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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

Dec. 3, 1944 (It was Sunday) Twenty acre farm, one mile from Medford, with new six-room house, large barn, all land irrigated, offered for sale for \$10,500 with terms.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 3, 1934 (It was Monday) Jackson county residents notified that temporary automobile licenses will be available starting Dec. 15.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 3, 1924 (It was Wednesday) Christmas trees attached to lamp posts on Main st. in downtown Medford.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 3, 1914 (It was Thursday) Medford clothing store advertises two types of Arrow collars—the whitby, which is 1 1/2 inches high, and the Atlanta, which is 2 1/2 inches high; both sell for two for 25 cents.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?) Copr. 1954, Editorial Research Report 1. The U.S. has or hasn't told Moscow that if our lookout planes continue to be fired on over the Pacific, they'll be protected by other planes?

LONG-LIVED SURVIVORS

Holland, Mich.—(U.P.)—Five of the 11 children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ryer De Weerd many years ago died at birth or lived only a few years. But the other six are still living and boast a total age of 456 years.

HE FLIPPED

Syracuse, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Richard Dean was so happy about the 50-cent piece he found on a street that he began flipping the coin into the air as he walked away.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Block Island, R. I.—(U.P.)—Residents of this isolated island 10 miles off the Rhode Island coast know which side their bread is buttered on. They honored at a dinner the skippers of the two small steamers that maintain the principal contact between the island and the mainland.

Accident Records Aid Prevention

Experience is the great teacher but in the case of traffic accidents it is necessary that adequate records of accident details and causes be kept or the experience is of little help except perhaps for those directly involved—and sometimes the latter do not live to act on what they might have learned.

The National Safety Council in a recently received analysis of Medford's 1953 traffic accident records points out that practically all mishaps are caused by specific conditions and actions and that repetition could be avoided if drivers were better trained and more aware of the need for caution and if those in charge of accident prevention were able, by watching the records, to determine wherein lie the hazards which cause the most accidents.

THE National Safety Council's analysis and report on conditions here, made in cooperation with the Medford Safety Council and the police department, show that this city recorded 61 per cent of the accident facts last year, ranking 109th among the cities of the country in this work.

Traffic accident records are generally collected and analyzed by the police departments, according to the Council, since most of the reports are from its investigating officers. The Council adds that an adequate staff is necessary if the officers are to do a completely satisfactory job. Experience has shown that 200 man-days, per 1000 accidents, are required to properly process accident records. On that basis, the Council says, Medford should have spent 191 man-days to process the volume of reports received instead of the 6.5 man-days the department was able to devote to the work.

With complete records available city traffic engineers can determine the principal causes of collisions, the extent of roadway defects and vision obstructions and the locations where most accidents occur.

Using the records the public safety officials can keep the public informed and alert to hazards, and enforcement officers learn the spots to watch for the violations which so often lead to accidents.

THE Council ranked Medford's police traffic activity 53rd among the 456 reporting cities and stated that eight traffic officers and one more civilian clerk would be required for us to compare favorably with other cities of similar size. Medford's 100 per cent conviction rate in hit-and-run arrests substantially exceeded the 75 per cent minimum generally obtained. The city's 100 per cent of convictions and penalty in arrests for hazardous traffic violations, was also rated unusually good.

The final comment in the Council's analysis of traffic supervision here expressed particular regret that information was not sufficiently complete for evaluation of action taken against drinking drivers. "Nowhere," said the Council, "is general practice more equivocal, nor the need for decisive action more urgent, than in keeping full records and seeing that full effect of the law is visited upon persons found under the influence of intoxicants while driving." —E.C.F.

Salvation Army Week

This is an important week for the Salvation Army. Not only is the great religious and charitable organization celebrating the 75th anniversary of its coming to the United States, but its members are hard at work preparing to bring Christmas cheer to the less fortunate.

SEVENTY-FIVE years ago a small band of seven women officers and one man landed in New York City from England to plant the flag of the Salvation Army and to "claim America for God." Though hardships, ridicule and abuse were everyday occurrences to them, they proceeded with courage and determination to the tasks which they had set for themselves and within a few years had established centers of operation across the nation.

The secret of the success which has enabled the organization to expand so greatly lies in the unselfish service, both spiritual and material, which it renders. On the spiritual side is the taking of Christian truth into the slums, the prisons, the hospitals, seeking out those in need of reassurance and the light of hope. Many such could not be reached by more orthodox methods.

In its material ministrations to those in need, the Salvation Army last year provided 9,431,550 meals and 1,914,638 lodgings. In addition there is social work covering a multitude of services—visitation among the needy and ill; establishment of centers to help the destitute and unemployed; maternity homes and hospitals for the unmarried mother; low-cost hotels for those in smaller income brackets; day care centers for children, clubs for servicemen and many others.

THE Salvation Army's anniversary celebration would be a good time for fellow citizens to show their appreciation for services rendered. In a substantial way this can be done by dropping a contribution in the Christmas kettles when downtown. The kettles are the Army's chief source of funds for its Christmas time charitable work.—E.C.F.

Babson... 50 Years Ahead

Babson Park, Mass.—(Special to Mail Tribune)—Part of our Fiftieth Anniversary, celebrated recently in Wellesley, Mass., was spent looking ahead 50 years to the year 2004. Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson, a disciple of Steinmetz and long-time engineer-researcher for General Electric and the Radio Corporation of America, made some startling statements. If he and the other speakers did not hold such important positions today, we would take these statements "with a grain of salt," but under the circumstances they deserve attention. Here's what we predict for 50 years from now.

Our offspring will look back on the 1954 era as one of primitive existence. Automation will have taken over completely, not only in the factory, but also in the home and on the farm. For example, Dr. Alexanderson predicts that the business executive will live in the country and commute to work by helicopter over a special-frequency airline channel which will pilot his plane automatically and safely to its destination. The busy business executive won't have to go to the office so often, for he will have private TV circuits between his home and his office and can go into conference or look in on any part of his factory by means of numerous television eyes. He will be able to go to his summer place in the mountains and, again by means of private TV circuits, see and talk with his children back home. By the same means, he can look in on his cattle or into his chicken house. A button pushed at his mountain house will carry an impulse via short wave to the chicken house back on the farm, and the chickens will be fed and the eggs collected, sized, and boxed automatically.

Machines will be powered by atomic capsules, and by 2004 we will consume as much power in one year as we did in all the years from 1 A.D. to 1954. Homes and working establishments will all be air-conditioned. Electronic ovens will cook our food in seconds. Foods will be wrapped and sealed in inexpensive plastics and will keep crisp, fresh, and deliciously palatable indefinitely. People will be healthier and happier. They will live to be 100 with no debilitating effects. This age will be known as the atomic age—an era of unprecedented technological advancement and material prosperity.

Women Officials In Government Seen Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, Treasurer of the United States, predicts that one-half of our elective and appointive officials will be women in 2004—half of the House of Representatives, and a third of the Senate. The Secretary of State will be a woman. Through the efforts of women the world over, there will be an effective outlawing of war.

In predicting business trends of the future, considerably more emphasis will be given to sampling, market analysis, and discovering what people think and why they think that way. This kind of analysis will enable us to predict human behavior and business trends far more accurately than is now possible.

Leaders Concerned About Civilization Both Miss Margaret Clapp, President of Wellesley college, and Dr. Alexanderson are concerned about the kind of civilization our technological advances will leave us with in 2004. Both fear that science, if pursued on a straight materialistic plane, will lead man into some real trouble. There is a serious fear in the minds of many educators lest education today is too concerned with teaching facts rather than developing thinking men and women of character and stature who know why as well as how.

A good climate for business and a soundly administered government do not just happen. They are the products of able leadership. And leadership, good or bad, is more closely tied to our religious and educational system than we may like to admit. Good leadership depends on excellence of instruction in church, school, and college. In the last analysis, what we do with our technological advances—whether we shall have peace or war, progress or decline in the art of living in 2004—may well depend on the kind of churches, schools and colleges you and I want and on the financial support we give them today.

Is That So? A natural puzzler. Guess my identity by two and you're an expert; by four is excellent; by six is still good. The answer is, tucked away in the last paragraph.

1. I'm a bow-legged, ravenously highwayman. Although I live in the deep-snow country, my color does not change. Evil-tempered always, and powerful, I brook no interference—I spit in any animal's eye, routing creatures 10 times my own size. I don't smell like a rose.

2. I live all the way around the northern world, south of the Arctic circle, in Asia, Europe and North America. Warm climates have no attraction for me although I once lived in northern Pennsylvania and in New Mexico. Though short-legged, I am a wide-ranging bandit—my circuit may take me 8-10 days.

3. I am the largest member of the weasel family. My fur is moderately long, coarse, and black-brown with lighter streaks on top of my broad head, under my chin, and on the back. My feet are hair-covered to traverse snow; my long, curved claws semi-retractile.

4. Though small, in my range I am king of beasts. Whenever I meet an animal enjoying a repast, the hair on my back and neck rises straight up, my tail goes into the air, and I advance to the attack with a growl, driving the world's largest carnivore from his own kill—and not just singly, but even in pairs! I come off second best only with the porcupine. I have been found dead with their quills puncturing my intestines and stomach. Eat All Meats.

5. I am a glutton, eating meat of all kinds, ages and conditions. If necessary, I swim rivers in pursuit of my food which consists of beavers, marmots, foxes, hares, lemmings, rats, chipmunks, ground-roosting ptarmigan, and best of all, mice. My powerful digestive system disposes of the huge meals I eat efficiently. What I cannot eat at once, I come back to. Or tear into chunks and bury for future use. My favorite stratagem is to climb a tree or rock and drop on the back of a moose or caribou, often clinging for 100 yards or more.

6. Trappers hate me. With diabolical cunning, they say, I follow their entire trap line at night and remove trapped animals and devour them; or spring their traps and rob them of bait, even hiding the traps themselves. I'm much too smart to get caught. Because of my supernatural ingenuity, I have been subject, of course, to untold legends and quaint stories.

7. Woodsmen of the north woods have cursed me for my propensity for breaking into their cabins and what I cannot eat or carry away I spoil with my vile-smelling secretions. A notorious thief, I have lugged away blankets, canned goods, dishes, cutlery, axes, kettles, guns and even stove lids as if out of sheer devilry.

8. I live a solitary grumpy life except in February or early March when I take a mate for a brief courtship. Two or three young, seldom more, are born in underground burrows and their coats are pale. In their defense, the mother is ferocious. By fall, fully two-thirds grown, they can fend for themselves.

9. Both the Eskimo and Indian prize my hide for fringing; and for parka-hood lining it is ideal—unlike most other furs, it does not collect and hold moisture.

10. Because of my looks and stench I have been called, skunk-bear; because of my nefarious activities, le carajou (French Canadian), devil incarnate, and glutton. Nonetheless, Michigan saw fit to take my name form—the Wolverine state.

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SUGGESTED BIBLE READING

The American Bible Society, the Medford Ministerial Association and the Medford Council of Church Women are cooperating in sponsoring daily Bible reading in the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The suggested scripture reading for today is: Psalms 103.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS In Washington the other day, only 25 senators showed up for the day's grist of debate on the McCarthy censure resolution. The senate's sergeant-at-arms had to be sent out to round up enough more to make a quorum of 49.

Remember the story of the farmer who was "going to town to get drunk, and GOSH how I dread it!" It sums up the McCarthy situation pretty accurately.

MEANWHILE—President Eisenhower backs up Secretary of State Dulles in opposition to a blockade of Communist China at this time. The White House said the President agrees with Dulles that a blockade would constitute "war action," which the United States does not plan.

Senator William Knowland renewed his call for a China blockade as a way of making the Communists release 13 imprisoned Americans. Dulles had ruled out such action in a speech from Chicago.

WHO'S right? Ike and Dulles Or Senator Knowland? WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THOSE are hard questions.

One of our proudest traditions revolves around an American named Perdicaris, who was kidnapped back in 1904 by a hell-raising Moroccan bandit named Ahmed Ibn-Muhammad Raisuli. Raisuli had been on a kidnaping binge that had the world of that day pretty well upset. Among others, he had kidnapped and held for ransom a London Times correspondent named Walter Harris. Europe was then in one of those delicate situations (so numerous through history) when nobody wanted to do anything that might rock the boat and upset the uneasy peace that then existed.

President Theodore Roosevelt took the situation in hand. He sent a cablegram to the Sultan of Morocco demanding "Perdicaris alive or Raisuli dead." He got Perdicaris—a live one. Promptly, Teddy's bold action settled Raisuli's hash. He disappeared from the stage of history.

THIS might be a good time to quote Edmund Spenser, who said in the Faerie Queene back in the 1500s: "But times do change and move continually." Back in Teddy Roosevelt's day, there was no atom bomb. There was no hydrogen bomb. And Morocco was a LITTLE country. At worst, all Teddy would have had to do would have been to send the fleet and land the Marines on Morocco's shores.

It would have been all over soon. THESE are different days. More direful days. No one now knows what might touch off another world war. And no one knows where another world war, once touched off, might end.

I can't escape the feeling that this is a time for patience and great forbearance. Meanwhile—KEEPING STRONG. EVERYTHING STOPS

Winsted, Conn.—(U.P.)—An air raid warden, under orders to stop all traffic during a Civil Defense test, did just that. The warden ordered a fire truck to halt and prevented it from going to the scene of a test "explosion."

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United States Defense Tops News for Week Treaty With Formosa

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

THE GOOD 1. The United States signed a mutual defense treaty with Nationalist China. Under the treaty, the United States will defend Formosa and its neighboring Pescadore islands against any Chinese Communist attack. If a decision whether to defend the Nationalist-held islands immediately off the Red-held mainland becomes necessary, it will be made on a spot basis. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, reemphasizing this country's determination to free 13 Americans imprisoned on forced charges by the Chinese Reds, said the government will consider blocking the Chinese coast if other means fail.

2. The United States, Great Britain and France laid down some stiff terms, in notes to Moscow, for the Big Four foreign minister conference which the Kremlin seeks. Before any such meeting is held, the Allies said, the treaties for rearming Western Germany must be ratified, Russia must agree to sign an Austrian independence treaty, and it must clarify its position on free elections to unify Germany.

3. Fanatical Fellagha Nationalist rebels in Tunisia started surrendering in response to a French government peace offer. It was a small but encouraging break in the attempt of Premier Mendes-France to end terrorism in Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria.

THE BAD 1. Eight Communist countries meeting in Moscow agreed to rearm Eastern Germany and to form an Eastern European military alliance if West Germany is rearmated. It was a retort, made with the speed possible only in countries where free speech and political opposition are outlawed, to the Allied determination to ratify the West German armament treaties. It is questionable how dependable an East German army—or the army of any Communist satellite country—may prove. But the Moscow action serves to intensify East-West disagreement and to make a cold war settlement more remote.

2. Viet Nam troops and police fought throughout Tuesday night in Saigon, capital of the new state of southern Viet Nam in Indochina. The situation held the possibilities of breaking into civil war. The fighting came just at the time when France and the United States sought to strengthen Premier Ngo Dinh Diem and reduce the threat that Viet Nam might fall to the Communists.

3. Debate in United Nations over primitive West New Guinea served only to embitter relations between the Netherlands and Indonesia. Indonesia demands that the Netherlands, from which it won its independence in 1949, hand over its part of the world's second largest island. Indonesia asked the U.N. to call on the Netherlands to resume negotiations. The Political committee voted 34 to 14 to ask the two countries to continue to try to solve the dispute. Australia, which holds the rest of New Guinea, vigorously supported the Netherlands against the resolution.

Golden Eagle Astonishes Residents Cleveland, O.—(U.P.)—Suburban Beachwood residents have a right to be somewhat astonished. It isn't every day you see a golden eagle around your neighborhood.

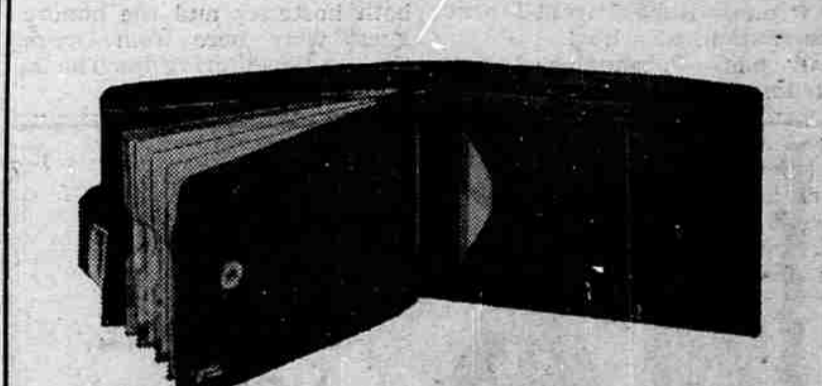
The great bird, rare in North America, is owned by Louis Gaeta, who was sent the bird by a friend in Montana. Gaeta, a World War II Air Force veteran, became interested in falconry while serving in Germany and is training Jazebel, as the glowing bird is called, in that ancient sport.

During the day Jazebel is moored to a perch in Gaeta's front yard and at night she is tethered on the front porch. Raw meat is her fare. Jazebel has an eight-foot wing spread and must be handled gingerly because of her powerful claws and beak, which are enough to keep the most ardent bird lovers at respectful distances.

HOW ABOUT DIXIE? Hattiesburg, Miss.—(U.P.)—A journalism student, Patty Sue Flynn, made a survey of names on the enrollment list at Mississippi Southern College. She found students named East, West and North. But there wasn't one South on this Deep South campus.

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