

Is That So?

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Did you know that... the biggest underground chamber in the world is the Big Room of the Carlsbad caverns in New Mexico? It is 4,000 feet long, 300 feet high and reaches 625 feet in width.

The highest sea cliffs in the United States are at Cape Flattery, Wash., and Cape Mendocino, California, both 700 feet high.

The Greenland ice cap attains a thickness of 11,000 feet.

The world's greatest mountain range is a submarine range in the mid-Atlantic. It is 10,000 miles long by 500 miles wide, and the highest peak is Mount Pico in the Azores, which rises 27,500 feet—of this 7,613 feet is above sea level.

The world's greatest range above sea level is the Himalaya. It includes 11 of the world's 17 peaks above 26,000 feet.

The largest iceberg ever recorded was seen in the Antarctic off Clarence Island in the Scotia sea, January, 1927. It measured about 100 miles by 10 miles and was about 130 feet high.

The Great Barrier Reef of Queensland, northeast Australia, is 1,260 miles long.

The weather station in the U.S. with the highest relative winter humidity reading is Eugene, at an average of 94 per cent for January morning readings. That with the highest summer humidity is Tatoosh, Wash., with 94 per cent for July morning readings.

Most Clear Days
The station with the greatest number of clear days in the U.S. is Yuma, Ariz., with an average of only 20 cloudy days a year. It has attained 100 per cent sunny days for periods over a month and 96 per cent of that possible over the whole year of 1924. The cloudiest, however, is Mt. Washington, New Hampshire, with 236 cloudy and 77 part-cloudy days.

Pictorial History Of Parks Available

Portland — "The National Park Story in Pictures", a pictorial record of scope and variety of the scenic, scientific and historic areas of the national park system, is now on sale, according to the superintendent of documents in Washington, D. C.

The booklet, which contains 148 illustrations, was compiled by Miss Isabelle Story, a consultant for the national park service. Until her recent retirement, she was the service's editor-in-chief for many years. For her work in that position, she was awarded the Interior Distinguished Service award on her retirement.

The story opens with exploration of the Yellowstone region, which was set aside by Congress in 1872 as the first national park in world "for the benefit and enjoyment of the people." It concludes with a chapter on Mission 66, the 1-year program for the 181 areas administered by the national park service. That program, designed to conserve the nation's scenic and historic heritage, is scheduled for completion in 1966, the golden anniversary of the establishment of the national park service.

The booklet is being offered for sale at 65 cents per copy, according to department of the interior officials.

Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT
Morris Lee Stringer, violation of basic rule and disobeying traffic signal, \$10.
Virginia Reaves, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Albert Arthur Harrison, failure to stop for railroad blinker signal, \$5.
Walter Christen Miller, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Johnnie Eric Reed, expired driver's license, \$2.50.
Gatherine Lee McAllister, failure to yield right of way, \$10.
George Thomas Salvo, disobeying traffic signal, \$5.
James Charles Hunt, expired vehicle license.
Volanda Mary Rosterella, disobeying traffic signal, \$5.
Kerwin Lee Brown, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Judge Tatt Florey, improper left turn, \$5.

CIRCUIT COURT
Josephine Francis Brown, angling in closed season, \$30.
Theodore Brown, angling in closed season, \$30.
Richard Edwin Hart, failure to display motor vehicle license, \$10.
Lawrence Arthur Brown, failure to dim headlights, \$10.
Robert Dempster Sheffer, overload, \$49.
Howard Robinson, overweight, \$15.
Don LaVern Osborne, violation of basic speed law, \$15.
Oduis Eger Roberts, truck speeding, \$10.
Eugene Edwin Davis, no operator's license, \$10.
Ginevra Lillian Mather, angling without license, \$15.
Lawrence Lee Brown, failure to yield right of way at intersection, \$15.
Dewey Lee Henderson, no operator's license, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT
Myrna Rae Robertson vs. Thomas Lee Robertson, divorce decree.
Lorraine Elizabeth Cross vs. Edward Warner Cross, divorce decree.
Eleanor Beattie vs. George F. Beattie, divorce decree.
Delores Jean White vs. Dalton R. White, divorce decree.
Marlene Lee Ford vs. Gaston R. Ford, decree of annulment.
Cora Evelyn Wood MacDonald vs. Richard Alfred MacDonald, divorce decree.



SEEKING "PEEPING TOM." Los Angeles police are rounding up prowlers in area where Marjorie Hipperson, 24, nurse, was found strangled on bed in apartment where she was packing in preparation for wedding. At right is Dr. Walter Deike, 38, former Wisconsin track star, her fiance, who found the body. (International Soundphoto)

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counsels.

Edward K.—Sue should come home to us.
Sue M.—I'm afraid of John.
Edward K.—My daughter married three years ago against my wishes. She was only 18. I thought both she and John were much too young. John held a low-paying job with few prospects. Besides, he's no eager beaver as far as money goes. Well, now they have one baby and another on the way and they can't make ends meet. I told Sue I would give her a small monthly check, but that she must not let John know about it. He's just the type to depend on this sort of thing all the time. I don't mind helping out, but I want to force him into earning a better living. Sure enough, however, John found out about it and now he says he won't let Sue take it. I told Sue she can come back home, where she can at least

give her children a decent upbringing but John has threatened to take their son to be brought up by his mother. I told Sue she has nothing to worry about. No court will permit this, but she won't believe me.
Sue M.—My father doesn't really know John. He'd do anything if he's desperate enough. He's crazy about the baby and says he'll never let me get away with separating him from the boy. I'm really afraid of him. Daddy thinks he can take care of everything, but John is a pretty tough character too. The only reason I let John know about the checks from Dad is that he was boasting he would someday make more than my father—just because he got a raise. John says plenty of families live on less than he makes, but I'm not used to living that way. He says I've got to live on what he earns—or else.

I really don't particularly want to go back home because I don't get along very well with my mother. I know she'll start bossing me around again. I don't see why John should be so unreasonable about taking the money. We could get along so much better if we had it.

The Council: It is hard to decide who is the biggest baby in this trio—Sue, who taunts her husband with her father's money-making ability and who has no thought of creating a real home for her husband and children, or John, who makes threats, or Edward, who wants so much to go on playing his little girl's Big Daddy that he is ready to break up her home. One thing is sure—somebody must grow up. It would be a good idea for Sue to start, since she has the main responsibility for two innocent lives. Little girl Sue must begin to realize that she has been playing a nasty and dangerous game by encouraging a rivalry between her father and her husband. She seems to enjoy the battle of these two strong men over her. She must recognize that she belongs with her husband, not because she is afraid of him or because she can't get along with her mother, but because it is her business to make a home for her children.

Some young couples are able to accept temporary financial aid from a parent with no ill effect on the marriage, but it is not possible in this case. The money is being used as a weapon in a triangle, rather than as a means of promoting family happiness. Sue and John can well use counseling with a clergyman or family agency. (COPYRIGHT 1957. GENERAL FEARES CORP.)

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days. The same station has the highest reading, too, for fog: an annual average of heavy fog on 302 days a year. Several stations in Arizona, California, Florida and Nevada have recorded less than a single foggy day each two years.

Mt. Washington comes in for some other notable firsts: the highest average wind speed in the U.S., with 36.9 miles per hour. (The lowest coastal wind average is in Roseburg, Oregon, with an average of 4.3 miles an hour.)

And on a fourth count, Mt. Washington is famous: at 1:21 p.m. on April 24, 1934, the highest instrumental wind reading was obtained of 231 miles an hour. (Pilots have encountered 300 knot winds—345 miles an hour—in the upper atmosphere "jet stream".)

The most thundery weather station in the world is Buitenzorg in Java where thunderstorms are recorded on an average of 322 days a year.

Most Thunder
In the U.S., the most thundery weather station is Lakeland, Florida, which has an annual average of 191 days on which thunderstorms are heard. The station most free from thunderstorms is Santa Maria, California, averaging less than one every two years.

The most southerly point in the U.S. from which northern lights have been seen is New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Waimangu geyser, New Zealand, in 1909 erupted to a height in excess of 1,000 feet but is now quiescent. At present, the world's largest active geyser is the "Giant" in Yellowstone National Park which erupts at intervals varying from 7 days to 3 months throwing a column 200 feet high at a rate of 700,000 gallons an hour.

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Elizabethan Songs Scheduled on Radio

Ashland — Elizabethan songs and 1957 festival news will be featured in "Shakespeare Preview," a special broadcast scheduled this Friday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. on KWIN Ashland, radio station.

Originally produced under the sponsorship of the American Association of University Women for their "AAUW Hour," the 30 minute presentation features the Oregon Shakespearean Festival Singers, directed by W. Bernard Windt.

Frances Barla, president of the Ashland Chapter of AAUW, acts as hostess for the show, interviewing Festival Manager William Patton, Windt, and the personnel of the ensemble, including Arlieta Knowles and Lyman S. Pruitt.

Along with several numbers by the Singers, the broadcast will offer background and news of the Festival's 17th season. "Shakespeare Preview" was directed by Richard Hay, technical and art director for the Shakespeare Festival, with recording under the supervision of the group's sound engineer, Ellis Feinstein of KWIN.

FHA Loans \$243,345 During Past Year

Grants Pass—Farmers in Josephine and Jackson counties obtained loans totaling \$243,345 through the Farmers Home Administration during the past 12 months, E. M. Denney, the agency's county supervisor announced today.

The heaviest demand has been for operating loans where the agency advanced credit to buy livestock, equipment, feed, and fertilizer, enabling the farm family to be placed on an efficient operating basis, Denney said.

Loans were also advanced for soil and water conservation purposes, construction of farm buildings and to buy and improve family-type farms. The agency also advanced credit for emergency needs to a few fruit growers in the valley.

Oregon Church Council Will Study Seminary

Portland—Directors of the Oregon Council of Churches Tuesday authorized a committee to represent the council in a study of a possible interdenominational seminary in the Northwest. The project will be studied by the Oregon council committee and a Pacific Northwest Committee of church organizations.

Neuberger Cited For Increasing World Knowledge

Washington—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon has been selected by the editors of Holiday Magazine as one of 10 persons during 1956 cited "for increasing our knowledge of the world and working toward closer sympathy among the people of every part of it."

Neuberger will receive his citation today from Holiday's editors in recognition of his role in seeking "Federal regulation of billboards along the new Interstate Highways, so that our roadside panorama may continue unblemished."

Among other winners of the Holiday award this year are Sen. J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas, comedian Danny Kaye, Mike Todd, the movie producer, and Rear Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, developer of the submarine Nautilus.

Upon learning of his being honored by the editorial board of Holiday, Senator Neuberger said that he hoped the award would "urge to alert Americans to the urgent need of preserving the scenery along their \$33,000,000,000 worth of new roads from the blight of being defaced and blotted off by billboards."

Neuberger's bill to regulate signboards has been recommended for support by the Senate Roads and Highways subcommittee, but has yet to be sent to the Senate floor for action by the full Public Works committee.

Gifted Children's Conference Slated

Ashland—Joy Hills Gubser, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, and Clifford Williams, administrative director of the gifted child project of the Portland public schools, will speak at a conference concerning the gifted child Saturday, June 22, at Southern Oregon college.

Sponsored by the local chapter of the International Council for Exceptional Children, the meeting is open to the public, Leon C. Mulling, director of the SOC speech and hearing clinic, said. Parents, educators, health workers, welfare workers and students are invited to attend.

Among participants are Florence Allen, Dr. Alva Graham, Dr. Arthur Kreisman, Mulling, and Dr. Phyllis Plichta, all SOC staff members; Kenneth Barneburg, Douglas county superintendent of schools, Mrs. Dunbar Carpenter, former president of the Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic association, George Flannigan, manager of the Elk Lumber company, Medford, Mrs. Mary Graham, wife of Dr. Graham, Karl Hayes, head of the pilot school for slow-learning children in Jackson county, Eve Nye, chairman of the Medford school board, and Mary Vandenberg, psychiatric social worker at the Southern Oregon Child Guidance clinic.

Natural Heat Fells Fireman in New York

New York—New York's natural heat proved too much Tuesday for a fireman who recently defied flames and fire-induced heat to rescue a woman from a blazing tenement.

Francis Smith, 39, collapsed during a ceremony at City Hall and was carried in an ambulance and revived. When Smith's name was called, Mayor Robert F. Wagner walked to the ambulance and pinned two medals on the fireman for his heroism.

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