

Historian Speaker At Society Meeting

Portland - Naval Historian Samuel E. Morison will be the featured speaker when the Oregon Historical Society plays host to the 12th annual Pacific Northwest History conference April 9-11 at the Multnomah hotel in Portland.

The sessions will be held in combination with the fifth annual Oregon Historical Society forum honoring the state Centennial year. Thursday evening John Day, Medford, a member of the Oregon Historical Society board, will show films taken on a recent trip to Alaska and the Bering Strait.

Friday and Saturday sessions will be devoted to history in the Oregon country and the concluding feature Saturday afternoon will be a tea, fashion show of native Indian costumes and an exhibit of interpretive native dancing. The public is invited to attend all events.

Morocco's current population is about eight million.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Can Man Develop "The Thing?" He's Probably At Work on It

The "Thing" has not been created yet. But it will be. Some one, or a group of someones, may even now be working on it. With the advances already made in technology, chemistry, anatomy and surgery, it would seem that this generation might see the earth-shaking results of an experiment of this kind.

Science has gone a long way into the inner workings of glands and ducts. Researchers have located a great many of them and they know what they do, but not always how they do it.

There is, they have found, a gland whose sole function has to do with growth. It begins working at birth and

with few exceptions slaps the brakes on at a certain special time. If the brakes slip, or are not applied at just the right time, we have a giant or an abnormally large being. This check seems pretty consistent however; all full grown men, rats or grasshoppers, remain about normal.

What Would Happen? Knowing these things, the scientist wants to know more. He can not help wondering what would happen if he could take a bug, for instance, and just as the growth-gland began to put the brakes on, the gland could be replaced by one from a very young insect, and the body would steadily grow until that gland, too, could be replaced. The result might be super-bugs as large as dogs. The possibilities intrigue the scientific mind and stagger the imagination.

The chances are the subject of these experiments will be some kind of insect. Their life cycle is so rapid; one generation following another so fast, that these creatures would be the logical subjects. Or a rat might be chosen. They are rugged individuals, are easy to work with and disgustingly available.

This subject has been the basis for many fiction stories, where the imagination of the writer and his readers has run rampant, and in some instances may have been almost prophetic.

There is no doubt, a ceiling or barrier, established by nature, and over which men can not go; there is a limit imposed by a power more potent than ours, that establishes, checks and balances and controls the growth of every living being.

It is possible that the obstacle will never be scaled and that man, with all his bumbling, may never be able to create a thing that could eventually destroy him; but he is going to try, make no mistake about that—probably already is at work on it.

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Hartford, Conn. - (UPI) - Legislators had to look twice when a bill was submitted to the General Assembly. They looked, then looked again. The bill stated, "An Act concerning reckless driving, providing for same."



CLEAN-UP—Members of Girl Scout Troop 188 from Lincoln school recently cleaned up the triangle of land at the intersection of Beatty st. and Central ave. Leaders of the troop are Mrs. Margaret Emery assisted by Mrs. June Hult. The clean up project was in cooperation with the Make Medford Beautiful campaign. While cleaning trash from the area the Scouts uncovered a sidewalk which had been buried for many years. The Scouts worked the majority of one Saturday on the project. (Knackstedt photo)

BUTTE FALLS Service Pin Presented

By MARY JO HARRIS
Butte Falls - Last week Bob Church of Medford presented Everett Moore a service emblem for 15 years of volunteer service as a co-operative observer for the weather bureau. Church is the meteorologist at the U. S. weather bureau station at Medford.

More is superintendent of the state game commission at the Butte Falls fish hatchery, where he has been stationed for the past 33 years.

The cooperative observers corps is made up of unpaid observers who read gauges, change records and make up charts.

The service emblem is given for creditable government service and has a new design which has been adopted by the department of commerce of which the weather bureau is a part.

In this immediate area four cooperative observers have been presented the awards this past week. Moore started his volunteer service in March, 1940.

A shower for household articles was recently held at the home of Mrs. William (Doc) Bowen for the Buck Sutton family. Hostesses were Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Duane Burton. Sutton's home was destroyed by fire March 9. Only a few household articles and some clothing was salvaged. The Suttons are now living in a house owned by Frank Edmondson.

The Butte Falls Grange held a Centennial celebration Saturday, March 28, at 8:30 p.m. at the high school gym. Master of ceremonies was Doug Decker at Central Point. Guest square dance callers were Ray Hagemann of Rogue River, Pete Dumpster of Grants Pass, Jake Teows and Danny Neill of Medford.

Judges were chosen at the Square up and prizes awarded to Doris Norris of Jacksonville for the oldest authentic costume, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of Medford for best dressed couple, Centennial style, and Glen Sheppard for best beard. An additional prize was awarded to Mrs. Alice Beachler of Frontier, Wyo., for coming the most distance.

The square up was a financial success and money has been earmarked for a community project. Mrs. Bob Wells was chairman of the project.

Adding true western flavor to the Centennial celebration was the "mock" robbery held by the Black Dog Bandits. The raid is one of a series that will be made from time to time to add "flavor" to Oregon Centennial activities.

The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Butte Falls Lions club had a large attendance. Children were divided into three groups.

Receiving prizes for the first group were David Ferguson and Roberta Nunas. Second group prizes were awarded to Steve Tygart for the prize egg and three boys divided the money for the most eggs found in the group.

Third group prizes were awarded to Bobby Hardgraves and Jimmy Driskell.

The April meeting of the Lions auxiliary will be held at Scotties cafe April 7 at 8 p.m. and will be a party. The auxiliary will celebrate its eighth birthday.

Centennial or western style costume is suggested for this party but not compulsory. Members are asked to bring sandwiches, salad or dessert for a potluck snack. Members are also asked to bring white elephants to be used as prizes.

The Home Extension met at the home of Mrs. Tom Stanton, Thursday. Mary Pat Lucy demonstrated "distinctive foods."

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pingle

Dr. Atchley to Be Speaker in Medford

Dr. William Ames Atchley, assistant professor of medicine and chief of clinical chemotherapy of the Cancer Research Institute at the University of California Medical society Wednesday, April 8.

It will be held at the Rogue Valley country club beginning at 7 p.m. Drs. Oscar Heyerman, Roland M. Mayer and Leroy Jensen will be hosts.

Dr. Atchley, who will speak on "The medical reflection of malignant diseases," is a diplomat of the American Board of Medicine and a member of the American College of Physicians and the New York Academy of Science.

His talk will concern "some of the biology of neoplasm and the cause of ignition, thrombo-phlebitis, pancreatitis and associated conditions that are clinically manifested in malignant disease," the society reported.

Today there are 35 United States colleges offering professional training courses in forestry.

and Bruce Pingle Jr., recently went to Eugene to visit Mr. and Mrs. Doug Fuller. Mrs. Fuller is a daughter of the Pingles.

Seaman Bruce Pingle Jr., returned to his ship, USS Alamo, at San Diego via Davis and Los Angeles where he visited relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith recently visited at Boise and Wiser, Idaho. At Boise they visited Don's father, C. H. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Moore recently attended the 86th birthday of Everett's mother, Mrs. Margaret More, at Klamath Falls.

Mrs. George Calloway, the former Miss Bonnie Stout, was a visitor in Butte Falls last week. Mrs. Calloway is a former resident and now resides in the Los Angeles area.

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Hastings and daughters of Medford were Easter guests at the home of the Duane Burtons.

SACKED OUT

Buffalo, N. Y. - (UPI) - Mrs. Mary Panek, 65, laid claim to a paper sack containing nearly \$10,000 which three boys found in a vacant lot. She told

police she hid the money in the lot because "I was going away for a few days and didn't want to leave it in the house." There are about three and a half million horses and mules in the United States. The number is expected to decrease four per cent in 1959.

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