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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1942

(It was Tuesday)

United States war department orders construction of facilities for a military garrison at Medford municipal airport.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A local resident reports that a stranger recently asked him for a match instead of a dime. The gloomier finance experts say this won't last and soon the request will be for a match and a dime.

20 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1922

(It was Thursday)

Frank Perl, candidate for Jackson county coroner, chosen best looking candidate in primary election by members of Enterprise Grange.

Rufus Holeman, candidate for reelection as Oregon state treasurer, speaks here before meeting of Medford Realty board.

30 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1912

(It was Friday)

John W. Opp, new manager of Coast railroad, announces start of improvement on company's tracks near Jacksonville.

Oregon secretary of state reports that "over 100,000" automobiles are registered to Oregon residents.

40 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1912

(It was Sunday)

Cast of Roosevelt school play includes Edward Kelly, Gordon Kershaw, Isobel Stuart, Archie Pierce and George Jackson.

Porter J. Neff elected chairman of Jackson county Democratic central committee.

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Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Is It a Nose for News?

To the Editor: Complaint Dept. Daily we read of complaints of government, neighbors bees, smudge, hail protection, gang war brewing in our valley. There is a war going on in Korea, or maybe they haven't heard.

Our radios, papers cry daily for peace and, "Freedom is Everybody's Job." We should add two short lines to read as follows:

Freedom is everybody's job, BUT my freedom ends where your nose begins.

P.M., Jacksonville, (Name and address on file.)

Talent Farm Bureau

Center Meeting Set

A special meeting of the Talent Farm Bureau will be held Tuesday at the Valleyview Schoolhouse at 8 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and approve final forms of resolutions.

Everyone interested in Farm Bureau is welcome to sit in.

In the candidate "get acquainted" meeting, Thursday, May 1, 12 prospective candidates were present.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

America Is Everybody's Business

Carla McKeen, 18-year-old Medford high school senior, who authored the prize winning essay in the recent Veterans of Foreign Wars contest here, turned in a thoughtful and sincere appraisal of the privileges, and the duties and obligations of American citizenship.

IN ONE of the most pertinent paragraphs of her essay, Miss McKeen says in part:

"Education of the younger generation is their (the citizens) business, too. The children, who will some day be the voters of the nation, must know the principles of democracy, the reason for striving for the general good for the most people. . . ."

The V.F.W., by offering worthwhile prizes for essays on Americanism is, in a very practical way, encouraging the nation's young people to study their country's constitution, laws and history, and the duties of citizenship. That the V.F.W. effort is bearing fruit, especially in Medford, is attested by the large number of fine essays submitted each year.

In 1951, the local winner, Miss Martha Spatz, a Medford high school senior, placed third in the state judging, and the local winner in 1950, Miss Marilyn Malone, of St. Mary's high school, was second.

WE ARE pleased to publish here Miss McKeen's well written thesis and we believe it merits careful reading for she points to basic truths which all too many of us have forgotten or which for selfish reasons we choose to ignore.

America Is Everybody's Business

By Carla McKeen

Personal concern for America stirs the hearts and minds of people throughout the world. To them she represents freedom, brotherhood, and devotion. To her citizens she is all of this and more.

Take the man around the corner, for instance. He works on the daily paper. To him, America means politics, international and foreign policies, buying and selling, but especially people—good and bad—many people. They are his business.

Then, there is the fellow across the street. He just came home on leave from the army. He is a reserve called to active service. America is duty to him. It is having the will to fight for those principles for which he stands. It means sacrifice of some of his family life, or security, or maybe even of life itself. But it also means hope. Hope that his children will grow up in a better, more peaceful and understanding world—a united world. That is his business.

My next-door neighbor has a store. It is a small one, but it can be improved. He can watch it grow without fear of monopoly by big business or government control because America means free and private enterprise. He can work toward a goal, promoting business and increasing sales and profits. By improving himself he will help build the social heritage of our nation. That is his business.

Another of my neighbors, a traveling salesman, goes freely from one state into another. No passport is required; there are no customs officials. He carries his rights and privileges from his home state to every other state he visits. That is necessary in his business.

To my minister, America means freedom and opportunity. He may present God in his own way. No rules are set for him in this matter, for church and state are separate here in America. No one will interfere with his way of preaching. Other believers are tolerant of his religion just as he is of theirs. He is helping to improve America spiritually, morally. That is his business.

Each of these men has a different job. Each chose his own. He was not given a test to see for which job he was best suited to make a profit for the state. He did not have to follow his ancestors in whatever line of work they did. And generally he could work where and with whom he pleased. He was able to get a good education from the government for two years. Then the state offered assistance in higher education if he wanted it. The world was his. He could do what he wanted to do, get training in his field, and then choose his environment. This would be paradise to the masses in oppressed or down trodden countries but here it is the privilege of everyone.

Why do these men have such opportunities? Why has the government made such great strides in improving the lives of its citizens? Because the government IS the citizens. It is made up of these men I have mentioned; these are millions of other men and women.

The greatest privilege and most effective power of these people is their vote. It is their most important duty. Wise use of their vote will preserve the condition in which they now live for their children and future generations. It is up to these people to run the government unselfishly, for the benefit of the majority.

Education of the younger generation is their business, too. The children, who will some day be the voters of the nation, must know the principles of democracy, the reason for striving for the general good for the most people, and the result of a "loyalty lag," or the lack of enthusiasm or concern for the nation. Patriotism must be kindled in them when they are young so that no amount of propaganda against Americanism or no selfish ambition will douse the flame of love of country.

However, the duty does not end there. Americans cannot afford to sit back and say, "Isn't everything perfect?" Each loyal person must be aware of the faults in our system of government. Constantly changing conditions bring about the need for parallel changes in government. Methods become obsolete; some functions lose their usefulness, while the need for other governmental agencies and responsibilities arises.

It is the individual's job to make himself aware of conditions and strive for improvement and constant efficiency. While the citizen enjoys the benefits afforded him by the laws of the land, there are those laws he must be careful not to disobey. He has protection from countless potential harms. But many laws, enacted to further safeguard his life, health, and security are easily broken by thoughtlessness. It is the citizen's job to know the law, live within it, and respect it.

All this adds up to the discovery that the citizen is independent yet dependent. He is independent in his choice of surroundings, occupation, and his chance to improve himself but dependent on the American way of life, which affords him the tools for his independence. His economic, social, and spiritual stability are all based on the democratic principles to which this nation is dedicated.

The American is pledged to love his country; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies. THAT is everybody's business. —E.C.F.

More Control Urged For Flood Policies

Washington—(U.P.)—The National Wildlife Federation said Monday U.S. flood control policies should place greater emphasis on soil conservation and upland water control.

Federation President Claude D. Kelley, Atmore, Ala., said the only way to prevent the increasing floods is to prevent floods, he said. "They only treat the symptoms after the floods are a fact."

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"How long do you think it will take me to get over my pedestrian attitude?"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

Storm Warning

Washington—For the first time in a good many months, the storm warning is being officially displayed. The Kremlin has invited us to stop the business of making peace with Western Germany, and bringing an armed Western Germany into the Atlantic community, in order to begin discussing the reunion of Western Germany and the Soviet zone. We have refused and will continue to do so. Thus the Kremlin is expected to take the usual next step, which is to resort to naked terrorization.

The agreements granting substantial independence to Western Germany and giving German divisions a place in the new European army, are expected to be negotiated and signed in a matter of weeks. Thereafter these agreements must be ratified by the German, French and other Parliaments.

If the Kremlin follows the course now anticipated here, the implied threat of war will be used in order to prevent the completion of these agreements. Or if this proves impossible, then the attempt will be to frighten the French Chamber or German Bundestag out of ratifying the agreements.

As to what form the Kremlin's implied threat may take, thus far there is only speculation rather than solid evidence. Berlin is perhaps the most obvious arena for a drama of force and terror. The continued status of West Berlin as an island of freedom amid enslaved Eastern Germany, will become still more intolerable to the Soviets when a rearming Western Germany is integrated into a rearming Europe. Western Germany's independence and attachment to the free world will then contrast too sharply with Eastern Germany's subjection and attachment to the Soviet empire.

PREPARATIONS for a blockade of Berlin were put in hand by the Kremlin almost as soon as the old blockade was lifted. A railroad by-pass has now been constructed entirely around the city, so that Western forces in Berlin can no longer halt through railway traffic between the different parts of the Soviet zone. Separate power stations have been built in East and West Berlin.

In recent weeks, moreover, the always-present tension in Berlin has been noticeably increased. Leaders of the puppet government in the Soviet zone have belittled threats of force, if the West German rearmament project is not dropped. Not long ago, a mass attack on West Berlin was launched by the Free German Youth, which is the Soviet substitute for the Nazi Youth Movement. And in the last few days, an Air France airliner was attacked in flight by a Soviet jet fighter—quite probably intentionally and as a preliminary demonstration, according to the view widely held here.

On the other hand, full scale renewal of the blockade of Berlin will be an all but irrevocable act, openly and rather insistently inviting a war. It is still strongly believed that the Kremlin does not want war. Hence does not want to risk war. Hence American official opinion, while very far from ruling out Berlin as the main future storm center, inclines to the view that in Berlin the Soviets will content themselves with multiplying such episodes as the attack on the Air France airliner. Meanwhile, the real storm is rather expected to blow up in Vienna, if it occurs at all.

IN VIENNA also, there have been some warning incidents—interruptions of traffic between Soviet and Western zones of Austria and the like. The Western garrison of Vienna is weak. Vienna, like Berlin an island, is linked to Western Austria by only one highway. Far from possessing the excellent Berlin airfield, the Western allies are now

permitted to use only the small landing ground at Tulln, a good many miles out of the city in the Soviet zone. In short, a Vienna blockade would be a much easier project than a Berlin blockade.

Furthermore, if the extreme measure of blockade is rejected, Vienna offers the Soviets opportunities for all sorts of intermediate steps. There are many ways, in particular, of interfering with the Austrian government, ranging from suspension of its authority in the Soviet zone of Austria to kidnapping its leaders in Vienna. And the mere fact that no major ugliness has been attempted in Vienna since the war is thought to make the city a natural target.

Only the future can tell whether the storm warning that has now been raised here in Washington (as well as in London, Paris and Bonn) truly presages a storm. Equally, only the future will show what form the storm is to take, if it comes at all.

Various Soviet behavior symptoms have suggested trouble in Europe is on the way, but the Kremlin can quite easily change its mind at the last moment.

In a sense, moreover, the current gloomy predictions of the experts have their bright side. What is expected is not a true threat of war, but an imitation. After the roaring and drum-beating the experts think that the Kremlin will acquiesce in Western Germany's new status.

And after the haggling and the crises, the experts also think the new status of Germany will become a reality. If the next six weeks are nerve-racking, as they can well be, there will be a solid accomplishment to look forward to when the tension dies down.

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Jackson County Farm Notes

Pear Psylla Now Fully Developed Adults

The earliest pear psylla are now fully developed adults with wings and capable of flying from tree to tree to deposit eggs. This development of the pear psylla makes it important that growers complete this spray for psylla control as soon as possible.

Where only a portion of an orchard is sprayed, the psylla will develop in the unsprayed portion and will fly back through the orchard and reinfestation will result to such an extent that the earlier spraying would be almost a loss. The ability of the pear psylla to fly around makes it imperative that everyone with pear trees spray them for psylla control.

In the past, scattered pear trees were a hazard to neighboring orchards only if they were blighted. A few codling moths and scale developing in these trees would infest neighboring orchards, but growers were constantly spraying for control so the problem was not too serious. Psylla built up rapidly and sprays for control are special ones which are very expensive. In order to maintain control in the district it is important that all trees be sprayed at reasonably the same time.

Many home owners who are not equipped to spray may find it much more practical to remove the pear tree and use the spray money saved to buy the pears. The shade produced by the pear tree could be quickly replaced by one of the many fast growing small shade trees.

Time Right To Plant Seeds For Tender Plants

Warmer, frost-free weather is now approaching, so this would be a good time to plant the seeds of some of our more tender plants. These would include bush beans, melons, cucumbers and squash. Most of these plants are prolific and a few hills of them will keep an average family well supplied. You need not worry about planting melons, cucumbers and squash close together. Many people are afraid to do

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Today's political highlight: "At his news conference this morning, President Truman was asked what he thought of a report that Eisenhower is a sick man. He is not anything of the kind, the president said. Then he added that Eisenhower is as fine a man as ever walked."

That is Harry Truman at his best. And at his best he has many admirable personal qualities.

THE president added:

"Eisenhower is just beginning to find out what happens in politics, and the attacks on him now are mild."

I suppose that's true. If you doubt it, go back and re-read the story of Lincoln and the Civil War.

IN MY lifetime, I've known two remarkable men. It so happens that both of them lived in Eugene.

One was Mahlon Sweet. He was an automobile dealer. In a remarkable and entirely spontaneous demonstration, he was chosen as Eugene's first citizen. His death left a pall of sadness over his home city, and the fringes of the pall spread all over Oregon—for no one who had known him ever forgot him.

The other was Dr. Orville Waller, whose funeral I attended a few days ago. It was attended by people of ALL kinds. Upon the face of every mourner was the unmistakable mark of deep PERSONAL loss. Each face said plainly: "I will MISS this man. My life won't be quite the same without him."

In all the years I knew them, I never heard either of them say an unkind word about anybody. Yet they were firm, competent, able leaders and left an indelible mark on their community.

I'D LIKE to add that in their transactions with others these men followed, instinctively and quite unconsciously, the principles of the Golden Rule. They dealt with others as they would have wanted others to deal with them. The respect and confidence and deep affection in which they were held followed naturally.

It's too bad that more of us don't follow this precious rule of human conduct. This would be a better world if we did.

OREGON fast time note:

Eugene, Bend and Redmond joined the growing list of cities on daylight saving time Sunday. They voted the action, following the lead taken by Portland earlier in the week.

Several others, including Prineville and Salem, indicated they might switch to daylight time soon.

I STILL think daylight time, if we're going to have it, is one thing that should be handled by the federal government—along with foreign relations and national defense.

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Sawyer, getting ready for a news conference on the steel situation (including television re-

Stassen Not Expected To Defeat Taft Again In Ohio Primary Vote

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Robert A. Taft's presidential chances were badly damaged in Ohio's pre-convention primary four years ago this month.

Tuesday's primary in Ohio should tell another story. Now as in 1948, Taft is opposed by Harold E. Stassen.

Stassen amazed most politicians and angered some, including Taft, in 1948 by his invasion of the senator's home grounds presidential primary. It was an unusual maneuver, almost a foul in the unwritten political code.

The invasion paid off, however. Stassen won nine of Ohio's 53 delegates to the Republican convention. Taft's inability to sweep his own state was powerful ammunition for the managers of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's campaign for a second presidential nomination.

He's a good man, Dewey's men would say of Taft, adding always that the senator seemed to lack voter appeal. Couldn't even hold the delegate line in his own state, the Dewey managers would remark, and shake their heads in mock sorrow. Dewey, now! There was the Republican who would bring the voters to the polls. This story was effective.

Costs Nomination It could be argued with much reason that Taft actually lost the 1948 Republican nomination on primary day in his own state. That fact puts it up to the Taft organization in Tuesday's primary to knock Stassen right out of the ring. The loss of one or two Ohio delegates to Stassen would not amount to much in the tabulation of candidate strength now or later.

Failure by Taft to hold the Ohio line intact, however, would steam up the sizzling effort to frighten men and women from his bandwagon with stories that he lacks what it takes to at-

Leaking Air Mattress Startles Men in Korea

At the Front, Korea—(U.P.)—Cpl. Raymond H. Derouin, Providence, R. I., was attempting to sleep on his air mattress in a front line bunker when enemy artillery fire centered on the area.

Other soldiers in the bunker were startled by a loud hissing sound. Derouin said he pulled the plug from his mattress because "a fella can't get too close to the ground in a situation like this."

porters with their complicated set-up of flood lights and fancy cameras) orders a corned beef sandwich and a piece of custard to stay his appetite and fortify his system. Then he settles down to figure out what he's going to tell the newshounds.

His phone rings. It is his secretary. She tells him: "Mr. Sawyer, Mrs. Moses, the manager of the cafeteria, says you ought to have hot mince pie instead of the custard pie you have ordered."

"OK," Sawyer answered resignedly. "I'll have hot mince pie."

THAT'S another trouble with our federal government. Too many people are telling too many other people what they ought to have and what they ought not to have.

THRIFT note in the news:

Two dozen years ago King George VI of England was visiting a big London life insurance company. As a joke, he took out an insurance policy costing him the sum of ONE PENNY per week.

He kept up his premiums, and his heirs have just collected the sum of \$25.87 on the policy. During the 24 years, the king had paid in a total of \$14.

Not bad! Saving a little money regularly is NEVER bad.

lamb and offered it up. His blood had flowed out and with its blood, its life, for—"The life of the flesh is in the blood." Yes—"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain by the which he obtained witness that he was righteous—God testifying of his gift. And Abel, being dead, yet speaks." And You? Believe in God as offering Christ as the blood sacrifice for your sins and you also will come into eternal life.

A Seattle family wants you to know. See—Genesis 4th and Hebrews 11:4. BIBLE.—Adv.



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Meet the Candidates

Editor's note: This is one of a series of statements furnished by candidates for local office in the primary election May 16. They are being published by The Mail Tribune as a free service to the candidates, and for the information of readers wishing to inform themselves of candidates' positions relative to their candidacy.

BY W. P. TUCKER

Republican, for County Assessor

My decision to enter as Republican candidate for the office of assessor is based on past experience in the service of Jackson county. Eleven years budget experience as deputy county

W. P. TUCKER

clerk; seven years Justice of the Peace, together with nine years prior experience in the lumber industry, affords me the knowledge of county tax matters and justifies my candidacy for the position.

My policy in the past has been congenial and efficient cooperation with the public and that policy will be continued in the interest of the tax-payer.

Would Be Boss

Geo. N. Taylor

"Before Josie was two weeks old, she began to yell to get her own way." Sure, Mother. And now turn back to Cain and Abel, sons of Adam.

See Cain trying to get his own way. He offers God the fruit of the ground—wheat or vegetables, maybe—a n y a y bloodless sacrifice. This God rejected. But Abel, the other son, killed a

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