



### Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

#### The Toad Gave Up But Didn't Know Why

He would have been perfectly justified in feeling discouraged, if not actually frustrated. Perhaps he was, but no trace of it appeared on his serene countenance; he remained stoical through it all.

Never once did he lose his poise or display the slightest discomfort. This patient character was a toad. He had been carefully placed within a short distance of a glass bottle in which three delectable looking insects were imprisoned.

As soon as he was placed in position, within six inches of the bottle, his brilliant, jewel-like eye detected the active insects. He hunched himself closer to the bottle; he knew exactly how near he should be. He knew the length of his front-hinged tongue. Once in position he braced his feet firmly on the spongy earth.

With calm deliberation he waited for the insects to separate themselves. Then, with the suddenness of an electric spark, his tongue darted out; it hit the side of the bottle, curled back and up, the way a toad's tongue is supposed to pop, and returned with a soggy plopp, back into the waiting mouth—but it was empty.

Thinking he had missed, he tried it again—another failure. With solemn deliberation he hunched himself forward another inch. "This should do it," he must have reasoned, for he appeared a little more confident. Again and again the previously faithful tongue came back empty.

He lapped out a couple of times in quick succession. The insects jumped but they didn't adhere to the sticky tongue. It was sure difficult to understand such a state of affairs. The bugs looked so good, and they seemed so very close. He could actually hear them buzz and they moved within an inch of his nose, but his tongue that had always served him so well kept coming back to him without a morsel of food.

#### Tried Other Side

With apparent effort he moved away, turned and came back to the other side of the bottle. He fixed his eye intently on the bugs and moved carefully into position. The tongue darted out slapping the smooth glass, and whipped back into his mouth; no taste, no substance, no bug.

There was no change of expression on the bland face; he remained unruffled and serene. He studied the glass jar and the imprisoned insects with solemn dignity. It was sure exasperating. He could see them so plainly, all their delicious colors, and they

were so tantalizingly close. Stupid as the toad is known to be, and creature of only compelling instinct, he did, however, know when the "bugs were stacked against him;" he knew when to give up. So still, calm and serene he abandoned the futile quest and moved into the nearby fernbed. Probably no creature aside from man himself could figure out why delicious objects in a glass bottle were so unattainable.

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### Nixon Callers Receive Surprise

Los Angeles - (UPI) - About 40 to 50 Los Angeles area residents attempting to phone Vice President Richard M. Nixon Monday during his telephone ended up talking with a fun-loving supporter of Sen. John F. Kennedy.

The questioners took up the line to "dial Dick Nixon" literally and dialed D-I-C-K-N-I-X-O-N. Instead of reaching Nixon in Detroit, they were connected with Mrs. Alan Ybarra in nearby Reseda.

"The phone rang steadily from 10:30 to 3 o'clock," she said. "I told the first caller he had reached a wrong number. But when he explained what happened I decided I would have a little fun."

"When the phone rang again, I said, 'Change your vote to Kennedy,'" said Mrs. Ybarra. "You should have heard the gasp at the other end!"

### Hatfield To Make South America Trip

Salem - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield heads for South America Thursday on a goodwill trip with 35 other governors. The 10-day visit will include visits to Argentina and Brazil.

Mrs. Hatfield and the governor's legal advisor, Loren Hicks, will accompany him. A briefing in Washington, D.C., is scheduled prior to departure.

Hatfield said he hopes to combine the goodwill visit with some trade development conferences for Oregon.

#### BANK ROBBED

Parana, Argentina - (UPI) - The municipal bank here was robbed of more than \$60,000 over the week end by thieves who apparently hid out in the building before the bank closed Friday. Employees reporting for work Monday morning found the vault open and the money gone.



JURY DEADLOCKED—Carole Tregoff and her attorney, Donald Bringold, exchange smiles in a Los Angeles courtroom, upper photo, after her second degree murder trial ended in a hung jury. Miss Tregoff and Dr. R. Bernard Finch were being tried for the killing of Finch's wife. In the lower photo, Dr. Finch and his attorney, Grant Cooper, talk in the courtroom just before the jury announced that it was hopelessly deadlocked. (UPI Telephoto)

### Quotes From the News

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Boston—Sen. John F. Kennedy, smiling after the last of his campaign TV appearances: "Now I've ceased to be a candidate and now I'm a voter."

Chicago—Vice President Richard M. Nixon, addressing a crowd in a 37-degree temperature on the last day of the campaign: "I don't care if I get pneumonia—but I don't want any of you voters sick before morning."

Hollywood—Mrs. Clark Gable, reporting on her famed actor-husband, who is hospitalized for a heart attack: "Clark wants to be able to vote... it is being arranged through hospital authorities."

Los Angeles—Superior Judge Leroy Dawson, after the second murder trial of Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff ended in a second hung jury: "Obviously the case should be retried. We cannot put a price tag on justice."

### Russian Geese Found in Oregon

Portland - (UPI) - Two snow geese who started a long migratory journey from Siberia in the Soviet Union were found by hunters at Summer Lake in Southeastern Oregon recently.

The State Game Commission said the two travelers were born last summer and flew over the Arctic and the Bering Sea, crossed over Alaska, down the West Coast and settled at the Oregon lake for the winter.

Leg bands placed by Russia biologists bore the message for the finder to report to Moscow the number, date and place of kill.

Although a few Russian banded birds have been taken in other states, these are the first known cases of Russia birds taken in Oregon, the game commission said.

### Clark Gable To Cast Vote From Bed

Hollywood - (UPI) - Clark Gable must remain in Presbyterian hospital for three weeks because of a heart ailment, but the 59-year-old matinee idol nevertheless is going to get to vote today.

"Clark wants to be able to vote for Vice President Richard M. Nixon," said his wife Kay. "It is being arranged through hospital authorities."

Under a plan worked out by the county registration office, residents confined in hospitals can mark ballots which then are collected by a registrar official and counted in the election vote.

Gable today again was reported in satisfactory condition and resting comfortably.

His wife has been staying in the hospital room where the actor has been confined since he was rushed to the hospital Sunday after suffering what doctors described as a mild heart attack.

Puerto Rico is about three times the size of Rhode Island.

## Wall Streeters Looking Ahead For Reaction to Today's Vote

By HENRY J. BECHTOLD  
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New York - Wall Street shuts down today for the election, but most of the investing community will be looking ahead to Wednesday for the stock market's reaction to the new President.

Strangely, many analysts predicting that the market will go up subsequently no matter which candidate wins, although the initial reaction

### Last Rites Paid To Actor Ward Bond

Hollywood - (UPI) - They said goodbye to Ward Bond Monday and today they give their final tributes to pioneer moviemaker Mack Sennett.

They are the fans, the friends and the relatives and co-workers paying homage to the two filmland personalities claimed by apparent heart attacks on Saturday.

Sennett, 80, will be buried at Holy Cross cemetery following requiem mass at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

The silent film producer gave movies the famed Keystone Kops and the first bathing beauties as well as discovering a host of stars including Charlie Chaplin and Gloria Swanson.

About 500 mourners attended services Monday for Ward Bond, 55, the star of the TV series "Wagon Train."

### Truman Turns Down Nixon's Tour Plan

Harrisburg - (UPI) - Former President Harry S. Truman has turned down Vice President Richard M. Nixon's proposal of a good will tour by ex-presidents to Communist countries.

At a stopover here, Truman said Sunday that such a thing "should have been done seven years ago before things started going to pot."

Truman, en route to St. Louis from New York by train, said he hadn't heard of Nixon's proposal and then added:

"I can't go anyhow. I'm booked through next year with my lecture series. I've got a lot to do to educate the kids on what they have and how to keep it."

#### SHOULD STAND OUT

Grand Rapids, Mich. - (UPI) - A night club entertainer accused of skipping town without paying a bill for a portable organ shouldn't be hard to find, police said. The entertainer, George De Mio, has green-colored hair, green-colored fingernails and green-colored toenails, and he plays the organ with his feet, police said.

the results may be different.

Thoughts on the initial reaction vary widely. Some of the experts look for an immediate decline should the Democrats be victorious. They reason that many investors feel a Kennedy victory would be unfavorable to private enterprise and thus to corporate prosperity and stock prices.

#### Shift to Kennedy

On the other hand, some analysts believe that with the shift in betting odds to Kennedy in recent weeks, the market already has discounted his victory, and the price trend, therefore, will not be politically inspired.

Many investors feel that a Nixon victory would continue the confidence that produced a sharp gain in industrial issues while President Eisenhower has been in office. Looking back on past per-

### Fumes Blamed For Man's Death

Salem - (UPI) - An autopsy late Monday disclosed that a 62-year-old Salem man died of accidental carbon monoxide poisoning in his home Monday morning.

Coroner Charles Edwards said fumes from smoldering coals in the fireplace caused the death of Charles C. Link. Link's wife, Myrtle, 46, and 18-year-old daughter, Betty, also were stricken and taken to Salem Memorial hospital.

Attendants described the girl's condition as poor and the mother's condition as fair.

The coroner said the family retired about 11 p.m. with the fire going in the fireplace. All windows in the home were closed and a closed damper on the fireplace produced the deadly fumes.

Mrs. Link awoke just before 7 a.m. and staggered to a phone to call for help.

### Train Hits School Bus; Girl Killed

New York - (UPI) - A passenger train struck a school bus carrying 51 children at a railroad crossing Monday, killing a 7-year-old girl and injuring 21 other children, two of them critically.

The crossing, equipped with flashing warning lights and warning bell, had been found unsafe by the state Public Service Commission which ordered a crossing gate installed several months ago.

The driver of the bus, Edgar Hollowell, 40, said he did not see the lights or hear the bell at the Staten Island crossing. He told investigators he was blinded by the sun and deafened by the noise of the children.

Train engineer William Allen, said the warning lights and bell were operating and that he blew the train whistle and attempted to slow down.

### Paving Under Way On Niantic Street

Medford Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe said Monday that paving of Niantic st. from Edwards to Maple sts., should be completed today.

The street is being paved to a width of 34 feet between curbs and a sidewalk is being installed on the west side of the street.

### Postal Money Orders Stolen From Substation

Salem - (UPI) - Postal money orders were taken during Sunday night in a safe burglary at a postal substation in a supermarket here, postal inspectors said Monday.

Some 580 blank money orders and about \$90 in currency was taken when burglars burned open the safe at Erickson's supermarket in the Four Corners area.

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