



Small Worlds Around Us
By Lynn M. Watkins

Millions of Mayflies Live Only to Die
Some time during the warm summer night in the waters of the lake, nature must have pulled the "big" lever, and hundreds of millions of mayflies were ready to take to the air. A gentle breeze carries the teeming multitude shoreward.

Other millions fall back into the water and die. This happens every year on most lakes and rivers when the countless nymphs of the mayfly suddenly complete their next-to-last molt, and forsake the water, where they have lived for many months, to become winged insects with the ability of flight.

Those that escape death in the water fly shoreward, as do those that have laid their eggs. Millions die in the streets wherever there is a street light. Sometimes their numbers in the streets become so great the pavement becomes so slippery from the crushed bodies as to impede motor traffic.

Individually, the mayfly looks something like an overgrown mosquito. The wings are transparent with many conspicuous veins. When the insect is at rest, the wings are held over the body in a vertical position. The body is soft and shiny. Two or three long, very conspicuous filaments are attached to the rear of the body; these stream out behind when the insect is in flight, making the creature appear as if it were trailing two or three ravellings.

The female mayfly drops her eggs while flying over water. The eggs are contained in tiny cases that usually break on contact with water, liberating the eggs that immediately sink to the bottom. After hatching, the tiny larvae secrete themselves under stones or other debris. Now they are called nymphs. Live in Mud

At this stage they have gills alongside their bodies. For months they live in the mud of the lake or river bottom eating vegetable matter. Game fish feed on them, but there are always enough. The time comes when they crawl up out of the water. The skin along the back splits and the near-adult crawls forth. Uncounted millions are hatching from their shells at the same time.

Their flight through the summer night is very brief; all they know is to fly, to attempt to lay more eggs before they die. The dance of the mayflies becomes a mass movement. Millions and millions will die, but if a single pair survive it is enough. The secret remains; why is nature so abundant in her production? Why all the preparation of development in the waters of the lake for many months to create a winged insect that will live but a few hours? But in their senseless dying, once again, enough eggs are deposited to assure other swarms, another season. In the seemingly senseless and extravagant production of mayflies there must be a reason.
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PLACES THIRD
Eugene - Cecil Ingram of Medford won third place in the public speaking contest sponsored by the University of Oregon department of speech recently. Ingram spoke on "The Truth is Yours."



STEADY TODDLER—Charlotte Delane Dykes, not quite five-months-old, is quite a husky young lady for her age. Here she demonstrates that she can stand in the palm of her father's hand unassisted. The father, R. H. Dykes, Jacksonville, Fla., tried his youngster's sturdy legs after seeing a newspaper photograph of a seven-month-old child who could perform the same feat.

Industries Group Names Local Man District Officer

Portland-Joseph A. Moore, a vice president of the First National bank of Oregon and its Medford branch manager, was elected a district vice president of Associated Oregon Industries Thursday at the annual meeting of the 640-member statewide organization of business and industry.

Two other Oregonians from the southwest section of the state were re-elected to the association's board of directors. They are Gene L. Brown, Grants Pass lawyer and former state senator, and Stephen O. Wilson, Steve Wilson Logging company, White City.

AOI also re-elected Loran L. Stewart, Willamette valley lumberman and former legislator, as president and re-named all other officers for new terms.

Four of the AOI vice presidents represent areas corresponding to Oregon congressional districts.

Balloon Drifting Toward West Coast

El Centro, Calif. (UPI)—A lost balloon that towers 40-stories high was found today drifting over the California-Mexico border at an estimated altitude of 80,000 feet.

The world's largest balloon, Skyhook Glyco, dangling a possibly priceless cargo of information about cosmic rays gathered in the thin cold upper air, first was seen by an El Centro service station operator at 4:43 a.m. (p.s.t.)

The observer called sheriff's deputies who notified the Chance-Vought Aircraft Co., tracking station at the El Centro Auxiliary Naval Air Station.

Chance-Vought brought into action its huge satellite-tracking camera with a telescopic lens to determine speed and direction of the drifting balloon. It determined the balloon was driving toward the Pacific coast.

Morse To Pass Up Convention for Sake of Party Unity

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Washington (Special) - Sen. Wayne Morse is planning to pass up the Democratic national convention at Los Angeles so as not to "embarrass the Oregon delegation" which is committed to Sen. John Kennedy.

Before his A. Robert Smith defeat at Kennedy's hands in the Oregon primary, the Oregon senator had planned to attend the convention, hopefully with a block of delegates supporting his own presidential aspirations. He expected to attend as an alternate, chosen by the elected delegates.

"The Morse family will view the Democratic convention from the television screen in our home in Eugene," explained Morse. "We may have a family reunion, and we expect to have a lovely time."

Morse's decision to stay away from the Los Angeles convention removes the likelihood of any fireworks some Kennedy supporters feared he might have set off had he been on the scene as an alternate. Under the Oregon primary law, the state's delegation is bound to Kennedy so long as he has 35 per cent of the total number of delegates attending the convention.

has no plans to campaign for Mrs. Maurine Neuberger in her Senate campaign this fall - nor does Mrs. Neuberger have any plan to enlist his support.

Morse was invited to attend a "Washington Good Luck to Maurine Luncheon" here Wednesday, but he turned it down. Mrs. Neuberger flew in from Oregon for the function, sponsored by prominent Democrats led by Oscar Chapman, Truman's Interior Secretary.

"I've got a campaign deficit to make up," explained Morse with a smile when asked whether he had bought any of the \$25 per plate tickets that are going to help raise funds for her campaign.

Trampoline Class For Ladies at YMCA

YMCA Physical Director Dave Curzon has announced that the Y will have a women's trampoline class on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The class will start June 14 if enough women and high school girls attend. Registration will be conducted on that date.

22 Local Youths To Participate In Boys State

Attending the 1960 session of Beaver Boys state at Oregon State college, Corvallis, will be 22 local high school students, according to American Legion officials, sponsors of the program.

The local delegation will leave by bus early Sunday morning and will be gone one week.

Earlier this week the boys met with Robert Dames, local attorney, in order to discuss the week's plans. At that time, the local Legion post presented to Col. W. H. Paine a plaque for meritorious service.

In Boys State
Boys participating in the state-wide program and their individual sponsors are Kenneth Adams, Fluhrer bakery; Jim Albright, Frohnmayer, Lowry, Hogan and Deatherage; Rome Atkins, Medford Mail Tribune; Colburn Barrell, Trowbridge and Flynn; Paul Bauer, Weeks and Orr store; Bill Dahlstrom, Medford Ice and Storage.

Bill Dames, Electricians' union; Dennis Dwyer, Sharon Eichelberger, Steve Eichelberger, Rotary club; David

Valley Men Attend Grants Pass Event

Grants Pass - Attending a recent meeting here of the newly-formed chapter of the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America were Ken Nottingham and Art Hertager, Medford painters contractors.

A charter for the new chapter was presented by regional vice president John Burns of Portland. Jack Roper of Klamath Falls, president of the Oregon Council, PDCA, installed the officers.

Nottingham is past president of the Oregon council, and heads the firm of Mid-Coast Painters. Hertager is past president of the Medford chapter of PDCA.

Fisher, Talent Lions; David Foote, Elks lodge; Craig Gardner, Prospect Lions; Jerry Gastineau, Crater Lions; Gene Lantz, Medford Concrete Construction company; Tom Purdue, Eagle Point Lions; Bob Quinney, Col. W. H. Paine.

Other Richey, Phoenix Lions club; Arthur A. Ruhl, Electricians' union; Florian Shasky, Knights of Columbus; John W. Snider Jr., St. Mary's Parents' club; Jim Stever, Kiwanis club; Ray Stewart, American Legion Post 15.

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