



### Small Worlds Around Us

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#### Duck Hawk Drives Prey Down To Water's Surface

Something had alarmed the flock of wildfowl just as they began their slanting flight toward the pond. The hunter in the blind, realizing the birds were not about to alight, took a chance on a long shot aimed at the second bird in the flock and pulled the trigger.

He had underestimated the speed of the birds, hitting the sixth one in the line. The flock veered sharply to the left. The wounded member, flapping one wing, wildly gyrated in spinning circles, descending earthward in a crazy dance.

The hunter, the better to see where the duck would land, stood up in the blind. Out of the corner of his eye he detected a rapid movement against the sky. He glanced away from the falling duck, at the projectile-like object hurtling out of the sky on a downward slant toward the spinning duck.

#### Power Dive

The man, reasonably familiar with many species of wildlife, suddenly realized he was seeing a duck hawk in a power dive, attempting to overtake and grab the wounded duck before it struck the water. The hawk, coming down at a speed estimated by scientists to be in the neighborhood of 150 miles an hour in a power dive, snatched the wounded bird from the air before it reached the water.

The hawk, holding the duck firmly beat its wings violently, rose in a sharp upward slant and disappeared over the far side of the marsh. The hunter had lost the duck but he felt somewhat elated at having witnessed, with his own eyes, an exhibition of expert maneuverability by a bird of prey, grabbing its dinner right out of the air.

The man understood better what he had read about the duck hawks and why knights of old, expert in the art of falconry, had selected this species of bird to be used in their sport. Actually the duck hawk is a falcon; the peregrine falcon, one of the swiftest and most powerful of all birds of prey.

color, with usually a yellow breast, and long pointed wings, ranging pretty generally over nearly all of the North American continent, has a notched bill, and a wild, untamed look in its wicked-looking eyes.

Wildlife observers have seen flocks of high flying wild fowl suddenly come to the nearest water when they detect one of these fast flying birds in the air; the ducks seem to have an unborn fear of this hawk and know their only safety lies in getting to the water's surface. Inasmuch as most of the duck hawk's kills are made in the air, the wild duck feels reasonably safe only when on the water.

#### Grabs Pigeons

In spite of the common name, "duck hawk," this bird of prey is not averse to grabbing any other kind of bird it sees. It is known to actually come into large cities and snatch crows of people are in the near vicinity.

The female peregrine falcon, the proper name for the duck hawk, is considerably larger than the male; she is fiercer, bolder, and more aggressive. Little wonder that the advocates of the art of falconry usually selected the female, not because she was easier to train, but because she was cruel, heartless, and aggressive; even stronger and faster flying than her mate. In duck hawk society, as well as in all the hawk clan, the female is more dangerous than the male; she it is that comes out of the sky, "like a bolt from the blue."

#### Most Americans Move From Area of Birth

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (UPI)—Most Americans move eventually to a different area from that in which they were born, according to a study by the University of Michigan's Survey Research center.

Only 35 per cent of all heads of families were born in the area where they now live, the survey said.

### State Police Log 13 Million Miles

SALEM (UPI)—Oregon state police traveled 13 1/2 million miles during fiscal 1962-63, made 101,919 traffic arrests, and issued 109,675 traffic warnings, Sgt. H. G. Mason revealed in his annual report to the governor.

"The department had a busy year," Mason noted. "In addition to regular police duties its members were called upon to assist in the suppression of a riot over the Labor Day week end, and to restore order and prevent further violence at the scene of a labor dispute."

"The Columbus Day storm severely taxed our resources in the western portion of the state and tested, in particular, the communications system."

Mason said "tragedy struck on Nov. 8, 1962," when patrolman Ralph D. Bates was killed by a gunman while on patrol duty near Arlington. Mason said he was the 12th state police officer to meet violent death in this manner since the state police was organized.

During the year state police recovered 625 stolen vehicles, made 5,753 criminal arrests, and investigated 4,997 criminal complaints.

### Oregon Traffic Volume Increases

SALEM (UPI)—Traffic volume in Oregon showed a net gain for August, 1963, over last year, but decreases were noted on certain major highways, the State Highway Department said Tuesday.

Decreases were attributed to the absence of traffic generated by the Seattle World's Fair in 1962. Rural interstate routes showed a decrease of 7.2 per cent, while other rural highways showed an increase of 1.3 per cent.

Urban interstate highways showed an increase of 1.5 per cent, while other urban routes were down 1.7 per cent.

In comparing the first eight months of 1963 with the same period last year, figures indicated that rural traffic was up 1.6 per cent, and urban traffic was up 3 per cent.



### Youths Placed In Boys' Town

OMAHA, Neb. (UPI)—Douglas County juvenile court Judge Seward Hart has approved the temporary placement of two Salem, Ore., boys in Boys' Town.

The two, Danny Presnell, 12, and his brother, Ronnie, 10, came to Omaha on a bus Sept. 19. They carried with them a note from their mother asking that Boys' Town take them in because she and their stepfather could not take care of them.

Hart's action came after a conference with Robert Hasey, the court-appointed attorney for the two. Hasey said he recommended the move after talking with the boys' mother by telephone and with Misser Nicholas Weaver, the head of Boys' Town. Hasey said the mother favored the move.

The boys were originally kept in the Douglas county youth center, and then taken to the home of the Rev. William Pounds of Omaha. A hearing will be held before Hart on Oct. 9 to determine the permanent status of the boys.

### New York Tailor Defies Tradition

CORTLAND, N.Y. (UPI)—Ferris Hage defied tradition at his recent wedding here.

Hage, a tailor, not only saw his bride's dress before the wedding—he made it.

Harvard university libraries contain about six million volumes.

CORN BIGGER — Anne Schilling, 10, of Bucklin, Mo., compares an ear of corn from her father's farm with the ears of her dog, Duke, and finds that the corn is much bigger. Her father has entered the corn in the 15th annual Missouri corn growing contest. (UPI)

### Schrank To Study Charges by NAACP

PORTLAND (UPI)—Mayor Terry Schrank said Tuesday he would look into charges of racial discrimination against the Portland Housing Authority, but made no promise of any shake-up.

The mayor met for about an hour Monday afternoon with Mayfield Webb, president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Harry Ward, chairman of the chapter's housing committee.

The meeting followed picketing of City Hall by the NAACP. The NAACP has called for the resignations of Housing Authority Chairman Roy Renoud and Gene Rossman, its executive director.

Webb also said a complaint with the State Labor Bureau's civil rights division had been signed by a Negro against the housing authority. The complainant said he was among

early applicants for a unit at the Northwest Towers project and later was informed there were 600 applicants ahead of him.

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### The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, psychiatrist, three laymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a product of a family disagreement presented to the council. The council deals with problems, major and minor, concerning the interests of children and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. Copyright by General Fraggie Corp.

Bernice R.—It's worth spending money on a speech therapist.

Thomas R.—See 5 making more fuss over this than it's worth.

Bernice R.—I'm so worried about our 1-year-old son. He doesn't say a word except Mommy and Daddy. He's quick and bright in other ways and understands what we say. Our doctor tested his hearing and assures us there's no physical obstacle. He says we can wait a specialist in a year, but why wait? Maybe there are things we can do right now.

Thomas R.—Bernice just looks for things to get upset about. The doctor told her not to worry, to let Tommy listen to us and to other kids and to TV until he gets the idea. But she's more worried about how he shapes up next to her niece who's talking a blue streak at the same age. So what's Tommy's drinking it all in. He's a thinker.

### Research Hinges on Election Outcome

The outcome of the Oct. 15 tax referendum election will determine how much research can be conducted in the new green house planned for erection at the Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station on Hanley rd., Superintendent Porter Lombard said Tuesday.

Lombard said the green house will be used for nutritional and soil moisture studies affecting both agronomy and horticulture plus entomology studies. He hopes some work can be done on bear hight.

The station's present operational budget of \$30,000 a year, which covers allocations for research projects, could be cut back if the tax bill should fail Oct. 15, Lombard said. However, the experiment station won't be closed nor will any of the positions at the station be eliminated, he said.

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