



(Acme Telephoto) "OUR EYES DON'T PLAY TRICKS"—Air Force Sergeants Bill Elder (left) and Bob O'Hara swear on the Bible—or even a stack of Bibles—that they saw a fantastic sky form cavorting over a mountain resort near Long Beach, Calif., for nearly two hours. Their drawing of the "pinkish, pancake-like affair with a fin on one side" is shown on the left. "Our eyes don't play tricks on us," the airman claim. Elder was a Navy lookout during the war and O'Hara was an Air Force air-sea rescue spotter.

Science Needed to Win War With Reds, Scientists Say

(Following is the fifth of six dispatches prepared by the American Society of Newspaper Editors' committee on atomic information in collaboration with the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, and distributed by the United Press.)

Scientists believe we would have to use science to win a war with the Soviet Union. Many believe we also need an edge in scientific weapons to keep Russia from attacking before we can achieve a peaceable world.

Prop Nuts Slate Postponed Flying Meeting Today

The Medford Prop Nuts, local gas model airplane club, have announced that the free flight model airplane contest originally scheduled for last Sunday will be held today at the club's flying field on Agate desert west of Camp White and south of Bybee bridge starting at 10 a. m., and will have events for all sizes of gas engines, a rubber powered event and a towline glider event. The club has posted \$153 in prizes, including three K and B Torpedo model airplane motors, and has announced that any flyer of model airplanes is eligible to fly regardless of residence or club affiliation.

Tiny Motors
In the gas powered events there will be four classes with the 1/2 A class being the smallest. It is for motors with a displacement of from .020 to .050 cubic inch. These tiny motors have a piston less than one half inch in diameter, the smallest being the K and B Infant motor with a piston a little over one quarter inch in diameter. The motors turn up speeds between 8,000 and 12,000 r.p.m. The Class A event is for motors with displacements between .051 and .199, Class B for .20 and .30, and Class C for motors between .30 and .65.

Rubber Power Class
The rubber powered event is for rubber band powered airplanes with a wing area between 100 and 300 square inches. Towline gliders must have an area of at least 100 square inches.

The new British Jetex rocket powered ships will compete in the 1/2 A event with a permanent class to be created if enough entries are received.

The club has announced that there will be no admission charge made and that spectators are welcome.

Festival Association To Meet Here Monday

Members of the board of directors of the Ashland Shakespearean Festival association will meet Monday evening at the home of Mrs. I. E. Schuler. Plans will be made for the ninth annual presentation of the festival this August, and for landscaping of the Chautauqua shell, which is being converted into an Elizabethan theater.

Gene Malecki, Salem promoter and publicity man who has been retained to assist publicizing the festival, will attend the meeting.

Yet many scientists are convinced that today we are destroying, not building, our scientific resources. In the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists—a journal edited by scientists who developed the tools of World War II—one recently asked:

"Is the United States strangling the geese that laid the plutonium eggs?"

Hydrogen Eggs
Now that the H-bomb may be on the way many scientists would ask: "Is the United States now strangling the geese that we may desperately need to lay hydrogen eggs?"

These scientists believe they are being choked by secrecy requirements where no "secrets" exist, and by FBI loyalty investigations where "loyalty" is no issue.

On March 1 the house of representatives passed 247 to 125 a national science foundation bill which scientists have begged for since the end of the war to support basic science. The house attached to the bill a clause requiring FBI investigations and "clearances" for every student who would get government aid.

Most scientists today are bitter and disappointed, for they believe this requirement could be a death blow to free science in America. Most believe that a death blow to science would also be a death blow to American security.

Veto Seen Possible
President Truman, it has been reported, may veto the bill if it retains the FBI clause after senate-house conference. Yet if congress should refuse to pass any bill without an FBI clause, scientists would mourn.

It might seem "logical" to some Americans to refuse federal money to disloyal students (though no such restriction is made under the GI bill of rights.) But educators say the investigations would swamp every college campus with fear and suspicion.

Scientific spokesmen have objected to:

1. "Loyalty tests and investigations" that "probe thoughts and private lives rather than deeds."

2. "Public defamation" by legislative committees and some of the press. The editors of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists believe the congressional Hickenlooper investigation of last spring raised an uproar over a pinch of misplaced uranium but ignored the facts that "really choke progress."

3. Secrecy beyond security. Security, say most scientists, does not consist of calling so many things "secret" that American research men are in effect shut up in compartments where they cannot talk to each other and cannot advance.

The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists last week published an issue based on the H-bomb—and discusses our security in the light of it.

The possibility of the hydrogen bomb—a grave threat to the United States, if Russia develops it.

The case of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, the spy.

Cold Grim Case
This "grim" case, says the Bulletin, means soviet A-bomb work "could have begun two or three years earlier" than generally assumed and may have saved the Russians additional months' effort.

"Atomic scientists," says the Bulletin, "are probably the most sought-after secret agents in the world." We must face the possibility of an occasional traitor.

Yet, argues the Bulletin, this should not lead us to erect higher super-secrecy fences and cut off relations with scientists in Britain. On the contrary, the Bulletin pleads, if it is indeed true that Fuchs has stolen much of our knowledge, that Russia is rapidly overtaking us and that our very survival is at stake—then we badly need more "security by achievement"—and fast.

Progress, says the Bulletin, "requires not tightening but relaxation of atomic security."

More Cooperation Asked
Progress, says the Bulletin, also demands not less but more "cooperation with scientists in Britain and all countries."

Foreign born scientists convinced President Roosevelt that we could make an A-bomb. British and other foreign scientists played a leading role in the project. Canada leads the United States in plutonium separation methods today. Britons lead still in several particulars.

The scientists finally argue: "It took nine years to find out Fuchs. How can the FBI find any more like him if it must."

SAMARITAN ROBBED
Tacoma, Wash.—(U.P.)—Danny Hartloff Jr. parked his car and went to the aid of a truck driver whose vehicle was stalled. When he returned to his car his gold-plated saxophone, valued at \$125, had been stolen.

ARMY KEEPS CLEAN
Fort Lewis, Wash.—(U.P.)—The local army post laundry announced that since it began operation in 1941 it has handled approximately 212,840,000 pounds.

check every college student getting a federal scholarship?"

Several scientists warn that Russia is moving faster than we. "Progress of U. S. atomic research has not been satisfactory," stated Prof. Harold C. Urey.

"Every scientist in a responsible position is hampered or even paralyzed if he must permanently be on guard to defend himself against ridiculous accusations of real or imaginary violations of petty security regulations or against charges of serving communist leanings."

Partisan Attacks Rapped
Another leading scientist—Dr. Frederick Seitz of Illinois university, who believes the nation should mobilize science immediately—says partisan attacks on atomic energy leadership have "probably done as much to impede progress as could a number of well-placed Russian agents."

The scientists' appeals come at a time when U. S. defenses may be in a precarious state. Many scientists maintain that a Soviet edge could make a surprise attack so effective we might never recover.

David E. Lilienthal, former AEC chairman, commented a year and a half ago on the issue which the editors of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists believe is at the heart of the matter: "The men in the Kremlin have put their blue chips on their ability to outstrip the rest of the world—meaning us—in science."

Fire Problems Of City Told Realty Board Members

Acting Fire Chief Leo Weidner and City Councilman Paul Selby, chairman of the city's safety committee, were guest speakers at a meeting of the Medford Realty board at the Medford hotel Friday noon.

The two officials explained details of the fire prevention program now being worked out in the Medford department, and told of some of the problems which are being faced.

They asked the cooperation of the realtors in achieving the goal of a city safer from fire danger than ever before.

Discuss Milk Quota
C. Lyall Fidler, president of the Medford board, led a discussion of the state's milk quota laws. The discussion may lead to later action in regard to what were described as inequities in the law, Fidler said.

A past president's pin was presented to Don Herried, head of the Realty board during 1949, the first such recognition offered to any past local president in Oregon, according to club officers. Similar pins are to be obtained for presentation to Carl Tengwald and Ray Schumacher, other past presidents of the group.

New Members
Nine new members were inducted into the organization at

the Friday luncheon. Twenty-eight members and two guests attended.

It was announced that a real estate clinic, for all realtors, brokers and salesmen in southern Oregon, will be held in Grants Pass on May 1.

The group passed a resolution in honor of the late David Holmes, who was killed in an automobile accident Thursday, in recognition of his work in behalf of progress in the Rogue valley area.

THIEF WITH NO HEART

South Bend, Ind.—(U.P.)—A thief broke into a March of Dimes collection booth at a street corner and took between \$2 and \$3 contributed for polio victims.

National parks were visited by a record 31,864,180 people during 1949.



I hear there is a rumor about that I have retired from the hotel business. As one of my old friends in Canyon City used to say when anyone asked him if he was getting married, "T'ain't likely so."

No sir, I am not retired, and any time you come to Portland you'll find me at my desk in the lobby of the Roosevelt Hotel, operated by my daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Feltig. I am promotion manager, and my little newspaper, "The Inn-Side News," will continue to reach subscribers from the Roosevelt Hotel, S. W. Park and Salmon, Portland, Oregon.

I know you'll like the Roosevelt and the L'Abbe restaurant. We're close to downtown, but we're out of the heavy traffic district, and you can get a good night's sleep here. Pretty easy to find parking places, too. Next time you're in town, drop in and say hello.

Grants Pass Active Clubbers Guests Here

Forty-four members of the Grants Pass Active club were guests of Medford Active club at their meeting on Thursday at the Rogue Valley Country Club.

Vince Vandre, lieutenant governor of District 3, Active International, reported to the joint session on the programs being carried out by Active clubs in the southern Oregon area.

Don Safford, Grants Pass, chairman of the Active club, sponsored Gladioli festival to be held there July 28 and 29, reported on the plans and arranged for Medford Active club support of the show.

Presiding at the program was Clint Bennett, president of Medford Active club. Dr. Robert Platner, president of Grants Pass club, spoke briefly.

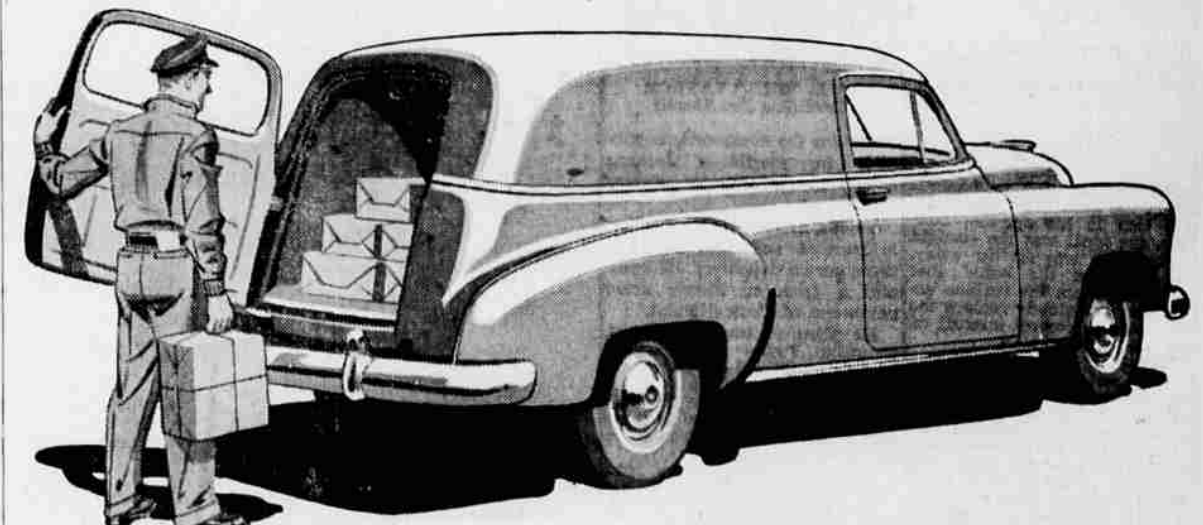
There were 12,758,698 hunting licenses sold for the 1948-49 seasons; this represents an increase of 1,366,888 over the 1947-48 period.

Last Of Landscaping Demonstrations Held

The last of the county landscaping demonstrations was held Friday afternoon at the Robert O'Hara home in Ashland. The meeting differed from the four other demonstrations held last week in that the shrubs were actually planted after the preliminary planning was done.

Prof. I. B. Solberg, who is landscape architect at Oregon State college, laid out the plan and O'Hara furnished the shrubs. Anyone interested in observing the results of proper landscaping is urged to drive by the home at 432 Lit way, just off Highway 66 south of Ashland. All the shrubs in the planting were high-quality balled shrubs purchased from local nurseries at a total cost of \$40.

Because of the interest shown in the demonstration, C. B. Cordy, county extension agent for horticulture, said an effort will be made to hold a series of similar meetings next spring.



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