

They'll Do It Every Time

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Is That So?

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Some pet sayings and beliefs about weather, however cherished, should be taken with a lick of salt; others not at all. Our Fact vs. Fallacy today concerns wind.

Fallacy: When March comes roaring in like a lion it will go out meek as a lamb; when it



comes in like a lamb, it will go out like a lion.

Fact: This pat and often-repeated phrase, which originated in Europe, as did so many of our popular weather sayings, was given the hot-foot, not in America but in its own land by George H. T. Kimble, author of Our American Weather. For 16 successive Marches, Kimble averaged the speed of the wind at Kew, Surrey, England.

His test showed that March came in persistently meek and lamb-like, with a gentle wind averaging just under 10 miles an hour. At the end of the month, it also went out meek and lamb-like, in just over 10 miles an hour. In those 16 years, on only one occasion did March come in at

all resembling a lion—at a fresh breeze of 22 miles an hour.

To reverse the situation, Kimble took the record of a notoriously windy area—Lerwick, Shetland Isles, northern Scotland. There, as expected, March came roaring in with a gale six years out of 16—and it went out the same way, almost as often!

For that matter, the storminess of March, even here in America, has been highly overrated. Except for a few isolated areas, such as the top of Mount Washington, New Hampshire, the wind of March is much more likely to average a gentle breeze of 10 miles per hour than a lion-like gale of 40.

Fallacy: Winds tend to move horizontally, or at a slope with the ground.

Fact: Not at all. Actually, winds often blow at angles to the horizon, from any direction and sometimes even up and down. Such vertical air-currents are most common during thunderstorms—a subject more properly relegated to July, the month when more thunderstorms occur than in all other 11 months put together. In such storms, the up-rising air currents frequently travel 2,000 feet a minute, and more than 5,000 feet a minute have been registered.

Fallacy: As one is airborne, the speed of wind usually increases, sometimes many-fold. Even in a 30-story apartment building, the circulation of air will be much better and the wind will be consistently stronger, as anyone knows who has stood on

the parapet of a tall building. In fact, it may be doubled, or tripled. For another thing, it will probably be blowing from another direction—even up to 40 degrees differently. In both instances, surface friction causes the difference.

Fallacy: Wind consists of a mass of air moving fairly steadily at the same speed.

Fact: A normal wind is not uniform. It is full of waves and eddies and flows in a succession of gusts and lulls due largely to the irregularities of the surface—on land, there are humps and hollows, trees and buildings; on sea, waves set up eddies.

This gustiness varies, usually leveling off as the wind's speed increases. Thus a 30-mile-an-hour wind may gust up to 60 miles an hour—again as fast, while a 60-mile-an-hour wind will seldom gust 80 miles an hour—only a third faster.

During early afternoon, the wind tends to be gustier than in early morning or late evening; the higher the elevation, the less the wind is affected by surface irregularities and hence it is steadier; and finally winds blowing over the sea tend to be only about half as gusty as those blowing over land.

Fallacy: The speed of wind indicates its force: thus a 40-mile-an-hour gale exerts four times the force of a gentle 10-mile-an-hour breeze.

Fact: Speed of wind and strength or force are two different things. To measure force accurately, it should be stated in pressure exerted—say, pounds per square foot upon a surface at right angles to the wind's path.

Measured, this would be true: when the wind's speed is doubled, its force is almost squared, or quadrupled.

Thus a wind of 20 miles an hour whose speed is twice that of a 10-mile-an-hour breeze, exerts a force about four times as hard; a gale of 40 miles an hour, whose speed is only four times as fast as that of the 10-mile breeze, exerts a force 16 times as hard, and a whole gale blowing at 60 miles an hour which is only six times as fast as the 10-mile breeze, actually exerts a pressure almost 36 times as hard! And at 60, it's really roaring like a lion, whether it be March, June or any other month of the year.

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Cypriot Gunmen Kill British Teacher

Nicosia, Cyprus — (U.P.)—Four Greek Cypriot gunmen shot and killed a British school teacher and wounded his taxi driver in an ambush in front of a Limassol school today.

The dying teacher pulled a gun from his pocket and fired several shots at the gunmen but did not hit any of them.

Dozens of shoppers dived for cover as shots zipped through the busy downtown street. The gunmen started shooting as the taxi pulled up to the curb in front of the school.

The teacher, described only as an inspector attached to the Cyprus Department of Education, was wounded by one of the first shots.

The wounded taxi driver managed to drive the teacher to a nearby police station. He died en route from there to a hospital after gasping a few words to detectives.

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Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood — (U.P.)—After 2 1/2 years of a family feud, the Andrews Sisters are a team again—all because of unhappy fans who sat down and wrote letters.

The famed singing trio—Maxene, Patty and Laverne—called it quits in 1953 after a squabble about who got how much money and other difficulties. Patty pulled out with the claim her older sisters treated her "like a baby."

But recently the girls got together to talk over a movie that will be made at MGM on the story of their life, with other actresses portraying them. After reminiscing with the script writer about their past glories, the girls talked themselves into going back into harness.

Fans Express Opinions
"It just wasn't wanting to sing together again, but the public never wanted us to break up," Laverne explained. "We have been getting as many as 2,000 letters a week from people asking us to get back together ever since we appeared on an anniversary program for 'A Show of Stars' on television a couple of months ago."

The girls admit they also discovered, like Martin and Lewis, that a team is successful because it's a team. Patty was a good

single in night club acts but her act didn't have the impact of the team. For months Maxene and Laverne conducted a talent search to replace Patty in their routine—but gave up because, "We just couldn't find anybody." The two sisters toured Australia and realized, as Maxene says, "The crowds were disappointed. They wanted to see three of us."

Feelings Concealed
"I missed Patty," she added with a smile at her sister, "although I never wanted to admit it."

"We sort of can't get each other out of each other's hair," grinned Patty. "Everything's been straightened out and everything's water under the bridge. I'll still do records of my own, and I have signed for four TV shows on CBS this year. Otherwise, we'll be together."

The three sisters, who did an \$8,000,000 business with 680 songs, will open for business again June 28 at the Flamingo hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

"We never realized what an impact our break-up had on the people," Maxene said. "They felt without the three of us together it never would be the same."

TO PROBE DEATHS

Washington — (U.P.)—Rep. Kenneth A. Roberts (D-Ala.) Tuesday was named chairman of a House subcommittee to investigate traffic deaths. He called the group's first meeting for Thursday.



RECREATION CHIEF—Ralph Ash, above, has been appointed chief of recreation of special services at the Camp White Domiciliary, succeeding Frank (Jerry) Girard, who has retired. Ash has been assistant chief for the past two years. He also has been arts and crafts supervisor. Ash has a master of arts degree from the University of Indiana in athletic direction.

FIRST MEETING

Vienna, Austria — (U.P.)—Austria's newly-elected parliament will meet for the first time Friday, it was announced Tuesday.

Hours for Junior Department Listed

During the school vacation period starting Monday, June 11, the junior department of the Medford public library will increase its open hours.

The children's room will open each day at 10 a.m. Closing hours will remain the same as during the school year, 5:30 p.m., every day except Tuesday when the department is open until 9 p.m. Young readers will be assisted by Mrs. Nora McKay, Mrs. Florence Perkey, Mrs. Joyce Fuller, and Mrs. Marjorie Shepler. Student assistants, Barbara Lickess and Mary Fredenburg, also will be on duty in the junior department.

There will be no change in the adult department, which is open from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. every day except Saturday, when it closes at 5:30 p.m. A reference librarian will be available on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

RECORD SPOILED

Newark, N.J. — (U.P.)—A minor collision with a police car wrecked a 15-year old "safety record" for John Brown. The record had nothing to do with accident-free driving. Police said they discovered Tuesday Brown had been driving without a license for the last 15 years.

Midwest Banks Lose \$30,000 To Bandits

Chicago — (U.P.)—Federal agents today began the task of tracking down bandits who robbed three Midwest banks of nearly \$30,000 in 24 hours.

Two of the robberies yesterday were carried out by lone gunmen. The third was a lightning raid by four robbers on a Chicago bank.

An apologetic bandit tied up four employees and a customer in the State Bank of Triumph, Ill., before driving off with an estimated \$20,000, every cent the bank had in cash.

The other one-man holdup was carried out in Milo, Ia., where a bandit drew a gun from his shirt and helped himself to about \$1,400.

The Chicago robbers wore masks fashioned from stockings, and carted away at least \$13,666, in grape baskets, from the Mount Greenwood State Bank.

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