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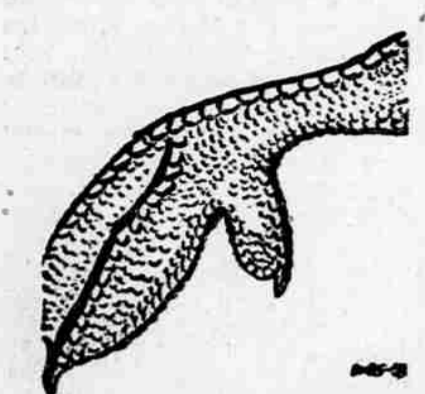
By Eugene Burns
Ranger-Naturalist

Who am I?
As animals go, I am long-lived, sometimes attaining 50 years. I live with one mate, for good or bad, until death does us part. Tamed, in some countries, I am put out to herd. In my family, there are about 40 species—nearly all in the northern hemisphere.

Couples usually look alike except the male is larger. We weigh from 4 to 14 pounds. I change my plumage once a year and during that time I am flightless. During migration I am able to touch 70 miles an hour. I have covered up to 1,000 miles without resting.

Most of us are noisy wayfarers—talking away as we make our steady migratory flights.

During spring and summer we feed freely on large insects,



along with plant leaves, seeds, berries and even roots. Later perhaps small crustaceans. But our chief food is largely vegetable.

Our nests are bulky, composed of twigs, weeds and reeds and then softly lined with down pulled out of our breasts by the beakful. The female lays a large creamy-white egg every other day and incubates the eggs within 23-28 days.

Preocious Youngsters
Usually there are four to six young, rather precocious youngsters.

The parents are usually wild, defying their enemy by opening their mouths and hissing. Smaller adversaries are seized in the strong hard bill and beaten to death with the wings.

Having lived with man since the dawn of history, my uses are many: I offer a great lump of savory meat; I lay quantities of huge eggs; my grease has been a stand-by remedy for colds in chests and whatever ails you; my fat is used for cooking; my down for quilts; my quills for writing; my flight feathers can be bundled into heath brushes.

I am: A. Swan, B. Mallard, C. Goose, E. Peking Duck, F. Pelican.

I am: A goose.

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Israel Envoy Asks For Military Aid

Portland — (U.P.)—Ebba Eban, Israel ambassador to the United States and United Nations delegate, last night renewed his pleas for United States military aid to his country.

Eban noted that the U.S., Britain and Turkey all have made military pacts with the six Arab states. That no such agreements had been made with Israel he said, caused "a high improper balance in the relationships of the Middle Eastern countries."

The ambassador charged that Egypt had maintained "a tight blockade" of Israel through the Suez canal, and that other Arab nations refused to trade with Israel.

Eban said the "stringent blockade" of Israel by the six Arab states was in defiance of the security council of the United Nations.

"Choctaw Scrip" is scrip issued to Choctaw Indians in Mississippi in lieu of lands to which they were entitled under the treaty of Sept. 27, 1930.

Legislative Letter

By ERIC ALLEN JR.
Mail Tribune City Editor

Salem—Frank Bash Jr., who was elected "president of the League of Oregon Cities" during the Elks student government day earlier this week, was a legislative visitor Wednesday afternoon.

Young Bash, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bash, Medford, (he's a Copco vice-president; she's chairman of the Republican Central committee) flew from Medford to Eugene Wednesday morning, where the youth met the headquarters of the league with Diamond Flynn and Herman Kehrl.

Flynn, former mayor of Medford, is president of the League, and Kehrl is the manager. The group then drove to Salem, where the youth met a number of the legislators, and then flew home Wednesday night.

There were many southern Oregon people in Salem, on errands of one kind or another, Wednesday.

Lester Adams, manager of the Oregon Milk Producers, was in town working in behalf of bills sponsored by his group, which recently elected Dick Westberg, Ashland, as president. Adams, with his wife, owns a dairy ranch in the Applegate.

Bob Shaw, secretary of the Medford Teamsters union local, also was here, with other teamsters officials. Frank Van Dyke, a former speaker of the house, flew in Wednesday morning with his son, John, for a day. He was to have appeared at a committee hearing Wednesday evening, held on measures to make the Oregon Liquor Control commission a paid full-time group, and to abolish the group in favor of a one-man organization.

Van Dyke opposes both measures, favoring the present set-up, and "unofficially" was representing a number of non-profit clubs who feel the same way.

Claude Davis, formerly of Medford and former president of the Southern Oregon Truckers league, is in Salem. He is now a resident of Coos Bay.

State Sen. Mark Hatfield, Salem, who made the principal talk at student government day in Medford, returned to Salem early Wednesday, to be met by overcast skies. He got in a good deal of good-natured kidding with Sen. Phil Lowry about how the sun was shining when he left Medford, only to come back to gray skies.

Hatfield, by the way, young

and personable, is a favorite with many of the younger folk who visit the session. He's widely known for his speeches and other political activities, which, combined with his looks and affability, make him one of the most sought-after senators for autographs.

Wednesday afternoon he spent a good 15 minutes in the Capitol lobby signing autographs for a group of young schoolgirls here from Corvallis.

Autograph-hunting, and collecting copies of the state seal which are passed out by both the governor's and secretary of state's offices, is a popular and legitimate sport for the younger fry.

One of the favorite tricks of some of those here is to get a group of kids and "sic 'em" on some unsuspecting lobbyist or news man for autographs, warning the youngsters in advance that the man is bashful "and will probably deny he's a distinguished senator."

On The Side

By E. V. DURLING
(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Gentle sleep,
Scatter your drowsiest popples
From above.
And in new dreams, not soon to
vanish,
Bless my senses with the sight
Of her I love.
—Horace Smith

What's the world's record for number of mink coats owned at the same time? How about Maria Felix, Mexican actress. She owns twelve mink coats. Incidentally, on her last trip to Europe, Maria had forty pieces of baggage in which, among other articles of attire, were 100 dresses. She is 31 and has had four husbands so far.

Hangtown Fry
Just what is a "Hangtown Fry?" Seems to be a difference of opinion as to this. The dish was born in Placerville, Calif., formerly known as "Hangtown." Clair Butts, Placerville restaurateur, says a Hangtown fry is a mixture of oysters, eggs and bacon. Nothing else.

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Get It Right
Jayne Mansfield of Dallas is named as "the 100th Texas girl to sign a film contract." Joan Crawford of San Antonio is named as "the first." Joan is the greatest film star born in Texas but was not the first to sign a contract. That was Bessie Love of Midland, Texas. Bessie signed with D. W. Griffith in 1916. Second was "Texas" Guinan of Waco, Texas, who in 1917 signed a contract to appear in a series of two reel western films in which she was billed as "the two gun girl."

Prediction
"You will never lose another fight." That is what an astrologer told British heavyweight Don Cockell several years ago. Since that time Don has won ten straight fights. However, the stargazer's prediction is due for a terrific test. Don is scheduled to meet Rocky Marciano who has won forty-seven straight fights.

Asides
If the letters in a woman's handwriting slant to the left, it indicates she is ruled more by the head than the heart and is not particularly affectionate or emotional. That's what the handwriting experts say... In Philadelphia there is a popular restaurant named Benny the Bum's Steakhouse. A very unusual name for an eatery. However, I still believe tops for quaint restaurant names is Ptomaine Tommy's in Los Angeles.

Get It Right
Note a reference to "the 400 left-handed men mentioned in the Biblical passage." It was 700 men. The passage (Judges 20:16) is as follows: "Among all this people (the children of Benjamin) there were 700 chosen men left-handed; every one could sling stones at a hair-breadth, and not miss."

Rita Hayworth, Mate To Make Own Movies
Hollywood — (U.P.)—Rita Hayworth and her husband, crooner Dick Haymes, said today they will start making pictures on their own after the actress has fulfilled a two picture obligation to Columbia Studio.

Their company, Crystal Bay Productions, will release two films through United Artists. Miss Hayworth will star in both, while Haymes will be the producer.

Haymes, sporting a new beard appeared in court yesterday and won a continuance of his contempt of court hearing until March 10. His ex-wife, Nora Edgington Flynn Haymes, has claimed he owes her \$3800 in back alimony.

Free Junior High Textbooks Approved

Salem—(U.P.)—The House Education Committee yesterday approved a bill to give free textbooks to junior high pupils in union high schools. Free textbooks now are given only to elementary pupils.

House Completes Action

Salem—(U.P.)—The house completed legislation action yesterday on a bill to increase the maximum loan allowed by a small loan company from \$300 to \$1500. It would allow charging for the cost of insurance on the health and life of the borrower.

Friday, February 25, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Killer of Colonel Sent to Hospital

Wichita Falls, Tex. —(U.P.)—William F. Sink, a civilian instructor charged with killing a colonel and critically injuring a captain, was to be transferred today from jail to the county hospital.

Sink, 38, was charged with murdering Lt. Col. Carl G. Carlson, 43, of Spokane, Wash., and shooting Capt. Marvin L. Marchesi, 34, of Los Angeles

Wednesday in the colonel's office.

Dr. Kenneth Beets, Wichita county health officer, said Sink improved some but still was in a state of deep shock and was ordered removed to a hospital so he could be better treated.

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