

# Interstate Deer Herd Said Healthy

ALTURAS, May 7 — The interstate deer herd which ranges between Oregon and California forests in summer and winter is reported to be healthy and well conditioned after a fairly open winter, and not seriously down in numbers from last hunting season.

About 30 men acutely interested in the deer herd met in Alturas Tuesday to hear reports of winter-long surveys of the deer herd by the U. S. forest service.

Represented at the meeting were officials of both the Fremont and Modoc forests, sportsmen, California and Oregon big game officials and stockmen, and the session was acclaimed as one of the most successful discussions ever held concerning the wandering herd.

George Fisher, forest ranger, gave a summary of the service's deer census. Don McLean of the California fish and game division, gave an account of an airplane deer count, and Dr. Chastin, also affiliated with the California division, talked on food habits and diseases in the herd.

He said that last winter the loss from disease was very light.

As for population of the herd, the surveys were agreed that the herd is tending downward in numbers.

## HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

**By MARY LOU CASE**  
7:45 tonight over KFLW will be the time for the 12th broadcast of Peliana. The theme will be a variety show edited by Donna McVey, Joanne Espersen, Belle Doris Russell and Bob Plass. Songs will be sung by Catherine Blinn and Marie Dimick, this year's Adler award winner. Mrs. Margaret Brode, school nurse, and Miss Helen Stine, home demonstration agent, will be interviewed over the program. The guest prize will be given as usual.

A gala extravaganza is being planned by the RASP radio speech department for the 21st of May. A delegation from all the city, Shasta and Sacred Heart schools will be featured on this program. KFLW will be the station for this half-hour broadcast. Belle Russell is general chairman making arrangements, and Rosemary Higbie is in charge of publicity.

The girls' gym will be the setting of the mothers' reception tomorrow, May 8, sponsored by the Tea Tolerers. All KUIS mothers are invited to the affair, which lasts from 2 to 4. Decorations are in charge of the girls around the gym, and two tables will be situated in the center laden with punch and cookies. Messengers stationed in the center hall will call a student out of class when his or her mother arrives to attend the tea with her. Members of Tea Tolerers will be on hand in the gym to introduce the mothers.

Betty Crawford is general chairman for the reception, the committee assisting her are headed by Marilyn McLellan, table setting; Ann Waybrandt, food; Margaret Grubb, pouring; Mary Lou Case, decoration; Jeanne Hartard, entertainment; Louella Charles, invitations; and Donna Cone, clean-up.

"Skiing in May" will be proved by the girls' ski club on Friday when the queen for a day travels to Crater lake. Excused from school with parents' permission, the girls will be transported to Crater lake by truck and will have the chance to ski all day. Carmen Lee Jones is president of ski club; advisor is Miss Lillian Redkey.

"The day is running down like a tired clock" are the words of Stage Manager Jim Kennett in the scenic play, "Our Town." The stage manager is the actor who sets the mood and explains the plot, since the play is being presented as it was on Broadway, without any scenery except for a table or two, a ladder and some chairs and benches. Remember the nights—May 14 and 15.

Only twenty more schooling days on vacation. (Fifteen for seniors.)

### Court Refuses To Stop Execution

NEW ORLEANS, May 7 (AP)—The Louisiana supreme court Tuesday refused to stop the second attempt to electrocute Willie Francis, and his attorney said he would make a further attempt to save the life of the condemned 18-year-old negro, who is scheduled to die Friday. Francis escaped death on May 3, 1946, when the state's portable electric chair failed to function after the switch was thrown. Francis was convicted in the robbery slaying of Andrew Thomas, white druggist of St. Martinville, La.

### FINAL RITE

PORTLAND, May 7 (AP)—Funeral services for Clarence R. Wagoner, 67, assistant commissioner of the state industrial accident commission, will be held here tomorrow. He died Monday.

Wagoner was an unsuccessful candidate for the republican nomination for governor in 1938 and for state senator in 1940.

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## Queen Suzanne I Rules At Altamont May Fete



A May Day festival of music and dancing highlighted affairs at Altamont junior high school this afternoon, Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, with the crowning of pretty Suzanne Frei as Queen of the May. Here is Queen Suzanne I wearing the crown of spring flowers and the regal robes, surrounded by her admirer court of fellow students.

### Boyle's Column

## Scientist Claims Unwise Use Of X-Ray Dangerous

**By HAL BOYLE**

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 7 (AP)—A world-renowned scientist—Indiana university students call him "Mister Mutation"—believes the medical profession is permanently damaging the American life stream through the unwise use of X-rays.

"There is no dosage of X-rays so low as to be without risk of producing harmful mutations," Dr. Herman Joseph Muller, Nobel prize winning geneticist, told me in an interview.

Mutations are inheritable changes in physical characteristics caused by changes in the genes, the infinitesimal keystones of heredity that keep us in the image of our ancestors.

Dr. Muller, a small balding man of middle age, is the first man in history to show that these changes in the pattern of heredity can be artificially induced. He did it 21 years ago by subjecting fruit flies to changes in temperature and radiation.

He thereby produced fruit fly offspring with such new inheritable characteristics as three wings, a changed eye color, or a shortened life expectancy. He proved that such mutations are recessive and mostly deleterious — that for every such change which improved the fruit fly breed there were hundreds that hurt it.

Permanent Change  
His experiments also indicated that any artificially induced change was permanent, dying out only when the line of descent died out. It is for this reason that Dr. Muller urged a more careful use of the medical profession of X-rays.

"Mutations happen naturally all the time," he said, "but a heavy dosage of X-rays may speed up the rate of a million fold in a given period."

He was particularly critical of the use of X-rays to produce fertility in women long sterile.

He said that medical men who employed such treatments were ignoring the certainty that X-rays in the required dosage would produce harmful mutations among the patient's descendants.

"Most mutations are not spectacular," he said.

"That is, women treated in this manner probably won't start any-

thing so dramatic as a line of two-headed children. But they will hand down slight weaknesses hard to put your finger on, such as inability to stand high or low temperatures, a shortened life expectancy, a reduced bodily vigor.

"The mutation could show up in the next generation or perhaps not for five thousand years. But the damage is permanent. It remains all the while and scores will be kept until the line dies out by reason of that disability. And since we make every effort to keep people alive and reproducing that may be thousands of years."

Dr. Muller and his colleagues have grants totaling \$181,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation, Indiana university and other sources to further genetic studies and research in cancer.

The little scientist said genetic discoveries were "meeting resistance from the medical field—they are just being shoved aside."

He recommended that doctors employ more care to protect patients against secondary radiation from X-rays potentially damaging to gene structure.

"It is up to the X-ray men to take the same caution as the atomic scientists do," he observed.

Other experimenters have found that other agents, such as mustard gas and certain coal tar chemicals, also produce harmful mutations. But you don't have to worry about marking your grandchildren by personal over-indulgence in drinking and smoking.

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## Altamont To Hold Playday

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Plans are being made for the girls to be put in teams with members from the different schools in each team. These teams will compete in all events and scores will be kept. The leader of the winning team will be crowned as queen and a program of music and folk dancing will be given in her honor. Mrs. Earl Graham is in charge of the girls' events.

The boys will hold a complete track and field meet, according to Earl Graham, boys physical education instructor.

At noon a buffet lunch will be served in the cafeteria. Playday is held every spring and every fall in the county schools.

### INFLATION CHECKED

CHICAGO, May 7 (AP)—Superior Judge George M. Fisher was ready to sign a decree granting a divorce to Mrs. Carmella De Fore, 25, when he decided to read it.

He discovered the decree ordered James R. De Fore, 30, a cook, to pay \$10,000 a week support to his 22 months old daughter, Denise Lum.

Judge Fisher checked a transcript of the divorce proceedings and found that the amount should have been \$10 a week.

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## German Food Cost High

BERLIN, May 7 (AP)—The United States has shipped 1,850,000 metric tons of food into Germany since Victory Day to help support German ration scales, the monthly report of Gen. Lucius D. Clay said today.

The report added that German farmers continued reluctant to meet their food delivery quotas and that "continued large imports of food will be necessary."

In February, the last month which the military government's report covered, 270,000 tons of food were imported for the British-American zones at a cost of approximately \$33,000,000—or roughly one dollar per non-farm consumer in the combined area.

"Failure to meet delivery quotas reflects continued serious reluctance on the part of farmers to deliver their products through legal channels for currency with which they can buy relatively few of the goods needed on farms," the report said. Instead, many prefer to sell their produce on the black market or barter it for goods otherwise unobtainable.

## Soviets Rap U.S. Mergers

MOSCOW, May 7 (AP)—Soviet newspapers today attacked United States and British economic agreements with Scandinavian countries and charged that the economic merger of British and American zones in Germany was benefiting industrial magnates and Junker landlords.

Investis, the government organ, naming Denmark, Sweden and Norway specifically, said Russia's agreement with these countries were based upon mutual respect for the economies involved but that such was not the case in the British and American agreements.

Commentator Constantin Hoffman, writing in the trade union newspaper Trud, charged that under the protection of the British-American economic merger in Germany, industrial magnates and Junker landlords were "prospering." He added that the plan of unification of communists and social democrats was causing worry in the western zones.

## Matson Files For Air Service

SEATTLE, May 7 (AP)—A request for an immediate temporary certificate for scheduled air service between Seattle-Tacoma and Hawaii has been filed with the civil aeronautics board, Melville McKinstry, northwest manager for Matson Navigation company, said today.

The company, McKinstry said, is prepared to start service immediately and the certificate would be valid pending CAA decision upon a permanent carrier.

## LONG ROMANCE

LONG BEACH, Calif., May 7 (AP)—"I never stopped loving her," said Frank L. Rector, 75, as he applied for a license to marry Nellie M. Rector, 76, who divorced him 27 years ago.

"She needs me and I need her," he added. The wedding will take place "in a week or two."

## Flashes Of Life

**IF THE SHOE PINCHES—**

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7 (AP)—A sharp pain in the toe may mean good luck.

Mrs. J. J. Parker told police she put a \$2000 diamond bar pin in the toe of a shoe for safekeeping—then gave the shoe away in a charity drive.

**GOT WRONG CALL-ADOR**  
NEW YORK, May 7 (AP)—Several calls for "Colador Tostado" at a magistrate's hearing on an OPA rent

case produced no results until Manuel Casiano arose, told the court maybe he was the man wanted, and suggested:

"Whoever copied down my name from the sign on the front of my store doesn't know Spanish. Colador tostado isn't a name. It means I sell all sorts of roast coffee."

### ONE SOLUTION

MEDFORD, Ore., May 7 (AP)—Maybe if more people got lost in the woods Karl L. Janouch, Rogue River national forest supervisor, wouldn't have to complain about the porcupines.

Janouch says the animals are increasing and eating bark off young trees in Butte Falls area. The porcupine is protected by state law since it is one animal a

lost person can kill with a club for survival fare.

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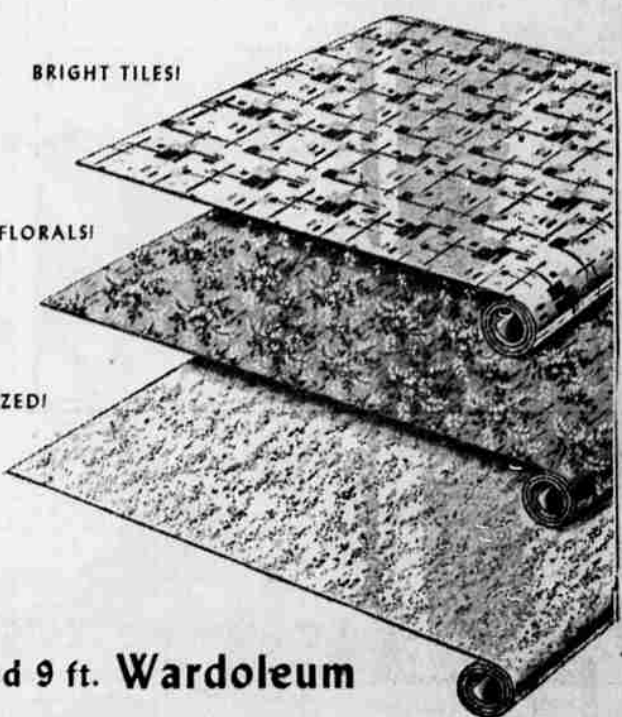
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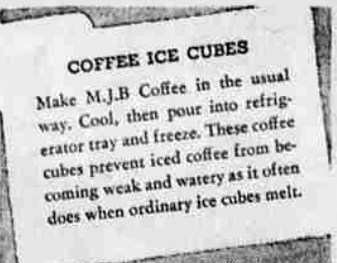
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