



NATURE IS ON RAMPAGE in Western Europe with millions of people suffering from floods followed by freezing weather. This street in Volshofen, Austria was inundated, then below zero temperature froze water. Residents are pulling rowboat over icy surface after it was stranded while evacuating householders. (International Soundphotos)

Deer-Sheep Relations Studied by School

Hopland, Calif. — (U.P.) — Mistletoe and rat traps are helping researchers study deer-sheep relationships at the University of California range station in Mendocino county.

The mistletoe is used to bait the traps for deer to be used in two studies. The rat traps are part of the mechanism for catching the deer.

Some of the deer are turned into pastures with sheep to study grazing competition and parasites common to both animals. Other deer are earmarked — a few even belled — to trace their movements on the natural range for more information as to how far they wander for food and how long they live.

Generations of Atom Bomb Tests Seen To Have No Effect on Life

Washington — (U.P.) — Biologist George W. Beadle believes atomic bomb tests could go on for generations at the present rate without endangering the survival of mankind.

Beadle, head of the biology division of the California Institute of Technology, discussed radiation's effect on heredity in a paper published by the office of Naval Research.

No Termination
He said: "I do not know of a single geneticist who has publicly advocated termination of all nuclear weapons tests."

to those who have not read all the way through the many recent speeches by geneticists warning that atomic test radiation does hereditary damage.

Prominent among the warners has been Dr. H. J. Muller of Indiana University. But not even Muller has argued that nuclear testing should be abandoned. As Beadle put it:

"Geneticists, like other sensible people, want to do everything possible to decrease the probability of war."
Addition Serious
Still, he said, there is no get-

ting away from the conclusion that any addition to the radiation level will add to the number of genetic changes. And probably 90 per cent of the changes will be damaging.

It may take generations for the bad effects of genetic change to show up. But it also may take "thousands of years" for the race to recover from them.

The long-term effects may be miscarriages or stillbirths, or slight reductions in individual efficiency "in ways that will not be obvious." There may be a few "visibly defective individuals," Beadle said if bomb-testing

continues at its present rate, "or even if it is accelerated considerably," it is unlikely that in 20 years people would get an average exposure of more than two roentgen units above from the cosmic rays and other natural sources.

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Smith Recommends Simplified Plan For Income Taxes

Salem — (U.P.) — A thorough study of methods by which payment of Oregon's income tax may be simplified was asked for today by Gov. Elmo Smith.

Pointing out that one of the first objectives of his administration will be an attempt to simplify the state tax system, Gov. Smith asked Ray Smith, commissioner of the State Tax Commission, to undertake such a study.

Specifically, Gov. Smith suggested a study of the proposal for determining an individual's state income tax by taking a percentage of his federal income tax and also the proposal for expansion of the tax base and the lowering of the tax rates as a means of simplification. At the same time, he did not close the door to any other possibilities for simplifying state income tax payments.

"Our objective should be administrative simplification as well as one of simplification from a taxpayer's standpoint," the governor added.

He asked the State Department of Finance and Administration to work closely with the Tax Commission in the study and for both agencies to call on citizens groups or individuals who have studied problems of tax simplification.

Freedom Foundation Award Winners Told

Valley Forge, Pa. — (U.P.) — Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, announced today winners of the annual Freedom Foundation awards.

The awards went to individuals and organizations who have contributed to "a better understanding of the American way of life during 1955."

Special awards went to the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours and Co., Wilmington, Del.; Kiwanis International, Chicago; National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, and the office of Armed Forces Information and Education, Washington.

Du Pont was honored for its radio and television programs advertising and employee publications program which "actively stresses, illustrates and dramatizes the history and achievements of America."

Kiwanis Named
Kiwanis International was named for "exceptional service to the American concept of freedom through continuing nationwide programs of education for and about the fundamentals of the American way of life."

A special award went to the DAR for "meritorious dedication to American constitutional freedom and liberty" and to the Armed Forces Information and Education office for its programs

and projects "Armed Forces Talks."

Each of the four organizations received George Washington honor medals in the special category.

Recipients of the medal and \$1000 cash prizes included: Editorial: James D. Corriell, Boulder, Colo.

Letters Win
Letters from armed forces personnel: A2C Marko Milelich, Larson Air Force Base, Washington.

Other top recipients who received only the George Washington honor medal included: Company employee publication: Gates Rubber Co., Denver, and its editor, Arnold Senne.

PFC. Gerald L. Penk and 1st Lt. Napoleon N. Vaughn received second place awards of \$500 in the armed forces letters category.

Other persons in military service who received \$100 prizes in the same category included: PFC Jay F. Johnson, Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Lt. Col. William J. Reid, Texarkana, Tex.

Valley Forge, Pa. — (U.P.) — Several Oregon individuals and schools were named today as recipients of 1955 Freedom Awards made by the Freedom Foundation here.

Awards for essays went to Henry L. Slater, Burns; Miss Valerie Ann Fivecoat, Madras and Miss Margaret McCall, Portland. Patrick C. Wilkins of Ontario won an award for an editorial.

Grants Pass high school won a principal school award as did Keizer School, Leslie Junior High, and the State Blind School in Salem. Other awards went to Bush school, Englewood school, McKinley Elementary school, Richmond school and Salem heights school, all of Salem.

Paperboard Mill Planned in Oregon
Portland — (U.P.) — The International Paper Company plans to construct a paper and paperboard mill in Oregon if its proposed merger with Long-Bell Lumber Company meets final approval, company spokesmen said yesterday.

The company did not say where the new plant would be built but indications were that it might be in the Reedsport area, where Long-Bell has applied for water rights.

Company officials said that no announcement in regard to the proposed merger would be made until early April. They did say, however, that the legal aspects of the merger had been checked and they see no reason why the merger could not go through.

Corvallis Collision Fatal To Newlyweds

Corvallis — (U.P.) — A newlywed couple was fatally injured here last night.

Dead were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grienier who were thrown from their car at a collision at a Corvallis intersection. Mrs. Grienier, 16, the former Millie R. Stepprow of Asea, was killed instantly. Her husband of a few weeks died early today in a Corvallis hospital.

Also injured in the crash was Larry Engam, 15, of Corvallis. He was a passenger in the Grienier car.

Driver of the other car was 20-year-old Walt Johnson of Corvallis. He also was injured but not seriously.

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