

- Blackie Bear -

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ONCE JOCKO HAD A TOWN HOUSE

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Blackie's party took plenty of time on their way back to the mountains. They had such an exciting time at Uncle Joe's house that they felt the need of a little rest. Besides, they had plenty of everything to eat in the wagon, and so they didn't need to hunt. At night they would find a nice place to camp, and they were so far away from everybody that they were not afraid to have nice big fires, and they could make as much noise as they pleased.

Every night after supper they would sit around and smoke and tell stories, and sometimes they would sing and dance the bear dance that Blackie had taught them. Tonight there was a pretty moon in the sky, and it seemed to remind Jocko Monkey of his old home out in California, and so he got to talking about that country.

"Well, Blackie," said Jocko, "you never did ask me why I came to leave my good home and take to traveling over the country, but maybe you would like to know, so I will tell you. Out in California ostriches are thick as turkeys are here, and they are mighty big birds. They lay eggs as big as coconuts, and you know coconuts and eggs are just the same shape. Ostrich eggs are mighty valuable, and nobody eats them, but I had always wanted to know how they tasted. I lived with a dear old lady who was mighty good to me, and she would often even let me ride in the seat with the driver when she would go out in her automobile, and she would even let him show me how to drive. I had everything I wanted except the ostrich eggs. Like lots of folks, I wasn't satisfied till I got the thing that was sure to get me in trouble. I had a good house, and I could climb the coconut trees and eat all of them I wanted. And if any of you ever got the chance to drink the milk in a coconut that is just about grown, but hasn't turned hard, don't miss it; there are mighty few things that taste better.

There was a lake on the place, and there were lots of big Chinese geese on it. They would hatch out lots of litt' goslings, and sometimes they were so thick around the lake that I could hardly keep from stepping on them.

One day my mistress decided that she would have one of the big geese hatch out a couple of ostrich eggs, instead of letting them hatch in the hot sand. So she put one egg under each wing of the big goose, the goose went to work to hatch them out. When Mistress was putting the eggs under the goose, I happened to be around, and I was playing with two coconuts. I

noticed that they were just the size and shape of the eggs, and so I thought of something. Why not swap these nuts with the goose for the eggs? But here was the trouble: the nuts were nearly black, while the eggs were white, and even a goose might tell the difference, and quit sitting on them. I didn't see how I could fix that, and so it looked like I wouldn't get any ostrich eggs after all.

(To Be Continued.)

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"GRATITUDE"
Gratitude is not only the memory but the homage of the heart—rendered to God for His goodness.—Willis.

Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more.—Mary Baker Eddy.

47 Children Were Examined In Pre-School Clinics

Pre-school clinics were held in the Dellwood, Maggie, Rock Hill and Lake Junaluska schools on last Friday as a part of the regular school health program which is now being carried out by the Haywood County Health department.

A total of forty-seven children were examined during the day at the four schools with the following distribution in each school: Dellwood, with eight children and four parents present; Maggie, with 18 children and eight parents present;

Rock Hill, with nine children and five parents present; and Lake Junaluska, with 12 children and 10 parents present.

Of the groups examined, thirty-six were given toxoid, and twenty-nine were vaccinated for smallpox. Dr. C. N. Sisk, county health officer, is examining the children and is being assisted by Miss Margaret Squires, supervisor of nursing in the district health department, and Miss Clara McCall, Haywood County public health nurse.

Similar clinics will be held tomorrow at Saunook school at 9:30 a. m.; Hazelwood, at 10:30 a. m.; and Central elementary at 2 p. m.

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400 Attended BTU Meeting Held At Allen's Creek

Approximately 400 persons were present for the associational Baptist Training Union which was held at the Allen's Creek Baptist church on Tuesday. The Spring Hill union won the banner with an average of 96 while West Canton was close behind with an average of 94.

The following were winners in the elimination tournament which was held, with those making first place eligible to enter the regional contests in Brevard: In the junior memory drill, Gwendolyn Reece,

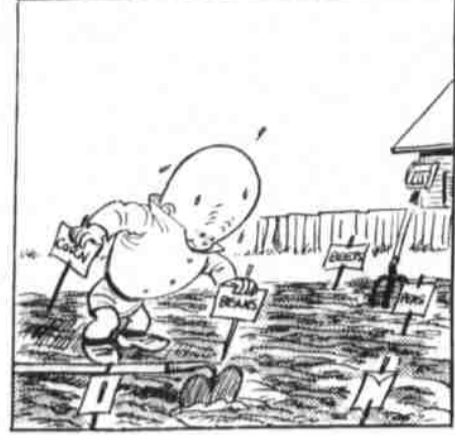
Edith Cooke, and Jack Rhinehart, all of Spring Hill, with a perfect score; in the intermediate sword drill, Josephine Jackson Hardin, First Baptist church, of Canton, first, and Betty Ann Snyder, First Baptist church, of Canton, second.

In the boys' division of the better speaker contest, Claude Conard, Bethel, first, and Edgar Mehaffey, Spring Hill, second; in the girls' better speakers, Mrs. Haynes Henson, Spring Hill, first and Miss Hattie Siler Freeman, Waynesville, second. Miss Opal Snyder, Canton, won first in the adult Bible reading and Mrs. Pressley, of West Canton, made second place.

Since only one speaker may participate in the regional convention the winners in the boys' division

spoke against the girls' division the Canton Baptist church, Haynes Henson was place, and Claude Conard as alternate.

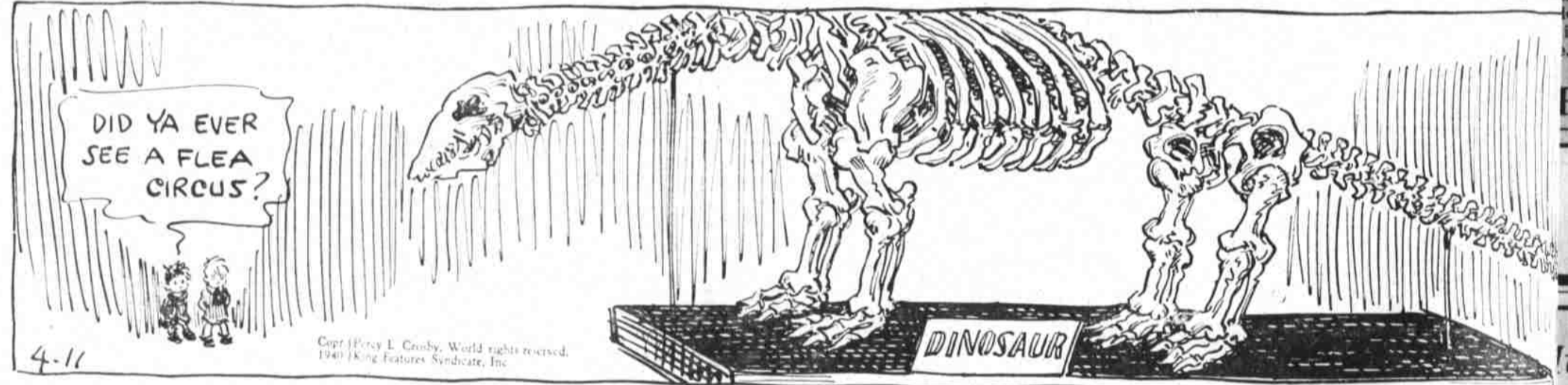
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POLLY AND HER PALS



Patricia O'Keefe, 8, who weighs only 64 pounds, holds 200-pound Wayne Long on her back in an unusual exhibition of strength. According to her trainer, the Venice, Cal., "Amazon" has been far above average since babyhood and is probably one of the strongest girls of her age and size in the world.

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