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Correspondence Corner

From Mr. Roy Gifford, 58 Lancaster St., Garleutt, Townsville, Queensland, Australia;

"Do you know anyone in your club who would care to talk shells with a North Aussie, preferably Conus? If so, I would deeply appreciate it if you'd pass on my address. I'm interested in the Conus, their habits, growth ratio, color variations and whatever, but so far have not struck anyone who is keen on 'em, other than as pretty shells."

Did You Know Items?

- 1-That your club passed the 200 mark in membership? We now have 201 members-142 regular, 45 corresponding and 16 juniors. Our members live in 14 states, 1 territory and 2 foreign countries.
- 2-A snails pace is approximately 2 inches per minute.
- 3-Nearly all round-mouthed snails are vegetarians.
- 4-Blood of mollusks is cold and usually colorless.
- 5-Oysters spend 17 to 20 hours per day feeding.
- 6-Sex reversed. In the Slipper Shell family, they have male sex when young and female when fully grown.
- 7-Octopus can live out of water for a short time and can keep up with a man in a brisk walk.

Our Membership Growth

<u>End of</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Corres.</u>	<u>Totals</u>
1st. year	94	3	17	114
2nd. year	123	10	31	164
3rd. year	127	12	32	171
Nov. 1958	142	14	45	201

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