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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

Oct. 29, 1944

(It was Sunday)

Air Corps Lt. Thomas A. Helman, Medford, who recently returned to the United States after completing 50 bomber missions over Germany, is married to Miss Ann Peck, Columbus, Ohio.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Lt. Col. G. Jackson, the former civic cannonball, was home all week on a furlough from Italy. He still walks faster than any of his cronies can run.

20 YEARS AGO

Oct. 29, 1924

(It was Monday)

Resident of Crater Lake ave. fined \$5 for confining a pig in a small muddy pen after complaint brought by Humane society.

Coach Darwin Burgher says "Blondie" Lewis of Medford High school football team is out for the rest of the season with his leg in a cast.

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 29, 1924

(It was Wednesday)

General Chairman George Gates announces big Armistice day parade for Medford is assured.

Strike of "very rich" are reported by prospectors pocket mining near the Millionaire mine on Blackwell hill.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 29, 1914

(It was Thursday)

The Mail Tribune supports candidacy of Miss Mollie Towne, Phoenix for election as first woman member of Oregon legislature from Jackson county.

From the Local and Personal column: Warnings have been issued by Police Judge Gay that in the future doctors exceeding the speed limit in autos will be arrested and fined without fear and favor, except when the violation of the speed ordinance is made in a life and death case. The minimum fine for all violations has also been fixed at \$25. The speed cop who has not been working the last 10 days will resume his labors the first of the month.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

Copr. 1954, Editorial Research Report

1. The special Senate committee proposing censure of Sen. McCarthy was headed by Sen. Mundt, Dirksen, Potter, Watkins or Symington?

2. School buses carry about one of every two, three, four, five or six children who go to school?

3. A captain in the Army gets the same pay as a captain in the Navy, or higher or lower pay?

4. The Democrats are running a candidate in every Senate race this year; right or wrong?

5. Are any nations members of the World Court without being members of the U. N.?

6. Most Negro churchgoers are either Baptists or Methodists; right or wrong?

7. Which of these is the "Soooner State": Georgia, Michigan, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Wyoming?

The Answers: 1. Sen. Watkins. 2. About one in every three. 3. Lower. 4. Right. 5. Yes, four, including Japan and Switzerland. 6. Right. 7. Oklahoma.

The City Traffic Report

Some of the predictions and projections embodied in the Oregon State Highway Department's study of Medford traffic hold rather frightening possibilities. Medford, the traffic experts state in the report just delivered to the city, will grow from the present 20,000 population to 30,000 by 1970, and Jackson county's population will increase from the present 59,510 to 105,900.

On the basis of their population expectations and the accompanying increases in volume of traffic—including both the strictly local and that flowing through the area from outside points—the commission engineers foresee the need for considerable change in our present traffic arteries and development of some entirely new lanes. All of these changes add up to the necessity for a lot of spending.

THE engineers explain that their findings are based on the area's past experience in increases in population and vehicle registration and a reasonable estimate as to continuation of those trends.

In 1950, for instance, people living within the city limits owned 9,000 motor vehicles. By 1970, it is expected, the number will total around 17,000. In 1950 the number of motor vehicles owned in Jackson county was 30,464; by 1970 the number will exceed 55,000.

That this increase in vehicle ownership will have great effect on the Medford traffic load can be realized when it is considered that about 40 per cent of the county's population lives in the city area and that since Medford is the retail trade center of the county, it attracts vehicular traffic from throughout the region.

EVEN though the main traffic artery, Highway 99, may be by-passed around the city we aren't going to escape a terrific increase in city flow. The engineers found, by means of automatic counters, that of the total traffic volume on Highway 99, north of Medford, only 24 per cent is by-passable. The remaining 76 per cent of the total has a desired destination or essential stop within the metropolitan area of Medford. As compared to Highway 99, the other state highway routes—Crater Lake highway and the Medford-Provost highway routes—have a lesser number of by-passable trips.

Reduced to fundamentals, the engineers' report makes it clear that something should be done, and soon, to provide more east-west arteries across the railroad tracks and Bear creek and to cut the Pacific highway bottleneck which traffic now encounters as it passes through the city.

THE report goes into detail as to how to go about improving traffic conditions and what the improvements will cost. It provides a comprehensive blueprint for Medford city officials which should be followed as rapidly as funds can be found for the purpose.

The longer the delay in at least starting the work, the greater the outlay which will eventually be necessary to untangle the traffic snarl.—E.C.F.

For a Rainy Day

Oregonians must be expecting a hard winter. At any rate, they have been "putting something aside for a rainy day" at a greater rate in recent months than for some years past.

According to figures supplied by the Oregon Savings Bond committee, sales of E and H bonds in the state last month amounted to \$2,849,228, a whopping 32 per cent jump over the sales in September of last year. Sales for the first nine months of this year were 24 per cent more than in the same period in 1953, the increase amounting to \$5,350,000.

JACKSON county residents have been keeping up with the parade to the bond sales windows. So far this year they have salted away \$740,596 worth of bonds, \$81,264 of the total having been accumulated in September alone.

What has been going on in Oregon is being duplicated more or less throughout the country, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce which figures that personal savings in the first half of 1954 added up to just under \$21,000,000,000 at a seasonally adjusted annual rate. This was the equivalent of nearly \$1 out of every \$12 of personal spendable income after taxes for the period. Both figures are the highest on record except for some of the World War II years when conditions were an abnormal stimulus to savings.

THE PERSONAL savings cushion now accumulated in life insurance, savings deposits, U.S. Savings Bonds, and the savings and loan associations amounts to the equivalent of some \$4,500 for every household in the land. The aggregate of these long-term savings of individuals is estimated at more than \$213,000,000,000, over a fifth greater than at the end of 1950 and more than half again as great as at the end of World War II in 1945.

Equally striking, and in some ways even more significant, is the growth in number of savers. There are now 90,000,000 life insurance policyholders, for example, 7,000,000 more than in 1950 and 19,000,000 more than at the end of World War II. An estimated 68,000,000 persons now have savings deposits in commercial and mutual savings banks, 4,000,000 more than in 1950 and 18,500,000 more than in 1945.—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 not exceed 400 words.

Against Dog Measure

To the Editor: Many of our ordinarily tolerant citizens and tax payers wonder about this Dog Measure, but perhaps too few have time to check into its meaning. First of all it is not and cannot be a city ordinance and hence is not enforceable by the city police.

If passed, it means all dogs must be muzzled if they are off their premises and be in company of their keepers. However, it does not say where keepers must be. Could keepers be on their premises but the dogs anywhere, provided they could still be seen by their owners? The law is not clear on this.

I assume the above mentioned group of 29 citizens consider some dogs a nuisance and so all dogs must be muzzled, and I suppose it is for the purpose of keeping them from digging in a lawn or garden since this is always the loudest heard complaint. How is muzzling a dog going to keep him from digging? Some children and all prying neighbors can be and are much greater nuisances. To carry this to its ridiculous conclusion, are we next going to muzzle all children and all neighbors because some are nuisances?

This measure makes it compulsory to assess a fine of \$10 to \$25 against poor parents of children whose dog happens to be found on the sidewalk doing nothing worse than being without a muzzle or not on a leash. As stated above, our already burdened city police force cannot as a matter of law enforce this county measure.

Mrs. Ernest L. Barnes, Box 447, Medford, Ore.

Against Milk Bill

To the Editor: I hope the voters will vote the milk control law out for the reason that the milk producers committee is telling the public if you vote it out you vote away the sanitation law, which is not so. Get your Farm Journal for Nov., 1954, page 21, read "Something Wrong Here Somewhere."

Oregon State College came to that conclusion after economist D. Curtis Mumford studied over two dozen farms selling factory milk. Mumford found that it doesn't take expensive barns and fancy equipment to make good milk for half of farms studied were producing grade A quality milk.

Italics the article closes with these words: Maybe its time the inspectors inspected the milk instead of the barn. That my dear readers is the kernel of the nut, they inspect the barns and fancy equipment but not the milk. When they start putting all of the cream back in the milk some the surplus butter will disappear.

Please vote 8 X Yes. Mrs. Gladys Hamilton Rte. 2, Box 468 Medford, Oregon.

Wants Courteous Service

To the Editor: I was very interested in reading James T. Pool's communication in your Monday edition. I agree with him that it is high time Oregon had a Democratic senator and a Democratic congressman from this district. Forty years is a long time to be saddled with Republican senators. But 52 years is a longer time.

That's how long it has been since Jackson county elected a Democrat to serve as county clerk.

The late John Orth, one of Jackson county's most highly respected citizens, was elected county clerk in 1902, I am told. Since his term the office has been monopolized by the GOP.

The Democrats have a very able and trustworthy candidate this year in Cecil Norris. Let's break the monopoly in the county clerk's office and give ALL the people of the county courteous service by electing him November 2.

Max L. Terzenback, Medford Gun Shop, 1517 N. Riverside

Can't Let "Give Away" Go On

To the Editor: As this campaign nears the closing stretch, there are still several issues on which the Republican candidates have failed to make their position clear. Instead, they are engaged in a barrage of worn out slogans and scare techniques in a frantic effort to divert the voters' minds from the real issues.

Two questions voters have the right to ask are: How do Cordon and Ellsworth stand on the Al Serena "mine" timber giveaway? Are they in favor of the Dixon-Yates contract?

Let's take no chance on them letting more valuable Oregon timber slip away on the mining claim pretext. There is grave danger to Oregon's economy in this sinister policy.

There is also real danger to Oregon economy in the Dixon-Yates contract. If this undermining of the great TVA public power project is allowed to continue without protest, Oregon's Bonneville may be the next to be sold down the river to private utilities. Timber and public power are important to Oregon, important to Jackson county. Don't let the repetition of vague sayings, borrowed from the past, cause our voters to forget their heritage.

This is 1954, a year of decision for Oregonians. Shall we go forward with progressive men like Neuberger and Porter who are familiar with our resources and dedicated to guarding their potentialities, or cast our lots with men who seem determined to limit Oregon's future through the giveaway, thus earning for ourselves the blame of future generations?

James T. Higgins, 60 N. Peach, Medford, Ore.

A Farmer Protests

To the Editor: The letter to the editor of Oct. 24 "As to Farmers vs. Hunters," paints a very black picture indeed of the farmer.

Mr. H. D. spoke of the "city dude" buying produce from the farmer 365 days a year. Ignore the farmer the next 365 days and raise those things yourself, by your own sweat of brow. I'll venture to say that at the end of those 365 days you will have a different respect for the mean old farmer.

You spoke of the farmer not wanting to supply free meals to hunters. I wonder how many free meals do the "city dudes" supply to the farmers, as they come to town.

Maybe some day I'll drop in and pick a free bouquet of flowers you have cared for all year. And would you allow some of us mean old farmers to bring our lunch and eat in your front yard? Leaving, of course, the usual mess of paper plates, napkins and beer cans. We always have that assortment after "city dudes" picnic in our woods.

This past deer season several farmers have had livestock killed by would-be hunters, a fine thing. The last night of deer season, while sitting in our living room, a rifle bullet whizzed by our house, from a car driving slow, looking for eyes. A great sport. This shot was fired at the risk of our livestock in the field next to our house, on a main traveled road.

Even in view of the above facts there have been few hunters refused permission to hunt on our place. We have raised the quail and pheasants during those same 365 days, but why should we have the privilege of eating them, when our "city dude" hunters want them for free?

Yes, little squirrel ranchers like ourselves have a few dollars invested. Why shouldn't we try to protect them? I'm afraid if we didn't you "city dudes" wouldn't care how many head of livestock was killed or how much property was damaged.

We farmers have long ago stopped looking for something for free. When we go to town we buy and pay to park to get to buy. But then who cares? The farmer is making lots of money. I'm glad all "city dudes" don't look on farmers as "you, Mr. H. D."

Mrs. Robert Humphrey, Butte Falls Star Rt., Box 19, Eagle Point, Ore.

Favors Milk Controls

To the Editor: If there are those who are not certain how to vote on the Milk Control measure appearing on the ballot again this fall, may we in behalf of the dairy industry, state a few simple facts?

First, nutrition experts continually affirm that milk and its products are about the only food which furnishes a sufficient amount of calcium to make a balanced diet. Yet at the present time we find, due to high pressure advertising, soft drinks and substitutes are crowding milk aside. Even in ice cream unless one notices the label closely you may be getting substitutes.

Butter is being replaced by substitutes on many tables. In spite of claims of vitamin fortification in these substitutes, when they have been substituted for butterfat in livestock feeding tests young animals will soon develop an unthrifty appearance; hair begins to fall out and other signs of nutritional deficiency.

Could it not be true that some of the modern-day ills in humans are caused by this swing away from milk products to cheaper substitutes? In the light of these facts are the substitutes really cheaper?

The dairy industry is not one that lends itself naturally to high pressure advertising. Milk is a product which, once gotten dirty cannot be cleaned. The stainless steel and other equipment required to produce sanitary milk in the modern dairy require an investment of many thousands of dollars, added to the cost of cows, feed and labor.

The milk marketing act was set up about 20 years ago to regulate sanitary conditions and to provide the consumer with a steady supply of wholesome milk just as cheaply in the winter when production is low as in summer when there is a surplus. Quotas are allotted to dairies that meet the sanitary requirements. If a producer fails to produce milk which meets the proper bacteria tests he loses his quota.

The milk marketing act has worked very well since it was inaugurated. It has been under repeated attack by those who are pushing cheaper and inferior substitutes. If it is voted out it will throw the dairy industry into a real mess and endanger the quality and supply of wholesome milk. There may be room for improvement in the milk marketing act but let's not vote it out.

Lawrence Leonard W. C. Higinbotham Central Point, Ore.

A Boost for Jim Perry

To the Editor: Men in public service, whether elected or appointed, and on salary, should not be called on to serve too long in the same capacity. Four years in the same job should be long enough. If promotion is impossible then retirement from public life is indicated.

This is the opinion of only one person, however, and there are exceptions to any rule. But no man should run again and again for the same office, nor should he be asked to. Someone with new ideas and fresh enthusiasm should be found to replace one who has served his proportionate time for his community. As long as the replacement is sincere and conscientious, the "new ideas" will pay off and the whole community benefit.

Speaking of new ideas, the Democratic candidate for sheriff has some that seem to be the "pay off" kind. For instance, decentralization of the manpower in the sheriff's office so that a deputy sheriff is not too far distant from any area of the county and at practically no additional expense, contact to be made by radio or telephone. It would disperse the personnel to places of likely need.

Also along this line, Mayor VanGelder of Jacksonville is finishing his first year in office, having been appointed to replace Mayor Hackert, who resigned last year, although VanGelder had been a councilman for four years previously.

One year hasn't been long enough to exhaust all of Mayor VanGelder's good ideas. For this reason it is hoped that he will be reelected in order to carry out plans which have not yet had a chance on the agenda, even though he has served his "proportionate time."

H. L. Markwith, Pres., City Council, Jacksonville, Ore.

Does It All Add Up?

To the Editor: I have been informed that the pine timber from the McDonald Al Serena mine is being sold to A. A. "Tony" Lausmann, owner of the Kogap Lumber Company of Medford, and the peeler logs to Timber Products Co.

Tony Lausmann is president of the Oregon Republican Clubs. Lausmann is getting the cream of the timber from Al Serena. The mining patents on Al Serena were granted as soon as possible after the Republicans came into power in Washington. Does it all add up?

It is recalled that the Al Serena Mine is located between Elk Creek and Union Creek in the Rogue River National Forest. It is the mine on which a mining patent was granted by the Republican administration, with the help of Congressman Harris Ellsworth, after successive Democratic administrations had turned down the mining claim patents on the grounds that there was not sufficient mineral on the claims to justify mining patents.

It is also interesting to know that upstate newspaper reporters, who came down here to look into the Al Serena controversy, found that the Forest Service and other government officials have completely "clammed up" and are fearful of their scalps if they so much as discuss the history of the Al Serena case. They have received their warning from on high. Like the Chinese laundrymen they "no savvy."

Value of the timber on the Al Serena claims, before their lips were sealed, was estimated by Forest Service officials at well over \$100,000.

No commercial mining as such is being done now.

But the timber is being "mined" as fast as it can be cut. This brings up a question. What is going to happen to the thousands of acres of mining claims that have been filed throughout the Union Creek area, including even the area at Union Creek where summer homes now stand, and have stood for 30 years? Mining claims have been filed on all of it.

It's good business if you can get it.

But wouldn't it have been better for Jackson county citizens if the county had got its regular percentage of the value of federal timber as it does under normal Forest Service and O. and C. timber sales?

William A. Hoxie 953 Kenyon St. Medford, Oregon

Barikadizing Wrong Tree

To the Editor: It looks as if dogs and Republicans have gotten mixed up in this present political campaign. Of course, we have all been didactically told that "What is good for General Motors is good for the country." But the Secretary goes on to tell us about dogs. Knowing a little about dogs myself, especially about some of the yapping mongrels in Medford, may I say that a good master feeds his hunting dogs as well as his kennel dogs?

The trained bird dog flushes birds for his master, retrieves them so carefully in his tender mouth that feathers and skin are almost untouched. The bird dog does not hunt birds to kill and eat them himself. He merely gets the parts unfit for human consumption for his wages—and is content with that. Should we workers be content with the same, so that the masters can live in luxury? Or did Secretary Wilson intend to refer to chicken stealing, chicken killing tramp dogs, who being without employment (i.e., masters) must somehow eat if they are to live? Or to the wily coyote? Big dogs as well as wolves even kill sheep when starving. Who can blame them? There are some fine local dogs, since we are on the subject of unnatural history, who are trained to stay home and keep out of the streets so that

Officials Named In SOC Elections

Ashland—Oscar C. Bjorlie, Southern Oregon college assistant professor of music, has been elected president of the SOC chapter of the Oregon Education association. Other officers elected were, vice-president, Mrs. Dorothea Bushnell, assistant professor of education and supervisor of teachers; and secretary, Dr. Phyllis Plichta, professor of education.

Noel Deets, Ashland, has been elected president of the Southern Oregon College choir. Vice-president of the choir is Ken Ellis, Klamath Falls, and secretary-treasurer is Nancy Mallon, Central Point.

Vet's Village at the college has elected its mayor and councilman for 1954-55. Mayor is Bud Purdin and the councilmen are Marle Atkinson and Don Ferguson. This council serves as a go-between for the Villagers and the administration of SOC.

Dr. Bill A. Sampson, director of supervised teaching and placement, was elected vice-president of the Northwest Association of Placement Officials at a meeting of the association in Tacoma, Wash. He also served as moderator of a panel discussing legal problems in connection with teacher placement services.

115 'Wetbacks' Found In Northwest Region

Seattle—(U.P.)—The Immigration and Naturalization Service office here has announced that 115 Mexican "wetbacks" have been rounded up in the Pacific Northwest during the past two weeks.

District Immigration Director John Boyd said 52 of the aliens who entered the country illegally were arrested in the Boise, Ida., area. Another 33 "wetbacks" were taken by officers in the Klamath Falls, Ore., area and the other 30 Mexicans were rounded up in the Yakima valley.

Boyd said 1,351 "wetbacks" have been arrested in the four Northwest states so far this year. All are being sent back to Mexico.

TO PROBE CHARGES

Brainerd, Minn.—(U.P.)—County Attorney Arthur Sullivan says he will investigate charges that the Riverton School Board bought ice cream, Christmas candy and prizes for a PTA meeting and charged the purchases to janitor supplies and wall paint.

they neither get run over nor cause an accident. There are even dogs who do not snap at the heels of strange children going home from school, who do not snarl at the feet of every passing cyclist—and there are some beautifully mannered children, too. The owners who really care for their dogs already keep the proposed ordinance. The ordinance is needed for the other kind.

Seems to me we have not progressed very far from the days when a dog was crowned king and ruled over his human subjects. When he growled, it meant death to his human subjects, when he barked, it meant life. Egyptians had a civil war over dogs. People of Cynopolis, City of the Dog, ate fish sacred to the people of Oxyrhynchus, so people of Oxyrhynchus, to show hatred for people of Cynopolis, ate dogs. Both cities, furiously angry at each other, went to war.

The dog was worshipped as a god in Egypt. In Medford? Hints off to Seeing Eye dogs—But;

Maybe pseudo dog-lovers and Republicans are barking up the wrong tree.

Edith Y. Ingle, 338 Bessie Street, Medford, Ore.

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