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Flight o' Time

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

10 YEARS AGO

Aug. 18, 1943
(It Was Wednesday)
Deer killed, car overturned in collision on Dead Indian road.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The alleged beefsteak shortage is getting worse, and threatens to eat up the hay and grain supply, a report of the Oregon Business Review shows. Another phenomena is the presence in the state of more dairy cows than ever before but less milk. As yet there is no drought, due to surplus of water in the creeks and rivers

20 YEARS AGO

Aug. 18, 1933
(It Was Friday)
J. C. Penny company celebrates six years in city with birthday sale.

Elks band to give concert in park tonight.

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 18, 1923
(It Was Saturday)
Building of Natron cut-off approved by ICC.

Deer season opens in Oregon.

40 YEARS AGO

Aug. 18, 1913
(It Was Monday)
Gold Hill and Rogue River to be included on paved county highway.

Southern Oregon display at Panama exposition in San Francisco discussed.

Nut Growers Told Not To Interfere

Portland — (U.P.) — The Northwest Nut Growers association of Portland today was ordered by the National Labor Relations Board not to interfere with attempts of its employees to join unions.

John Trunk, Association manager, said the order is routine. "Actually we agreed to do it some weeks ago. It doesn't mean we are guilty of anything."

The Board ordered the Association to post notices stating that employees "are free to become, remain or to refrain from becoming or remaining" union members.

Cannery Workers Local No. 809 has attempted to organize the co-operative since Oct. 1932.

Boy, Under Water For 10 Minutes, Lives

Longview, Wash. — (U.P.) — An eight-year-old Rainier, Ore., youth, Michael Pellett was in a hospital here today suffering effects of an estimated 10 minutes he was under water in the Columbia river.

The boy was swimming beneath the Longview-Rainier bridge when the mishap occurred yesterday afternoon.

Details of the rescue were not immediately available because the rescuer, Mrs. Melvina Evans, suffered shock after pulling the boy from the river. Artificial respiration was applied by former Rainier police chief S. M. Campall.

The boy was semi-conscious when hospitalized.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 2:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Prepare for the Worst!

We have often deplored the technique of the "Big Lie."

If Medford ever votes on the controversial question of fluoridation of the water supply there will be a demonstration of the technique of not only the BIG but the LITTLE lie.

This would not be peculiar to this community. For some reason, not yet explained, this issue has been an amazingly heated and controversial one all over the country.

There is not only a strong organized effort to prevent treatment of ANY water supply, ANYwhere; but there is a large war chest to finance it. Just where it comes from is as far as we have been able to determine, a complete secret.

THE strange reaction aroused so much interest and speculation in New England recently, that Professor James M. Burns, chairman of the department of political science at Williams College, wrote an interesting paper concerning the phenomenon, of which the following is an extract, quote:

"I think the answer can be found not in our TOWN, but in our TIME. This is an age of fear and suspicion, of big lies and little lies. We are used to irrationality in areas of morals and politics. It seems to have spread now to areas where science usually holds sway. An economist recently remarked to me: 'I am used to having laymen doubt everything we say, but when they doubt everything scientists and doctors say—that's something new.'"

It is!
Doctors, dentists, scientists, are practically unanimous in endorsing FLUORINE treatment of city water systems, especially where there is a high incidence of tooth-decay in the young.

But not only are such endorsements viciously attacked as "murder" but it is claimed fluorine treated water is "rat-poison," stimulates cancer and heart disease; reduces "third generations to crippled pygmies," etc., etc., ad nauseam.

USUALLY such arguments are put forth by medical adventurers who have something to sell that "is better than fluorine." That is understandable. But there are people of education and experience, who have nothing to sell, but who fall like a thousand bricks for this completely unfounded and completely false propaganda. That is not easy to understand.

As stated, if a referendum is ever held here, however, the community will get a revealing and disquieting example of what the London Times called the "revolt of the primitive against intelligence."—R.W.R.

"Bull in the China Shop"

Before a cheering group of upper-bracket Republicans in San Francisco this last week-end, Senate Leader William Knowland declared, quote:

"If any move is made to bring Communist China into the United Nations, I will call for Senate adoption of a resolution declaring the United States out of the U.N."

At the same time Stewart Alsop of the Alsop Brothers, commentator team, writing from London in this paper had this to say:

"In this new situation, any American tendency to treat Britain as a very junior partner whose wishes may be safely disregarded, will be absolutely fatal to the Anglo-American alliance."

THERE one has the makings of a "devils brew" which may well have the most deplorable results not only as far as Anglo-American relations are concerned but European collective security and world peace.

For this ultimatum on the part of the Republican leader is not only treating Britain as a "junior partner," but as an enemy—diplomatically speaking.

As Senator Knowland, and every informed person realizes, if peace between Soviet China and the United Nations is secured; not only will the British government but a majority of the U. N., start a movement to obtain the recognition of Red China and its admission to the U.N. as the de facto government.

If the California senator means what he says, then such action will be the signal for the GOP to turn back the pages of history, and fight the United Nations from the inside, as it fought the League of Nations under the Lodge-Borah leadership a quarter of a century ago from the outside.

And there will undoubtedly be the same result; as the League was killed by the refusal of the United States to join, so the U.N. will be killed by the withdrawal of U.S. membership and support.

AND that, it is fair to assume, is what Senator Knowland and his group of anti-internationalists, want.

But strangely enough, unless the California solon has recently changed his mind, this does not mean as it did in the 20's, WORLD ISOLATIONISM.

At least Knowland has been for some time, a rabid partisan of Chiang Kai shek and an all-out war advocate against Red China.

In other words he is an isolationist as far as England and Europe are concerned; but a fighting INTERNATIONALIST as far as the Far East is concerned.

Which adds up to GOP leadership facing the dilemma Abraham Lincoln so deplored: "a house divided against itself."

For President Eisenhower is not an isolationist, regarding Europe or, as far as can now be determined, any other part of the world.

He realizes, as we believe a majority of the American people realize, that whether we like it or don't, the responsibility of world leadership has been placed directly on this nation's shoulders, and to shirk that responsibility would not only be ignoble but catastrophic. Not only for this country but a peace loving world.—R.W.R.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"He couldn't wait!"

Matter of Fact

Stewart Alsop

TORY TRIUMPH

London—Most observers here believe that if the Conservative government calls a general election this autumn (as it may), it is likely to be returned with a heavily increased majority.



Stewart Alsop

This success is, of course, closely connected with the economic recovery which is so striking a phenomenon in Great Britain. Even the staunchest adherents of the government agree that there has been a considerable element of simple good luck in this economic upsurge.

But many Socialists also privately admit that there has been a considerable element of simple good management as well.

The most conspicuous good manager has been R. A. Butler, the able, rather frosty Chancellor of the Exchequer. Butler's thorough credit and other fiscal policies were anything but popular at first. Now unemployment (which reached serious proportions some months ago) has evaporated, business is booming, and Butler has been able to lift most of the hated controls, and to offer the overburdened British taxpayer some small relief.

Other good managers have been Harold MacMillan, Minister of Housing, and Sir Walter Monckton, Minister of Labor. To the amazement of all and the discomfort of the Socialists, MacMillan is in a fair way to making good on the Tories' promise of 300,000 new houses. Monckton has gained the confidence of the initially hostile Labor leaders, to such an extent that there have been fewer man hours lost from strikes than under the Labor government.

BUTLER, MacMillan and Monckton are thus conspicuous rising stars. Butler is now universally regarded as the next Conservative Prime Minister but one, after Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, who is likely rather soon to succeed Winston Churchill.

If his title rules out the exceedingly able Lord Salisbury, either MacMillan or Monckton may replace Eden in the Foreign Office (the latter is a better bet, since Eden and MacMillan do not get on well together).

Aside from such individual success stories, however the central fact is that the Conservative party is now very much stronger than anyone would have predicted a year ago. By the same token the Socialists, bitterly divided internally, no longer confident of their doctrines, their grim forecasts of war and depression blown higher than a kite, have reached a new political low point.

This Conservative triumph has real meaning for the United States. Logically, it should be very good news for the Eisenhower administration. The economic recovery of America's major ally has long been a central American objective. In a narrower political sense, it should encourage the Eisenhower Republicans that a moderate Conservative government which does not attempt to repeal the twentieth century—a me-too government, if you will—can score a whopping political success.

Yet, paradoxically, the renewed strength and confidence of the British Conservatives could spell bad trouble for the Eisenhower administration.

AMERICAN prestige has never since the war been lower in Britain. This is for various reasons. There is McCarthyism, of course, which American Ambassador Winthrop Aldrich has courageously and accurately described in cables to the State Department as an immense liability to the United States.

There is resentment at what the British consider Secretary of State Foster Dulles' attempts to bully them. There is also what the British increasingly believe to be the unreasonable rigidity of American policy. For such reasons, there has never been a time when "standing up to the Americans" has been more popular and politically rewarding.

This explains in part why Churchill's famous May 11 speech was an act of political genius. This is demonstrated by the fact that the Socialists, heretofore accustomed to portray Churchill as a warmonger with an itchy finger on the trigger, have now embraced him. They accuse the Conservatives of sabotaging Churchill's peace initiative, which the Conservatives vehemently deny.

Churchill's speech was immensely popular, not only because of the profound longing for peace here, but because it was generally interpreted as "one in the eye for the Americans." Thus the United States is confronted with a situation in which "standing up to the Americans" is both politically rewarding, and, thanks to the British economic recovery, a more practical course than it has been at any time since the war.

ALL this is not to be taken to mean that responsible British leaders wish to rupture the Anglo-American alliance, or to appease the Soviets (although there are forces favoring appeasement on the right here as well as the left). It does mean that we are now entering a peculiarly delicate and difficult period in the relations between the United States and its major ally. If this period is to be got through safely, American prestige and confidence in American intention must first be restored. Fortunately President Eisenhower himself, whose personal prestige is undiminished, is perfectly capable of doing this essential job of restoration.

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Delay in Release of Dead POWs' Names

Washington — (U.P.) — The Defense department said today it will wait two or three days before releasing any more names of American servicemen reported to be held by the Communists to have died in North Korean prison camps or escaped from Red custody.

A spokesman said the delay was caused by difficulty in contacting next of kin of some of the men or in checking their names and other details.

So far, the department has released names of 794 of the 1,022 Americans the Communists said died in prison, and 118 names of the 147 men the Reds claimed escaped.

The department has emphasized that the list can not be verified and is of doubtful accuracy. It said none of the alleged escapees have ever reached United Nations lines.

Boy Talks Too Much; Stolen Camera Found

Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) — Willie Banks was walking past two youngsters when he heard one of them describing a newly-obtained camera, the kind that makes and develops pictures.

Banks called police and the lad was turned over to juvenile authorities.

The camera had been stolen from Bank's automobile.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In one of its lighter moments, the Portland Oregonian remarked the other day:

"Editorial writers in The Dalles and Albany recently have belabored what they identify as a 'rule' of grammar that all collective nouns must take a singular verb. They are in agreement, and promise their readers that henceforth they will rebelliously write 'the couple are' rather than 'the couple is' whenever they feel like it."

LET me sound a warning, gentlemen. Don't let your revolutionary impulses carry you too far. Grammar has its uses. Its chief use (its only LOGICAL use, so far as I know) is to enable one to say with exactness what one means to say.

Let's examine this cited case of "the couple is." When so used, I'd say, it implies UNITY. Two hearts that beat as one. Hence the singular verb.

WHEN you say "the couple is," do you know that you are stating the precise truth? Are you certain you aren't twisting the facts? The ethical function of the newspaper, you know, is to hold the mirror up to life, reporting accurately what IS.

When you say "the couple is," how do you know that when the husband tells a story the wife won't chip in with "Why, John, that isn't the way it was at all." And then proceed to give another version of it entirely. John, meanwhile, wriggling with embarrassment and wishing fervently there was a back porch with a cat on it so he could go out and kick the cat.

IN THIS dissertation, of course, I'm assuming that when we speak of a COUPLE we mean a wedded couple. If we were speaking of a couple in a stud poker game with deuces wild, it could be something else again.

ONE more citation and we'll bring this lesson in grammar to a close.

Suppose you found in your newspaper a story stating "the couple ARE"—which, you rebelliously announce, you are going to do at will hereafter. That could imply LACK of unity—two separate individuals brought together in a sentence structure that for exactness of expression of what the writer conceived to be a fact required the use of a PLURAL verb.

Might that not be construed by a smart attorney as an implied statement that the couple ARE about to break up? And, if the couple WASN'T about to break up, might it not be grounds for libel?

I THINK, gentlemen, you'd better reconsider this rash rebellion against grammatical rules you say you've resolved upon. It's dangerous, you'd better stick by the good old rule that a collective noun requires a singular verb.

It's safer.

Name of Roosevelt Popular in Cherokee

Gaffney, S. C. — (U.P.) — The popularity of a certain former president is apparent in Cherokee county.

On a recent list of names of draftees called for physical examinations were:

Franklin Delano Callahan, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Tate, Franklin Delano Wirse, Franklin Roosevelt Knuckles, Franklin Delano Littlejohn, and Franklin Delano Wall.

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 not exceed 400 words.

Is It Humane?

To the Editor: Perhaps the welfare of our cats and dogs is not a matter of concern to most people here in Medford, but to the few who love them, I address this letter.

To the best of my knowledge the purpose of a Humane Society is to care for animals which have been abandoned or abused. It is a non-profit organization which operates seven days a week. It is the place where one takes an animal which he finds abandoned or wants put away or where he can obtain a cat or dog free of charge. Saturday, I found that such is not the case in Medford.

My husband and I picked up in the "Big-Y" a stray kitten which obviously had not been fed in a long time. Since we were unable to keep it ourselves we took it to the Humane Society.

However, we were informed that the Humane Society does not accept cats except on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday and that we should keep it until then. When we said that we could not do so they had no suggestion as to where we should take it and when asked if we should take it back and leave it where we found it they did not say a word.

We finally found out that the dog pound would take it and left it there.

The person who abandoned the kitten is as much to blame as the Humane Society, of course, but a situation like this does make one wonder by what right these people hang out a sign which bears the word "humane."

Mrs. Katherine Dalton,
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Central Point, Ore.

Favors "ads" for Fluoridation

To the Editor: Having already jumped into the water-fluoridation controversy, I feel impelled by the opposition advertisement in Sunday's MT to reply.

While this may come as a shock to some correspondents, I freely admit that I am no authority in this field. My knowledge of chemistry, medicine, and nutrition is only that of a fairly well-read layman with a scientific bent which has led chiefly into electronics.

The reason I jumped in was that it was obvious to me that the controversy was shaping up with the ignorant and the emotional on the "nay" side and the scientific and objective on the "yea" side. This is not to say that all opponents of fluoridation are ignoramuses. A few of them argue intelligently and with some scientific standing. But most of them, as Sunday's advertisement exemplifies, use the hysterical unsentimental approach. The cry of "rat-poison," which has been well de-bunked, is an example. The implication that pro-fluoridationists are communists is in league with Satan, or worse, is another. The harping on mottling of teeth, which only occurs when fluoride is ingested in much larger quantities than proposed, is another.

The opposition press seems to be composed principally of vegetarians, health-faddists, anti-vaccinationists, and the like. On the other side we find our own Dr. Merkel, Dr. Brady, Dr. Sognnaes, the latter being professor of oral pathology and Associate Dean of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, various medical and dental societies,

etc. I prefer to string along with the latter.

Since the opposition has placed a large ad in the Mail Tribune, I am in favor of answering in kind. Mrs. Auel in her excellent communication in Sunday's MT mentions an article she would like to see reprinted. If funds for projects like this are needed, I for one would be glad to contribute.

Almus Pruitt,
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Medford, Ore.

Deplores War Prisoners

To the Editor: "In the Day's News" by Frank Jenkins (August 17, 1953) mentions that a few prisoners of war turned commie and chose to stay behind with their Red brothers. It also mentions that perhaps we at home were ashamed and humiliated. And so we should be.

Let's get down to cases. We decided that the best way to combat Communism was to put up a stiff back. To do this President Truman committed us to the Korean War. To get the manpower it was necessary to draft citizens of our Nation and send them to fight a terrible war in Korea. Many of these men were captured by the enemy.

What did we, as a nation, do? We decided that we could not risk a war and our men could damn well rot in prison camps. This is not right and as a nation we should be humiliated and ashamed.

I don't know President Eisenhower's problems, but as an army man he must have cringed to leave our fellow citizens in prison camps.

Leland W. Svarverud Jr.,
Box 261,
Medford, Ore.

NO FISH FRY NOW

Boulder, Colo. — (U.P.) — Richard J. Mussil was fined \$211 for having more than the legal 10 trout in his possession. He told a judge the 248 trout confiscated in his deep freeze by game and fish authorities were being saved for a big fish fry for his friends.

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