Indians there are — the latest estimate is 392 million or about one-fifth of the human race. The population grows so fast food production can't keep pace. Without superman increases in agriculture, India faces mass famine by the middle 1960s.

India has a history 5,000 years long, but not until the

British took over in the 1700s did the sub-continent take the shape of a nation. The British started India on the road toward the modern world. Revolts failed to dislodge them until Mohandas K. Gandhi invented non-violent civil disobedience and let a 40-year campaign which did throw the British out.

Nehru Takes Over

Jawaharlal Nehru, 70, Gandhi's political disciple and heir, has been India's prime minister since India became free. He inherited Gandhi's abhorrence of violence and of totalitarianism. He has campaigned endlessly for democracy, a non-religious state, social equality, industrialization, modernization.

His all-powerful Congress

Party has fought communism at home in its own way, the "Gandhi way" of peaceful resistance.

Slowly, India emerges from the past. Its five-year-plan begun in 1957 concentrates on providing hydroelectric power for the industrialization to come. Iron and steel production, communications and transport, textiles and metals, oil and chemicals all are being vigorously expanded.

Communist China's incursions on India's northern frontiers present a new problem to a land which already has more than its share of problems.

The basic one, of feeding, educating, clothing and housing its massive and exploding population, remains.

4-H Club News

Little Chefs Cooking Club

Dianne Davy demonstrated Fanta pound cake, a Norwegian recipe, and passed out samples to other members of the Little Chefs 4-H Cooking club at the group's meeting Nov. 13 at the home of Mrs. George Davy.

At another meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Paul Newcomb, Marlene Nouquier and Theresa Newcomb made white frosting for a vanilla cake.

Mrs. Eslinger and Mrs. Davy were guests at the first meeting while Mrs. Newcomb was the visitor at the second gathering.

Cheryl Becker, Reporter.

M.Y.H. 4-H Club

The coming year's program was planned by members of the M.Y.H. 4-H club at their second cooking and food preservation meeting Nov. 14 at the Mitchell home.

Plans include a family night slated for early December at the Young home. Club president, Ilene Mitchell, presided at the meeting and minutes were read by secretary Georgia Mitchell. Songs and recreation were led by Evelyn Young.

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 28.

Evelyn Young, Reporter.

Rogue River Dairy Club

Members of the Rogue River Dairy club exchanged names for Christmas gifts at their regular monthly meeting last Saturday at the Strickland home.

The nine members and seven parents who attended also discussed the group's Achievement night. New record books for the coming year were distributed.

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Three Accidents Reported to Police

Three traffic accidents were reported to city police Wednesday, one of them resulting in slight injuries to Stanley Everett German Sr., Jacksonville.

German was treated for slight injuries at Rogue Valley hospital Wednesday night and released according to city police, after the car he was driving struck a tree at 1526 West Main st.

John Joseph Murphy, 735 West 14th st., was cited by city police for following too close after a truck he was driving ran into the rear of a car operated by Russell Melbourne McCormick, Grants Pass, at the intersection of Riverside ave. and Manzanita st. No one was injured, according to city police.

An accident at the intersection of Sixth st. and Oakdale ave., involved Emma Ettie Bigelow, 522 Park ave., and Delphia Rowena Curry, 906 West Main st., according to city police. Police said there were no injuries and no citations were issued.

Holtzinger Named to Celotex Post Here

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Husband Gets Dinner Hard Way

Washington —(UPI)— George N. McRae bashed his wife in the head with a table leg Thursday when she complained she had no money to buy anything for a Thanksgiving dinner.

Two hours later, Municipal Judge Andrew J. Howard sent the 41-year-old unemployed plasterer to the district jail for 30 days.

He got there just in time to have a Thanksgiving dinner of turkey and all the trimmings.

Meanwhile, his wife Wilma, with 10 stitches in her head, went home to her 7-year-old son. Their icebox was empty.



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ENGAGED PAIR—Getting together at the Royal Palace in Tehran, Iran, to discuss plans for their approaching marriage are Farah Diba (left) and the Shah of Iran. They are scheduled to marry Dec. 21. In the meantime Miss Diba will stay at the 80-room palace of the Shah's mother.

Jacksonville Legion Post Being Formed

A new American Legion post has been chartered in Jacksonville to be known as Jacksonville Centennial Post No. 100, according to Lester Watts of Jacksonville, who has been appointed temporary commander by State Commander Fred Bennett.

The post, which has 45 members, will hold its charter opening Friday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Jacksonville Community hall with a smorgasbord.

Veterans who are eligible to become legionnaires and their wives are invited, according to Watts. The state commander and other officials from Portland will install new officers.

McDonald to Speak At Labor Temple

President J. D. McDonald of the Oregon AFL-CIO will analyze the Landrum-Griffin Labor act at a meeting of the Jackson County Labor council at the Labor Temple, Dec. 2.

Pauline La Plane, secretary of the Jackson County Labor council, said it is of vital importance that union members of all crafts attend the meeting so they may understand the content of the bill and the effect it will have on them.

Accompanying McDonald to Medford will be A. J. Haughey, director of labor promotion department. The meeting will be open to the public.

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Academy Students Present Program

Milo Academy students presented a temperance program entitled "Prisoner at the Bar" recently in the Valley View Seventh-day Adventist church.

The part of the prisoner was played by Professor L. E. Russell, Milo Academy principal, and that of the judge by Clyde Smith, business manager. All other parts were enacted by students, with the jury selected from the audience. Miss Aura Lindgren, 34 North Peach st., Medford, and senior student at the academy, was one of the chief witnesses.

Saturday was "Investment Sabbath" for members of the Medford church's Sabbath school department. It will climax a year long program in which members devote the proceeds from some project to mission work.

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