

The earliest child's toy may have been a miniature version of the caveman's club.



Shirley Jones: sexpot or sweet young thing?

For years Shirley Jones was typed as "the girl next door." Yet she won an Academy Award in the role of a rough, tough trollop. In this week's Post, you'll learn how Shirley plays harlots and homebodies with equal conviction. And why many of her friends didn't want her to win an Oscar.

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Pond Full Of 'Critters'; Six-Legged Ones, No Less!

Ever hear of a six-legged bullfrog?

Richard J. Baldauf has.

In fact, the wildlife management professor has found a pond near Franklin literally "wiggling" with the six-footed critters.

He estimated five per cent of this pond's frog population is abnormal.

Although Baldauf regards these "freaks of nature" with a great deal of dignity, his coworkers have jokingly hounded him to put the unusual frogs into mass production.

Ask Dr. Baldauf about the meat market value of the new frogs with the two extra legs and he only smiles.

He did admit, however, that the

six-limbed amphibians are not likely to flood the market. Nature has a way of eliminating the abnormal, he pointed out.

Baldauf explained that the accessory legs, in most cases, fail to give the frog additional bounce. For some, the additional appendages are somewhat a "drag."

He said that a budding student scientist is keeping close watch on the Franklin, Texas, pond with hopes of gaining more information.

Just how unusual are the frogs? Baldauf said that nature has been playing tricks on animals for centuries.

"There is no proof that the condition of these frogs is the result of anything but the constant inconsistencies of nature," Baldauf

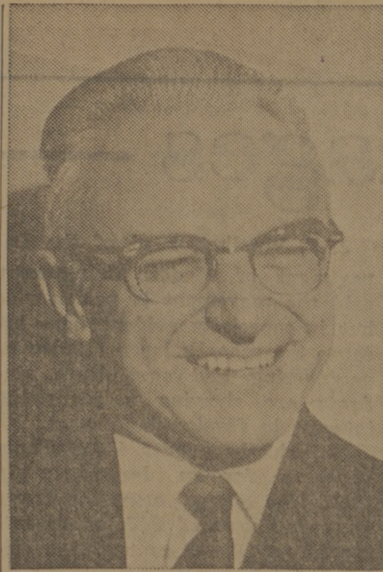
commented.

To illustrate, Dr. Baldauf pointed to jars of pickled specimens. The list included twin-headed snakes, Siamese turtles, a lizard with two tails and other specimens with supplementary legs, toes and so forth. A salamander was once found with a single eye.

"Even some human beings have abnormal traits," the professor said. "Then, too, we have internal as well as external abnormalities."

Commenting on the tricks of nature, Dr. Baldauf said the unusualness of six-legged frogs is hard to determine.

"In many cases, abnormalities may have existed for years, but as long as no one hunts for them, they go unnoticed," he added.



Dr. H. L. Gravett
... unit's "scholastic coach"

Aggie-Baylor Group To Hear UT Chem Prof

The A&M-Baylor section of the American Chemical Society will hear Dr. Norman Hackerman, vice president and provost of the University of Texas, Jan. 17.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. in the A&M Chemistry Building. Hackerman's topic is "Molecular Structure and Organic Corrosion Inhibitors."

A native of Baltimore, Md., Hackerman did both his undergraduate and graduate work at Johns Hopkins University, receiving his PhD in physical chemistry in 1935. After periods of employment at Loyola College and Virginia Polytechnic Institute, as well as in industry, he joined the chemistry staff of the University of Texas in 1945.

At the university he has served as professor of chemistry, chairman of the department, and dean of sponsored research and sponsored programs prior to his appointment as vice president and provost.

The new State of Malta consists of the main island, 949 square miles, plus the lesser known islands of Gozo and Comino, and two uninhabited rocks.

'ACTIVE, SINCERE'

Biology Professor Advises Company

At least one night each week, a mild-mannered biology professor strolls through the dormitory that houses premedical and premedical students.

Through the well-lighted hallways, Dr. H. L. Gravett makes his rounds, pausing at each doorway for an exchange of greetings with the students and checking their progress. By tradition, the door to each room is kept ajar.

Professor Gravett is not a spy. He is known as the "scholastic coach" for Cadet Company C-3, the unit made up of potential dentists and physicians.

Gravett's counseling with the C-3 men has helped the unit win the coveted "first in scholarship" award given to the cadet corps unit with the highest scholastic average. Gravett's unit has won the award for the last three years.

The bespectacled professor, however, refuses to take credit for the company's achievements. The students, on the other hand, have plenty of praise for Gravett's contributions.

One Aggie with dreams of becoming a doctor said, "He has been instrumental in proving the faculty adviser plan really works."

One of his fellow colleagues said, "He is very active, dedicated and sincere in his efforts. He has a genuine interest in his students."

Gravett's counseling includes such a wide assortment of problems as personal family troubles to financial difficulties, in addition to scholastic headaches.

"I consider my work with the students as my research," Gravett said in discussing his advisory role.

A former U. S. Air Force officer, Gravett became an Aggie professor in 1946 after military service in World War II. He previously had been head of the zoology department at Elon College in North Carolina.

For some teachers, so-called extracurricular activities consume more time than teaching and Gravett is a good example at Ag-

gieland.

At one time or another during the year, more than 100 Aggies have sipped and munched refreshments at the Gravett home. Before the pre-med students leave College Station, Dr. H. L. Gravett knows them well.

He is chairman of a pre-medical committee of seven who offers a final stamp of approval for graduates seeking entry in medical school. Some of the applicants are stricken from the advanced standing list because of stiff academic requirements.

Gravett admits that telling a student to drop his dreams of becoming a physician has added gray to his straight-combed hair.

With a twinkle in his eye, Gravett noted little change in the student problem since he first entered the teaching profession in 1937. "Before World War II," he said, "they were concerned with Germany. Today it's Russia."

Regarding marriage, the professor said he does not discourage students from taking the marital vows.

"A student marriage," Gravett commented, "is somewhat typical of the life they will face in the professional life. The hours of a physician are quite unusual. Both will get a taste of what living together will be like while in school."

Gravett pointed out that one medical institution made a study of its students and discovered over 50 per cent were married at the time of graduation.

The biology professor volunteered his duties as scholastic coach in 1958. Since then, his cadet corps unit has consistently been at the top, academically speaking.

Gravett's appearance in the cadet's doorway is a signal for professional advice or an informal chat. Few cadets fail to enlist his advice.

His consuming ambition: to have C-3 Company win the highest scholastic achievement award for the fourth consecutive time.

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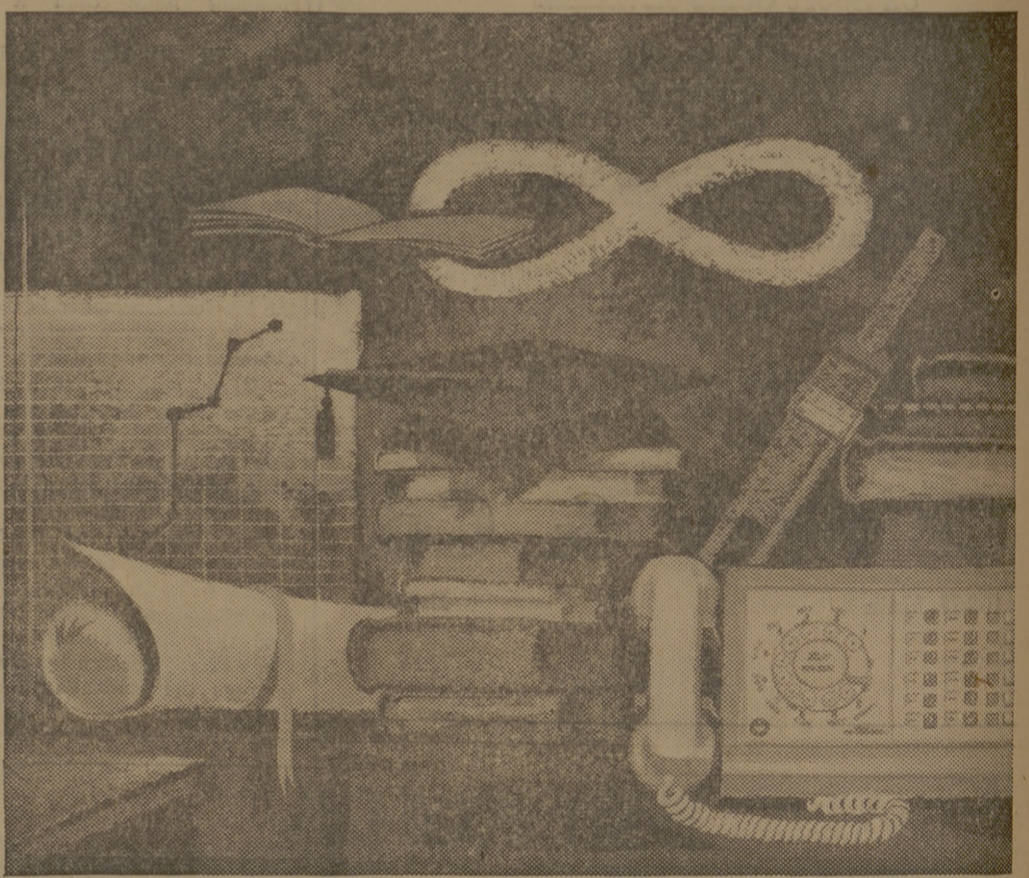
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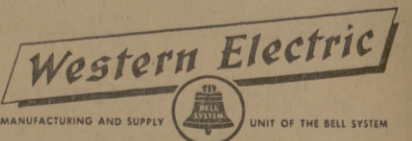
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