



TYPHOON IN JAPAN—Typhoon "Alice" swept a lot of the Pacific Ocean into Tokyo, leaving five dead, six missing, 24 injured and thousands homeless in Japan's worst storm of the year. Note men on raft at right and people climbing on side of building. Depth of water is indicated by partly submerged bus.

Ralph Cook Asked To Special Meet

Pendleton—Ralph L. Cook, prominent Medford-area cattleman and pear grower, has been issued a special invitation to participate in a key planning session of the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford association in Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 3, it was reported.

Cook, a breeder of registered polled herefords, is a national director of the American Polled Hereford association. He is also a member of the CEPHA.

Members and the board of directors will discuss the association's proposed three-day 1959 conference, show and sale, slated for Walla Walla, Wash., next March. The proposed activity has already been named to national show status by the American Polled Hereford association. It is ranked along with such events as the American Royal, Kansas City, Mo.; the 1958 National Polled Hereford show and sale, Louisville, Ky.; the International Livestock Exposition, Chicago, Ill.; and the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show, Fort Worth, Tex.

"Polled Hereford beef cattle breeders from Oregon, Washington and Idaho have already indicated by pledges their intended entry of over 200 show-sale cattle," regional headquarters spokesmen maintain. "The event would stress two shows and two sales."

Early pledges from Jackson county include Ireland Hereford Ranch, Ashland; Cook; Bill and Gayle Wood, Eagle Point; Miraflores Ranch, Medford; and Reter Fruit Company, Medford.

Portland's 'Secretary of the Year' Finds It Difficult To Get Work Done

By DOUGLAS CRIPP
United Press International

Portland — UPI — The only problems about being "Secretary of the Year" is that you can't get your work done. And you have to work harder, too.

That is the gentle complaint of Mrs. Genevieve Bell, 44, of Portland, who was given the award a week ago at the National Secretaries Association conclave in Minneapolis. Told to Take Day Off

Mrs. Bell, who works for a Portland plastic surgeon, has had so many congratulatory visits and phone calls that she's finding it difficult to catch up. Her first day back from the convention she was late for work, but her boss, Dr. Verner Lindgren, didn't care. He told her to take the day off and relax—which she said she couldn't do.

Although a veteran of 24 years as a secretary, Mrs. Bell dislikes the term, "career woman." She's been married for 17 of those years to a psychology professor at Portland State College, Keith Bell, and is as devoted to her home as to the office.

Likes to Play Golf
When not practicing her secretarial skills or homemaking, she likes to golf, fish or listen to classical music. Mrs. Bell is a brown-haired, studious type with a warm smile and a soft voice and she belittles the tough, machine-like efficiency of the so-called

streamlined, "top secretary." But giddiness, for a secretary, is a death knell, too, she says.

She has a philosophy for the young and upcoming who want to be good secretaries. It's this: "First, get the basic training. After that, develop your personality not from a

glamour standpoint but from the ability to understand."

Other ingredients are "diplomacy, compassion and hard work."

Prefers Sack Lunch
Mrs. Bell is a woman who prefers a sack lunch to a sack dress. She is working for her

college degree by going to night school, and she is a CPS, or "Certified Professional Secretary." It takes about 12 hours of intensive testing to get a CPS, and then you don't always get it, she explains.

Mrs. Bell admits her philosophy paid off for her. Along with the national honor came, among other things, an electric typewriter for her personal use, a watch, a wool suit, a silver pitcher, blue

lingerie and a gold charm bracelet. One of the charms on the bracelet is a tiny typewriter with pearl and ruby keys. The margin release and tabulator keys are sapphires.

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Man in Hospital; Car Hits Trucks

Leonard Scott Weaver, 30, of 1994 Table Rock rd., was treated for a severe head laceration at Sacred Heart hospital early Sunday morning after his vehicle reportedly collided with three trucks and a power pole.

A parked pickup truck, registered to William Floyd Griffith, route 1, box 123, Rogue River was struck. Two panel trucks, also parked, registered to S&W Floor Covering shop, 709 South Riverside ave. were damaged also. A power pole owned by the California-Oregon Power company was hit.

According to city police, the accident occurred in a lot at South Riverside ave. and Earhart st. A fire department crew was reportedly summoned to extinguish a blaze in Weaver's car after it came to rest.

POSTAL MOVE
Walnut Creek, Calif. — (UPI) Approximately 1800 residents with Walnut Creek addresses "moved" to Alamo, Calif., without leaving their homes. The new address was assigned when the Alamo post office began delivering mail.

Most of the 100,000 species of seashells known and named are less than half an inch and range down to microscopic size. However, a giant clam may grow as big as a caudron and weigh 500 pounds.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Bagdad. — The onager or wild ass is becoming increasingly scarce in southwestern Asia, but up near the Iranian border, we managed to see a small band of them.

They had been spotted the day before and after five hours of rugged driving, we



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got in sight of them for a minute or so. They were a good mile away, in a grassy space near a fold in the hills. Two were colts, not much more than two months old at the most, since May and June are the foaling months. As we looked at them, the whole band suddenly fled at a gallop.

A little later, and much nearer, we saw a stallion. His cinnamon-colored coat glistened in the sun as he took off in a burst of speed that Silky Sullivan might envy. They are so wild because they are hunted both for sport and food. Their flesh is said to be like venison, though of a much finer quality.

And that is the reason, plus the high-powered rifle, why they are becoming increasingly rarer.

In the early part of the 1900s, it was not uncommon for herds numbering as many as 1,000 to be found from northern Iran east and north through Iran into Afghanistan and Kazakhstan. But now that so many of these people have acquired modern rifles in place of the old trade guns that were actually less effective than a strong bow, the sight of a herd of 100 is remarkable.

Though the Arabs used to capture wild asses occasionally — using fast camels, by the way — it doesn't happen very often now. They only succeed in capturing foals, and today's survivors, as we saw, aren't taking any chances on humans, of any kind.

Bray Different

As to how much blood of the onager there may be in the domesticated donkey, I don't know. It probably isn't very much. Most of the donkeys used in the west are descendants of an African wild ass. His feet are broader than the onager's and his ears are larger and longer. In addition, his bray is different. The onager and other Asiatic wild asses are said to squeal and make guttural sounds quite unlike the peculiar razzing of the donkey.

Since asses generally are stronger work animals than horses and live longer, and since in the wild state they give every indication of being as fleet as any horse, it seems strange that greater efforts have not been made to domesticate onagers.

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AMHERST SCHOLARSHIPS
Amherst, Mass. — (UPI) — Amherst College has set up the Gilbert Scholarships following a \$400,000 bequest from the estate of a Pasadena, Calif., woman. The scholarships are in memory of the late Miss Helen E. Gilbert and her father, Miss Gilbert, daughter of Vernon P. Gilbert of the Amherst class of 1889, willed the money to the school.

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ACCUSING him of slaying Mrs. Edith Atkins, Klamath Falls, Ore., police are holding William Thomaston, San Jose, Calif., contractor.

LATE CONTRIBUTION
New Haven, Conn. — (UPI) — A Community Chest contribution mailed in 1923 finally has been received. The money was in a letter in an old desk and was found by painters during renovation.

John Brown's body lies in the grave on the John Brown farm near Lake Placid, N.Y.

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