

Small Worlds Around Us

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A Fly Has 20-20 Vision, He Sees Better Than You

If it means anything at all "20-20" vision in the common housefly means that the creature can see at least 20 times better than a human so endowed.

This keenness of vision is the reason the fly is not there when you try to swat him, or her. Eyesight saves the fly. That and lightning-like reflexes, and the ability to make snap-decisions makes this household pest a most elusive target.

The fly can see too good, and in every direction at the same time. No one has ever explained just how the fly's reflexes and muscular actions can be so quickly sorted out and put in operation, but this character can dodge and get out of the way in the split-second that elapses between the startling of a few inch stroke of a fly swatter and its impact. That's a time lag of about 1-50th of a second.

Adjusted to Movement
The eyes of a fly, composed of thousands of individual facets or lenses, are adjusted to movement. The quicker the movement, the faster the fly reacts. Still objects probably don't register at all; the poor

sap thinks all's well, but he leaps away at the first quiver of a movement.

If all is quiet, the fly proceeds to crawl over food or dishes, but grab a swatter, aim carefully, put your shoulder into the swing, and with all your drive and force, swing on him. Your aim may be perfect, your determination firm; you hit exactly where you aim, but the fly flew. You goofed.

One reason why you miss so often is that you are trying to duplicate his alertness and speed. He's nervous, and besides, he's quick. He has faster "break-away power." He has an uncanny "get-out-of-the-way" speed that shows you how very slow your own reflexes have become. This old idea that "the hand is quicker than the eye," falls flat on its face when dealing with a creature with thousands of eyes beamed in all directions at one and the same time.

Perplexing Question
Perhaps it's not so strange that the fly should be equipped by nature with compound eyes, but the perplexing part is, how come the little jerks have hair-trigger reflexes and the ability to make



DEAD STILL—With a look of dismay on his face, 8-year-old Terry Harris of Nashville, Tenn., stands dead still as he wonders what he is going to do after this bee landed on his nose. Actually the bee just didn't land there; it was put there for picture purposes by a photographer who said he had been carrying the preserved bee in his pocket for a week until he found a willing subject. (UPI Telephoto)

life or death decisions so quickly?

But his rapid reflex action, as well as his vision can backfire on him. Anyone can cross the fly up by doing the exact reverse of his actions, by being slow. You can actually catch him by hand.

Forget the swatter, move your hand very, very slowly; don't jerk, grab or hurry. Move the hand with the de-

liberate slowness of the hand on a clock, right up to the fly. Have your thumb and forefinger ready. The silly sap of a fly will never see your hand at all. He's just stupid enough to sit tight while you pick him up. Happy hunting.

IN THE CLINK
Dallas, Tex.—(UPI)—Mrs. Melba Clink is a matron at the Dallas county jail.



By Marguerite W. Wright

This is the way the Legislature ends: "not with a bang but a whimper."

Topics of paramount interest as the 1961 session limps toward adjournment are both of major importance to the future of Oregon: (1) the session's concrete record of laws enacted, and (2) the session's influence on the political careers of its members.

A review of the work record must wait until after the last day's last frantic efforts to kill or pass legislation.

At this writing, however, whimpers of disappointment and frustration indicate that many lawmakers are drained of high hopes; tired and depressed, they feel like poet T. S. Eliot's post-war generation:

"We are the hollow men
We are the stuffed men
Leaning together
Headpiece filled with straw. Alas!
Our dried voices, when
We whisper together
Are quiet and meaningless
As wind in the dry grass . . ."

But there will be a delayed action bang!

Its effects will be felt in the 1962 election, toward which a number of legislators are casting a speculative eye, with new hope arising already.

Hatfield Holds Key

In 1962, Oregon voters will choose a governor, a U. S. senator, four U. S. representatives, at least 15 state senators, and at least 60 state representatives.

Gov. Mark Hatfield holds the key to the outcome of the 1962 election.

If he withstands high-powered Republican pressure to run against Democratic Sen. Wayne Morse, and keeps his oft-repeated pledge to run for reelection, there is today little doubt that Mark Hatfield can be reelected to a second term.

There is equally little doubt that Wayne Morse can be reelected to a fourth term in the United States Senate.

A Hatfield-Morse fight would be the battle of the century in Oregon. No one is fooled by the well-publicized "love, feast" between these two this month. Both are gut-fighters. Both have no use for each other except as temporary political bed-partners in whatever kind of marriage convenience may dictate. In fact, shortly after the official end-of-the-feud nuptial ceremonies in the governor's office, Morse candidly indicated he still thinks that Hatfield is "intellectually dishonest," to which the governor unblushingly refused comment.

Among other prominent Republicans mentioned as candidates against Morse, Secretary of State Howell Appling could make the race without jeopardizing his job because his term is not up until 1965. Defeat at the hand of one of the toughest campaigners of them all would not eclipse Appling's promising career as a new white hope for conservative Republicans in Oregon.

Yturri Mentioned
Charming, handsome, and able Senator Anthony Yturri (R - Ontario), GOP minority leader, is mentioned as a candidate either against Morse or U. S. Rep. Al Ullman of the Second District. Outstanding Republican in the Senate, Yturri is one of the few eastern Oregonians of either party who is very likely to succeed to higher state (governor) or national (congressional) office.

Former GOP State Chairman Peter Gunnar, no legislator but familiar in the Statehouse, likewise is one of the GOP's best potential candidates, perhaps as First District congressman (if Walter Norblad does not run for reelection to a 10th term) or, as a sacrificial lamb thrown to Morse.

Only serious challenger for Morse, of course, would be Hatfield, and Hatfield's ambition, adroitly exploited by national GOP leaders, could seduce the governor from the comparative safety of a race for reelection into the frying pan with Morse gleefully stoking the fire.

Promises reflecting the White House gleam in Hatfield's eye would seem to be the only possible bait to persuade Oregon's governor to try for the Senate in '62.

Wide Open Race
It is this outside chance

that makes Hatfield the decisive figure in the state political picture for 1962. Should he not run for governor, the race would be wide open. Democrats, with a majority of the registered voters, would look forward confidently to defeating Appling or Norblad, two most likely GOP gubernatorial candidates.

Several legislators are possible Democratic candidates for governor including House Speaker Robert B. Duncan of Medford, Sen. Walter Pearson and Alfred Corbett of Portland, Sen. Robert Straub of Eugene, Sen. Al Fiegel of Roseburg.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton came close to running for governor in 1956 and could run next year in the middle of his third term as the state's chief legal officer, with considerable grass roots support, as well as the backing of some party insiders.

Democrats who yearn for the old days when Howard Morgan led their bedraggled band to resurgent strength and glory (by electing Richard L. Neuberger), rather wistfully hope Morgan will return from his Federal Power Commission appointment in Washington, D. C., to run for governor. Judge the quick and the dead, and save the Democratic party again.

Chances Far Out

The chances for such a second coming in 1962 are real far out indeed, as is the talk that U. S. Rep. Edith Green might be building up her state-wide organization in hopes of becoming Oregon's first woman governor (if Sen. Maurine Neuberger doesn't get there first).

Realists predict that Mrs. Green either will (1) be reelected if she runs, or (2) accept a federal appointment from President Kennedy and be out of the Oregon picture except as a continuing influence on the careers of others through her loyal guerrillas.

In the event of the latter, a Third District tournament between two gentlemanly knights, Republican TV and radio personality Tom Lawson McCall and Democratic Sen. Alfred Corbett is a prospect.

Those two are evenly matched in several ways. Both come from Old Oregon families, have distinguished records of civic service, are liberal, could command labor support as well as the respect of conservative residents of Portland's heights and suburbs.

Possible GOP Candidates
In the First District, Peter Gunnar of Salem, Wendell Wyatt of Astoria, Wayne Giesy of Corvallis, Rep. Victor Atiyeh of Washington county, are being discussed as possible GOP candidates for Congress.

The Democrats have, as potential First District candidates: Robert Richter of Salem, KOAC radio and TV man now covering the Legislature; Rep. Cornelius Bateson of Marion county, serving his first term with long-range political ambitions; Blaine Whipple of Washington county, the Democratic party's executive secretary; Washington County Judge Joe Jaross; and Thornton and Salem attorney Jason Lee, both previously defeated by Norblad.

Freshman Republican Congressman Edwin Durno, Fourth District, faces a certain contest, with his most likely Democratic opponent a member of this Legislature, Sen. Fiegel and Reps. Duncan, Clarence Burton (Coquille) and W. O. Kelsay (Roseburg) probably will avoid a primary contest between themselves by getting together to decide which one would have the best chance of dumping Durno.

Duncan's friends would rather see him run against Durno, with a real chance of success, than against Hatfield, the great X-Mark in 1962, in any case.

Comeback by Porter
Former Congressman Charlie Porter of Eugene might be tempted to try for a comeback, but legislators interested in that race say he couldn't beat Durno even if he did win in the primary, because in the public's mind he is associated with Fidel Castro of Cuba.

Of major interest statewide is the Senate presidency in the 1963 Legislature. This is a problem for the Democrats, with the Republicans again

Record Deposit Total Is Noted

A second successive record high spring bank call deposit total was noted by First National Bank of Oregon when the statewide bank reported its April 12, 1961, statement of condition figures to the comptroller of the currency.

Deposits of \$866,423,020 were reported, which topped the previous spring mark by \$30 million, set March 15, 1960. Loans for the 87 First National offices amounted to \$483,112,949, an increase of \$2 million over a year ago.

The Medford branch of First National reported April 12 deposits of \$26,789,362, and loans totalling \$14,514,069, according to J. A. Moore, vice president and manager.

Comparable totals for the branch for the March 15, 1960, show deposits were \$26,052,508 and loans \$15,713,259.

Figures from the Central Point branch show that on April 12, 1961, deposits at the branch were \$3,251,834, and loans were \$2,412,807, according to Francis C. Ayres, branch manager. Comparable totals for the branch for a year ago show that on that date, deposits were \$3,155,922 and loans were \$2,261,499.

Phoenix branch figures showed that on April 12, 1961, deposits at the branch were \$670,541 and loans were \$152,328, according to Emmett Whitman, branch manager.

Cleveland, Ohio—(UPI)—The owner of an East Side grocery store wasn't kidding when he said he keeps very little money in the store. Two gunmen robbed Ertle's food market and for their efforts fled with 75 cents—a plugged half-dollar and a Canadian quarter.

acting as the swing group. Candidates include Sens. Corbett, Tom Mahoney and Ward Cook, all of Portland, and Ed Ben Musa, The Dalles. Cook, unsuccessful candidate against Howard Belton for state treasurer, stands a good chance of being Senate president ("just a heartbeat away from the governorship") as a compromise between Corbett (liberal) and Mahoney (conservative).

Democratic control of the House in 1963 is by no means assured, and the GOP has a natural candidate for Speaker in their minority leader, F. F. Montgomery, shiek of Republican "Young Turks."

Reps. William Holmstrom (Astoria), Richard Eymann (Lane county), Grace Peck or Ed Whelan (Portland) could be the next Democratic speaker.

Hatfield has had time to make some enemies but he is still "our leader" to most Republicans. His inner strength and self-confidence he derives from his detailed knowledge of state government, his total commitment to whatever bright star he is following, his intolerance of interference, his wide-eyed devotion he inspires in the breasts of an unknown number of admirers including his religious following—these things combine to make Hatfield the top dog whom dissident Republicans buck at their own peril.

One not afraid to speak up against Hatfield is Howell Appling. The disaffection between the governor and his secretary of state is real, their protestations notwithstanding. Appling, darling of the Democrats and of conservative Republicans, has threatened to resign rather than knuckle under to Hatfield's plan for government reorganization which strips the secretary of state of almost all but Capitol custodial duties.

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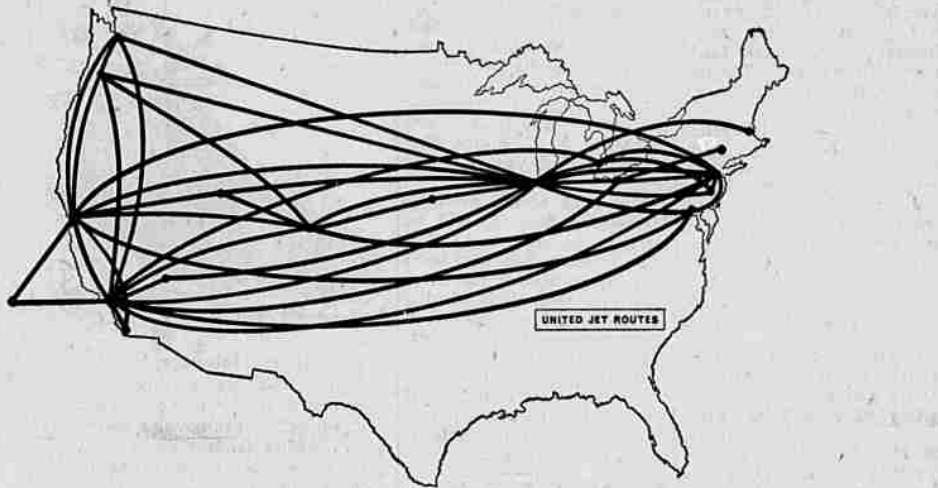
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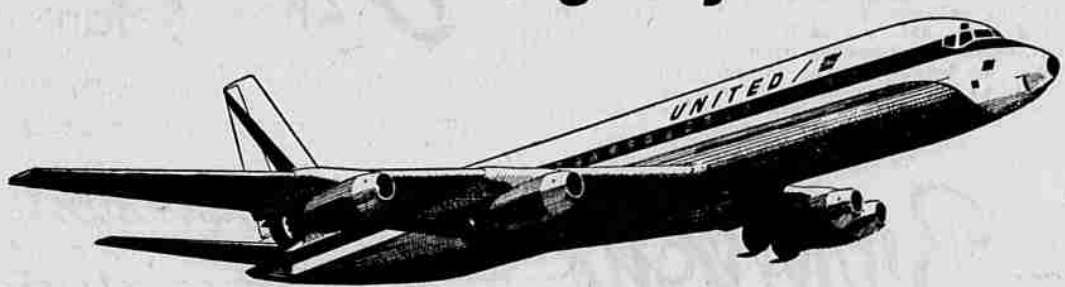
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