



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Oyster Deserves His Publicity

Undoubtedly you have read more about the oyster than any other creature of the sea. You are probably in possession of more facts concerning its life and habits than you know about the likes and dislikes of the people who live two houses away from you.

The publicity given this animal is justified, for oyster fisheries are commercially the most important of any shell-fish industries. Few are the unfortunate individuals who have never enjoyed this sea delicacy, no matter how far they may live from the mother ocean in which the oyster lives.

Oyster shells 16 inches long have been found in old campsites where the American Indian discarded them hundreds of years ago. Oysters the size the Indian found are non-existent today, but probably we have more of the smaller variety.

Many Peculiarities

Scientists have discovered many unusual eccentricities that make the oyster culture a complicated study.

It has been pretty accurately determined that the female oyster lays upwards of 15 or 20 million eggs at a single spawning. Normally she spawns several times during the summer, hence the potential number of baby oysters is astronomical. However, millions of the tiny eggs never get a chance to hatch. They go to feed the hungry hordes that roam the sea.

Probably this is in keeping with the over-all plan. Only about five hours are necessary to hatch the eggs into tiny, free-swimming creatures that do not look like oysters at all. Another lapse of 24 hours and

a shell begins to form on the tiny speck of oyster-life.

By the end of a week the shell practically covers the little mollusk. Shortly, they stop their swimming life and become affixed to some solid support. Now they are known as "spat." If they have good luck and conditions remain favorable, they will reach maturity in about two years.

Shape of Shell

The upper shell of the oyster is usually flat, while the lower shell is convex; the upper shell is thick, somewhat folded and very irregular. Once attached, the oyster feeds on a small animal and plant matter that is drawn into the body with the sea water.

Small hair-like cilia on the gills create tiny currents in the water and assist in maintaining a constant supply of food. Several gallons of sea water pass through the oyster every 24 hours. Exactly what the animal and plant life is that causes the oyster to be content with its diet, is a question not fully understood.

Close to the inner side of the powerful adductor muscle that opens and closes the two valves of the shell is a tiny heart. A delicate little bulb-like organ that beats as rhythmically as our own. In the "heart of an oyster" there is little emotion, but what could be expected of a nut-shaped little guy that is mostly juice.

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EARS KEEP WARM

Woolen caps for girls come in gay, practical variety, including long stocking styles, boy caps, novel ones with braided pigtails.



RESTAURANT OPENS - Medford's newest restaurant, the Port of Call, opened for business Monday after holding a private opening Saturday night for business and professional people from Medford and Portland. Described as the "finest restaurant between Portland and San Francisco," the dining hall is located on North Front st. and occupies the building which formerly housed a grocery store.

Army-McCarthy Attorney Stricken

Hyannis, Mass. - (UP) - Attorney Joseph N. Welch, the mild-mannered man who turned the Army-McCarthy hearings into a major television attraction six years ago, was disclosed Tuesday to have suffered two heart attacks in the past two weeks.

Welch was stricken for the first time Sept. 8 and was brought to Cape Cod hospital from his summer home nearby.

A spokesman for the family said the lawyer suffered a second and more "severe coronary" last Friday. They said Welch, who will be 70 years old Oct. 22, required constant care by nurses and that his name remained on the hospital's "serious condition" list.

Most Film Performers Found To Have Highly Stimulating Minds

By VERNON SCOTT
Hollywood - (UP) - How bright are movie stars?

Glamour folk have never won Oscars on an I.Q. basis, and few hold college degrees.

But almost all of them are smart enough to have amassed sizeable fortunes. A number of performers have highly stimulating minds.

Among those who prowl the intellectual forests are such diverse (and in some cases improbable) stars as Marlon Brando, Burt Lancaster, Tony Curtis, Kirk Douglas, Jerry Lewis and Charlton Heston.

Only Personal Lives

Most stars, talking for publication, shy away from discussing anything but their personal lives. Many have

nothing else to talk about in the first place.

But take Heston, for example. Perhaps because of his record for playing Biblical characters, he has become an authority on religion. His library is filled with research books on the subject.

He frequently is called upon to speak on religion, and his texts are taken from well-marked, foot-noted sources which he pores over by the hour.

Curtis has an unquenchable enthusiasm for everything.

Tony has taught himself to play the flute. This fall he will attend night classes at UCLA to study chemistry and biology to satisfy his desire to learn.

Questioning Mind

An omnivorous reader, Marlon Brando can discuss philosophy, art and the whole spectrum of human experience at length. He has a questioning mind and a passion to right social injustices.

Jerry Lewis has a brain?

You betcha. He has an inventive mind and a vivid imagination. He has equipped his home with electronic paraphernalia, including a recording studio and tape facilities. Jerry often pushes buttons, flicks switches and broadcasts directly from his home to an FM station he owns in the San Fernando Valley.

It takes more than just a little gray matter for a man to write, produce, direct and star in his own movies.

Drive, Intelligence

Douglas and Lancaster have the drive and intelligence that combine artistic ability with an uncanny business sense.

Both men are well informed on everything from politics to classical music and literature, though they seldom discuss their knowledge outside their circle of close friends.

They are just a sampling of performers who can hold their own in mental gymnastics. Jack Lemmon, a Harvard graduate is a highly intelligent actor, as are Glenn Ford, Robert Ryan, Debbie Reynolds, Loretta Young, William Holden and Yul Brynner.

Most of them got to the top with more than just ability to look pretty and to memorize scripts.

Hatfield Makes Appointments

Salem - (UP) - Gov. Mark Hatfield made seven appointments Tuesday.

Orville Brown, Woodburn, and E. E. Davis, North Powder, were named to the Oregon Beef Council. Brown succeeds Otto Schild of Tillamook and Davis succeeds J. H. Tippett, Enterprise.

Others: Burle Burreson, Gold Hill, and W. Roy Stevenson, Madras, both reappointed to the Ladino Clover Commodity Commission.

Henry A. Kuratle, Hillsboro, State Board of Auctioneers, succeeding Lane Suddell, Salem.

John A. Bowers, Portland, reappointed to the Physical Therapy Advisory Committee.

Floyd C. Bennett, Salem, Advisory Council to the State Board of Health on Hearing Aids, succeeding Paul Ventura, Portland.

COVERING UP
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