



EISENHOWER QUESTIONED — Merriman Smith, UPI White House correspondent, rises to ask a question during President Eisenhower's news conference Wednesday. The President revealed that he had warned President Syngman Rhee that trouble might come from reported irregularities in last month's South Korean elections. Seated beside the President are Press Secretary James Hagerty and Associate Secretary Anne Wheaton. (UPI Telephoto)

Robins Like Green Lawn During Spring, Oregon State College Zoologist Finds

Corvallis — When spring comes, it's also time for the red, red robin to come bob, bob, bobbing along. But what robins really like is to feed in the moist, short grass that comes in the spring. You'll find that robins congregate in the cities during the day because of the lawns, and dash to secluded "roosting" areas at night during the winter. In the spring, night finds them on or near the nest, according to Dr. Robert M. Storm, Oregon State college associate professor of zoology. The most common robin in Oregon is the Western robin. But, the Northwestern robin, which is darker and has white tips on the outer tail feathers, makes a winter visit. Usually Nest Twice Robins usually nest twice during a nesting season, laying 3 or 4 eggs each time. Female robins do all the nest building and incubating, but the males help feed the young. The young robin is ready to leave the nest two weeks after hatching, and at that time he eats 14 feet of earthworms a day. Robins mate for a single mating season and then switch partners. A pair of nesting robins plays "king of the mountain" over a territory three-tenths of an acre around its nest. This is to protect the young from being bothered by other birds and it leaves enough room to gather nesting material and food. Even though robins have protected feeding areas around individual nests, they also have neutral feeding territories established, Dr. Storm said. Return to Area Robins usually return to the same general area each year to nest, and may even use the same nest by repairing it. But it is not certain that either one of the original pair of robins returns to the same nest. Highest robin population is in late May and June when the young have hatched. For the two square miles in the Corvallis city limits, Dr. Storm estimates the robin population at 10,000. In eastern Oregon, robins can be found in residential areas where there are lawns. Robins are scarce in the mountains, but can be seen in mountain meadows in the lush grassy areas. Robins are considered a friendly bird. Main diet is earthworms, but they also eat a lot of insects. Only complaint about robins is the "temporary nuisance" they can be during cherry and berry season. Robins Migrate Studies show that robins migrate up to 1,000 miles away from home base during the winter. Some robins, the zoologists believe, stay around the same location the year-round. One night-time winter roosting area for robins was found on the OSC campus last February in the dense shrubbery by the women's athletic field. Dr. Storm estimated there were 8,000 birds in this one flock. They settled at early nightfall and scattered to feed before daylight. Robins snuggle together on the night "roosts" like chickens. Their weight even broke limbs off the shrubbery. Dr. Storm and his students worked at banding 180 members of this particular flock, using nets at night, without ever recovering any robins already banded.

4-H Club News

Central Point Clubs
The meeting of the Central Point General club which was attended by the members of the Antelope club, their parents, and Glenn Klein. Before the meeting, there were two films shown by the officers of the CP Beef club, which was host for the evening. One was on modern farming and one on barbecuing. The meeting was called to order by President Patsy Charley. The flag salutes were given and roll was taken of the clubs present. The minutes of the last meeting were read. There was no business, so the meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served by the Knit'n' Kittens, Bobbin' Bobbins, Buttered Buns, and the Willing Workers. Jeff Anhorn, Reporter

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Landscape Design Clinic Scheduled at Corvallis

Corvallis—Professional landscape architects, as well as staff members of Oregon State college and the University of Oregon, will serve as faculty for a new landscape design course next week, according to Donald J. Martel, head of the OSC department of landscape architecture. Open to the general public as well as garden club members and people in the landscape profession, the study course in landscape design will be held at Oregon State May 5 to 7. The new course is the first of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. It was set up to provide background information for members of school ground committees, park boards, road commissions, and other public bodies that have to deal with landscaping problems. The course is being sponsored by the OSC extension service and the OSC department of landscape architecture, in cooperation with the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs. It will be the first in a series of four to be held during the next two years, Martel said. Speakers Noted Professional landscape architects who will be speakers include James M. Coleman and Arthur W. Erfeldt, Portland; Mark Astrup, head of the landscape office of the state highway department, Salem; and Richard M. Bowe, U.S. forest service, Portland. A key out-of-state speaker will be Walter L. Doty, director of editorial research for Sunset magazine. Other speakers on the two-day program will include Marion D. Ross, professor of architecture at University of Oregon; Gordon W. Gilkey, head of the OSC art department; William W. Chilcote, OSC professor of botany; and Thomas E. Rickard and Martel, landscape architecture department. An examination for Federation Garden club members who are working toward their appraiser's certificate in landscape design will be held the third day of the course. Members who pass all four course examinations will receive their certificate from the National Council of State Garden clubs. Enrollment in the course will be limited to about 200, Martel said. More information about the course, and enrollment forms, can be obtained from local garden clubs or at the county extension offices.

Local Youth Playing In College Play

Corvallis—George Reed of Medford will play one of the supporting roles when the Oregon State college speech department presents "Mister Roberts" May 5, 6 and 7. Reed is a sophomore majoring in business and technology. "Mister Roberts" was one of Broadway's most successful plays and later won honors when made into a movie. The OSC speech department presents six plays each year to give speech students experience in play production, and to give other students an opportunity to see some of the nation's outstanding plays. Meat consumption per person in 1960 is expected to be 161 pounds, up about 2 1/2 pounds from 1959.

SLOW TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Garden Grove, Calif.—(UPI)—From the police blotter: "4:24 a.m. — Report man slumped over wheel of parked car with lights on and the engine running. "Found man had fallen asleep while waiting for traffic light to change."

Chicago - Lake Michigan is 21 feet below the level of Lake Superior, 8 feet above Lake Erie, and 334 feet above Lake Ontario. Its elevation is about the same as Lake Huron.

Wenatchee - Apples are grown in most of the states, but the principal commercial producers are Washington, New York, Virginia, Michigan, California.

WEEKLY CIRCULATION UP
New York—(UPI)—There are fewer weekly newspapers in the country than 10 years ago, but they are doing more business, according to the Directory of Newspapers and Periodicals. In 1959 there were 9,025 weeklies in all 50 states with a net paid circulation of 21,099,512. This compares with 9,794 weeklies and a circulation of around 17 million in 1949.

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