

Asthma, Hay Fever Weed Taking Hold in Marion County, State

If Oregon citizens, including those in Marion County, don't get the lead out of their handkerchiefs this state may soon be hopelessly overrun with ragweed.

The Pacific Northwest, along one of the few North American areas free of this hayfever and asthma weed, has recently become infested—in a small way and in scattered areas. Those who have nosed around in the matter think the ragweed seeds came into this state and into Washington with mid-west wheat seeds.

But because it has "just barely" got started here it can be eradicated by prompt action of the legislature. Otherwise, if it gets a good start, the sneezing and wheezing will be heard into countless, future Oregon generations.

Authority on Ragweed
This is the ragweed brought to Salem late last week by Oren C. Durham of Chicago, one of the recognized authorities on ragweed. He is secretary of the pollen survey committee of the American Academy of Allergy and chief botanist of Abbott Laboratories.

He spoke at the Friday noon meeting of the Marion County Tuberculosis and Health Association. He was accompanied by Dr. Frank Perlman, M. D., of Portland, leading allergy specialist and an active worker in the field of ragweed control in Oregon.

The two largest patches of ragweed in Oregon were reported in Clackamas and Marion Counties. Clackamas county farmers have largely controlled the weed there, Dr. Perlman said.

"But in Marion County there are still about 300 acres of the weed in areas near Salem, Woodburn, Turner, Hubbard and Marion. Umattilla also is beginning to report the weed."

Ragweed can be controlled either by spraying or by cultivation and planting of other crops such as grasses, Durham said. "Experience in other states," he said, "has shown that once

ragweed has gained a good start nothing that legislators, farmers or doctors can do will kill off the weed. And most states in the east are in this predicament already."

Sinuses Irritated
The sinus cavities of something like 4,000,000 Americans are irritated by ragweed pollen each summer. Many of these, at least those who can afford it, cross continents and oceans to avoid their annual blow by blow and wheeze by wheeze battle with the weed.

And the ragweed-free Pacific Northwest has for many years been a target of these tourists.

In Oregon, Dr. Perlman estimates, about 10 per cent of the population is sensitive to ragweed. And it won't take long for more people to fall victim to the weed, which, by the way, is not native to this state. The weed appeared several years ago in Wenatchee, Wash., and is now a menace there.

The problem of ragweed control here is really a health problem, agree Dr. Perlman and Durham. They hope the next legislature, which recently declared ragweed a noxious weed and threw its enforcement in the lap of the state agricultural department, will transfer the ragweed program to the state health department.

In view of the tourist angle it is hoped local chambers of commerce also will interest themselves. "But most important, we hope sufficient funds will be appropriated to assist farmers in properly controlling this menace to free-breathing," said Durham.

Or as Dr. Perlman puts it, "There is an opportunity to spend so little in order to spare so much in future medical expenses and human suffering."

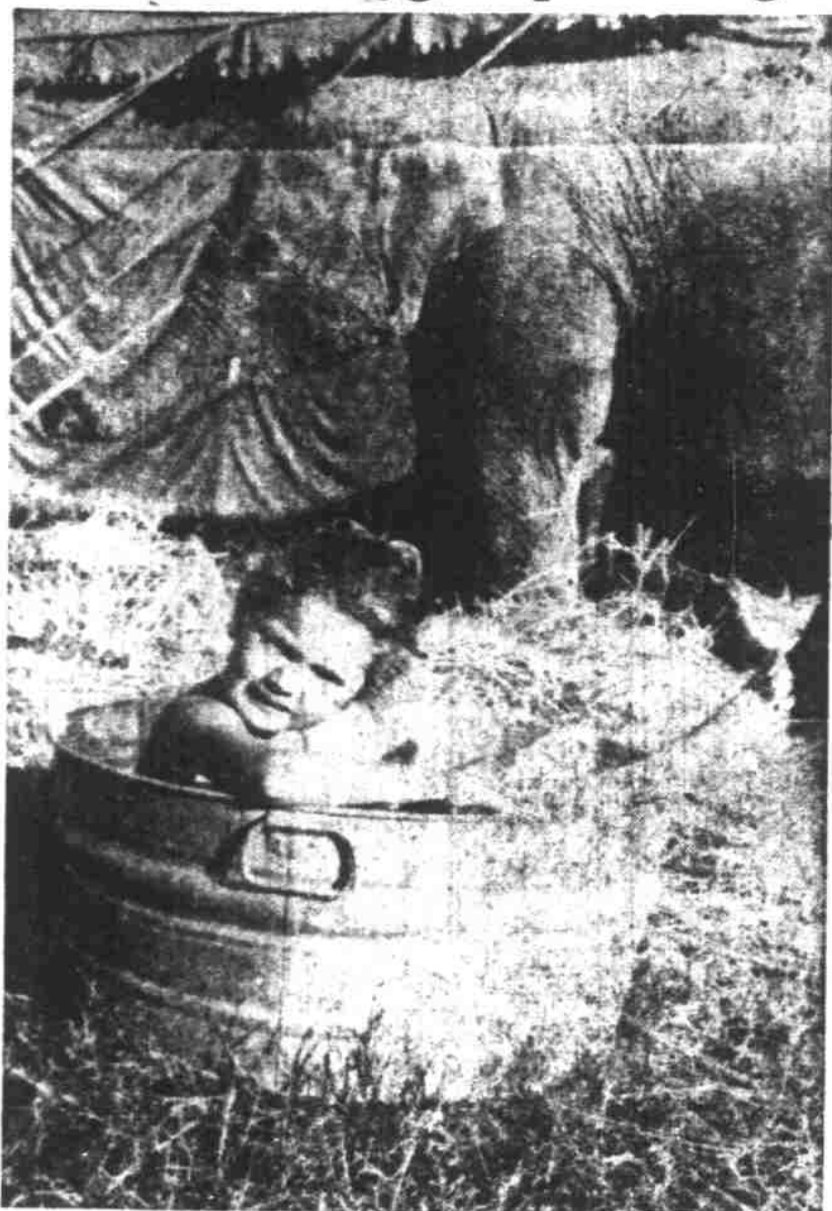
Body of Drowning Victim Recovered From Columbia

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THE DALLES — The body of Hugh Redfearn, who along with four others drowned in a boating mishap a week ago on the Columbia River, was recovered Sunday.

The bodies of two others were recovered shortly after the accident.

Allen Tom of Rufus discovered the body floating in the river below The Dalles port lock.

Bathes in Big Top Setting



Five-year-old Kathy Cline of a circus family bathes in a Big Top setting, with one of the circus elephants, Susie, standing by on the lot of Clyde Beatty's three-ring circus coming to Salem Wednesday by train. Performances will be at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. near 18th St. entrance of State Fairgrounds. A noontime street parade also is scheduled.

Hells Canyon Group Opposes Cougar Dam

WASHINGTON — The Hells Canyon Assn., inc. said Saturday a proposal by the Eugene, Ore. water and electric board to join the federal government in construction of Cougar Dam, "will interfere with, impede and preclude fulfillment" of Columbia River development.

The pro-public power organization expressed its view in a petition representatives said would be filed with the Federal Power Commission, asking permission to intervene against the city's application for a preliminary permit on the Cougar site.

The Cougar project, located on the south fork of Oregon's McKenzie River, is one of several Northwest dams proposed for construction by the federal government and local interests.

Penguins are not found north of the equator in a wild state.

Guard Elects Col. Irving

CAMP CLATSOP — Trustees of the Oregon National Guard Assn., meeting here during the summer training period, elected Col. Robert L. Irving, Portland, to the board.

Irving is commander of the 106th infantry regiment of the 41st Division, Oregon and Washington National Guard, now training at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Speakers at the session included Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general of Oregon, and Maj. Gen. Harold G. Maison, commanding general of the 41st Division.

Terrorist Shoots French General

CASABLANCA, French Morocco — A terrorist shot and seriously wounded Gen. Marie-Antoine d'Hauteville at Marrakech Sunday.

The general, French commander of the Marrakech military region, underwent an operation and is expected to survive.

Soviet Closing A-Gap, Defense Official Says

QUANTICO, Va. — The nation's military high command was given disturbing word Saturday that Soviet Russia is moving closer to the United States in the great arms race of the atomic age.

Donald A. Quarles, assistant secretary of defense for research, made this view clear in addressing the defense chiefs at their annual meeting here when he said America's weapons technology position today is "less favorable than it was a year ago."

Quarles spoke at a morning business session of the four-day conference shortly before the arrival at Quantico of President Eisenhower. The commander-in-chief spoke briefly and informally at a luncheon of the conferees, but what he talked about was not disclosed.

The conference of 160 defense and service secretaries and military commanders was called for discussion of routine management and strategy matters.

Quarles said that in the 11 months since the last conference here there have been four outstanding developments:

1. The Russian explosion of a hydrogen device last Aug. 12.
2. Launching of the U.S.S. Nautilus, world's first atomic submarine.
3. The "Project Castle" hydrogen bomb tests by the U.S. in the Marshall Islands this spring.
4. The May Day air show at Moscow, demonstrating Soviet jet bombers "more or less comparable" to the American B-47 medium and B-52 heavy bomber.

"While the second and third of these must be rated as great achievements, reflecting great credit on the scientists, engineers and industries responsible, we must conclude that on balance our technical position vis-a-vis the Soviets is less than it was a year ago," Quarles said.

However, he said the United States is speeding up its advances "on a very broad front of military technology."

Swedes Flood To Listen to Billy Graham

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — A capacity crowd of some 23,500 persons jammed Stockholm's Olympic Stadium Sunday night to hear American evangelist Billy Graham. About 200 followed his appeal at the end of the sermon to "turn to God."

The meeting followed the usual pattern, with music by brass bands and choirs. Cliff Barrows, song leader of Graham's group, conducted one hymn in Swedish to the delight of the audience.

The Graham party is scheduled to leave Monday for one-day stops at Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Dusseldorf and Berlin before going to Paris.

The young evangelist has received mixed reaction in Stockholm, where newspapers appeared somewhat confused by his dramatic style of preaching. "Billy came, saw but failed to conquer," the afternoon paper Aftonbladet said.

Bacteria in suspended animation which have been found imbedded deep in the mud of the ocean floor may be the world's oldest living things, scientists say.

Indians Meet to Fight Legislation

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Half a hundred California reservation Indians met here Sunday to plan how to fight legislation in Congress that would take them from under jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

At one point, Chairman Erin Forrest, from a reservation in Northeastern California, submitted a detail to the group and asked, with a smile: "All those in favor, say 'uh.'"

POSTED BY MAIL
FARMINGTON, Conn. — State Rep. W. Sheffield Cowles, on a tour of Europe, sent a postcard from Seville, Spain, to his fellow Connecticut legislator, Erving Prunty of Colebrook. When he returned home, Cowles found a postcard from Prunty in the mail that had accumulated while he was away. Prunty had sent it to Cowles from Seville.

Truck Strikes Powerline; Driver Dies

PENDLETON — A derrick rig on a truck struck a 7,200-volt powerline crossing a ranch three miles west of here Friday, killing the truck driver, Robert G. Cantowine, 45, of Pendleton.

The accident occurred on the ranch of Dr. C. A. Miller as Cantowine and two other men were en route to a job for the Francis McGee Construction Co. Cantowine fell dead a moment after he jumped from the truck following the shock. The two other men were afoot and were untouched.

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