

Amateur Photographers Have Whale of A Time With Whale

La Jolla, Calif. (UPI)—Four San Diego amateur photographers had a whale of a time last week with a whale.

The four frolicked in the ocean for three hours with their new found friend, photographing it close up, riding on its back and even showering under its spout.

"It was a one-in-a-million experience that every photographer dreams about," according to Charles Nicklin Jr., 35, operator of a local diving shop.

He said the 45-foot finback whale was crippled and exhausted because it had been entangled in a nylon line which they were able to release.

Nicklin said he, Alvin Santmyer, 35, a diving shop operator; William DeCourt, 24, a design draftsman, and Frank Morepohn, 32, an architectural illustrator, first sighted a

whale spout about 1 1/2 miles offshore.

"We thought at first it was sleeping because it lay so still on the surface," Nicklin said. "When we got up close we were so excited we kept dropping film all over the boat."

"As it made no indication of taking off, we suited up and

took underwater pictures of it. The line had cut into the whale's hide and he was apparently so exhausted from struggling, he couldn't submerge. He just wallowed there, rocking back and forth."

"He was really big," DeCourt volunteered.

"After shooting pictures for awhile," Nicklin continued, "We took turns riding on its back, clowning around and posing."

"I got a shower sitting near the blowhole when it spouted," DeCourt said.

"It was sort of awesome," Nicklin said, "when we

thought of the size of the whale and what he might do to us. We were somewhat afraid to take the line off his sail, because we thought he might do something violent. Finally I dove down and removed the line that had crippled him.

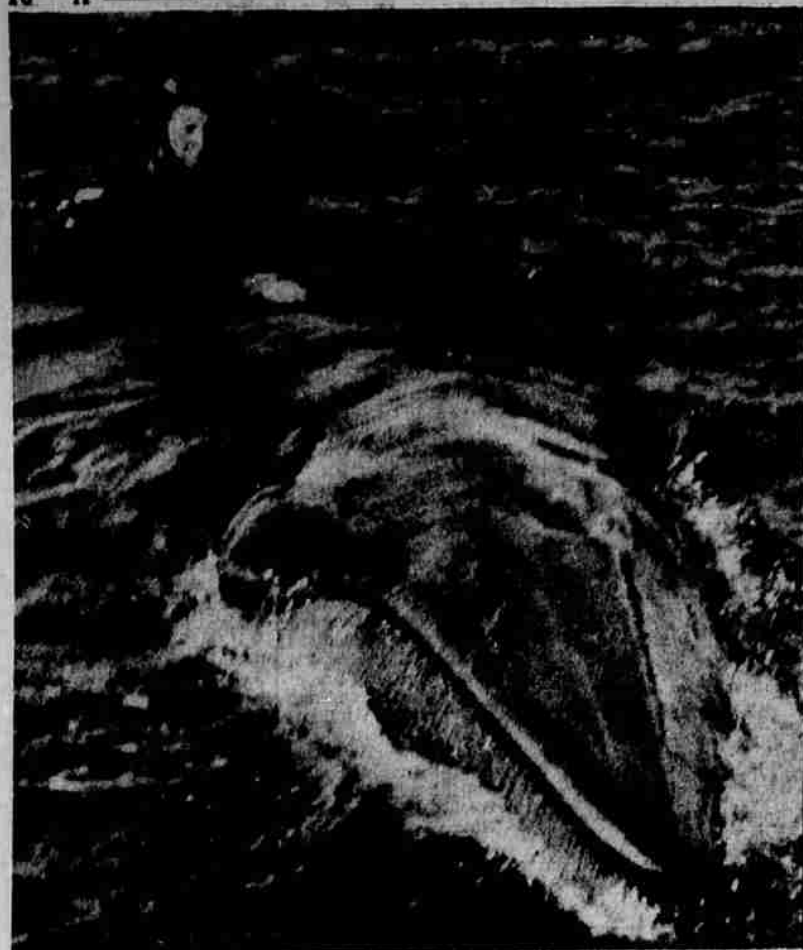
"He waited a bit, gave a spout, waved his tail and off he swam."

"We felt a kinship for him," DeCourt said. "He didn't say thank you, but we know he appreciated what we did for him."

Beaverton Board Votes Teacher Pay Increase

Beaverton (UPI)—School District 48 board Monday night voted to hike the base pay of teachers to \$4,700 with proportionate raises for all steps on the scale up to \$8,400. The base salary has remained at \$4,500 for two years.

Portland (UPI)—William R. Stevens, Portland, has been named as vice commander of the American Legion in Oregon.



WHALE RIDER—Skindiver William DeCourt, 24, of San Diego, Calif., rides a crippled 45-foot whale about a mile and a half off shore at La Jolla, Calif. DeCourt and his buddies played with the whale for several hours, finally removing a line caught on its flukes, letting it swim off. (UPI)

Dennis the Menace



"I DON'T HAVE TOO MANY TOYS, I JUST NEED A BIGGER BOX!"

Two Buildings Expected To Be Started at OSU

Corvallis—Two new buildings—a Radiation center and an Oceanography building—are expected to be started this month at Oregon State University, setting the stage for significant future advances in the two new teaching and research fields.

Bids for the structures were opened this week. Both are expected to be finished in about a year, President James H. Jensen said, both will be built in large part with federal grants.

The Radiation center will be a \$755,280 building, especially designed for a wide range of radiation studies involving a large number of scientists from several departments. Dr. C. H. Wang is director of the Radiation center, which will be built on the west edge of the campus.

Another Milestone

The \$686,500 Oceanography building represents another milestone in the rapid growth of OSU ocean studies. Almost no research had been done on the ocean off Oregon before OSU launched its work in 1954. Now, the Oregon State department of oceanography is becoming one of America's leaders, Jensen said. Dr. Wayne V. Burt is head of the Oceanography department.

Advanced teaching programs will draw major attention in both buildings, Jensen added. Trained graduates in radiation sciences and oceanography are badly needed throughout the country, he said.

Funds for construction of the Radiation center came from the National Science Foundation, \$200,000; National Institutes of Health, \$177,640; and the other \$377,640 from the state emergency board.

The Oceanography building will be financed with a \$500,000 National Science Foundation grant and \$186,500 in balances available from gifts and grants to the institution.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Phillip F.—My brother turns into a "Latin lover" around my wife.

Hannah F.—It's about time I had a real gentleman in the house.

Phillip F.—Through a relief agency I was informed that my only brother was living in France after having escaped from a Nazi concentration camp. I was overjoyed at the news. I hadn't heard from him since he was 15 years old. That was 20 years ago and I had given him up for dead. After a thorough investigation I was convinced that Sam, now 35, was really my brother and I brought him to this country. Not only did I pay for his passage, but I welcomed him into my home, and provided a job for him in my textile firm at a good salary, more than he's worth there.

Now I have a new problem. Sam abuses my hospitality by flagrantly flirting with my wife. I catch him kissing her and he's not even embarrassed.

Hannah F.—My husband is just too strait-laced. Sam can show him the gentler arts of making a woman happy. It's a pleasure having such a considerate and respectful man around. Phil certainly needn't worry about the emotional side of this. Sam's a kid and no fool, and neither am I. He looks at me more like a mother, or an aunt. Right now he's apartment-hunting, then he'll find himself a wife and settle down.

Meanwhile he's practicing his charms on me and I find them refreshing. My husband should have no complaint. Thanks to Sam's compliments and politeness, I feel more feminine and domestic than ever. Instead of making a fool of himself over this, Phil should ask Sam for a few lessons. I'm getting used to having my chair held and my hand kissed.

The Council:—Phillip's younger brother didn't live in a vacuum for 20 years. He lived in France. So his form of brotherly love has a "nuance" of this and a "suspicion" of that to make it "Continental." It may well be perfectly innocent, as directed toward his sister-in-law. Phillip would be wise to regard it as the "French dressing" that perks up the family dinner.

A Frenchman has a headstart as a "gallant" and, as the saying goes, 50,000,000 of them can't be wrong. Maybe it's his wine and the altitude, but he kisses as automatically as American men say Hello. Perhaps if Sam had come to America by way of Alaska, spending 20 years there, he'd arrive with a different approach to women. Then it might be Hannah who'd do the complaining.

We must warn Phillip against unwarranted jealousy. He seems to be imputing to his brother the looseness allied with a "stereotype" of the Latin lover. But a stereotype isn't real. It's a straw-man set up by novelists, propagandists, dramatists, and exhibitionists. The flesh-and-blood Sam must be viewed as a loving, attentive, grateful brother, despite his outward mannerisms which baffle Phillip and re-gale Hannah.

There's no evidence of anything awry in the love relationship between husband and wife. As for the kissing, we'll wager Sam kisses Phillip too. It's a Gallic means of conversing. Certainly Hannah isn't going to push her young brother-in-law away and hurt his feelings. The "limits" between them seem to be clearly understood.

Once Sam moves out, and on general principles it should be soon, Phillip can turn his stay to sentimental profit by beginning to open the car door for Hannah and even pinch her cheek on occasion.

Sweet Home Girl Killed by Truck

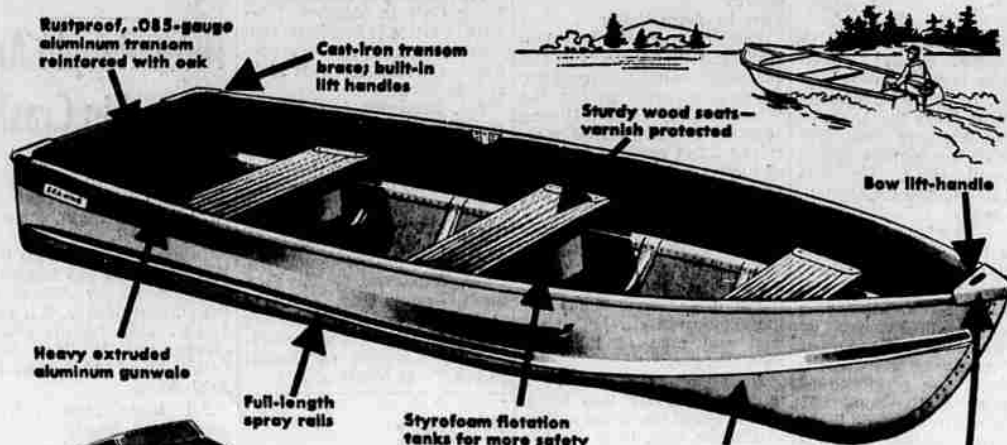
Sweet Home (UPI)—Kathy Ola Forsbert, 9, Sweet Home, was injured fatally as she stepped from a school bus near her home here Tuesday afternoon when she was struck by a pickup truck.

State police said the child, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Forsbert, died about an hour later.

The truck driver, Bill James, 44, Sweet Home, said the brakes on his vehicle failed. He said he waved his arms to alert the bus driver and the girl but the child could not get out of the way in time.

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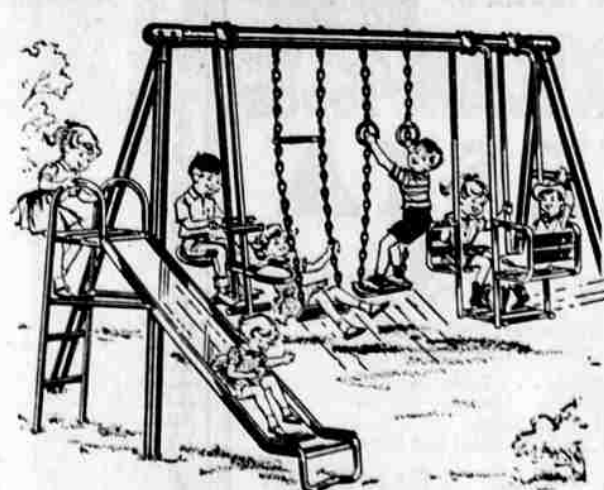
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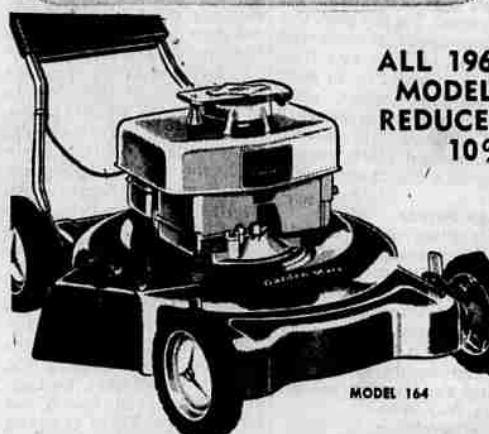
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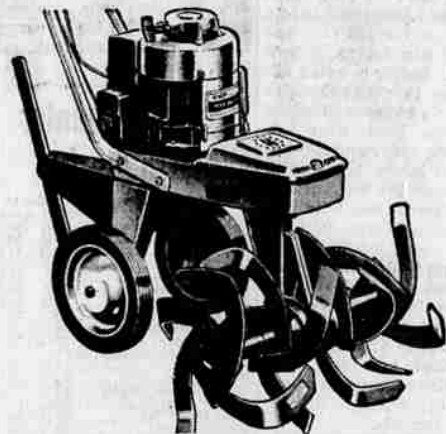
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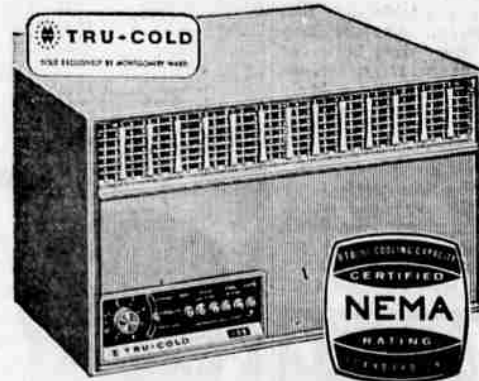
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