



AUNT JEMIMA ARRIVES—Aunt Jemima (Palmer Jackson) is shown being greeted by Medford Mayor Earl Miller on her arrival here for participation in the pancake jamboree at Medford YMCA tomorrow. The jamboree is being sponsored by the Eagles lodge in cooperation with the Medford Fire Fighters, sponsors of the Jackson County Disaster Car. Funds from the jamboree will be used to purchase needed equipment for the Disaster Car. Shown with Aunt Jemima and Mayor Miller are (left to right) Russ Jamison, chairman of entertainment for the jamboree; Wesley Coleman, vice-president of the Disaster Car organization; and Lewis Parker, finance chairman of the jamboree and secretary of the Eagles lodge here.

Is That So?

“Warm blooded animal, cold-blooded fish and snakes give birth to their young alive or lay eggs, right?” states R.E.M. “But what about birds? Do any of them bear their young alive?”

“Do any animals migrate as birds do?” asks S.W.B.

“Man, there is a wrangle on at our fishing club. Some say trout can swim backwards, others that they can't. I belong to the second school. What about it?” asks R.D. “And while you're at it, I claim a bass can maneuver better than a trout.”

Fish Wrangle: Frank, R.D., this is one I'd rather duck. I'll tell you why. As you know a fish can “back water” and with a considerable burst of speed. You've seen them, and so have I, come out of holes in the bank backward. But if by swimming backwards you fellows mean a steady tail-first progress through the water for any great distance, then I'd say no fish is able to swim backwards.

If it is of any interest to you men, there are fish which can swim forward while holding a verticle position — with head pointing upward. And there are others who swim upside down — in fact, they live most of their lives belly up. And a few who swim on their sides, like the flounders. As for maneuvering, backward, sideways and about, both the bass and striped bass, which are more advanced fish than the trout, are more agile in their maneuvering. And me, a trout angler, too!

Egg Layers: You are right, the vast majority of mammals bear their young alive (with only two exceptions, the egg-laying platypus and the echidnas), and many fish and snakes, too, bear their young alive. But as for birds, every one without exception lays eggs.

And birds lay anywhere from one to upwards of 20 in a clutch. Why this great discrepancy? It's nature's way of assuring adequate reproduction: unless a bird reproduces enough young to meet the ravages of the environment, it becomes extinct. Which has happened.

And so, several ducks and game birds which nest mainly on the ground, are subject to considerable depredation and pillaging. To maintain the species, they took the simplest way out: more eggs! But the sea birds, which bring up families often on lonely, remote ocean-side crags, have scarcely any enemies at all. Hence for them, one egg suffices. Actually, only one hen out of three or more Antarctic penguins lays an egg a year—or, the hen lays every three years or so. This is because in her nesting ground there is not one serious predator! Motherless hens are more than cooperative, though: they help incubate the single egg and feed and pamper the fledgling.

Mammal Migrations: Yes, S.W.B., many mammals make seasonal migrations. Many of these annual migrations are limited—just as it is with upland gamebirds. Deer, elk, moose make it a more or less down-mountain migration—from the high snow country to alpine meadows. (But a descent of 1,000 feet is equivalent to a 600-mile southward movement.)

Caribou make a longer migration—but curiously, weather is not the sole reason: insects, too. To avoid the summer scourge, they move from lowlands to windswept plateaus.

Perhaps the most celebrated mammal migration is that of the little six-inch long lemmings of Canada and Scandinavia. In central Norway and Sweden, hordes of these mice-sized animals migrate westward during peak years to the Atlantic and oftentimes continue west into the sea and down by the tens of thousands. In Canada, our lemmings make much longer migrations across the tundra and they continue their frenzied trek until not one survives!

To my mind the most notable mammal migration, an annual affair, is that of the Alaska fur-bearing seal which often makes a 6,000-mile return trip run from the Pribiloff Islands in the Bearing Sea to southern Korea or southern California. (I should limit this to the cows and yearlings. The staid mature bulls simply make a short off-end run to Alaska.) A few whales, too, are great migrators.

But the most truly bird-like migrations are made by some bats. Several northern species,

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including the red bat, hoary bat, and silver-hair bat, travel all the way from Canada and northern



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Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—President Syngman Rhee today ordered government officials to start using bicycles instead of automobiles as much as possible “to

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Grumpy Sun on Tantrum; Affect On Earth Conditions Expected

By JOSEPH L. MYLER
United Press Correspondent
Washington—(U.P.)—Our parent Sun is in a grumpy mood. It probably will be snarling like a famished lion by the winter of 1957-58.

From now to then and beyond look for tantrums that may:

1. Cause your television set to start spouting Spanish, or maybe Portuguese (not too likely but possible).
2. Mess up police, fire, and military broadcasts (quite possible).
3. Smother long-distance radio transmissions for days on end (almost certain to happen often in the next several years).
4. Blot out continental telephone and telegraph communications on occasion.

The Sun's grumpiness stems from the fact that it is heading rapidly into another period of maximum sunspot activity. Worst to Come

Right now seven groups of sunspots, including one spot many times larger than the earth, are traversing the face of the sun. But experts are not alarmed by them. They say the worst is yet to come.

Sunspots are associated with and are the visible sign, so to speak, of solar flares which pelt space with high speed electrons and protons, and shower it with ultra-violet and X-radiations.

When the earth gets in the way of these bombardments, a lot of things happen. Northern lights in this hemisphere shimmer and glow more intensely. Electrical storms rage in the atmosphere's ionized layers 45 to 200 miles up. The earth's magnetic currents are agitated violently.

trons or protons (nuclei of hydrogen atoms) which hurtle through space at relatively sluggish speeds up to 3,000 miles a second.

Some observers believe these events have profound effects on the weather and even on such things as the human temperament. It is certain that now and then they botch up man's com-

Alberta Considering Bonus To Taxpayers As Result of Wealth

EDMONTON, Alberta - (U.P.)—They're making so much money in this oil-rich Canadian province that the government is seriously contemplating paying “bonuses” to the taxpayers.

One city, Medicine Hat, which the late Rudyard Kipling said had “all Hades for a basement,” is pondering the eliminating all but school taxes.

Alberta counts only a few thousand more than one million population, but the province reported a net surplus of some \$40,000,000 at the end of its last fiscal year after spending \$95,000,000 on roads, public buildings, parks and contributions to small towns.

The province collects a 14 per cent tax on all income in Alberta and also charges oil firms stiff fees to lease thousands of acres of oil bearing land.

Good Shape

It is in such good shape financially that it hasn't borrowed money for 21 years and has followed a pay-as-you-go plan for all capital expenditures such as highways and public buildings since 1935.

An apparently unlimited supply of oil and natural gas and an equally unlimited determination by thousands of Canadians and Americans to cash in on it are behind the boom.

munications systems.

Sunspots are giant tornadoes on the face of the sun. Apparently they are caused by explosions deep in the sun's interior where the mass of atoms is constantly being transformed into prodigious amounts of nuclear energy. They go from minimum to maximum in cycles which average out at around 11.5 years.

Also, Edmonton is the gateway to Canada's far north, a geographical asset that has resulted in a massive flow of military and other traffic through here toward the wilds.

Not Fooling

Premier Ernest C. Manning, who doubles as a Mormon minister, insists he is not fooling when he talks of paying people bonuses based on the boom. In a budget speech last year, he proposed establishment of “citizens' participation dividends.”

“These would be a direct payment to the individual citizen, representing his share of the profit made from, the development of the natural resources,” Manning said.

A convention of his Social Credit party happily endorsed the plan. Legislation is expected to be drafted next month but it may take several years to put it into effect.

TEACHER NEEDS LESSON

Milan, Italy—(U.P.)—A school teacher has charged a magazine editor with “obscenity” for publishing pictures of actresses Marilyn Monroe and Anita Ekberg. The teacher took the charge to court when he discovered his students admiring pictures of the lightly-clad actresses instead of their school books.

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