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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.

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From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Summer officially arrived yesterday and the first citizen got his knuckles barked by an electric fan.

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Primary election nominees include: Republicans—Frank Perl, coroner; George Carter, county clerk; William Briggs Jr., district attorney. Democrats—George Coddling, district attorney; Lewis Ulrich, county clerk.

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Medford citizens conduct "bundle day" to collect clothing for starving orphans in Near East.

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L. Niedermeyer purchases three lots on Fir street for \$10,500; plans to erect modern livery stable on site.

Butte Falls

Butte Falls — The annual Junior-Senior Prom was held May 16 in the high school gym. Decorations were in green and white, the school colors, with a wishing well at one end.

Next meeting of Mt. Pitt club will be Thursday evening, May 22 at the home of Mrs. Bruce Burton.

H. E. C. met last May 14 at the Mill Mar Ranch home of Mrs. Bruce Ringle.

Jess Rodgers, who was released from a Medford hospital recently, is now home and recovering nicely.

The Brookings Beavers beat the Butte Falls Loggers 7 to 1 in a practice game here Sunday.

Some out-of-towners here for the game were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Palmer and girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ellis and family from Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Greer and daughter from Medford visited Sunday at the home of Mrs. Greer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Arnold.

Miss Sandra Abbott from Medford spent the week-end here at the home of Marlene Casey.

Strange Indifference

Col. W. H. Paine came into the office a few days ago with a news story about preparations for Memorial Day, May 30. The Colonel, who has acted as coordinator of the plans for such observance here for as many years back as we can remember, remarked a bit wistfully that people seem to be growing less and less interested in the day which Americans set aside back in 1869 for honoring their war dead.

THE Colonel said he couldn't understand how such indifference has come about in recent years. It wasn't so many years ago that the Memorial Day procession was many blocks long, he recalled, with hundreds of veterans, of the Civil War, the Spanish War, and since 1917, with veterans of World War I, marching from the city park to the Bear creek bridge and later gathering in the park with the townspeople in general for the memorial program.

In more recent years only a handful of former soldiers and sailors have turned out with a few members of their respective auxiliary organizations.

INDEED, it is hard to explain for if we desired to pay honor to our war dead before World War II, there should be even greater and more general desire for such tribute today when so many more of our men are listed among those who did not return, and so many of our families know from personal experience the sorrow which war can bring.

MEMORIAL DAY is a day of remembrance, a day to remember that men have died and men are dying at this moment for this country. A tank sergeant writes from Korea: "The Chinks got through the lines, killed a guard then proceeded to a bunker where they shot ten men in their sleeping bags... when the papers say that there was only light action on the front—remember this story."

Memorial Day is a day of accounting. Someone is responsible—say for the death of these ten men. It is not as though ten units were stricken from a list. Each shot that was fired sheared its way through flesh and bone. Here are ten men who will not walk again on old remembered streets. Who among us is not in some way affected by their loss?

Memorial Day is a day of reckoning too, for we see young men making sacrifices in lives while the nation for the first time in history makes no comparable sacrifice on the home front.

Memorial Day is a day, finally, of resolve, a time when we should take stock of our thinking and resolve to give more in the way of homage and respect to those who have given all in defense of their country.

IT IS estimated by those in position to know about such matters that Jackson county now has over 10,000 living veterans. No one can hazard a guess as to the number of our soldier and sailor dead. That they are many we know for of the million Americans who have died in battle to establish and preserve these United States, this small community, this comparatively small segment of the whole has furnished, in every war, its full share of fighting men.

STRANGE, indeed, Colonel Paine, that so many of us still alive, have become so indifferent to the day set aside to render honor to our heroic dead. —E.C.F.

Iceless Reefer Car Tested

Mechanical refrigeration for railroad cars carrying fruit and vegetables may be just around the corner, according to an item in a recent issue of The Produce News, a New York publication with wide circulation in the produce industry.

ACCORDING to The Produce News, a small diesel engine, running on fuel oil, furnishes the motive power for the refrigerating mechanism. The unit requires only a small space in one end of the car, much less than the usual ice bunker, leaving additional space for payload.

Car temperatures are governed by a thermostat and the equipment is capable of maintaining the degree of cold within a span of minus five to plus 65.

A 50-FOOT test car containing 558 crates of celery—158 crates more than would have been possible with ice—reached New York in fine condition after being loaded at Sanford, Fla., it was stated.

Although mechanical refrigeration has been used in cars carrying quick-frozen foods, the celery test was said to have been the first with fresh vegetables. —E.C.F.

West Coast Flights In Normal Operation

Seattle — (U.P.) — West Coast airlines plans to resume normal operations Thursday and place in effect a new spring-summer schedule made possible by easing of government restrictions on the use of aviation gasoline.

Herb Tungate and Mrs. Florence Best, Sharon and Dennis spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kincaid, parents of Mrs. Tungate and Mrs. Best.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Trefren and daughter from Grants Pass visited relatives and friends here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Meadows spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Rodgers.

Jack Tungate, former Butte Falls resident, now living in Brookings, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Rain fell in Pittsburgh Wednesday for a record 14 straight days. There have been only three days this month it did not rain.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Something fairly durable this time—cast iron, gun metal, casehardened steel..."

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Her kisses are soft as a snow-tuft in the dewless cup of a redoubled rose, noiselessly falling.

Last year all records were broken for babies born in hospitals in the United States.

Women do not make good detectives. They talk too much and do not listen enough. So Dan Eisenberg, top man of one of the world's greatest private detective agencies, is reported to have observed.

City Officials Thanked To the Editor: This is to say thanks to Medford's mayor and councilmen for their decision to remain on standard time.

DREAM TEAM "Ed Delehanty may have been the greatest ball player of Irish descent, but Hans Wagner, the greatest of German descent, was also the greatest of any descent," writes a New Yorker.

As We Live... DR. ELIZABETH HURLOCK DAUGHTER'S CONDUCT CALLS FOR STRICTLY KEPT SET OF RULES

Parents of a teenager should decide what they think best for their own children and then make definite rules to govern the conduct of these teenagers.

LOS ANGELES: "It took an art dealer 30 minutes to convince customs officials that one of three bright-colored posters by famed French painter Henri Matisse ACTUALLY IS ART."

WOULD-BE VISITOR Shot as Burglar New York — (U.P.) — Young Mike Broderick couldn't sit down Wednesday because a clever neighbor was afraid of robbers.

JUDGE PAYS \$21 FINE For Traffic Violation Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Judge John D. Martin of the U.S. Court of Appeals paid a \$21 fine for running a red light.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: "Senator Taft of Ohio and Senator Ferguson of Michigan estimate that a constitutional amendment they propose would hold federal spending to about 25 billion dollars a year... It would prohibit the lawmakers from authorizing expenditures in excess of 25 per cent of the estimated national income, except for military spending and interest payments on the federal debt."

"In outlining the proposal to the senate, Taft said: 'We are convinced that we cannot maintain a free economy in the United States if we spend more than approximately 25 per cent of the national income on government of all kinds.'"

MUCH AS I would like to see government spending reduced, I think Mr. Taft and Mr. Ferguson are barking at the moon. As long as we the people continue to vote for spenders, the government will go on spending.

ORPINGTON, England: "The Orpington town council has sternly banned all jitterbug dancing in the town hall."

PRINEVILLE, Oregon: "The Oregon Cattlemen's association, meeting here last week, proposed that brand fees be raised or cattle and horses be taxed to provide funds for an expanded brand inspection program."

I EXPECT that's exactly what they mean. Cattlemen generally and Oregon cattlemen particularly are sound economic thinkers and haven't much use for government subsidies.

ON THE subject of subsidies, the cattlemen are evidently in agreement with these stanzas from Lydia Huntly Sigourney's poem, The Camel's Nose:

Through the open window's space Behold, a camel thrust his face. "My nose is cold," he meekly cried, "Oh, let me warm it by thy side."

To evil habit's earliest wile Lend neither ear nor glance nor smile— Choke the dark fountain ere it flows, Nor e'en admit the camel's nose.

IT MIGHT be added that the potato men admitted the camel's nose in the form of a government subsidy to maintain a floor under prices and eventually the camel more or less crowded them out of house and home with a government ceiling on prices.

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That's one time when I find I can agree with government officials.

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Enlarged Columbia River Power System Seen Need by 1960

Portland — (U.P.) — A Columbia river power system capable of producing 7,000,000 kilowatts by 1960, five times present capacity, will be needed unless national defense production is curtailed, according to the Bonneville Power Administration.

The BPA, in its 1952 advance program for defense, estimated regional power requirements would be 750,000 kilowatts of new generating power capacity each year for the next 10 years if existing power deficiencies are met and if load growth is provided for.

Schedule Key Factor Key factors in meeting power needs, the BPA report said, are completion on schedule of dams now under construction, additional needed projects in the Columbia and Snake river basins, fuel fired plants and Oregon-Idaho and Oregon-California transmission inter-connections.

"The Pacific Northwest faces an estimated regional average deficit during this year's 1952-53 draw-down period of over 800,000 kilowatts, including inter-

ruptible sales, or more than the output of Bonneville dam," BPA Administrator Paul J. Raver said. "The full output of McNary dam would barely take care of our present deficit and other federal dams now under construction will be adequate only to take care of load growth."

Raver said that only through the new project will BPA be able to serve any new industrial or defense loads.

The current defense generation schedule of 7,000,000 kilowatts by 1960 was recommended by BPA, the Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers.

Raver said the Ice Harbor dam was the most urgently needed of the project authorized but not under construction. Hells Canyon dam also is important in helping meet Northwest power needs: Raver said.

In addition to increased industrial needs, the BPA administrator said increases in power will be needed for residential and farm use, commercial and small industrial consumers and federal agency loads.

British Concerns in China Throw in Towel

By PHIL NEWSOM United Press Foreign Analyst British business concerns in China are throwing in the towel.

The first result is that they will abandon assets and withdraw unprofitably at nearly one billion dollars. The final result may spread well beyond the borders of Red China, and in fact become world-wide.

The news must have sent a shiver of apprehension through Hong Kong, the British crown colony standing at the gateway to China.

It must have caused serious discussion in Tokyo where it would be realized that the diversion of British commercial energies from China would give the Japanese serious competition in the markets of Thailand, Indo-China, Indonesia, Burma and India.

It must have brought a grim victory smile in Moscow and Peking. Conversely, it could bring about even closer cooperation between the United States and Britain in Asia.

Greater Cleavage Seen In Britain itself it could foreshadow an even greater cleavage between the Conservative forces of Prime Minister Winston Churchill and the left-wing Laborites led by Aneurin Bevan who have favored close relations with the Communist countries.

At any rate, British business has found out the hard way that a free enterprise system cannot operate under Communist rule.

So the British will salvage what they can and get out, abandoning 100 years of effort.

What they get out with won't be much.

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CIRCUIT COURT Ted L. Pearson vs. Eleanor L. Pearson, divorce complaint and decree.

Eddie H. Barden vs. Dorothea Barden, divorce complaint and decree.

Betty Grumbo vs. William Grumbo, divorce decree.

James F. Riley vs. Rena Estill Riley, divorce complaint and decree.

Helen Marie Hostetter vs. Ernest Clifton Hostetter, divorce decree.

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