

## TABLE ROCK Mosquitoes Plague Area

BY R. E. NEALON  
 Table Rock — The current move to sell tourists on the idea that this is a wonderful country to spend a vacation in, is well taken, especially by those from the heated and smog sections of California. It seems harder to convince Oregonians of our fine climate. However, there is a fly in the ointment, and a bad one, this is our pesky mosquitoes, now hatching out by the millions and really making it miserable for those working out of doors. The sight of our beautiful scenery, our wonderful climate and friendly manners will lose its effectiveness if tourists are plagued by a horde of vicious mosquitoes trying to get blood samples from exposed parts, which some tourists have quite a few of.

In a ceremony held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 4, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams of Modoc Orchard, Miss Myra Adams, and William Pleasant Jr. were married.

The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, the Rev. S. H. Pleasant, and witnessed by relatives of both parties. The couple left Saturday for San Jose, Calif., where Pleasant is employed in the Ford assembly plant.

Ben Pierce, who is known for his efforts to do well whatever comes his way to do, is battling a double-barreled siege of mumps.

About 10 little tots, mostly cousins, attended a birthday party held in the home of Mrs. R. E. Nealon, Thursday, honoring Joyce Bishop's anniversary.

A wedding of interest to Table Rock people was that of Delbert McDonald, of Forest Acres, and Miss Marie Hutchins, which took place Saturday in the Four Square church in Medford. Delbert is well known here, being frequently employed by many farmers in the hay harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lancy, of Walnut Grove, Calif., accompanied by Nevell McMullen of Belvedere, Calif., and Mrs. William Gregory of Medford, were callers here Tuesday.

Mrs. Gregory, born and

reared in this district was showing these California relatives farms and places of interest they had heard their parents talk about. McMullen is the son of the late Mattie Collins, born in this community. Mrs. McMullen's grandparents, James W. and Martha Ann Collins, were owners of the farm we are on, having purchased it from William Bybee for \$1,200, in 1871, the deed calling for 159 acres, more or less.

The new owners were restricted from permitting the use of any part of the land as a landing place for any ford on Rogue River. At that time Bybee operated a toll ferry, where the present Bybee bridge is now located.

The last meeting for the season of the Table Rock Community club, held recently at Touville Park, was only sparsely attended, due to measles, mumps, and lack of publicity. Those attending enjoyed a fine evening, with a temperature not too warm or too chilly.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Wilson, of Central Point, were business visitors here Wednesday. O. T. was telling us that his son, Steve, and wife left by aeroplane for a week's vacation in Detroit, to be guests of the Gord Motor company.

Miss Gail Bishop fell from the lower branches of a plum tree on the Sage place, Monday evening, which stunned her for a short time, but she suffered no ill effects.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Edgcombe and son, Jerry, of Susanville, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Houston, of Applegate, and Mrs. Emma Houston, were dinner guests in the R. E. Nealon home Sunday.

Our friend, Minnie, told us a true story about a Sams Valley farmer. It seems he had a fresh cow, but didn't like to milk her so he told a neighbor who worked at field work for him that the cow gave more milk than they needed, so he could have half of it. The farmer, seeing no milk the next day, asked the man if he had milked the cow, and was told he had, and that he had milked his half which was two teats, as the cow had four teats, two were left for the owner.

A car, said to be driven by a woman from California, went out of control recently at the junction of the Modoc and Table Rock roads, hit and broke off a telephone pole.

Recent visitors with members of the Bigham clan were Harry Linman and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffin of San Francisco. Mrs. Griffin is the only living aunt of the Bigham children.

Mrs. Ray Wyatt is spending some time in the home of her son, Kenneth, in Hayward, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth

## Army's Atlas Firing Called Off

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI) — The Air Force tried to fire a full three-engine Atlas intercontinental missile Saturday but called it off with seconds to go when unexplained trouble developed.

Earlier in the day a Thor missile was fired successfully. The search was called off for a little white mouse that was sent aloft Wednesday in the nose cone of another Thor intermediate range missile.

Engines of Saturday's giant 70-foot Atlas were roaring on the launching pad when they were suddenly shut off and the firing was cancelled.

The Air Force made no official announcement of what the trouble was, but said the launching would be rescheduled as soon as possible.



STEPPING FROM HELICOPTER is Navy Airman T. R. Mosness, of Ames, Ia., first of 30 American servicemen to be released by Cuban rebels. He was hostage for two weeks. At right, Lieutenant Phineas Newton, security officer at Guantanamo Bay naval Base.

## One-Cell Plants Creep Thru Lawn

Albany — (UPI) — A mysterious black substance that has been creeping up through the lawn at the home of Mrs. Irvine Hood here was diagnosed Saturday as an unusually large slime mold made up of one-cell plants.

Dr. Lewis Roth, botany professor at Oregon State college, said the cells begin moving in the ground after colonization and, in this case, moved "out of it."

The gummy fungus first appeared on Mrs. Hood's lawn two months ago. Finally, she called city police who turned the matter over to city engineer Dan Lee who called on the OSC botany department at Corvallis to investigate.

## Corvallis Boy 1st Fatal in Two Years

Corvallis — (UPI) — A 2½ year old Corvallis boy was dead on arrival at Good Samaritan hospital here Saturday as a result of injuries suffered when the pickup truck in which he was riding collided with a car at a residential intersection.

The victim was Lynn Cordell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Cordell, Corvallis. The tot was thrown from the truck and received head injuries.

The pickup was operated by his father. The car was driven by Howard L. Gruver, 26, Corvallis, who was uninjured.

It was the city's first traffic fatality since Feb. 1, 1936, Monday, Gov. Robert D. Holmes was scheduled to present city officials with a traffic safety achievement award for the two-year record.

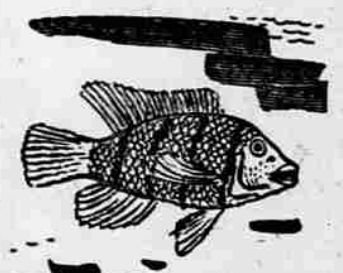
Wyatt have a new son and Grandma Wyatt has been helping get the youngster started on the right track. Mrs. Don Wheeler has been mixing the milk shakes at the store during Mrs. Wyatt's absence.

## Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS  
 Ranger-Naturalist

Amman — As we stepped out onto the beach where the Jordan empties into the Dead Sea, assorted ravens, vultures and other birds flapped lazily away to the other side of the delta. They had been gorging themselves on dead fish that had foolishly come down the river to die in the heavy, leaden-greenish brine in which the brown freshwater loses itself. The water is heavy. It slapped listlessly on the sand in little, tired waves.

One of the leaden waves pushed three or four gasping fish onto the sand. I picked up the biggest one. It was a type of carp, about 12 inches long. I took him over to the



fresh water and released him. He righted himself briefly and headed out into the current, but not upstream. In no time at all, he was taking the same route he had tried a little earlier.

The phenomenon is a common one on the deltas of streams emptying into the Dead Sea. And since death is quick and inevitable, there must be some logical explanation.

It doesn't seem likely the fish are obeying a migratory tendency inherited from primordial times when the Dead Sea was first created. And there is nothing I can find to indicate the fish feel the current too strong for them and so are swept into the sea. The Jordan is not so swift in its lower reaches. Point of No Return

explanation is that food conditions in the river may occasionally become so difficult that the fish go downstream farther and farther until they reach the point of no return. Since there is no tide, there is no brackish interval to serve as a warning.

This possibility is heightened by the fact that the Sea of Galilee is rich in fish though fished extensively for commercial purposes. The Jordan, however, is not extensively fished. Along much of its course fishing would be difficult. Also the majority of the inhabitants in the rather sparsely populated valley are not especially interested in fishing.

As a consequence, it could happen that the river fish population periodically becomes overcrowded and expands downstream where pressure is instantly relieved by the briny waters of the Dead Sea.

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