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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 (It was Tuesday) Fire destroys Frank Cameron home, built in 1868, in Applegate area.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: War pictures now stress the muddiness of European battlefields.

20 YEARS AGO (It was Wednesday) General Manager Floyd Hart announces that Timber Products company will rebuild portion of retail lumber shed destroyed by fire; damage estimated at \$50,000.

Negotiations started by C. G. Smith, acting superintendent of Medford schools, for postseason football game between Medford high school and McKinley high school of Honolulu; game would be played in Medford.

30 YEARS AGO (It was Friday) Medford circuit court jury acquits man charged with bootlegging after only seven minutes of deliberation.

Henry Pace conducts banquet for members of Coach Callison's state championship football team.

40 YEARS AGO (It was Saturday) Medford police round up seven boys caught smoking cigarettes in the alley behind the city hall.

From the Local and Personal column: Later developments in the case of Carl Tengwald prove that he was a hero instead of a violator of the law Thursday noon when halted for speeding.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

- 1. The Watkins committee resolution for censuring Sen. McCarthy cited one, two, three, four, five, or more counts against him? 2. On Tuesday, Nov. 30, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill was 70, 75, 80, 85 or 90 years old? 3. Which three of these do not now have a Roman Catholic cardinal: Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia? 4. A chemical test for drunkenness in auto drivers is voluntary or compulsory in most of the states using the test? 5. Formosa is about ten, 50, 100, 500 or 1000 miles from the Red China mainland? 6. Only a handful of Civil War veterans are left—more Unionists than Confederates, more Confederates than Unionists, or the same number of each? 7. A uxoricide kills a king, a President, his girl friend, his child, his wife, or her boy friend? The Answers: 1. Three, 2. 80, 3. Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia don't, 4. Voluntary, 5. About 100 miles, 6. More Confederates, 7. His wife.

Strange!

We were not surprised that Senator Cordon chose a defense of Senator McCarthy and opposition to his censure as his valedictory. For it was generally known that "Guy" was one of "Joes" pals, although during his campaign our senior Senator never admitted it.

But we were surprised that he should base his case for "Joe" on the constitutional right of free speech. For Senator Cordon is a smart lawyer, and must know that free-speech is a limited freedom.

LEGITIMATE freedom of speech within the senate, and outside it, will not be affected in the slightest by the vote of censure—or condemnation—registered so overwhelmingly against the junior Senator from Wisconsin.

It was not his freedom of speech that was involved, but the way he used—and abused—that freedom.

MOREOVER this was not a court case. It was exclusively a senate case. The laws of the country were not involved, but only the rules, regulations and traditions of the Upper House of Congress.

So again the right of free speech, as guaranteed by the constitution was not involved in this case, as it would have been in some civil action involving a private citizen, in the same field.

IT was surprising that Senator Cordon should have brought up this legal phase. It was even more surprising that our senior Senator, not only a good lawyer, but an experienced and effective prosecutor, should have pulled out the tremelo stop for fear of hurting the feelings or doing an injustice to his colleague from Wisconsin, but should have no concern apparently for the feelings of his colleagues in the senate who had been called cowards, liars, fellow-travelers and traitors by the man he was defending.

STRANGE, very strange! In fact for four or five years, this department has been mystified by the course adopted by Jackson county's old friend of the O&C days, from nearby Roseburg.

When he was appointed to take the late Senator McNary's seat he is the last man in the world his supporters would ever have suspected of falling for the phoney cult of McCarthy and McCarthyism.

Yet, Guy not only fell for it, but went completely overboard. Did those ten years in Washington do that to him, or did we really never know him? Perhaps the answer is both.—R.W.R.

Freedom of the Press—

Just as freedom of speech is a limited freedom, so is freedom of the press.

It is now being claimed in certain quarters, however, that unless camera-men are allowed to snap pictures in court rooms, courts are fitted up with radios and TV sets, the freedom of the press will be illegally abridged,—or at least the people will be undesirably separated from our judicial processes.

SO long as newspapers are freely admitted into open courts, the press has all the freedom it needs. Of course news pictures are desirable, and add to newspaper readability. Court scenes and reports, particularly in sensational cases, would no doubt be popular in radio and TV circles. But so long as the public can get the facts, and the papers give them accurately, that is all the press need worry about, as far as its freedom is concerned.

THE rest comes under not press freedom but press privilege. MOREOVER there is the attitude of the bar and courts to be considered, the matter of attaining justice for litigants without interference or over-emphasis on behalf of one party or another. Yes, and the matter of proper dignity in our courts should not be overlooked; or needless ballyhoo and hippodrome in the serious business of securing "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

These camera-flashers in conventions and other public gatherings where notables are assembled have become a public nuisance. But to have them crawling around the chairs and the furniture in our court rooms would be intolerable. At any rate if this is to be done on the basis of progress, let it NOT be done under the claim of press freedom.

As long as the newspapers are given freedom to get the salient facts in all court actions and other departments of our day-to-day life, without hindrance or censorship, that is quite enough, in that particular department. It seems to this department the judiciary of the country should decide the rules and regulations of their own courts. We are quite sure the people would be glad to abide by their decision.—R.W.R.

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: Isaiah 40.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of initials 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.

The Christmas Meaning

To the Editor: Christmas, the time of brotherly love, and exchange of gifts. The time when everyone should be more conscious of the child who was born so many years ago.

Here it is, the first of December, and already the streets are gaily decorated, the stores have Christmas tree ornaments, and suggestions for that Christmas present for mother. Why, with better than three weeks until Christmas "Day," is everything focused on "shop now, avoid the rush."

Let's all put Christ back in Christmas! Richard L. Hart, Secretary Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Westick

To the Editor: From early grammar school days until last August, I considered the West to be nothing more than a geographical area containing miles and miles of ranches and mountains intermixed with small bodies of water.

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if they will plan now by purchase or lease of present marginal business areas for parking purposes; but I believe that this is their problem and not the property owners outside their district.

The tax load that real property is now carrying should be of great concern to every home owner and business man. We are fast approaching the maximum limit that real property can carry.

In the past two years many continuing bond levies have been placed on real property in Jackson County, and the known need for future schools will place a burden on many taxpayers that they will not be able to meet.

The fact is that many people are now paying their taxes on a monthly basis. They do not realize the emergency until it creeps up on them. Then it is too late.

Wake up, Mr Taxpayer. Look at any bond issue, and be sure to go to the polls and vote. Remember, less than 10% of eligible voters have been voting these continuing levies and I wonder what percentage of these are taxpayers.

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Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

THE PIRANHA-POLITICIAN

Washington—To the frequent visitor to the Senate galleries, there is a mysterious fascination in watching the Senators in the well below, their figures foreshortened and their balding heads emphasized by the people of vision. It is something like the fascination some people find in watching fish in an aquarium.

WHEN McCarthy's oddly swollen figure entered the Senate, the chamber had been depopulated by a tedious pro-McCarthy speech by Mundt. McCarthy had been seated only a few minutes, when he rose to the attack.

NO group of men could be more oddly assorted. But the gallery watcher soon realizes that they get on amazingly well together. This is partly because the desire to be liked is a characteristic of most politicians. It is partly because, like fish in a tank, they have to get on well together, if the Senatorial system is to work at all.

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THE effect of the presence in the Senate of this different breed of Senator is oddly paralyzing. It is a little as though a few piranhas—the tiny, voracious, carnivorous Brazilian fish—had been dumped into a tank of amiable, elderly gold fish.

THREE times last Tuesday, the last full day of debate on the McCarthy censure resolution, the piranha-spirit was on display. The first came when Jenner of Indiana leapt to his feet to attack the aging Flanders, of Vermont, with the shrieking, arm-waving frenzy which is his specialty.

Everyone knew, instead, that it was intended to feed grist to the McCarthy propaganda mill—and above all to serve notice on other Senators of the treatment they could expect if they dared lift their voices against McCarthy and his band.

While Flanders, white-faced and flustered, tried to answer, no Senator rose to his defense. Those present knew from experience that nothing is at once more dangerous and more futile than to try to reason with a piranha-politician.

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piranha spirit interrupted the habitual, droning Senatorial rhythm once again. To be sure, when Welker of Idaho, whose speaking voice drips with almost audible venom, rose to attack Fullbright of Arkansas. But the real climax came late in the afternoon, when flash bulbs in the corridors announced the arrival of the Grand Inquisitor himself.

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Is That So?

By Eugene Burns Ranger-Naturalist

A great orderliness exists in all animal inheritance. Like begets like. Dogs produce dogs; horses produce horses; rabbits produce rabbits. The zoological fence of family divisions cannot be crossed.

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ship is close, buffalo, yak and zebu may cross with a cow and be fertile. But yet, in the wild these hybrids—from such as the buffalo and the cow—tend to die out naturally. They only survive when the offspring are better adapted, then they find a new niche in our animal kingdom.

IN conclusion may I say I hope this piece has answered the hundreds of honest and straightforward questions that I have received from parents, teachers, scoutmasters and students everywhere. (Copyright, 1954, by Eugene Burns) (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

Free: By special arrangement with the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana, my panel of judges will award each week to the reader who sends me the best question on nature and wildlife a complete 30-volume set of this world-famous reference work in a handsome Sealcraft binding. Each week, new questions will be considered. Sorry, I simply can't answer your many friendly letters. Please address your question to IS THAT SO? c/o Medford Mail Tribune, Box 575, Sausalito, Calif.



and producing "skunk-cats"; or with a tame woodchuck, and producing "cat-chucks"; or "squirrel-cats."

Such variations, in many instances, are responsible for the belief that a cross of two unrelated kinds of animals produced the "freak."

Nature contributes in some ways to the misunderstanding of certain species by creating what might appear to be strange combinations of such animals. For example, the ringtail cat might give the appearance of a cross between a cat and a raccoon, but it does not belong to the cat family, despite its name, and is a cousin of our familiar raccoon.

Or the zebra-wolf of Tasmania. It appears to be a cross between a dog and a zebra. Or the white-tailed gnu of South Africa which looks like an antelope, horse and cow rolled into one.

Or the weird duck-billed platypus which rivals anything that man has ever imagined; its ducklike bill, fur-covered body, four-webbed feet, horny poison spur on the heel, with the female laying and hatching one or two eggs, and then sucking her young without benefit of breasts—the milk following the hair as the young lick the belly. Surely, to the inexperienced this might be the final product of a nightmare of crossings.

Unnatural Breedings However, where unnatural cross-breedings may occur, nature herself has set up some specific safeguards, and one of three things may happen:

1. If the species are far apart, there are no offspring—a zebra and an antelope crossing, for example, have no issue. Or a peking duck and a chicken.

2. If they are close together, offspring may result but the offspring is sterile—such as a pintail duck with a mallard duck, a sparrow with a junco—combinations which occur quite often in nature, or a tiger with a lion, resulting in a tigon or liger.

3. Even more closely related animals, within the same family group of course, may sometimes cross and produce fertile offspring, both rarely or regularly, some of which if they are good may tend to replace existing species, but mostly they are not good and die out.

May Produce Mule For example, a donkey may cross with a mare and produce a mule in which the offspring in rare instances may be able to reproduce.

At the fringe, as where mule-tail and blacktail deer overlap, crossings do occur and these may be fruitful. Where wolf meets dog, the same may happen.

In cattle, where the relationship is close, the same may happen.

4-H Club Ashland Sewing & Cooking Club The Ashland 4-H Sewing and Cooking club held its annual presentation of awards Nov. 15 at the Christian church in Ashland. Mothers of the club members were invited. Jean Brooks, county agent presented the awards.

They were, first year, Carol Rayner, Ruth Monkton and Sandra Wilson; second year, Patricia McNabb, Marie Schmelzer, and Nylia Cooper; third year, Colleen Cretel; sixth year, Carol Johnston.

Miss Brooks gave a short talk on the selection of patterns. Refreshments were served. On November 30, a meeting was held at the church. A Christmas party was discussed. Refreshments were served. Nylia Cooper Reporter

Potluck

By M-T Staff and Contributors

The staid but well-edited Oregon Statesman in Salem comments editorially: "In the Jackson county circuit court, one man was given 'two life terms' for participation in a murder. We may assume the two life terms are to be served 'concurrently.'"

Oddly enough, the Statesman's assumption is incorrect. The sentences are to be served "consecutively," although how a man can serve a second life sentence after completing the first one escapes us at the moment.

Notice from one of the other of the garden clubs not long ago said the speaker would talk on "white winter bloomers." Perhaps she doesn't like pink ones.

State Police Lieutenant Paul (Skinny) Morgan got the start of his life the other day when, driving south on Central ave. to the city police station, he spied a rabbit charging straight at him down the middle of the street.

Someone suggested maybe its name was Harvey, and it had just escaped from the nearby Elks club bar.

A small girl was questioned by her parents as to why she apparently stayed away from a visitor who is blind. Her explanation: "Do you think I want to catch the blindness?"

Margo Fluhrer, head of Fluhrer's Bakery, the other day complained that she didn't have any breakfast because when she got up in the morning all she could find were two slices of bread—and they were so old they were moldy.

Staff member's comment on getting up in the morning: "I always set my alarm 15 minutes early so I'll have more time to lie there having to get up."

Headline in a recent issue of the Pendleton East-Oregonian stated: KNOWLAND-EISENHOWER SPLIT FLARES Staff member comments, "Well, now Bill and Ike each can have one flare."

Case No. 11,115 was reported to city police at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30, 1954. The case: "Woman reports small boy with a large knife cutting down two trees across Bear creek."

Police, we are told, are still investigating.

Frank Dancer, 1310 Gregory rd., owns a Jersey cow which had twin calves Nov. 19. The following day an older daughter of the same cow also had twin calves. All reported doing fine.

The Ashland Tidings tells this one: A man bought a second-hand car during the cold spell last week. Worried that it might freeze, he dashed out and drained the radiator. Instead of water, though, out came a thick, syrupy fluid. He had it tested and found out the previous owner, who lived in Alaska, had put in enough anti-freeze to protect it at temperatures of 50 below zero.

A reporter dropped into the county agent's office one day last week and was startled to find Home Extension Agent Eula Wintermote and County Agent Earle Jossy (neither of whom smoke) puffing madly away at cigarettes. Miss Wintermote, moreover, was burning a table top with the smoking weeds.

It seems Miss W. was testing a new process of refinishing burned table tops, and needed a burned table top to test.