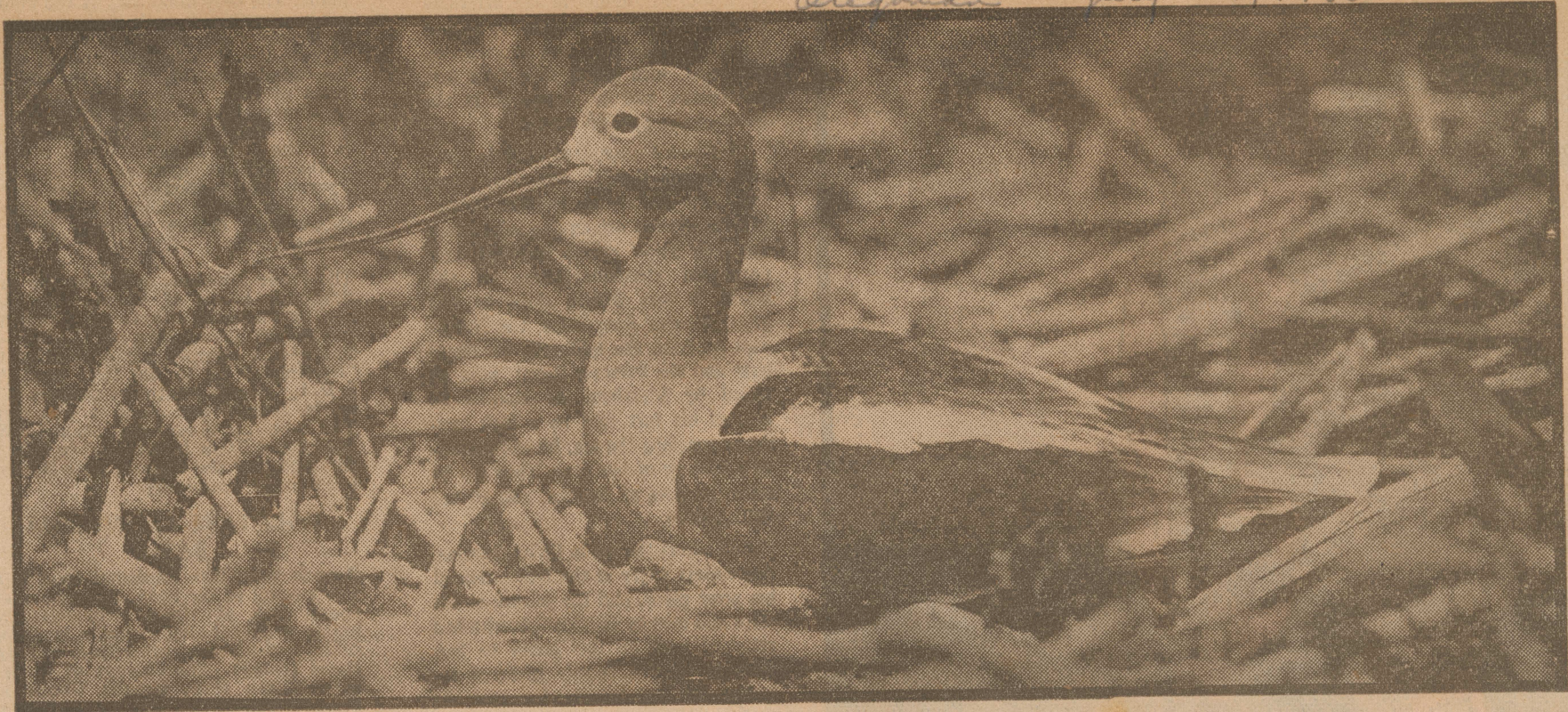


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AN AMERICAN AVOCET, WITH ITS STRANGE UPTURNED BILL.

The most striking feature of this Oregon bird is the upward flare in the five-inch, saberlike bill, which is used for stirring up the mud in shallow water and sucking up small life which lives on the bottom of the lake. The American avocet is one of the larger shore birds found around Klamath lake, where this picture was taken by W. L. Finley and H. T. Bohlman, but is declared to be gradually disappearing with the advance of civilization. It is now confined principally to the western United States. It furnishes a bit of comedy to nature lovers when it chases grasshoppers and other insects by running after them with its long legs, its wings half raised and slapping together its long bill. The avocet is very shy and very beautiful.



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This chipmunk, photographed by W. L. Finley, was lured before the camera by clever manipulation of nuts of which he was very fond. Mr. Finley tells in his article on this page how it was accomplished.