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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 30, 1942
 (It was Tuesday)
 Edward A. Rein appointed as first chaplain to serve at Camp White, under construction near here.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Old Sol beamed again yesterday. For the first time this year pedestrians noted the shade was always on the other side of the street and not much of it.

20 YEARS AGO
 June 30, 1922
 (It was Thursday)
 Captain Dobbie and his Hap-pytimers, well-known radio program, to broadcast from Medford theater.

Ashland city council votes to cut salaries of all employees by 15 per cent; saving to city expected to total about \$5,000.

30 YEARS AGO
 June 30, 1922
 (It was Friday)
 Petition for candidacy of Benjamin F. Linder for mayor to succeed C. E. Gates filed with City Recorder Alford.

Entrants in West Side Tennis club handicap tournament include Carter Boggs, Fletcher Stout, Horace Bromley and Rawles Moore.

40 YEARS AGO
 June 30, 1912
 (It was Sunday)
 Small Medford girl "almost loses her life" by drinking several samples of patent medicine left at her home by salesman.

Two local women escape injury when man driving EMF car accidentally knocks the wheels off their carriage.

West Irrigation Water Seen Ample

Washington (U.P.)—The Bureau of Reclamation which reported 57,000,000 acre-feet of water was backed up in 116 reservoirs, was confident Monday it can provide most of the irrigation and power needs of the West this summer.
 It conceded, however, that shortages may develop in some areas of Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and southern Kansas.
 In a breakdown of reservoir conditions, the bureau had the following to say about the Pacific Northwest areas of Washington, Oregon, western Montana and Idaho: Water supply "uniformly good or better. Reservoirs which had been drawn down for flood control are now filling. Storage in Lake Roosevelt behind Grand Coulee dam has increased over 1,000,000 cubic feet."

Deaths on Highway Establish Record

Chicago (U.P.)—Highway deaths skyrocketed to a new record in May, the National Safety Council announced today.
 Traffic accidents accounted for 3,160 deaths during the month as compared with previous May record of 3,066 set in 1937.
 The toll was 12 per cent higher than in May, 1951, the Safety Council said.

Science Aids Farming Here

It isn't always possible to evaluate exactly, in dollars and cents, the work of agencies devoted to the betterment of agriculture and horticulture in this area, but Harold White of the Southern Oregon Experiment Station at Talent gave some figures recently which show that there is a very real profit in such scientific aid.

SPEAKING at a meeting of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, the agronomist cited the work the station staff undertook to determine the cause of the serious decline in per acre yield of Ladino clover seed in this area. Research finally revealed, said White, that insects were causing the loss, and a dusting program was instigated. As a result, the project, which cost the taxpayers around \$5,000, is bringing back \$250,000 annually in farm incomes to Jackson and Josephine counties.

Another research project mentioned by Agronomist White was the development of Talent alfalfa at the station. This effort, which he said set taxpayers back about \$8,000, has made it possible to produce a ton more alfalfa per acre than with any other variety and the increased yield, in the aggregate, means a very impressive profit indeed.

A new type of alfalfa, now in process of development at the station, gives promise of even greater value than Talent, the agronomist revealed in his Ashland talk.

AS EVIDENCE of what research and improved farming methods—in addition, of course, to development of land—have meant in the way of increased production in Oregon, Mr. White stated that the gross income from agriculture has reached \$500,000,000, having grown forty per cent in the last 25 years.—E.C.F.

Holiday Travel Holds Peril

The Fourth of July holiday is near and while many are preparing to load up the family car for a trip to mountains or shore, a few words of warning may be in order.

ACCIDENTS can happen to anyone, but most commonly they involve the careless and the speed-crazy. And generally speaking, the holidays—Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Christmas and New Year—are the favorite times for such drivers to court injury or death.

Holiday traffic accidents in the last six years have killed half as many Americans as the Korean war, the five holidays mentioned having claimed 8,936 lives since 1946 while the war death toll currently is in excess of 17,000.

THE National Safety Council estimates that 40,000,000 passenger vehicles will be on the move during the three-day Fourth of July holiday this year and that they will roll up mileage in the neighborhood of 5,000,000,000 miles.

Memorial Day this year set a new record for that holiday, when 360 persons were killed, according to a National Safety Council spokesman. That sounds bad for the Fourth.

IT WOULD be gratifying if Americans were to set a record of another kind—a new low in deaths—for the "glorious 4th" but it won't be done unless every driver uses extra caution to make up for the extra hazard which a survey has shown to be about 30 per cent more than on an average week-end.—E.C.F.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial 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

More On Cloud Seeding
 To the Editor: At the expense of being labeled a radical, a reactionary, or perhaps a Communist, I am finally inspired by the recent advertisement of the Moisture Conservation League, to publicly enter the hot local debate on this important issue.

I am not a member of the league or the Fruitgrower's Ass'n. However, I farm an area in the Beagle District, composed of black sticky underlaid with bedrock. My only moisture comes from the sky. Despite extreme crop setbacks due to lack of rainfall, I have reserved my decisions on the results of cloud seeding. Twenty years of flying military aircraft plus intimate experience with all kinds of weather perhaps has made me more objective about weather; however, I am no meteorologist and therefore not qualified to make positive claims.

I cannot believe that a majority of the League members endorse the ad, which, in my opinion, was pure McCarthyism, implied facts only, and unwarranted character assassination. I sincerely hope that the voting public does not permit itself to be hazed by statements of any organization or person, which are stimulated by emotional self-interest. An informed public should consider these truths:

1. No person has yet proved or disproved to the point of accepted scientific fact, that any person or machine can make rain or prevent hail.
2. By the mere acceptance and publication of the recent ad, your paper has indicated an impartial attitude.
3. No proof exists that any person or machine caused the dry condition which prevented the mills from operating.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I'll admit Brogan has a pretty screwy political view—but try to confine your arguments to baseball."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

BERLIN AGAIN?
 Washington—Secretary of State Dean Acheson's little noticed mission to Europe has a simple, central object. This is to persuade our frightened, ill-defended and divided European allies to accept the risk of general war, rather than to abandon Berlin to renewed Soviet pressure.

There have been all sorts of signs in recent weeks that a new Soviet aggressive move may be in the offing, and on balance a second Berlin blockade, ostensibly initiated by the East German puppet government, has seemed the most likely move. Shortly before Acheson left for Europe, he took the leading part in forcing through the National Security Council, a crucial policy decision on the American response to such a move against Berlin.

Acheson took the position that Berlin could under no circumstances be abandoned to the Soviets, and the Council agreed. The Council also agreed that another airlift, undertaken with no end in sight, would be a defensive and inadequate response, especially since the Soviet can now wreck an airlift simply by jamming the radar at the Berlin airfields. This left just one way to hold Berlin—by breaking any blockade by the direct use of military force.

THIS does not mean, however, that if a blockade is imposed on a Monday, an armed convoy need necessarily be ordered to break it on a Tuesday. Sufficient stockpiles of food and other necessities have been built up in the western sector of Berlin so that there is more room for maneuver than there was when the first blockade was imposed in 1948. Western Berlin now has sufficient stocks to carry the city, without an airlift, for about six months. Therefore a military showdown need not come immediately after a blockade is imposed.

Thus according to present intentions, the first step by this country—and if Acheson's mission succeeds, by this country's allies—would be to order full mobilization. In brief the western allies would publicly prepare to fight a war, if necessary, rather than abandon Berlin.

Full mobilization by the West during the time provided by the West Berlin stockpiles would, of course, telegraph the punch to Moscow. But telegraphing the punch is thought to be actually desirable, simply because this would give the men in the Kremlin time to think again, and the policy-makers still believe that the Soviets wish to avoid a full scale war.

This breathing spell would also provide time for final negotiations with the Russians. But these negotiations would be far different from those undertaken in 1948 by Gen. Bedell Smith, then Ambassador to the Soviet Union. For this time the Western spokesmen would be armed with the warning that unless the blockade were lifted, military force would be used to break it. Then, if these last attempts to negotiate failed, Western troops would be ordered to open the land corridor between Berlin and the West.

THIS, in broad outline, is the American position in Berlin, and it is Acheson's task to persuade our Allies to agree to this position. Obviously, this is an immensely difficult task, calling for all Acheson's persuasive abilities. To break a Berlin blockade by armed force clearly involves the gravest possible risk of war, and our Allies, especially the French, simply are not prepared to fight a war.

Nor, to put it bluntly, is this country. Indeed, there is in some quarters in the Pentagon strong opposition to the Acheson-sponsored Security Council decision on Berlin. This is for the obvious reason that awareness of our military unreadiness is most acute in the Pentagon. The Pen-

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

News note:
 Richard Pinette, a New Hampshire school teacher, while driving along a narrow country road, was stopped by a bull moose, which suddenly loomed in front of his car.

DO YOU reckon that could be a political omen?
 Senator Taft's father, William Howard Taft, was stopped by a Bull Moose that loomed in his path away back in 1912.

ECONOMIC note:
 Mid-summer heat this week reduced the supply of livestock coming to the Chicago market to the lowest numbers since last August and prices reacted HIGHER accordingly.

SUPPLY and demand, you see, still do have something to do with prices in this country. We aren't COMPLETELY regimented yet.

COST of government note:

The joint congressional committee on reduction of non-essential federal expenditures (more briefly tabbed as the Byrd committee) reports that civilian employment in the executive branch of the government increased by 10,665 during the month of April. The total number of such civilians on April 30, the committee said, was 2,579,714.

That's almost twice the total population of the state of Oregon.

THAT brings up another thought.

The state unemployment compensation commission estimates in Salem that during May, 439,700 persons were working at non-farm jobs in Oregon.

That's 6,000 FEWER than were similarly employed during April and 15,900 fewer than were employed in May of 1951.

DO YOU reckon there could be a connection between MORE government employees in the city of Washington and FEWER employees in private industry in Oregon?

It could be. Every needless GOVERNMENT employee has to be carried on the backs of those who work in private PRODUCTIVE industry, for needless government employees PRODUCE NOTHING.

THE LAST figures I saw indicated that every five persons employed in private PRODUCTIVE industry now have to carry on their back one non-productive government employee (meaning by that ALL government—federal, state, county, city, etc.)

That's a pretty heavy load to have to tote while you work.

ANOTHER interesting, but far from comforting thought:

You must have noted that President Truman sent to congress a budget calling for federal expenditures totalling approximately \$5 billion dollars in the next fiscal year. That's nearly \$600 for every man, woman and child in this country.

That's a good thing to remember when you pay your taxes. It explains why they are high. It's also a good thing to remember when you buy your groceries, your shirts, your shoes—your blouses, etc.

Taxes have to be added to the cost of production, because they ARE A PART of the cost of production. So they have to be added onto the price of whatever you buy at the store.

Considering the astronomical height of taxes, it's no wonder prices are high.

Ammunition Dump Explodes in Korea

Seoul, Korea (U.P.)—An Air Force ammunition dump at Ulsan caught fire and exploded Sunday, killing a South Korean woman and injuring nine others, including two American soldiers.

The explosion took place two weeks after fire and explosions destroyed an 8th Army ammunition dump near Pusan.

Oregon Cherry Crop Suffers Heavy Damage

BY UNITED PRESS

Oregon cherry growers Monday attempted to assess the damage done their crops by heavy summer rainstorms the past three days.

Though the weather bureau said the rains may be over, splitting and dry rot may run the loss in cherry orchards to several hundred thousand dollars, fruit men said.

J. E. Klahre, general manager of the Apple Growers' association at Hood River, said the bumper cherry crop in that area has been seriously damaged. He said it will take a day or two to evaluate the damage in dollars and cents.

Hood River growers had expected to ship about 125 refriger-

ator cars of fruit this year, about double that of last year, but much of it may be lost, Klahre said. Fruit that is not split may be ruined by dry rot.

In Wasco county, Extension Agent E. M. Nelson said about 40 per cent of the cherry crop is "just about gone" because of rain damage.

Week-end rains reached their peak in Eugene Saturday when 1.83 of an inch fell in one 24-hour period. At Junction City the downpour flooded the United States National bank when roof drains filled up. Damage to bank fixtures and the building itself may run into several thousand dollars, officials said. Firemen had to be called to pump water off the roof and the main floor.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

My love, bound me with a kiss
 That I should no longer stay,
 When I felt so sweet a bliss,
 I had less power to part away.
 Had she bid me go at first,
 It would not have grieved my heart.
 Hope delayed would have been
 the worst.
 But, ah, to kiss and then to part.
 Alas, that women do not know
 Kisses make men loth to go.
 —Campan.

There are no longer any dance hostesses at Manhattan's celebrated Roseland Ballroom. At one time this dance hall employed 250 dance hostesses. Roseland was the inspiration of that song classic of the yesteryear titled, "Ten Cents a Dance." At present there is not need for hostesses at this famous dance palace. Feminine patrons outnumber the male customers two to one. However, the management may find it necessary to engage some dance "hosts" so the feminine customers will have somebody to dance with.

Asking:

Queries from clients. Q. Did you attend Brown or Dartmouth, or both? A. Did not attend either. Am a graduate of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. Q. I claim Gertrude Hoffman did "The Dance of the Seven Veils" in vaudeville. Right? A. Quite right, sir. In a sketch titled, "A Vision of Salome." This sketch ran for twenty-two weeks at Hammerstein's Victoria Music hall. Incidentally, Fanny Brice did a hilarious burlesque of the dance you mention as an accompaniment to a song titled, "Sadie Salome Go Home." Q. Where was the "smoke filled room" so often referred to in connection with the Republican National Convention of 1920? A. At the Blackstone Hotel, Chicago. To be specific, Suite 804-5. Perhaps there should be a memorial tablet in that room.

Tips Again

The correct tip for a manicurist is 50 cents. That's what I reported in quoting an alleged expert on the subject of tips. Now a Manhattan manicurist says the man doesn't know what he is talking about. She states that five years ago a half dollar was a "fair" tip for a manicurist. But not now because of rising prices. The young woman points out that the manicurist has to purchase all her instruments and materials, prices of which have tripled in recent years.

Horses and Women

Is Hollywood being unfair to blondes? In the films, when a brunette and a blonde compete for the love of the hero, the brunette always wins out. This is a terrific blow at the claim that gentlemen prefer blondes. The

blonde loses out because she usually plays the villainess, technically known as "the heavy." She is usually depicted as being catty, sarcastic, unscrupulous and disloyal. Take the case of the truly beautiful blonde stage, screen and television charmer Nina Foch. She appeared in twelve consecutive pictures in which she lost the hero to a brunette. Nina thought that constantly losing out that way was not doing her career any good. And so what? Why she had her hair dyed. And now is a brunette. What's more, no sooner had she become a brunette than she was assigned a film part in which she gets the man.

Famous Lines

As for the six most quoted lines from stage plays of the past fifty years, the following is the final selection: 1. "The world is mine!" James O'Neill in "Monte Cristo." 2. "If you don't want her, I want her." David Warfield in "The Music Master." 3. "That's all there is, there isn't any more." Ethel Barrymore in "Sunday." 4. "Nobody loves a fat man." Maclyn Arbuckle in "The Round Up." 5. "When you call me that, smile." Dustin Farnum in "The Virginian." 6. "Why don't you come up and see me some time?" Mae West in "Diamond Lil."

Passing By

Fred Whitehouse. Song writer from Brooklyn. He collaborated with Milton Berle in writing that quaint ditty titled "Sam, You Made the Pants Too Long." This song was sold to Joe E. Lewis for \$25. That was in 1932. Joe is still singing it.

Please Note

Are you a veteran of World War I or II? Even been in the regular Army. Do you know the origin of the "Taps" bugle call? It was originated during the War between the States by Gen. Daniel Butterfield of the Union Army. The general, a musician, didn't care for the "tattoo" call then used to close the Army day. So he taught the bugler a new melody. That melody is the one now known as "Taps."

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