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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 26, 1942. Graduation exercises scheduled at Medford senior high school; class includes 98 girls and 96 boys.

20 YEARS AGO: May 26, 1932. Jackson county casts 1,003 votes for Franklin D. Roosevelt for Democratic nominee for president in primary elections; Alfred E. Smith gets only 22 votes.

30 YEARS AGO: May 26, 1922. More than 1,000 chickens killed in ranch fire near Medford; damages estimated at \$1,500.

40 YEARS AGO: May 26, 1912. Chester A. Arthur post, Grand Army of the Republic, and Spanish-American war veterans discuss plans for large Memorial day program.

Local resident escapes from holdup man on Jacksonville-Central Point road when his team becomes frightened and runs away.

New Britain, Conn. — (U.P.) — Stanley Gworek, a policeman, doubled in brass as a fireman. He spotted a parked automobile on fire, dashed into a nearby store for a fire extinguisher and put out the blaze.

NOTED engineer, Karl P. Billner, Philadelphia, reveals Stalin medal for 1951 was awarded Red engineer for "inventing" concrete processing method invented and turned over by Billner to Soviets in 1944 under lend lease. (International Soundphoto)

Good News for This Region

Announcement that the Medford Veneer and Plywood corporation has started construction of a large plywood fabrication plant at the White City industrial site northeast of Medford is good news for this region. In addition to a generous increase in the valley's payroll—around 150 men will be employed—the installation will bring other benefits of a substantial nature.

The fact that this latest business venture has been organized by Medford men and that the \$400,000 plant will be financed almost entirely by local investors, is also good news.

THERE is further cause for satisfaction in the new company's decision to locate its manufacturing plant in the White City area. Too much of the valley's prime agricultural land is now being occupied by lumbering and other industrial plants which, in many cases, could function just as well on less desirable ground.

THE White City area, carved out of the former Camp White reservation, is gradually taking on the appearance of a really important industrial section. Installations there now represent in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000 and there are reports that major additions may be made in the not distant future.

If plans of the Medford Veneer and Plywood corporation are carried out that plant alone will ultimately require large additions for production of hardwood veneer plywood and plywood utilizing impregnated plastic faces and other newly developed methods of using lower grades of veneer.

IT HAS long been realized that every effort possible should be made to secure more lumber manufacturing plants, particularly remanufacturing, in order that greater and more diversified use may be made of our principal raw product—timber—and it is encouraging to see local interests backing such development with their money.—E.C.F.

G.P. Has Plans Also

While we're on the subject of industrial expansion, it might be interesting to note that this portion of the Rogue valley is not alone in enjoyment of such progress.

PROMOTERS of Rogue Hardboard, Inc., a Grants Pass corporation, are planning to raise the capitalization of that concern from the present \$5,000 to \$1,000,000 preparatory to building a plant there which would utilize waste products from mills in the vicinity.

Construction of the new mill, on the site of the old golf course east of Grants Pass, is expected to start as soon as half of the million dollar capitalization has been raised.

A special meeting of the stockholders has been called for next Wednesday to pass on the proposal.—E.C.F.

Viewpoints Differ

One of the interesting phases of the recent election was the conflicting size-up of candidates as given in the editorial columns of the various newspapers of the state.

For instance, anyone perusing the dailies which came to The Mail Tribune's "exchange" desk during the campaign learned from the Bend Bulletin that:

"A good many central Oregonians saw and heard Estes Kefauver yesterday. They found him a man of somewhat austere appearance and with none of the magnetism that does so much for a candidate. . . . he seemed a bit awkward and confused in conversation following his short talks. There was no life, no vivacity."

TO KLAMATH FALLS people, however, the democratic aspirant from Tennessee appeared a different person entirely. As reported by the Herald and News:

"Some who went to see Kefauver when he was here . . . said that he is just like his fellow senator, Wayne Morse . . . (with) charming manner and remarkable stage presence."

When Mule Creek Votes

Jackson county has a few far corners which present something of a problem for election returns gatherers, but for real isolation the little Mule Creek community in Curry county is probably unique in the whole nation.

To get the Mule Creek ballots—all 15 of them—after the recent primary election, Sheriff Glenn R. Sabin and his deputy, W. W. Smith had to travel from Brookings, the county seat, south on the Coast highway to Crescent City, Calif., thence east over the Redwood highway to Grants Pass and then down the Rogue river to Marial.

The officers learned that on May 6, the residents of the Mule Creek region received the first delivery of second class mail since December 24. First class mail deliveries had been somewhat more frequent, the letters having been hiked in afoot twice a month throughout the winter.—E.C.F.

Trail Boy Fourth Place Marble Winner

Portland—Bennie Walls, Trail, was fourth place winner in the "B" classification of the state marble tournament held here Saturday.

He was the only Rogue valley boy to place in the state finals. Walls was winner of the Upper Rogue Marble tournament, sponsored by Steelhead post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at Shady Cove.

State champion of the contest, sponsored jointly by the VFW and Young Oregonians, was Sonny Myrick, 13, Molalla, who will go to Durham, N.C., for the national tournament.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"The price is right, but we'd better give it some more thought. The farmer says he's discouraged—wants to sell and go back to the city."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

THOSE THINGS LEFT UNDONE

Washington — Secretary of State Dean G. Acheson has just flown to Europe, to put the semi-final touches to a grand design. The new status of Germany; the German contribution to western defense; the European army which so hopefully foreshadows a larger European union—these are great achievements. Or rather, they will be great achievements if the signed agreements are ratified by the French and German Parliaments.

Unfortunately these European successes cannot offset the failures of our policy in other regions. In the Middle East and Southeast Asia, there are no urgent crises at the moment, to occupy the headlines and force the policy makers to reach decisions. But in both areas, there is the same pattern of dreary deterioration, with much the same causes, and with the same threat of catastrophe ahead.

As any newspaper reader will remember, the trouble in the Middle East began with the oil crisis in Iran; spread thence to Egypt and has now transferred itself to French North Africa. A decisive effort might have stopped the Iranian oil crisis at the outset. There was no such effort, since Britain and America were divided as to what should be done.

TODAY, the picture in each of the three trouble centers is decidedly ugly. In Iran, the regime of the aged Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh has bankrupted the country. There is no cash left to pay the army or maintain the pensions of the tens of thousands of unemployed oil workers. Hence Mossadegh may fall. Yet there is little reason to believe that the fall of Mossadegh will be the prelude to an oil settlement. And nothing but an oil settlement which will replenish the depleted treasury with oil revenues can save Iran from some sort of final crack-up.

Equally, the British and Egyptians have now broken off their talks about control of the Suez canal and the presence of the British garrison at Suez. These two issues have already caused the whole center of Cairo to be burned by the mobs. A failure to settle them is like a failure to de-fuse a bomb.

Finally, the French are now engaged in a violent struggle with native nationalism in Tunisia, and the unrest is spreading to Morocco. The situation in French North Africa might become more manageable, if the sources of infection were removed by settlements in Egypt and Iran. As matters stand, things are likely to go from bad to worse in this area which now contains our most important overseas air bases.

In Southeast Asia, the outlook is still more ominous. In Burma, the Communists have united, are making alliances with the dissident tribesmen and are directly threatening the feeble and distracted central government. In Malaya, the British have yet to make any solid progress in their costly, bloody struggle against the Communist guerrillas. And in Indo-China, the war against the Communist armies of the Viet-Minh continues without interruption, and exhausting the resources that France needs for Europe.

IN ALMOST any one of all these countries, a quite casual accident will be enough to produce a full-scale catastrophe. In the case of Indo-China, for example, the French people are increasingly hostile to the war there, and increasingly worried about having to keep the bulk of their armed forces in the Tongking delta while Germany re-arms across the Rhine. At any moment, another reshuffle of the French Cabinet can produce a government unwilling to carry on the Indo-China war. And then the choice will lie between filling the vacuum ourselves, or seeing all of Southeast Asia go the way of China.

Meanwhile the American policy makers, while deeply worried and spasmodically active, have never seriously attempted to take the one absolutely essential step. This step is, simply, to forge a working unity of policy and action in both the Middle East and Southeast Asia among this country, Britain and France.

The present haphazard approach is bound, eventually, to lead to catastrophe somewhere. But catastrophe may still be warded off by the united and determined efforts of the three great Western powers with interest and influence in these troubled regions.

There are all sorts of reasons for the present disunity. Both the British and French have sometimes been remarkably short-sighted. The Americans have been naturally reluctant to extend this country's already over-vast commitments. Everyone has made bad mistakes. Equally, there are all sorts of shadings. In Southeast Asia, there is something approaching day-to-day unity by consultations, but there is no agreement on a common plan to bring the troubles there within bounds. In the Middle East, there is no unity at all.

Achieving unity will of course place additional burdens on this country, since every increase of responsibility carries an increase of burden. But when this country again possesses an administration capable of creative and decisive action, the effort will have to be made and the burden will have to be shouldered. A foreign policy that solves only European problems is not good enough, in a world in which all problems are inextricably intertwined.

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4 Car Accidents Listed in County Over Week-End

Four automobile accidents occurred in the county over the week-end, according to state police.

Three occupants of a car which hit the rear of a grader one mile north of Central Point Saturday afternoon were treated for slight cuts, according to Community hospital attendants.

State police said that the car, driven by Oneal Ross, Rogue River, was traveling south on Highway 99 and ran into the back of a parked grader with damage resulting to the grill and windshield of the car and none to the grader. The two passengers in the car were Lorena Lewis and Corinne Ross, according to the police.

The occupants were taken to the hospital by Conger-Morris ambulance.

Early Saturday, a car driven by Ned Barraclough, 829 Beekman street, Medford, and a pickup driven by Vernon V. Rasmussen, 308 Garfield street, Medford, collided on Highway 99 near the county hospital south of Phoenix, police records showed. Both vehicles sustained minor damage, but no one was hurt, the report indicated.

Another Saturday accident occurred near Talent, involving cars driven by Richard Hunt and Ila M. LeBrun, both Ashland, police said. Minor damage to the cars was listed.

Sunday afternoon a car driven by V. B. Blickenstaff, Crescent City, went out of control on Highway 99 near Birdseye creek south of Rogue River, injuring the driver and a passenger, Philip Evanoff, also Crescent City, police reported. They were taken to Josephine General hospital, police said. Blickenstaff was thought to have suffered a broken shoulder, and the passenger cuts on the leg.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As these words are written, there appears to be nowhere in the world any news that goes BANG! I'm inclined to regard that as a good sign. I wish we could have about 50 years more of such days.

IN ENGLAND yesterday, Prime Minister Churchill's Conservatives won the first tests of their election pledge to undo parts of the previous Labor government's nationalization program. They defeated by a 24-vote margin a Labor party resolution attacking DE-nationalization as a "return to wasteful competition."

The house of commons then adopted a government motion to return to private ownership the nationalized long-distance trucking industry.

THAT means that in England (for the moment, at least) they are TURNING AWAY from socialism. In this country, we're STILL MOVING TOWARD socialism.

OUR MOST decisive move toward socialism was President Truman's seizure of the steel industry when it refused to accept his government-ordered increase in wages without an offsetting increase in prices. If that had gone through, its ultimate result would have been refusal on the part of individuals to invest any more money in steel stocks. If private investors won't buy steel securities there can be no more expansion in the steel industry.

We have to have steel, so the next move would have been NATIONALIZATION, with the government providing the money for expansion and modernization. That is socialism.

THE STEEL mess is now in the courts. But what the courts do won't in itself stop our present trend. That can be stopped only by electing a President and a congress who are AGAINST socialism and will pass and ENFORCE laws that will STOP it. We'll know more about socialism in America after the fourth day of next November.

THERE'S an intriguing tale on the wires today about a \$42-a-week messenger-handyman in Chicago who was big-hearted with money. He liked to GIVE IT AWAY to people.

He gave \$10,000 to a saloon-keeper whose house wasn't as good as it might have been. "Your kids will like their home better," he said to the bar boss, "if you'll fix it up."

To another friend, he shelled out \$9,650 one day as a friendly gesture. "You aren't well enough dressed," he said to the guy. "Go out and get yourself some good clothes."

To another friend he gave \$5,000 to pay off the mortgage on his home and to pay for an operation he needed badly.

WONDERFUL? We ought to have more people like that? Well, there's a catch to it.

It seems that he was tapping the boss's till for the money. It came out when he was arrested that the total amount he had taken from the till for his philanthropies came to \$34,300.

The boss didn't share his employee's enthusiasm for philanthropy and appears to have squealed like a stuck pig when he found out what had been going on.

IT'D LIKE to add a word here about this boss and his departed \$34,300. Anybody as careless as that with the firm's money not only deserves to lose but ought to be hauled before a morals court and given a stiff sentence for CORRUPTING HIS EMPLOYEES by putting temptation in their way.

A WORD more: This poor devil will probably be sent to jail for giving other people's money away — and we'll all applaud. In our private affairs, we don't like such things. If he had been a POLITICIAN, we'd probably send him back to congress or maybe elect him President for giving other people's money away.

We the voters are an inconsistent lot, aren't we?

COP HAS EAGLE EYE

Gibson City, Ill.—(U.P.)—D. C. Jacobus of Milwaukee, Wis., wrote to local police asking that they search for a trinket his wife had lost while on a picnic in a Gibson City park. The trinket was a gold pin. Police Officer Elmer Sawyer found the pin and mailed it to Jacobus.

San Francisco has a total of 27,031 street lights in operation.

Enemy Forces Win Propaganda Battle Over Koje Incident

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington — (U.P.) — The Communists won the propaganda battle over the Koje island general-snatching.

Military morale was hurt by the blunders of two brigadier generals. They were Francis T. Dodd, who was kidnapped by the prisoners, and Charles F. Colson, who made concessions to free him instead of rescuing by force. Both have been broken to colonel, a personal tragedy difficult for a civilian to understand.

Concessions Disavowed

Gen. Mark W. Clark was compelled to disavow the concessions made by Colson for Dodd's release. That was a necessary repudiation. But it is difficult to defend in the propaganda war of words. The Communists are making hay with that one.

The Communists consistently outsmarted the American brass with a series of deceptive plays which our side will be a long time explaining away.

Order Not Executed

The fact that Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's direct and plain order for the use of force in freeing Dodd was not executed remains still to be explored by the Army's department of fuller explanation.

Communist propagandists will exploit all of this and do it smartly. Better than a propaganda triumph for them was the

decision just announced by Clark to build new enclosures to hold the prisoners in smaller groups.

There are about 80,000 POW's in the big Koje island stockade now and, at one time, there were as many as 132,000. United Nations officials agreed with protesting Red Cross investigators that the stockade is much too large. But the more stockades erected for dispersal of prisoners, the more soldiers necessary to guard them. Five United States and one other battalion were on guard duty when Dodd was snatched. Senate investigators say there are 14,000 U. N. security forces there now.

These could not easily be spared from combat duty. More battalions will have to be withdrawn from the line to police more stockades.

United States troops displaced Republic of Korea troops around the Koje island stockade months ago because ROK guards were shooting prisoners who jeered through the barbed wire. Very serious consideration is being given now to putting the ROK guards back on duty.

If so, American guards would return to combat. ROK guards would resume shooting prisoners. Communist propagandists would obtain new material — and, perhaps, punish United Nations prisoners in their stockades.

Congressional Quiz

Questions and Answers on What Goes on at the Capital. Furnished by Congressional Quarterly News Features.

Q—Will I have to sell "brand name" merchandise in my store at prices set by manufacturers if the "fair trade" bill becomes law?

A—It depends on your state's laws. The bill passed May 8 by the House was designed to re-establish the laws in 45 states which permit a manufacturer and retailer to agree on minimum prices which would apply to all retailers, regardless of whether they signed the agreements. The Supreme Court ruled a year ago that the states lacked authority for such laws.

Q—What's the "lobby lineup" on "fair trade" legislation?

A—"Fair traders" leading the fight for legislation binding all retailers to price agreements on "brand name" products are the American Fair Trade Council and the National Association of Retail Druggists. "Free traders," opposing such legislation, include the Farm Bureau, the National Grange, the CIO and drug and department stores in New York City, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Florida.

Q—Has Congress looked into whether the International Materials Conference is giving U.S. manufacturers their fair share of scarce raw materials?

A—Eight Republican House members headed by Rep. Antoni N. Sadiak, (Conn.), investigated IMC and reported May 4 that the international group which regulates the flow of materials throughout the free world was a "super-cartel" which is "short-changing" the U.S. in copper. It said unemployment in certain industries resulted from copper and other shortages "largely traceable" to the IMC.

Q—What's the idea of the "group libel" law?

A—Four New York Congressmen—Reps. Javits (R), Keogh (D), Klein (D) and Powell (D)—who May 5 introduced bills to make it illegal to defame maliciously any race or religious class, said the legislation was aimed at "dishonest purveyors of defamatory matter" and contained "effective protection for freedom of speech." No one who could prove his statements true or that he "honestly believed" them true on reasonable grounds could be convicted.

Q—Any action on the bill to enforce mine safety rules?

A—The Senate May 7 passed by voice vote the bill which would authorize federal mine inspectors to require mine owners to order miners from unsafe areas. It also would make a mine owner's refusal to comply a felony. Before approving the bill the Senate adopted an amendment by Everett M. Dirksen, (R, Ill.), to let mines resume operations after correcting unsafe conditions if federal officials

Experiments are being conducted with California obsidian for use as high-grade optical glass.

Medford Students Win Willamette Awards

Several Medford students at Willamette university, Salem, were among the 41 who were awarded scholarships or prizes at the annual awards assembly May 22 at the university, according to a news release from there.

Keith Mirick received the Annie M. Barrett Memorial scholarship and also was tapped for membership in the Sigma Alpha Chi, sophomore men's service honorary fraternity. Will Cooney was awarded the Roy H. Simmons prize; Herbert James Brower was given the home scholarship awarded by Associated Women students, and Jean Arden Kyle was given the second award of the Paul H. Doney prize.

cial haven't started an inspection within five days.

Q—If a dispute develops between my company and the union speaking for my workers, will the Wage Stabilization Board automatically step in?

A—No. WSB can take up disputes only by agreement of the firm and union or upon certification by the President when he believes the dispute threatens national defense. As an aftermath of the steel dispute, a House committee May 6 began an investigation of WSB and a Senate Committee May 13 urged the Board be stripped of authority to recommend wage dispute settlements.

Q—How did the Wage Stabilization Board get into the strike settling business?

A—As originally set up in 1950 under the Defense Production Act, WSB's job was to help develop wage stabilization policy. WSB was re-constituted April 21, 1951, and given jurisdiction in labor disputes in defense industry where collective bargaining or federal mediation had failed. The Senate Banking committee recommended May 13 that WSB be revamped again, without the disputes function.

Q—What's being done to help people in crowded defense areas get adequate housing?

A—The Senate Banking and Currency Committee May 5 began hearings on a bill to increase by \$1.3 billion the government authority to make advance commitments to handle housing mortgages in the absence of private capital. The Housing and Home Finance Agency chief testified for the bill, but a Mortgage Bankers association witness opposed it, suggesting that interest on government-insured home loans be hiked to encourage handling of loans by private investors.

Q—Can I get any government help in obtaining insurance to protect me in case my farm gets flooded again?

A—President Truman May 6 asked Congress to establish a national system of flood disaster insurance for homes, businesses and farms. He proposed a maximum of \$250,000 insurance for one person or business. The government would issue policies only where private insurance was unavailable at reasonable rates.

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After To-Day

Geo. N. Taylor. This age is to end when God has completed his roll-call of the saved. All in a flash, the curtain is to drop. The Lord Jesus is to descend from heaven with

a shout and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then his still living shall be caught up together with them and, says the Bible — "So shall we ever be with the Lord." See 1st Thess. 4:13-17.

Next, with the saved gone, comes the great tribulation. Awful signs like the oceans turning putrid like dead blood. And except those who would be left alive on the earth. This present day is the day of salvation. May you believe in Christ as the Lord and Saviour who died for your sins. So you have eternal life. Vast blessings for you out of God's love. So says the Oregon family that sponsors this space.

—Edv.