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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. 8, 1944

(It Was Friday)

Lt. Col. Robert G. Emmens, Medford, named to serve on Allied Control board for Romania.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The weather is such that waterproof roofs and "powder-dry" shoes have started to leak.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 8, 1924

(It Was Saturday)

William A. Cortnell, 89, Talent, a veteran of the Civil war and a resident of Jackson county for 45 years, dies while on visit in Los Angeles.

Chamberlain Carr, Gold Hill, makes application for water from left fork of Lyons gulch for gold mining operation.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 8, 1924

(It Was Monday)

Laurence J. DeRycke, Medford, named to debating at Albany college.

Ada Brewster, county demonstration agent, organizes home economics club in Wellen district.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 8, 1914

(It Was Tuesday)

Stars of Rose Society vaudeville show include "Pop" Gates, Fletcher Fish, Dolph Phipps, Ed Andrews, Miss Carolyn Andrews, Sprague Riegel, Mrs. A. Conro Fiero, and Alfred Carpenter.

From the Local and Personal column: Five wandering gents were quartered in the city jail Monday night and the total aggregate wealth of the outfit was 20 cents. One of the number—a middle-aged man, was obsessed with the religious ideas, and kept repeating over and over the appropriate bit of Scripture for him, reading "The birds of the air have nests, and the foxes have holes, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head."

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

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1. At least one state in the South has more Negro than White public school pupils; right or wrong?

2. A two-thirds vote in the Senate is needed to ratify a peace treaty. It is or isn't needed also for a declaration of war?

3. Most poultry and eggs moving to wholesale markets go by truck or train?

4. Hippocrates and Galen were notable in ancient Greece in philosophy, architecture, the drama, medicine, or astronomy?

5. Does the Constitution, or an act of Congress, or neither, prescribe that a Supreme Court justice be a lawyer?

6. Most states bar drivers' licenses for epileptics; right or wrong?

7. Daniel Webster compiled a famous dictionary; right or wrong?

The answers: 1. Wrong. 2. Yes (majority vote needed in both houses). 3. Almost all by truck. 4. Medicine. 5. Neither. 6. Right. 7. Wrong (that was Noah Webster)

S-D Day

Jackson county drivers will have to be more careful than they were the same day last year if they are to do their part in the nation-wide campaign to make December 15, "S-D Day" (Safe-Driving Day), completely free of traffic accidents.

The date has been designated by President Eisenhower's Action Committee for Traffic Safety for an all-out effort to dramatize the possibilities in saving of life and property when proper care and caution are exercised by motorists and pedestrians.

On December 15 of last year there were six traffic accidents in Jackson county. Four of them, involving property damage only, occurred within city limits, and two accidents, one involving property damage and the other causing injuries to three persons, occurred in rural areas. In Oregon as a whole there were 163 accidents and 28 persons were injured during the day. In the nation 104 were killed.

STRICT observance of all written laws governing traffic, and the unwritten laws of courtesy on the streets and highways will without doubt cut the traffic toll for the day. And it is figured that if the toll can be reduced on one day of the year by strict observance and enforcement plus courtesy, it can be held to a minimum on all other days of the year by the same methods.

It is high time for something to be done to jolt Americans out of their seeming acceptance of traffic accidents as an unavoidable consequence of present day life.

At least a partial result of this defeat attitude last year was the killing of 38,300 men, women and children in traffic accidents. That was more than all the American servicemen killed or missing in action during the three years of the Korean war.

ANOTHER reason why we need to wake up to the dangers of discourteous or reckless driving is the fact that the number of fatal mishaps per mile of travel is increasing rapidly, right along with the increasing number of motor vehicles.

It took this country a half century to register the first millionth traffic death. That was in 1951. But at the present rate, only half as long will be required to kill the second million, according to the president's Action Committee for Traffic Safety.

WHILE the traffic fatality toll is bad enough, the number of those injured is appalling. Last year, 1,350,000 persons were disabled to at least some extent.

With about 55,000,000 vehicles rolling along the nation's roads in 1953 there were nearly 10,000,000 traffic accidents. The government estimates that there will be around 85,000,000 trucks and cars by 1975, 21 years from now. If traffic smashups and death and injury continue to increase as the number of machines grows, 1975 will resemble a war year—without guns. —E.C.F.

Carrying Perfection Too Far

Farmers and those interested in agricultural progress are constantly striving for perfection in their products—more bushels per acre of grain, cattle with more and better meat, larger and tastier fruit, bigger and better vegetables. All of these and many other fruits of the soil are selected, cultivated, fertilized and finally harvested with care and devotion.

Our own Prof. F. C. Reimer, for instance has spent years in research, experimenting with and growing pears, striving — and with considerable success — to produce, among other things, fruit with red-tinged skins, an attribute highly desired in order to catch the consumer's eye.

SUCH efforts, as long as they merely give nature an assist, are highly commendable for there is ultimate benefit for everyone. But the two Pecatonica, Ill., brothers went too far. Jointly named as the nation's corn kings at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, it was later discovered that their 10-ear entry, picked as the most nearly perfect of hundreds of samples, wasn't as perfect as first supposed. Some of the kernels had been glued on the cob. —E.C.F.

Winter Vacations

Although the "good old summer time" has always been thought of as vacation time, more and more Oregonians are taking time off in the winter. They don't all hie themselves to distant warm spots in the south either; thousands of them are enjoying winter sports and scenery nearer home.

A large number of Oregon coastal accommodations have special rates during the winter months for the benefit of those who like to watch winter storms or take a few days rest during the off-season vacation months. At times there is delightful winter weather along the coast with warm and sunny days, just right for hiking along the beach, hunting for agates, driftwood and other things washed in by heavy seas.

SNOW sports, of course, beckon the largest number of winter vacationers. The United States Forest service reports that last winter saw a record attendance at Oregon winter sports areas with a total of 312,910 people counted. —E.C.F.

Lands Claimed Ruined By Over-Irrigation

Chicago — (U.P.) — Over-irrigation has ruined production on thousands of acres of farmland, a Department of Agriculture engineer said.

William F. Long, a drainage engineer of the Soil Conservation Service, said large tracts of fertile soil become water-soaked and useless year after year and can be reclaimed only through installation of proper drainage works.

Long told the American Society of Agriculture Engineers meeting yesterday that adequate drainage systems range in cost from \$15 to \$50 an acre.

Is That So?

By Eugene Burns Ranger-Naturalist

In Monday's column we discussed animals which hastened man's development—the domesticated dog, pig, cattle, reindeer, sheep, goat and cat. Besides these, today we will discuss others which helped him along the way to becoming civilized. Without having concentrated food, transportation, and draft animals to help till the soil, man could not have lived in compact communities and he never could have attained his present state of culture.

THE DONKEY: One of the first creatures of burden, it was perhaps first domesticated in Egypt, long before the Egyptians knew of the horse. The early



ass must have been a swift animal in early art it is shown hitched to a chariot with four wheels—about 3,000 B. C.

The wild ass still lives in northern Africa may well be its ancestor. From the middle east, it spread quite rapidly and was known in England during the reign of Ethelred.

HORSE: Once hunted for its flesh, it may have originated in Mongolia where it still exists in a limited area although its former range was extensive. The wild ass of the Gobi desert has a horse-like appearance. The relationship between the horse and the ass, after all, is quite close: they can interbreed and produce offspring, the mule.

In America where once a small pre-historic horse lived, the wild horse is of course the offspring of horses brought to Mexico by the Spaniards in the early 1500s.

CAMEL: The progenitor of the one-humped camel became extinct as a wild animal so long ago that its original habitat is a matter of conjecture but it is generally believed to be Arabia. The two-humped camel, found in the desert regions of central Asia, may have originated in that area.

Elephant Easily Tamed ELEPHANT: Largest of all domesticated animals, curiously, it is the most easily tamed and trained. Practically all captive elephants are caught as adult animals and within a few months of capture are sufficiently docile to be worked. Its origin is southeastern Asia. (The African elephant, less subject to domestication, comes from southern Africa.)

LLAMA: In South America where the wheel was never invented the llama, a descendent of the larger and more handsome guanaco of Ecuador, Peru and the plains of Patagonia, was domesticated by the Peruvians. Females were usually reserved for their flesh and milk; males for burden.

BIRDS: Numerous domesticated birds have proven their value to mankind. Falcons have been used by man more than 3,000 years to help him capture prey. In the Orient, the deep-diving cormorant has been taught to catch fish.

From the wild duck, or mallard, have descended all the present breeds of the domesticated duck with the lone exception of the muscovy duck, which comes from Mexico and South America. Geese stem from the graylag, widely distributed European species.

The chicken still used in some places for forecasting and foretelling, harks back to the wild jungle fowl of India and Burma, being domesticated per-

haps 3,500 years ago. The guinea fowl comes from west Africa and the turkey from Mexico.

INSECTS: No small role has been played by insects. The silk worm, of great antiquity, originated in China where it was carefully guarded for many centuries before it reached Japan and thence India and the rest of Europe.

Less known, the cochineal, a little native insect of Mexico, feeds on cactus and is valuable for its dyeing properties. Like the turkey, it was taken to Europe by the Spaniards.

But of even older origin, perhaps, is the honey bee which, supposedly, is of Asiatic origin. For ages past, it has been cultivated extensively for honey. In many places today it is rented to pollinate orchards.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Ho! Hum! I'm afraid it's that kind of day in the news.

For example: An Oregon man (name omitted) has just sent a five dollar bill to a hotel at Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he once worked. In a letter accompanying the five-spot, he says:

"I needed some money one time and I didn't ring up a few dimes on a few occasions. . . I hope this will be satisfactory to you. . . I will now feel that I've done the right thing."

TWO questions: Was it his conscience that was prodding him? Or was it a desire for a little publicity?

I hope it was the former.

Still—

There are so MANY publicity seekers in this modern world.

We'd be better off, I think, if there were FEWER of them.

IN A statement made in New Orleans Paul Butler, the new Democratic national chairman, questioned President Eisenhower's ability to govern or to unite the American people.

Today Sen. H. Alexander Smith calls Butler's statement "a reflection on the American voter's capacity to elect capable officials."

IF I were you, gentlemen, I'd just consider the source and let it go at that. It's Butler's business to question the ability of ANYBODY BUT A DEMOCRAT to govern and unite the American people.

That's politics as the game is played.

HERE'S an interesting contrast:

From Washington — in the United States of America:

President Eisenhower has signed an executive order giving all federal workers Friday, December 24, as a full holiday and the afternoon of Friday, December 31, as a half holiday.

From Communist rulers of Czechoslovakia are toughening up their policy because production isn't high enough. They decree that workers can't have the afternoon before Christmas off unless they have fulfilled their production quotas and they add that New Year's Day is to be considered a normal WORK-DAY.

HERE'S what it means:

FREE enterprise America PRODUCTION is proceeding so satisfactorily that an extra day and a half off during the holiday season can be easily afforded.

In Communist-ruled Czechoslovakia production is proceeding so UNSATISFACTORILY that everybody has to go on working even on New Year's Day.

KEEP this in mind:

You can't divide what isn't produced.

Free Americans are able to PRODUCE MORE than enslaved Communists.

So free Americans can HAVE MORE than enslaved Communists.

Japan Entering New Phase in Post-War Political History

By CHARLES M. MC CANN United Press Foreign Analyst

"Mr. One Man" is out and Japan is entering a new phase of its post-war political history.

Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida has been forced to resign at a critical time in East Asia.

It looks as if there may be a period of political instability in Japan, which will end only with a general parliamentary election—if it ends then.

For the United States, the big question is which way Japan will lead in the next few months in its foreign relations.

There is every reason to hope the country will continue its close relations with the United States, and continue to build up its new army to meet the threat of Communist aggression.

But United States-Japanese relations are unlikely to be as close as they were under Yoshida.

May Ask Closer Red Ties

There is likely to be a demand for greatly increased trade and improved diplomatic relations with Communist China and Russia.

It was with sorely wounded pride that Yoshida gave up the prime ministry. He fought stubbornly, during a long political crisis, to keep his job. In the end, he was forced out by members of his own Liberal party.

To make things worse, Japan's new political strong man is Ichiro Hatoyama. Yoshida's one-time close friend and present bitter enemy.

"Mr. One Man," as Yoshida is called because he likes to run

things all by himself, had been premier for six years and seven weeks—longer than any previous premier in Japanese history. At 76, it might be thought Yoshida would be ready for a rest. But he was not—what seems to be his permanent retirement from politics was far from his mind.

Politically, Japan is in something of a mess. Yoshida's Liberal party now has 185 seats in the 467-seat House of Representatives, which runs the country as the House of Commons does in Great Britain. The Socialist party is split. The left wing has 72 seats, the right wing 61. Hatoyama's new Japan Democratic party has 120 seats.

The word from Tokyo is that 71-year-old Hatoyama almost certainly will be selected premier by the House, with the aid of the Socialists. Yoshida's own candidate is Taketora Ogata, No. 2 man under Yoshida in the Liberal party. But many Liberals really prefer Hatoyama, and he may become leader of a coalition of Liberals and his own Democrats.

Hatoyama came near being premier in 1946. But Gen. Douglas MacArthur purged him because of his ultra-nationalist record. Hatoyama had formed the Liberal party. When he was purged, he chose Yoshida to replace him as leader. He was de-purged in 1951. He broke with Yoshida and formed his own party.

SANTA STOLEN

Lima, Ohio — (U.P.) — Santa Claus was reported missing today. Joseph Uhl, a florist, told police that a wooden Santa, six feet tall, was stolen from in front of his greenhouse Tuesday.

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: Matthew 5.

Oregon Judge Choice Due Soon, Cordon Says. Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Guy Cordon (R-Ore.), said today he intended to make selection of a federal district judge for Portland his first order of business when he returned to the special session of the Senate. No judge has yet been named to James Alger Fee who was elevated to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. Cordon said he intended to resume his law practice but had not decided whether to maintain offices in Washington, D.C., in Oregon, or in both places.

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