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## Fresh Look

By BILL JENKINS

There is no better way to see your own country than through the eyes of a stranger. In fact, that's about the only way that you will see the whole picture. When you live in a country you take too much for granted. You tend to overlook the little but still fascinating facts that have been under your nose for so many years.

Took a swing down through the south end yesterday, including the trip across the State Line Road, with a visitor from California. I don't think that I ever had a better look at that particular piece of country. As I drove along, my guest pointed out many interesting features of the landscape which I had overlooked. He also asked some penetrating questions which left me stranded for answers. I didn't know that I knew so little about my own area.

It's embarrassing to admit it, but I'm afraid I'm going to have to go out and re-educate myself. One finds it humiliating to be unable to answer reasonable questions about his own neighborhood.

We are now officially in Fall here in the high desert, which is undoubtedly our most beautiful season. It is also the season for bird watchers, when it comes to migratory waterfowl. Anytime from now until snowfall the trip across the State Line Road, which cuts across the northern tip of the waterfowl refuge down there, is a real treat.

A report from Tom Horn, the refuge manager, last week stated that there were better than two million birds on the reserve then. That number is growing daily as more and more northern migrants pull in. If you haven't already made the trip, I certainly recommend your going down, and be sure and take your color camera with you. There are some spectacular shots to be gotten.

We're always reading about the lull before the storm, and yesterday was a pretty good example of it. Practically everyone was sweating it out waiting for today and the opening of the World Series. If Americans took the world situation and politics as seriously as they do the series, we wouldn't be in any jams ever. Not, at least, if we put in as much careful study and analysis of the situation as the lovers of baseball do on their beloved teams and leagues.

We can be pretty sure of one thing, at least. Business from coast to coast and border will come to a practical halt until the big playoff is over.

Stopped in at the Sportsman's Hotel in Tulare, incidentally, and found the people down there overjoyed at the prospect of watching the series on television for the first time. The picture from KOTV-TV comes in strong and clear they tell me.

Learned something about from that I had never known before, too. The chap who was visiting, a fellow by the name of Art Hargrave, was for 30 years in charge of all the shops at Chaffee Junior College down in Ontario, California. With a background like this, of course, he was fair game for small house repairs that needed to be made. My wife promptly handed him a steam iron with a request that he patch up the back end of it where she had caved in a protector plate.

Art promptly went to work with a screwdriver and removed the plate, and under it, to our vast surprise, he took out about a cupful of lint. I don't know that the lint being there interfered with the working of the iron any, but it was a nasty shock to find that much wedged into the thing. My wife says that it just goes to prove how hard she works keeping me in clean, fresh shirts. True, too.

Noticed that spud digging is underway in several areas and a sure sign of fall is present in the form of huge truck loads of onions being hauled out of the Tulare area. This harvest is, of course, a cheerful sight to any duck or goose hunter, because when the digging starts the shooting is not far behind.

## Neoteny

By KEN McLEOD

While laymen and Darwinian enthusiasts are blasting at one another over the monkey theory of the descent of man, there is a new group of experts cropping up on the subject who are willing to fight all comers in defense of their theory "neoteny." The new experts retain the anthropoid ape in a place of honor but in a way that becomes mockery of the orthodox Darwinist. Evolution they argue need not be necessarily a subject of progress because retrogression is quite frequent in nature. However, their sights are not set upon retrogression rather they postulate the theory of stagnation in which embryonic and infantile traits become hereditary in the species.

This point of view turns Haeckel's biogenetic law upside down. Haeckel's law is the one thing that I remember from my college zoology and when I want to really appear learned or throw a curve into any sort of argument I just

sound off the three words Haeckel used to describe his theory and then look among Haeckel's "Ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny." I don't know exactly what it's all about but their mighty high-falutin' sounding words that immediately stamps you as sharing great comprehension of all subjects, in fact, your audience is left gasping to the point that they forget to ask you what it means.

Haeckel in a brevity of science that is classic postulated that an embryo goes through all the stages passed by its fully grown ancestors down through the long evolutionary chain of development from the beginning of life on earth but rapidly outgrows these to become an adult. Evolution would hold little interest to science if it was not for the fact that ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny, in fact, this is the basic keystone of evolution.

Now arises the new group to throw stagnation into the pot. In cases of stagnation, the adult form will be similar to an ancestral embryonic stage. The phenomenon is so common among lower animals — insects and salamanders, for example — that scientists have given it a special name. It is called "neoteny" — or, the prolongation of youth.

Laymen who have rebelled at having a monkey in their family tree I am afraid are due for a shock if the neotenyists gain any footing in the scientific field for in the new point of view, man is not only related to the monkey but what is more, he is decidedly inferior to it. Well! Well! Considering some of our present day political activity one wonders if there may not be some truth to this neoteny business.

The Dutch anatomist Bolk was the first to take the courage to pin stagnation upon man. According to Bolk, man's embryonic stages resembles that of an ape and man has stagnated at this particular ancestral stage. Now Bolk's theory has collected quite a following and among whom Lucien Cuenot, one of the most famous biologists of our time, has taken up the theory and put it even more bluntly than Bolk himself. Cuenot writes: "Man can be considered a gorilla embryo whose development and growth have been greatly retarded. He has retained his infantile characteristics and reaches maturity very late. The chimpanzee and the gorilla have progressed beyond the human stage by specializing in acrobatics — the chimpanzee more so than the gorilla. In other words, man appears to be a neotene descended from some unknown anthropoid which was probably close kin to the present-day gorilla and chimpanzee."

Well! That's what the man said! Now I gather from this we must change our view of the Darwinian argument because instead of "man comes from monkey" the neoteny theory reverses the argument to "monkey comes from man." Under the theory as stated by Bolk and Cuenot the unknown anthropoid to which they refer can only be man himself. So there you have it, science is bound to have man related to monkey one way or another — you now can take your choice but it's my bet a lot of people won't like it!

## Rings

By HAL BOYLE  
NEW YORK (AP)—Guess what's new in diamond engagement rings.

The answer: Male fingers! You mean men are actually beginning to wear engagement rings? "Yes, more every day," said Henry Peterson, the nation's largest diamond ring manufacturer. "But in the case of men we don't call them engagement rings. We call them acceptance rings."

"When a woman becomes engaged, she naturally wants to give her fiancé a present. And there is no earthly reason why she shouldn't buy him a diamond ring, so he, too, can have an everlasting proof of her love and affection."

There is also another advantage in this trend for the bachelor. If his girl throws him over for another guy, he can hock the ring she gave him to court a new flame.

Peterson said that while acceptance rings for men are still only a small part of the booming diamond ring industry, it is growing steadily.

Matched fourstones — a set of diamond engagement and wedding rings for both the husband and wife — are also becoming popular," he remarked.

The sets go for \$200 to \$2,500 and — particularly in Texas — on up.

Peterson, who is promoting the idea that a diamond ring is a boy's best friend, is a top figure in the glitter field who started from exactly nothing.

"That's what I got when I started to learn the trade at 14 — nothing a week," he recalled. "And then the depression hit, and times got really bad."

But hard times were nothing new to him. He had gone to work at 12 to help support his mother, a widow with 7 children.

Twenty-two years ago he launched his own business with \$25 borrowed from his sister. He pioneered a new gimmick — a

device that interlocked the wedding ring with the engagement ring — that helped revolutionize the industry. Today his firm — the Feature Lock Diamond Ring Co. — does a multi-million-dollar business annually.

Peterson himself is a millionaire — and an unusual one. Most millionaires preach the virtues of hard work. But Peterson points out its disadvantages.

"I am only 48," he said, "but to get where I have I had to put in as much hard work as a man of 85, and sometimes I feel like 85."

"It is no good to have to work too hard too young. You miss too much along the way. If I hadn't worked so hard, I might not be where I am now. But do I want to be where I am?"

"The fun and pleasure you get as a child build your mind and body best for later life, and do more to broaden your understanding generally. Burdensome responsibilities assumed when you are too young exact a penalty. You get old before your time."

Here's Peterson's advice to would-be millionaires: "Don't start working hard until you are 21, but then work like hell until you are 45. If you haven't got it made by then, let up and start relaxing."

"Nothing will kill you quicker than trying to make a success after you're 45."

## Challenge

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—The drive to make atomic-powered electric plants as cheap to operate as those powered by coal is running up against a new challenge today.

Scientists are trying just as hard to make coal-powered plants more efficient and less costly—and thus stretching out the cost gap between the conventional generator and the nuclear one of the future.

Some corporations are developing split personalities in tackling the problem. They are spending millions in an effort to build a less costly atomic power plant. At the same time they are driving to make coal fired power plants more efficient.

Atomic electricity competitive with coal will be realized in other lands before it is in the United States where most areas are rich in cheap conventional fuels. The British hope to get atomic power as cheap as power from coal within five years. The goal in the United States is now 10 years.

Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, says that thanks to the present research drive in nuclear science, "a major breakthrough, putting us at or near the goal, could come with some suddenness."

And Willis Gale, chairman of Commonwealth Edison of Chicago, says this nation must strive to hold its lead in technological development rather than strain to attain fixed goals of kilowatt capacity by stepped up building of atomic plants of current design.

Edison Electric Institute has a group of six utility executives alerted to keep abreast of the progress in making nuclear power plants competitive.

Westinghouse Electric is an example of a company playing both sides of the power street. It is building an atomic power plant at Shippingport, Pa., to be operated by Duquesne Light & Power, starting next year with initial output of 60,000 kilowatts. It's also working with Pennsylvania Power & Light and Yankee Atomic electric Co. on other atomic projects. Altogether it's putting 30 million dollars into its atomic program.

But at south Philadelphia Westinghouse engineers are working hard in a steam laboratory to get higher temperatures and pressures in the big steam turbine-generator units that produce electricity—and thus get power more cheaply.

In time, of course, the atomic branch of the electric business will catch up with steam turbine development. The constantly upgraded coal plants, meantime, are giving the atom quite a race.

## Game Management

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Editor Roseburg News-Review  
Oregon hunters will be taking to the woods this weekend in what promises to be the biggest deer season in the state's history.

Each year finds the number of hunters materially increased. Population grows, both from birth rate and from movement of people into the state. The work week grows shorter and more work hours are benefited by the trend toward reduction in work hours affording more leisure for hunting.

A record high level of prosperity makes it possible for more people to afford vacations. These and other factors contribute to the establishment of new records, year after year, for numbers of hunters participating in big game seasons.

The Oregon Game Commission estimates that more than 250,000 license holders will be in the woods. The commission also expects those hunters to harvest this year more than the 134,000 animals killed last season.

Not too many years ago it is doubtful if there were 134,000 deer in all of Oregon. This year, however, if hunters fail to get that many deer, elk, antelope, etc., the

Game Commission experts will be unhappy. Oregon's big game population needs the harvest of that many or more animals to keep the surviving animals healthy.

It is not by accident that Oregon's big game census is large enough that more than half the record number of hunters can bag their game and still not impair the state's wildlife population. The Game Commission contends that Oregon probably has as many deer today as ever in its history.

This claim often is disputed particularly by some of the early residents who talk of the abundance of game in pioneer days. The common belief probably is that the prevalence of game when the white man first came to this country was far greater than today. This belief, however, isn't supported by facts.

It is true that more game was in evidence. Deer and elk are lowland animals in their true habitat. There were found by the pioneers in the low valleys. They were in abundance on the same lands the pioneer settlers wanted for homesteads.

As humans began settling the valleys they also hunted the deer. Gradually the surviving deer were those that had escaped into the high hills. Thus they disappeared from sight, causing the belief they were less abundant.

Prior to the white man's coming, deer followed Nature's cycles of feast and famine. Populations would build up to a point where a severe winter and food shortage would cause starvation and epidemic disease. Only a few deer would survive. Then it would take long years to build back to prior abundance.

By good game management practices, coupled with a considerable degree of luck, the Oregon Game Commission has managed to keep Oregon's deer herd in a fair degree of balance with food conditions, thus making possible the enormous harvest of late years.

The commission's management program, however, has not been easy to promote and still arouses much criticism.

A number of years ago someone came up with the concept that deer herds could be maintained only if no females were killed. So for a long time we were permitted to kill buck deer only. No stockman would manage his cattle in such a manner, but that's what we've been doing with deer.

As a result, the does, protected from hunters, drifted back to their natural lowland habitat, found plenty of good feed in the farmer's fields and orchards, and raised their families in close proximity to civilization. Seventy-five per cent of the deer killed in Douglas County are killed within five miles of settled communities.

Farmers scream to high heaven about game damage, but vigorously protest the Game Commission's policy of an either sex or hunter's choice season, designed to chase the deer away from agricultural land and back into the high hills. Here in Southern Oregon, where we cut over hundreds of acres of forest land every year, there is ample feed to support an increased deer population in the mountain areas.

The commission, however, is demonstrating that its policies are effective and is gradually getting better public understanding and cooperation. Its experts fear what might happen should we get several very severe winters in a row. But until something unforeseen happens, Oregon has an abundance of deer for which a record number of hunters should be exceedingly thankful.

## Wonder

Tulare, Calif. (To the Editor)

We have all heard over the radio and on T. V. and have seen many posters urging everyone to register and vote.

My wife and I moved to California January 15, 1956 and have established our residence here. Before the close of the period for registration we tried to register here to vote but were informed that the California Law provides that you must reside in the State for one year before you can register. We have been registered voters in Klamath County for many years so we wrote to the County Clerk of Klamath County for absentee ballots and were advised by that office that due to the fact that we are now residents of California they could not send them to us. Therefore, since we have moved across a State line, we are being deprived of the right to vote in our National Election. I have always understood that every American citizen had this right and privilege.

I have often wondered why so many working people were not registered voters. I can see now from our experience, why those working people who have to move from one location to another to make a living, do not take the trouble to keep their registration and vote.

A person can obtain a resident hunting or fishing license after residing in the State for six months but must wait one year before paying the right to vote. How come?

Glen L. Terrill

## They'll Do It Every Time

By JIMMY HATLO



## Pilot Killed Avoiding Homes

ROCKLAND, Mass. (UP)—A jet pilot battled the controls of his crashing plane Tuesday to avoid hitting a row of houses, then slammed into a sandpit and was killed.

Eye witnesses said the pilot, reserve Lt. (jg) Donald R. Good,

27, of Natick, Mass., barely managed to avoid hitting the houses when his jet suddenly dropped into a series of spins.

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