



Joe Meek Took the Census in 1850—Mountain man and United States marshal counted 13,294 noses, exclusive of Indians, in Oregon territory 100 years ago. Oregon then consisted of the present state, Washington and extended eastward to the summit of the Rocky mountains.

CENSUS 100 YEARS AGO

Colorful Joe Meek and Curious Dan O'Neil Did Good Job of It

Census year is here again.

In 1850, 100 years ago, colorful, intrepid Joe Meek, the United States marshal, took census for Oregon, and when he finished counting noses for the territory, comprising all of today's Oregon, Washington and extending eastward to the summit of the Rocky mountains, he found the population to be 13,294 exclusive of Indians.

Joseph L. Meek, the mountain man, was a startling personality even in the 1840s when the territory appears to have been abundantly supplied with characters. He was a raconteur of distinction. His personal courage was never doubted and he was generous to a fault.

Joe became marshal as a reward from President Polk. Immediately following the Whitman massacre it appeared that hostile Indians were preparing to destroy white settlers sparsely scattered through the vast territory. Governor George Abernethy sent J. Quinn Thornton around the Horn and Joe Meek across the continent to solicit aid from the federal government.

Joe and two companions left Oregon City on January 4, 1848, in the dead of winter. He paused at the ruined Whitman mission to reinter massacre victims whose bodies, first lightly covered, had been desecrated by hungry wolves. Despite a two-weeks delay Joe and his companions reached St. Joseph, Missouri, through snow drifts and high water within 60 days after leaving Oregon City.

Peter Burnett, Oregon pioneer of 1843 who later became first governor of California, knew Joe well. On one occasion Meek appeared at Burnett's home wearing a most splendidly figured silk vest though otherwise his dress was exceedingly shabby. Burnett goes on to describe Joe as a sort of a frontier Beau Brummel who often went about barefooted.

When Meek arrived in Washington he headed at once to the White House to see the president who, after all, was a relative. So was Knox Walker, the

Dr. of Aristocratic Breed—Looking every bit the champion, Dragon II, aristocratic Highland steer, receives the first prize at the Smithfield Fat Stock Show in London for his silky coat, his proud bearing, and well-built bulk. The animal, owned by W. P. Brown of Easingwold, was chosen champion of its class.



POW Payments Begin in March

Washington, Jan. 2 (AP)—The first payments to former American prisoners of war and civilian internees are expected to be made in March or April this year, the war claims commission said today.

Their claims may be filed, beginning tomorrow and not later than March 1, 1951.

The commission now has only \$19,000,000 in liquidated enemy assets with which to pay an estimated \$120,000,000 of claims. Most of the enemy property vested by the office of alien property (OAP)—about \$300,000,000 worth—is still tied up in claims brought by former owners of the property. When additional funds might become available is uncertain.

The war claims act stipulates that all POW and internee claims must be paid with proceeds of this vested enemy property.

Claims forms for the 140,000 former POW's and internees (internees of the Japanese only) have been sent to all veterans administration regional offices. State governors have also designated special places where the forms have been sent, such as veterans organizations, the Red Cross and others.

Fire Destroys Barn On Carl Hess Farm

Silverton, Jan. 2 — A large barn on the Carl Hess place near here was destroyed by an early Sunday morning fire. The blaze was visible for many miles.

Livestock was removed with the exception of a brood sow and her litter. The fire occurred during a snow storm. Hess has not definitely determined the cause of the fire but believes defective wiring to have been the cause.

Famed Scientist Released

Paris, Jan. 2 (AP)—Georges Claude, 77, famed French scientist, generally credited with being the inventor of neon lights, has been released from jail where he was serving a term for Nazi collaboration.

Claude is also well known for his work in liquefying air.

When the Pacific horned lizard is frightened, it squirts blood out of its eyes.

the sound of their axes. All in all he gathered 800 names here at so much per head.

At one house lived a widow, well dressed and of elderly appearance.

"How many in your family?" Uncle Dan inquired.

"Six including myself," the widow replied.

"And your age, madam?" the enumerator wanted to know.

"None of your business," the dignified and indignant householder sharply answered.

"The law compels me to ask," explained Uncle Dan.

"Well, if it is a matter of law, I'm between 30 and 40."

"I presume that means 35?"

"No sir," challenged the offended dame, "I'm only 33 years of age."

"Now for the ages of your children," suggested Uncle Dan who was hopeful that the worst was over.

Josephine, the youngest, was 10. And the widow continued through the list of her family of daughters. And in conclusion:

"My eldest daughter, Matilda Jane, is a little over 25."

"Twenty-five, did you say?" inquired the dubious enumerator.

"Yes, 25," declared the emphatic widow. "Is there anything remarkable about her being that age?"

"No," fumbled Uncle Dan, "I can't say that there is—but—ah excuse me—but didn't you tell me you were only 33?"

A slamming door fanned Uncle Dan's countenance as the mother withdrew.

When noon came and the hungry census taker was looking for lunch he did not pull the widow's latch string in his quest for food.

Man's Oldest Dream, Elixir For Longer Life Is Revived

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE

New York, Jan. 2 (AP)—Man's oldest dream, an elixir for longer life, was revived at the closing sessions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The new hope came from studies of cortisone made at the University of Utah.

Cortisone is a new hormone that stops the pain of rheumatoid arthritis, and helps a half dozen other diseases.

The report that it might be a key to keeping certain body tissues younger and lengthening the life span was made by Dr. Thomas F. Dougherty.

He is an histologist, the specialty of minute structure of tissues. His work is supported by the American Cancer society.

One of the very few known facts about growing old is a change in those parts of your body known as connective tissues. These tissues are fibers and sheaths, which are in effect the walls and girders of all the body's organs. They premeate the skin, vital organs, bones and form the covering of blood vessels. Leather is a good example of connective tissue.

In aging, these tissues become more fibrous, a process called fibrosis. This fibrosis process,

Dr. Dougherty said, appears to be slowed down by cortisone.

Connective tissues are by no means all that must be kept youthful if we are to live longer. But they are apparently one of the key structures in long life.

These tissues also have a special use in preserving good health. They are the seat of trouble in a number of the chronic diseases. The latter are the principal killers today of older men and women. While arthritis does not often kill, it is an example of connective tissues gone wrong.

The Utah experiments on mice show clearly, Dr. Dougherty said, one way in which cortisone benefits the framework tissues. It is really an antihistamine.

It does not work by the same mechanism as the now popular antihistamine for common colds, and for allergies. They counteract the histamine which the human body naturally manufactures. This histamine is a prod-



'Most Powerful'—This plane, the CF-100, is reputed to be the "most powerful" fighter plane in the world and the first long-range, all-weather fighter of its type. It was built by AVRO for the Royal Canadian air force and is the first front line fighter to be designed in Canada. The plane is shown at Ottawa. (Acme Telephoto)

Five Children Perish in Fire

Hightstown, N. J., Jan. 2 (AP)—A New Year's fire in a two-room frame bungalow killed five young children in nearby Manalapan township and brought the New Jersey toll of week-end fire deaths to eight.

The mother of three of the children, Mrs. Orabelle Davis, 28, was critically burned in the Manalapan tragedy.

She ran from the house, her clothes blazing. Her husband, John, who was visiting nearby, was unable to enter the flaming house to save his own three children and a niece and nephew trapped inside.

Two other Davis children escaped unharmed, as did Mrs.

30,887 Persons Pay to See Radio City Show in One Day

New York, Jan. 2 (AP)—The Radio City Music Hall claims a new world record attendance mark.

A total of 30,887 persons Thursday paid to see the music hall's annual Christmas pageant, "The Nativity," always a big attraction, and a Frank Sinatra-Gene Kelly film, "On the Town."

A spokesman for the theater, Fred Lynch, said the one-day attendance exceeded by more than 1,000 the previous record set by the music hall last Easter.

At one time yesterday, a waiting line four abreast wound around Rockefeller Center skyscrapers for seven blocks leading to the entrance.

Officials estimated that there were 10,000 persons standing in line outside, 2,000 lined-up inside, while every one of the theater's 6,200 seats was occupied.

It required about six hours to pass around the line and into a seat to watch a show about three hours long.

Columbia University dispatched fifteen sociology students to the scene to try to find why people would stand so long to see a show. They reported about as many answers as people in line.

One woman was asked to guess the number of persons ahead of her. "Oh, I suppose there are hundreds," she said. Told there were over 6,000, she exclaimed:

"Good heavens, that's more than the entire population of my hometown!"

Stepfather Killed in Row Over Movie Show

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 2 (AP)—A stepfather was killed last night at the climax of a squabble between he and his wife over whether the children could go to the movies.

Sheriff Jimmy Thompson said a stepson, Joseph Patrick Murphy, 15, shot and killed Paul Reed, 32-year-old gravel truck operator, with a .22 caliber rifle. The sheriff quoted Murphy, a high school student, as saying that Reed, with an automatic



Debutante Cotillion—This is a general view of the grand ballroom of New York's Waldorf-Astoria hotel when 120 debutantes made their debut at the Cotillion and Christmas ball. All the debutantes are dressed in white or silver.

DEATHS

John George—John George, in Tacoma, Wash., December 29, at the age of 84 years. Surviving are four children, Darwin M. George, Grants Pass; Mrs. W. L. Vincent, Anchorage, Alaska; Mrs. R. W. Lindsay, Tacoma, Wash.; and Mrs. R. Tomner Fleming, Albuquerque, N. M.; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Services will be held Tuesday, January 3, at 1:30 p. m. at the W. T. Hudson chapel with concluding services at City View cemetery.

Mary Celinda Striker—Mary Celinda Striker, late resident of Stevensville, Mont., at Princeton, December 21 at the age of 77 years. Survived by daughters, Mrs. Ada Woeke, Gervais; Mrs. Mary Fridley, Princeton; Mrs. Louise Goude, Tappanah, Wash.; Mrs. Iva Mood, Newberg; sons, John Burden, Joe Burden, Merland Striker, all of Stevensville; Harvey Striker, Oak, Wash.; Striker, Salem; and Milton Striker, Tappanah; sister Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, Florence, Mont.; brothers, Fred Fraser, Florence, Mont., and Jeff Fraser, Anacosta, Mont. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 4, at 2 p. m. in the W. T. Hudson chapel with interment in City View cemetery.

Damon Fleener—In Portland December 30, Damon Fleener, late resident of 710 North 15th street, Salem. Survived by wife, Lillian Fleener of Salem; daughter, Mrs. W. L. Holliman of Dallas; two sisters, Mrs. George P. Clark of Portland and Mrs. Hazel Hunt of Beaverton, Wash.; and brother, Archie C. Fleener of Salem and two grandsons. Services will be held Tuesday, January 3, at 2 p. m. at the W. T. Hudson chapel with concluding services in the City View cemetery. Rev. Chester W. Hamblin will officiate.

Mrs. Olive M. Beardsley—Mrs. Olive M. Beardsley, late resident of Salem, December 18, in Honolulu, T. H. Surviving are three sons, Orville D. Beardsley, Hickam Field, Honolulu, T. H.; Russell A. Beardsley, San Lorenzo, Calif.; and Charles H. Beardsley, Northridge, Calif.; and four grandsons, James R. and Janet S. Beardsley, both of San Lorenzo, and Ronald and Dickie Beardsley, both of Hawaii. Services will be held Tuesday, January 3, at 10:30 a. m. at the Clough-Barrick chapel with the Rev. C. Wesley Turner officiating. Interment in Beckett Memorial park.

Isaiah Elbert—At a local hospital December 31, at the age of 83 years. Surviving are two sons, Harold Elbert of Salem and George Elbert of Portland; a daughter, Mrs. W. L. Holliman of Dallas; a granddaughter, Sharon Elbert, Salem; also several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 3, at 1:30 p. m. in the Clough-Barrick chapel with interment in Beckett Memorial park. The Rev. Wilmer N. Brown will officiate.

Miss Naomi Hornebach—Miss Naomi Hornebach, late resident of Salem, at a local hospital, January 2, at 1:30 p. m. Survived by son, Harold Hornebach of Portland and a brother, Edward Hornebach of Salem. Announcement of services later by Clough-Barrick company.

J. H. Nickerson—J. H. Nickerson, at a local hospital, January 1, at the age of 67 years. Survived by four daughters, Mrs. Ethel Snyder of Canby, Wash.; Mrs. Emma Ruth of Portland and a brother, Edward Nickerson, all of Portland; and a sister, Mrs. R. C. Williamson of Millport, N. J. Announcement of services later by the Howitt-Edwards chapel.

Raymond E. Derby—Raymond E. Derby, at a local hospital, January 1, at the age of 83 years. Survived by wife, Mrs. L. Smith, in Portland. He was a graduate of McMinnville high school in 1903 and attended Linfield college, becoming an instructor in engineering. Mrs. Derby passed away in February 1948. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lacey, Portland and one grandchild.

Benjamin M. Guth—Woodburn—Benjamin M. Guth, 73, died Friday, December 30, at his home, 606 Young street, Woodburn. He was born in Tawell county, Illinois, March 29, 1876 and came to Oregon from Kansas in 1921 and to Woodburn in 1922. Survivors include his wife, Mary Guth of Woodburn; son, Herman Guth and daughter Sarah Guth, both of Woodburn; brother, Henry Guth of Detroit, Michigan; and three sisters, Lena Oyer and Sophia Krouzin of Hutchinson, Kansas; and Phyllis Betz of Sterling, Kansas. Funeral services were held Monday, at 2 p. m. at the Ritvo chapel with the Rev. Mrs. Hostetler officiating. Burial in Belle Passi cemetery.

Mrs. Lydia Martin Andrews—Mrs. Lydia Martin Andrews, 78, who died at her home Friday, will be held at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday from the Henkle and Bolman chapel under the direction of the Church of Latter Day Saints and burial in the IOOF cemetery. She was born in Buckeye county, Missouri, Dec. 21, 1873. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Esther Sanders and Mrs. Alice Denton; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Jane Hub-

bed and Mrs. Lucy Rice; five brothers, Dave, James, Harry, Charles and William Haskins; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Geneva Golden Jeltek—Dallas—Funeral services for Mrs. Geneva Golden Jeltek, 21, were held Monday afternoon from the Henkle and Bolman chapel. She died at a local hospital Thursday after an illness of three years. Mrs. Jeltek was born at Hampton, Tenn., April 12, 1923, daughter of Elbert Montgomery and Mrs. Yvonne Lacey Montgomery Woodson. She had lived in Oregon since 1928 at Estacada, Falls City and Dallas. Surviving are her step-father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Worden, Dallas; son, Jack Golden and daughter, Cynthia Gordon, both of Dallas; two sisters, Mrs. Otto Jeltek, Grants Falls, Wash., and Mrs. G. D. Dean, Everett, Wash.; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lacey, Falls City.

Mrs. Olive Anna Smith—Woodburn—Mrs. Olive Anna Smith, 80, late resident of 448 Garfield street, at the Woodburn hospital December 31, born in Washington county, Iowa, May 4, 1869. Came to Oregon from the state of Washington in 1936 and to Woodburn in 1937. Member of the Presbyterian church and an elder of the church for many years. Member of the Ladies Aid, Missionary society and Sunday school of the Presbyterian church. Surviving are two sons, John William Smith of Portland and Robert Baird Smith of Woodburn; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Services will be held Tuesday, January 3, at 2 p. m. with Rev. George K. Cromley, former pastor of the church here officiating, assisted by Rev. E. K. Penton. Interment will be in the Mountain View cemetery at Centralia, Wash., Wednesday, January 4, at 1 p. m. beside her husband, James William Smith, who died in 1924.

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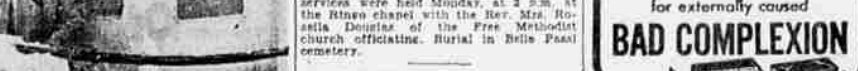
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