

Fireman Finds Fossils Are Door To Fame, Not Fortune

By HAL BOYLE

LANCASTER, Pa.—(AP)—John W. Price is the only fireman in America who has had a crab, a snail, and a flatworm named in his honor.

"I found them, they were new to science, so they just named them after me," he said.

For 72 hours a week Price operates a switchboard at the Lancaster fire department.

But that is only his living. His real life is in the world of nature. In his spare time he has become a self-taught authority on invertebrate paleontology—the study of fossil creatures without backbones.

It took a lot of backbone on Price's part, however, to aspire to be an expert in such a field.

"It isn't exactly overcrowded," he smiled, "but it does require academic background. And I didn't have that. I never went beyond grammar school."

Often people discovered their life's goal in odd ways. Price was stirred to an interest in the earth's past by seeing a movie, "The Lost World," back in 1929. The animals

of this prehistoric period fascinated him.

He wanted to learn more about them. He struck up a friendship with a professor who also served as curator of the Franklin and Marshall College museum. Price volunteered to act as the professor's unpaid assistant at the museum.

"There is a lot of letter writing to do in science," he recalled, "and I did it. Most of those who corresponded with were men of letters. They had things like the Ph.D. of D.S.C. after their names."

"So I decided I'd have to be a man of letters, too. I started signing my letters, John W. Price, L.F.D., assistant curator."

Nobody asked him about this for years. Then at a meeting of scientists, one inquired curiously:

"Say, Price, what degree does 'L.F.D.' stand for. I don't believe I'm familiar with it."

"Stands for Lancaster Fire Department," grinned Price. By then he had made his mark in paleontology—through original discoveries and the publication of scientific papers—and didn't mind letting

out the secret.

Today, however, he can put "D.S.C." after his name, too. Franklin and Marshall College has granted him an honorary degree—doctor of science.

Price is now curator of the museum and still works for nothing.

Biology Club Shows Technicolor Film

The Biology Club will have its initial meeting of the year to-night after yell practice in Room 32 of Science Hall, according to T. M. Ferguson, Biology Department.

A technicolor film will be shown on wildlife in Alaska. Coffee and cokes will be served.

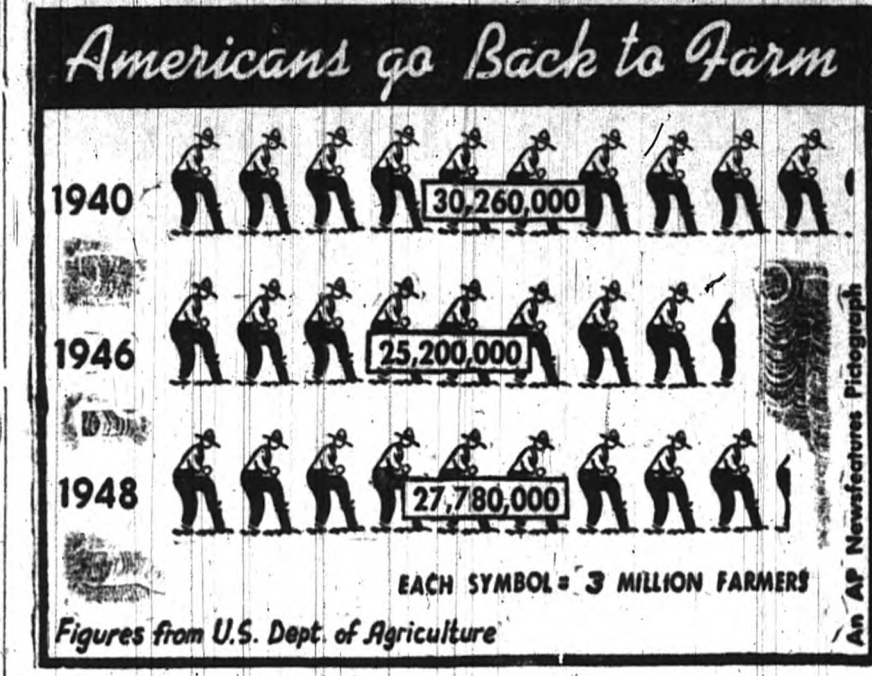
Purpose of the Biology Club is to present programs of a biological nature on topics suggested by club members that would perhaps not be covered in class work, Ferguson said. These programs will be in the form of films and talks by various staff members and often an outside authority.

Robertson County Aggies to Meet

The Robertson County Club will have its organizational meeting tonight in Room 125 of the Academic Building immediately after yell practice, John H. Merchant, club chairman, announced today.

Plans are to prepare a social calendar for the coming year.

Merchant asserts that the club has never developed into the organization that it could be and he asks that all attend the initial meeting of the club in order that each student may assist in the coming year's operations.



Ten Rubles Off His Pay . . .

Curious Cowboy Calms Kigmy Fever To No Avail

BY DEAN REED

First it was the flying sausages. Then the incomparable schmoos appeared. Now cartoonist Al Capp has reached to the extremities of his imagination and invented the "kigmy."

The new animal lives up to his name completely, always desiring people to "kig me." When some obliging soul complies the kigmy sails into the blue, while reciting joyous lines of ecstatic bliss. He likes being kicked.

What is the future of the kigmy? He last saw him in Australia, with his 49,999,999 brethren.

The kigmy is an odd looking animal. So odd, in fact, that we're not too sure he will come under that classification. The above bothered us so much that we proceeded to interview a group of biology professors in the Science Building.

After a midnight emergency meeting of the AMSBFCK (A&M

Science Board for the Classification of Kigmies), the sage gentlemen of science reached a momentous decision. A new order, phylum, family, species, et al will become a necessity for this new addition to American literature. After a secret ballot, the professors emerged with the classification of *Posterius Alacappas*, a member of the family *Besilius Bottomus*.

We can truly see the depth and magnitude of the problem which faces our scientists in designating a suitable cognomen for the Yokum's inheritance. According to a recent strip, the kigmies were part fish, part homing pigeon, part bloodhound, part football, and part partisan.

Our curiosity was famished for lack of detail on the kigmy, so we committed the unpardonable sin of la Battalion. While the assistant editor, in charge of estimating the quality of comic, was asleep at his post, we quite neatly slipped the key to Komic Kingdom from his pocket. Stealing quietly past a row of guards who would make Jack Benny's precautions employees look like the remains of the original D. A. R., we tipped out toes carefully into the long corridor leading to the vault.

Removing the top from the can with our handy-Henry-can-opener,

Hunters Asked To Save Squirrel Feet

In a letter to various hunting and fishing clubs throughout the state, Dr. George A. Petrides of the Wildlife Management Department, expressed his thanks to Texas sportsmen and hunters for sending in the wings of doves bagged during the hunting season.

The information gathered from these wings made it possible to determine the ages of those birds shot and thereby ascertain what the production of young was in the past nesting season.

With the squirrel season approaching, Dr. Petrides has requested that the front foot of all squirrels shot be sent to the Wildlife Management Department.

The foot should be cut off about half way up the bony shank; if the animal is male, the right foot should be sent, and if it is female the left foot.

This process makes the determination of the sex ratio a relatively simple matter, Dr. Petrides said.

(a prize from the Battalion's advertising department) we grabbed the advances of Abner Yoakum, and advanced ourselves stealthily to the inner sanitarium of the Editorial Office.

Then, the kigmy kismet approached us in the form of Lt. Col. the Editor! Ah, what fate belies us . . . caught with the kigmy kopy.

As we write this, we have imbedded in our inter-cerebellum the knowledge of the kigmies, but we cannot impart it to the outside world. We have been made to take the pledge; we have been put on bread and water, on relief, and on the Sports department.

Kigmies, SCHMIGMIES!

Officers Elected By Aggie Squares

At the meeting of the Aggie Squares Friday night in The Grove, Bill Haskell, senior geological engineering student was elected president of the organization for the coming year.

Edward O. Porter, junior electrical engineering student from Dallas was elected vice-president; L. R. Wright, junior animal husbandry major from Throckmorton, secretary-treasurer; and Lewis Burton, senior management engineering student from Beaumont, club reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Buckner were appointed program chairman following the elections. Buckner is a senior electrical engineering student from Pine Hill.

A light rain which lasted for a few minutes failed to dampen the spirits of the 40-odd dancers present. Haskell said and added that in the future the club will meet in the Parish House behind the Episcopal Church at the South side of the campus.

L. S. Dillon, of the Biology Department, and Mrs. Dillon did the calling and furnished instructions in the absence of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Lyman and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Lyle, who generally furnish music, calls and instruction.

Students, faculty, and staff members with their wives or dates are invited to attend next Friday at 8 p.m., Haskell said.

A previous knowledge of square-dancing is not necessary as instructions are to be given at the beginning of each meeting this month, Haskell concluded.

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What's Cooking

AGRONOMY SOCIETY, Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 p. m., A&I Building. Men to be initiated should meet at 7 for briefing.

AIEE & IRE, Tuesday, October 11, after Yell Practice.

ASHVE, 7:30 tonight, room 303 ME Building, Don Mayne, Servel engineer from Dallas, will speak on Servel Unit.

BUSINESS SOCIETY, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p. m., YMCA Chapel, W. R. Horsley will speak.

COOKE COUNTY CLUB, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p. m., Room 125, Academic Building.

CORYELL COUNTY CLUB, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Academic Building.

DEL RIO CLUB, Thursday, Oct. 13, after yell practice, Petroleum Building. All sophomores interested should attend.

HILL COUNTY CLUB, Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p. m., Academic Building.

P. E. CLUB, Thursday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p. m., DeWare Field House.

RIFLE TEAM, Thursday, Oct. 13, 7:30, Room 301, Goodwin Hall. Turkey shoot match. Hearst Trophy plans will be discussed.

S. A. E. MEETING, Tuesday, Oct. 11, after yell practice, Assembly Room, YMCA. Organizational meeting.

SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB.

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Most pitchers used one game Brooklyn (N) 6 (also by 5 other.

Most consecutive games ending in 1-0 scores 2 (first and second games).

Top-flight authorities in the fields of instrumentation will deliver talks, according to Farrar.

Kemplin Reveals Aggie Rodeo Plans

Rodeo to be held October 28 and 29 was the main topic of discussion at the Saddle and Sirloin meeting last Tuesday night. The rodeo is to be held in the animal husbandry pavilion. The quarter horse conference will also be held that weekend.

According to Carl Kempling, president of the Saddle and Sirloin Club, there will be three performances of the rodeo this year instead of the customary two of previous years. Plans were discussed for adding a novelty act with sheep dogs and a cutting horse performance to the show. The general opinion seemed to be that the addition of these performances would add more color to the show.

A film, which was shown to the group by B. R. Dana, professor of the animal husbandry department, was entitled "Grasslands" and emphasized control of soil erosion and practical use of management practices.

The profits from the Aggie Rodeo will be used in sending livestock judging teams and rodeo teams to various contests throughout the United States.



Bubba Day, last years all around champion cowboy at the Aggie rodeo, falls off on the neck of his steer in the 'dogging contest. This year's

Aggie rodeo will be held in the Animal Husbandry pavilion on October 28 and 29.

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Thornton, Bigbee To Head P-A Club

Bill Thornton was elected president of the Palestine-Anderson County Club at its first meeting last Tuesday night.

Bill Zigbee was named vice-president and other club officers elected included Raymond T. Deas, secretary and reporter; Walter J. Newman, treasurer; and Bob Pierce, recreation chairman.

Thornton announced that the club will meet every other Thursday night at 7:30, and that plans are to be made for the annual Thanksgiving party.

The strength of the club now stands at 35 members which is an increase of six over last year.

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