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## What Is A Snail's Pace? A Racy 23 Inches An Hour

A snail can race at a speed travels on. The snail spreads less to man, but wreaks untold of three inches a minute, and at mucus on the surface it plans to destruction. A native of the east least one souped-up gastropod cross. This highway of slime pro- coast of Africa, this six-to-nineshot eight inches in a breath- tests the snail so well it can inch monster has spread across move along the edge of a razor the world during the past centaking two minutes.

Few snails can keep up this blade. heady pace for long, however. On a treadmill at the University inches an bour.

Pulls Heavy Weight the United States, but so far To compensate for its lack of has been successfully repulsed. of Maryland, a snail maintained fleetness, a snail has fabulous Congress passed a law against an average speed of only 23 strength. It can pull a top wagon importation of the marauder m loaded with 200 times its own 1953.

But that is not bad, consider- weight. To equal this task, a 10- Each with 80,000 sharp teeth, ing the snail is not merely travei- pound baby would have to haul African snails chew up flowers an automobile. ing but making the highway it and vegetation and may even Land snails are generally harm- rasp off pieces of buildings. They

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less creatures but a few sea have devastated parts of Hawaii snails are poisonous, the Nation- and the Orient. In some areas al Geographic society has point- they swarm in fantastic numed out. The bite of a pretty Aus- bers over everything. Pedestrians tralian snail native to the Queens- and cars squash them under foot. land coast may cause painful ill- Trees hang thick with them. They ness or even death. heap up in places, and drop The abalone, a snail with a like overripe fruit from bushes. shell that behaves like a clam Like the Japanese beetle, the shell, may kill a man in another Giant African snail is not a way. The abalone can slam its serious scourge in its homeland. shell down on a man's fingers There it has plenty of natural and hold him prisoner-to drown enemies - including snail-eating in the returning tide unless res- men-to keep down its numbers.

Hence biologists have sought an-The infamous Giant African other animal to prey on the snail. Snail (Achatina Tulica) is harm- One promising predator is a cannibalistic snail that likes to crawl into Achatina's shell and

> gradually eat it up. Snall Dines on Oysters

tury. It has repeatedly invaded

Another pestiferous snail the oyster drill, a sea snail that eats oysters. With its tiny radula or rasplike tongue, the snail bores a hole in the oyster's shell and then sucks out the nutrients. While snails cause man considerable trouble, they also provide pleasure for the epicure. Shells strewn in paleolithic camp sites show men have relished snails from prehistoric times. The French have eaten more and more snails since World War II. In one recent year Gallic gourmets consumed 600,000,000 gastropods. limestone slivers that penetrate

Snails themselves love to eat.

These love darts apparently stim-They file off vegetation with ulate interest, as Cupid'c arrows their thousands of tiny teeth. A hungry snail can quickly reduce did.

Bolivia, Waccamaw the tissues of the other snail. **Eagles** Divide Wins

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ASH-Waccamaw's Eagles clipped the Bolivia Bears, 52-47, and

a lettuce leaf to a few shreds. World meat production in-Besides its trencherman ways. the Lady Bears tripped the Eagcreased three per cent in 1959- lettes, 50-46, here, Friday night, the snail has a mildly sensational love life to complete its dis- 23 per cent above the 1951-55 in a Brunswick County twin-bill. Earl Hughes paced the reboundsolute personality. Most snails are average. Consumption ranged both male and female. When some from 234 pounds of meat per per- ing for the Waccamaw boys, in snails meet each other they let son in Australia and Uruguay to addition to scoring 17 points. Shirfly with "love darts"-tiny barbed only nine pounds in Japan. Per ley Little had 26 for the Eagle-

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pleting his public education in 1922.

capita consumption in the U.S. ttes. Bolivia's scoring leaders were Russell Cook with 13 and Jackie was 160 pounds. Lewis, with 21 points.

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WILMINGTON-One hundred Vossler, Jimmy Thompson, Wally or more amateur golfters from Ulrich, around the two Carolinas are expeeted to take part in the \$2,500 wood, Jr., Tornmy Jacobs, Shelly pro am tournament here March Mayf'eld, Fred Haas, Toney Pen-30, which precedes the annual na, Dave Marr, Herman Keiser, \$12,500, 54-hole Azalea Invitation- and Johnny Pott. al golf tournament scheduled for Twelve Carolinas professionals March 31 through April 2. Both have accepted invitations thus events will be played at the Cape far: Aubrey Apple, Chuck Alex-Fear Country Club. J. B. (Bunny) Hines, president Joe Cheves, Al Goodrich, Charles

of the sponsoring Wilmington Farlow, Joe Maples, John Ruedi, Athletic Association, says that amateur entries for the pro-am are being accepted on a first-come basis.

Hines has urged all amateurs who plan to participate to write to Box 3251 for entry blanks. The entry fee is \$25, which includes a season tickets to the three-day Azalea Invitational tournament. All amateur golfers who have established handicaps are eligible for the pro-am tournament.

When the field is completed, play will be in threesomes, with two amateurs paired with one professional.

Winning professionals will share the \$2,500 prize money, and winning amateurs will receive appropriate trophies.

While the amateur field begins to take shape for the pro-am, many of the nation's leading professional golfers have tentatively agreed to play in the big Azalea Invitational, and will also take part in the pro-am.

The professionals include seven former Azalea Open Champions: Jerry Barber, Jimmy Clark, E. J. Du'ch) Harrison, Howie Johnson, Billy Maxwell, Art Wall, Jr., and Tom Neiporte.





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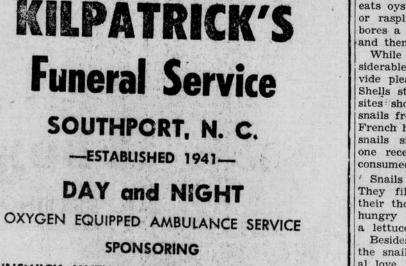
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He and his wife, the former Lillie Jacobs of Wilmington, have three children and now reside in Southport.

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