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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

June 2, 1942
(It was Tuesday)
Almost 500 job seekers swamp sheriff's offices after he announces he will need "from 15 to 20" men for special guard duty.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The weekend holiday death toll was the lowest in years. Water caused more tragedies than gasoline and poor diving more accidents than bomb driving.

20 YEARS AGO

June 2, 1922
(It was Thursday)
Medford barbers reduce price of haircut to 35 cents for children 14 years of age and younger.

Two Medford girls first in this area to receive tickets for the 1932 Olympic games, to be held in Los Angeles.

30 YEARS AGO

June 2, 1922
(It was Friday)
Chapter of the Sanity League of America, dedicated to repeal of the Volstead act and to allow manufacture of light wines and beer under government control, formed in Medford.

Strike of prisoners in Jackson county jail ends in few hours when inmates placed on bread and water rations.

40 YEARS AGO

June 2, 1912
(It was Sunday)
Balloon ascension and parachute jump performer at carnival appearing here injured slightly when he lands astride a fence at Ninth and Ivy streets.

Medford police chief orders arrests to determine validity of state law requiring all automobiles to have licenses.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name of initial for publication is permissible.

Thanks For Help

To the Editor: I wish to extend my sincere thanks to those who helped make the Memorial service at Camp White Domiciliary on Friday morning May 30th, such a beautiful tribute to the veterans who passed away there, since last Memorial Day.

Paul G. Olsen, Rt. 1, Box 225, Eagle Point, Oregon.

Strange Stories Told

In Invasion of Mice
Edmonton, Alta. — (U.P.) — Strange stories come to light as Alberta rode out its worst invasion by field mice in recent history.

One farmer, Elmer Emerson, discovered his pet cat was missing. Several days later it was found dead beside a mouse-infested stack of grain.

Shrine Conclave Huge Affair

Medford and surrounding towns will be literally bursting at the seams come next May when the Pacific Northwest Shrine association holds its annual convention here. According to E. C. (Jerry) Jerome of Medford, newly elected president of the association, around 5,000 Shriners—enough to reach from here to Central Point, marching four abreast—are expected to attend.

THE Pacific Northwest Shrine association is made up of fourteen temples, located in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, British Columbia and Alberta. Each temple has its own colorfully garbed marching, musical or mounted unit and it is no wonder that the parades attract such throngs for such pageantry and display is seldom seen elsewhere.

IN ORDER to house the conventioners, their relatives and friends, Jerome and his committeemen plan to arrange parking for several trains of Pullman cars at Camp White. All hotels, motels and other stopping places in the area from Grants Pass to Ashland will also be called upon to furnish lodgings.

The feeding problem will likewise be undertaken on a huge scale with part of the meals furnished from a circus tent outfitted with a battery of stoves and hundreds of tables.

LOOKING at the matter from a somewhat commercial angle, the convention is expected to enrich the community by some \$300,000 to \$500,000, estimated as the total outlay by such a large number of visitors.

It is pointed out that in addition to the time spent at the convention, most of the visitors will take the opportunity to visit points of interest in this part of southern Oregon and northern California which will also account for considerable additional spending.—E.C.F.

To List County's Dead

One of the more interesting and constructive projects to be undertaken in Jackson county in recent years was announced last week by Crater Lake chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

The job they have undertaken is nothing less than making a catalogue of each of the many cemeteries in Jackson county, listing the grave of each person who has died and been buried here in the more-than-100-year history of the county.

SUCH a catalogue will be a valuable addition to the mass of historical material concerning the county, and should prove a fruitful source of information for those making a study of Oregon history, or those attempting to trace family genealogies.

There is something fascinating about old cemeteries. We have known many people who make a part-time hobby of visiting them, just to read the inscriptions on the the weathered grave markers, and to get a taste of the past at first-hand.

The Jacksonville cemetery and the Log Town cemetery are probably the best-known of the older burying places in the county. But a simple listing of the places where the county's pioneers buried their dead makes interesting reading.

FOR instance, how many knew that there are nearly 20 cemeteries in the county? That there are five in and around Ashland alone? And that scattered around the county are a few known, and perhaps several unknown, family plots?

Some of these which have already been catalogued are the Ashland, Hargadine, Hill-Dunn, Mt. View and Wells cemeteries in and around Ashland; Butte Falls cemetery; the IOOF cemeteries in Jacksonville and Medford, and a four-grave plot of the Benson family near Meadows.

Still remaining to be listed are those at Rock Point, Antioch, Antelope near Eagle Point, Shady Cove, Brownsboro, Stearns at Talent, Trail, Rogue River, Griffin Creek, and Siskiyou Memorial park in Medford.

THE local project is part of a state-wide job the DAR has undertaken, and members of the local chapter have asked help of all those who know of other cemeteries or burial places in the county.—E.A.

Jet Pilots May Grow Prematurely Gray

Sydney, Australia — (U.P.) — Jet pilots may run the risk of going prematurely gray. That's what the men who fly Royal Australian Air Force jet planes are saying after they found some RAAF jet flyers in their early thirties were getting gray hair.

Crosstown



"I wish I could play faster. Four holes is about all I have time for between the luncheon dishes and picking the kids up from school."

Matter of Fact

ISSUES IN TEXAS
Dallas — What has happened here in the Republican party in Texas confronts the national Republican party with two of the gravest issues it has had to face in many years. Indeed, the lower one works to sort out the impressions left by the incredible Texas Republican convention at Mineral Wells, the bigger and uglier and more important these issues come to seem.

Congressional Quiz

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

Q—I live in the "country." Are people in rural areas as well represented in Congress as "city slickers?"

A—Better. In general, urban areas continue to be under-represented while rural areas are over represented, both in the two-party states and in the one-party South. For example, in New York state, 18 of the 25 New York City and Buffalo districts are larger than the national average (344,846), while in the rest of the state all but one district have fewer people than average.

Q—Is the "gerrymander" still around?

A—Yes. Massachusetts' original 1812 rambling distorted "gerrymander" Congressional district—the term combined the governor's name with the district's salamander shape—has its modern counterparts. The New York legislature, for example, last year carved up six Brooklyn districts to fashion one that would "elect a Republican from Brooklyn to Congress."

Q—Is there evidence of a let-up in the threat of Russian aggression?

A—None which would justify a slackening in the U. S. defense effort, according to the House Foreign Affairs Committee in a Mt. I report. "Large Soviet forces, fully mobilized, are ready in East Germany and elsewhere to attack at a moment's notice," it said.

Q—Are lobbies spending more than ever?

A—In 1951, for the first time since enactment of the 1946 Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act, reported spending failed to increase. The approximately 300 organizations filing the reports required by law said they spent \$9,488,099.39 in 1951, according to a Congressional Quarterly study. In 1950, the figure came to \$10,303,204—twice the \$5,058,337 reported in 1947.

Q—What group spent the most in 1951, according to reports filed in compliance with the lobbying law?

A—The American Farm Bureau Federation spent most—\$1,595,815.74 for all purposes, including an unspecified amount for legislative activity. The Committee for Constitutional Government reported spending \$773,957.59 and the American Medical association, \$450,372.57, both for legislative activity.

Twenty-three groups reported spending more than \$100,000 last year, for a total of \$6,162,979.07.

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In the Day's News

By FRANKIE JENKINS
Our chief delegate at the truce negotiations accuses the communists of blocking a Korean armistice out of disappointment that so few red war prisoners want to go home.

I WISH I could believe that, but I can't. I fear the communies are happier than kittens over this whole truce business.

WHY shouldn't they be happy? They yelled "King's ax" when we were running them ragged in Korea last summer, and in the nearly a year that has intervened since then they have built up their strength to such a point that we now have to admit that the best we can hope to do is to hold our own.

IN Tokyo, U. N. officers in a position to know what they are talking about say the communies have a force of just under a million men that is capable of mounting an offensive in Korea WITHOUT WARNING.

ACCORDING to the best figures obtainable by us out-

side, about ONE FIFTH of our total military strength is tied down in Korea. Korea is a long way from us. It is only over a shallow river from communist China.

THE war in Korea is bungle- some and costly for us, for we have to ship men and arms and supplies clear across the wide Pacific whereas Korea is right in the communies' back yard. From the standpoint of logistics, it is duck soup for the Reds but a pain in the neck for us.

ANOTHER point: Rightly or wrongly, we have chosen Europe as the battleground between communism and freedom. It is IN EUROPE that we have committed ourselves to bring the bulk of our strength to bear.

IF I WERE a communist big shot, I think I'd feel that in first sucking us into a war in Asia, and then, when we were winning, trapping us into a truce that enabled them to escape defeat and later build up their forces to the point of overwhelming numerical superiority, I had cut a fat hog.

BY THE WAY, who knows the origin of the phrase "king's ax"? Or is it "king's ex"? All I know about it is that when I was a kid back in the cornfields we'd yell "king's ax" when we got in a tight place in a game and the other side would then have to lay off us until we could get reorganized. It certainly came in handy when you got in a tight hole.

THEY don't in the Democratic party in Texas either. This peculiar explanation—that tramping on popular majorities was just an old local custom, like yodelling or tossing the caber—was nicely annotated by the State Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Burk West. Mrs. West admitted that the pro-Eisenhower faction "did comply with the law to some extent."

Such are the men and women who organized the steal of the Texas Republican delegation, with the on-the-spot encouragement of Taft national managers David Sinton Ingalls and Brazilla Carroll Reece. The second issue raised by this steal ought to transcend even the issue of common honesty in politics, at least in the eyes of those practical-minded Republicans who would like to win an election for a change.

THIS REPORTER cannot, of course, gauge groundswells here in Texas, but the political experts of the leading Texas newspapers, who were all gathered at Mineral Wells, may be considered impartial and sound judges. These experts were unanimous on several points. First, Texas wants to get rid of the Democrats in Washington, and this sentiment entered very largely into the Eisenhower surge. Second, the Eisenhower surge here was a true popular movement, as is evidenced by the fact that in the biggest counties, more people turned out for Eisenhower at the Republican precinct meetings than attended the Democratic precinct meetings.

Third, Texas might also have gone for Senator Taft in the national election but will never do so after the ugly business at Mineral Wells, unless the Senator repudiates the actions of his local agents. And fourth, if Eisenhower is nominated by the Republicans, there is an excellent chance that the 1952 election will start a genuine two-party system in this state.

Zweifel and his crowd, and Ingalls and Reece too, for that matter, have defended themselves on the ground that many of Gen. Eisenhower's supporters were ex-Democrats and Independents, only recently converted to Republicanism. The defense seems a bit odd, since this supposedly sinister infiltration was in fact the bright hope of the Republican party in Texas. The national Republican party will have to consider the issue: whether their hope is to be utterly extinguished.

BY THE SAME token, when National Committee- man Zweifel was questioned on

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Missionaries' Attitude Toward Reds 'Inspiring'

Hong Kong — (U.P.) — An inspiring thing about the persecution of missionaries by Chinese Communists is that the missionaries always leave China saying "We bear no resentment," the China Missionary Bulletin said in an editorial.

THE Catholic magazine gave as evidence the case of five Canadian nuns who were tried before a screaming mob in Canton on Dec. 2. Three of the five have arrived in Hong Kong. Two are still in prison in Canton.

"The trial" of these five nuns in Canton was conducted with a degree of barbarism generally associated with the public spectacles of Roman amphitheaters," the editorial said.

"For a brief moment, the spectacle of cruelty held the amazed attention of the world." "It can be said with no cynicism that the major portion of shocked humanity failed to understand the true significance of what it was witnessing.

BRUTAL Treatment "Their brutal treatment, the unfounded accusations, the hours of questioning, the months of imprisonment, their illnesses in jail, the indignities undergone when they were spat upon and stoned by an infuriated mob... drew no comment from their lips."

"The 'utter simplicity' with which the nuns accepted the 'confinement of the convent,' and 'accepted the ingratitude of the people they had come to aid' has escaped a reading public 'curious to hear only the brutal details of one of Canton's biggest 'Roman holidays' " the magazine said.

That these missionaries accept this treatment is due to their vocation and calling, the editorial said. The missionary's life is "fundamentally a sacrificial offering of his whole self."

'Little Dictators' Hike Accident Rate

Chicago — (U.P.) — Formen who tend to be "little dictators" increase the accident rate of their workers, a survey suggests. The study was made by Charles W. Nelson, research associate of the University of Chicago industrial relations center, who disclosed the results at a meeting of the American Psychological Association.

Nelson studied the five-year accident rate in a heavy machinery assembly plant employing 5,000 workers. He said he found the accident rate among subordinates of "autocratic" foremen four or five times greater than that of other groups in the same plant.

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Christ lived ever as a man among men but always to the glory of God. After clearing us by His death for our sins, He came from the grave in indwell us with Victory over sin and self—"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart."—Proverbs 3:5.

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Local Governments Deprived of Revenue

Chicago — (U.P.) — Local governments are being deprived of vitally-needed revenue sources under terms of many defense contracts awarded to industry by the federal government, according to the National Association of Assessing Officers.

The association's general appraising committee said that under terms of some defense contracts, ownership of war goods in production of war goods passes to the federal government when the first payment is made on the equipment in the process of manufacture.

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