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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. 15, 1944. Nine newly elected directors of Jackson County Chamber of Commerce include Seth Bullis, A. M. Cannon, D. L. Flynn, Herb Grey, E. H. Hedrick, John P. Moffat, B. L. Nutting, M. T. Wray, and H. S. Deuel.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A number of goose hunters threaten to talk turkey with the bureaucrats on the shotgun shell situation.

20 YEARS AGO. Dec. 15, 1934. (It was Saturday). County officials including Treasurer A. C. Walker, Clerk George Carter, Judge Earl B. Day, Commissioners Ralph Billings and Emmett Nealon, and Engineer Paul Rynning leave for Portland to attend state meeting.

University of Hawaii football team, coached by Blaine Klum, former Medford High school coach, defeats Denver university before largest football crowd in Hawaii's history.

30 YEARS AGO. Dec. 15, 1924. (It was Monday). Medford city council approves use of \$13,500 for purchase of new pumper truck fire department.

Carcasses of 15 reindeer arrive from Alaska and go on sale in Medford meat markets.

40 YEARS AGO. Dec. 15, 1914. (It was Tuesday). Members of Medford fire department weaving a shawl, to be presented as a Christmas gift to Miss Clara Woods of the Medford National bank.

From the Local and Personal column: All high school dances have been called off until further notice as a result of a recent rumormongering at a dance held in the hall over Daniels for Duds. The trouble followed the invasion of a freshman dance by upper classmen. The local lodge occupying the hall seeks damage for a number of spears broken during the disturbance.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?) Copr. 1954, Editorial Research Report

1. More Americans will die in 1955 from cancer, polio, tuberculosis or auto accident?
2. About five, ten, 15 or 20 per cent of all new cars sold are station wagons?
3. Jesus of Nazareth was probably born in what is now B.C. or A.D., or on the dividing line B.C. or A.D.?
4. Isaac Walton was a famous physicist, jockey, fisherman, character in a novel, or rabbi?
5. About 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50 per cent of all children in public schools get there by bus?
6. The enormous Pentagon Building of the Defense Department has four, five, six, seven or eight sides?
7. A prestidigitator picks pockets, does tricks with his hands, forges signatures, puts creases in clothes, or runs a printing press?

1. Auto accident. 2. About five per cent (last year). 3. B.C. 4. Fisherman. 5. About 30 per cent. 6. Five. 7. Does tricks with his hands.

A Needed Object Lesson

It will be interesting to learn how much attention motorists and pedestrians paid to President Eisenhower's plea that today be observed as Safe-Driving Day. All agencies throughout the country which receive accident reports will send them in to central stations for tabulation and the results should be known soon after close of the books at midnight tonight.

In Oregon the county sheriffs, chiefs of police and state police will forward accident reports to the secretary of state's office in Salem at stated intervals during the 24-hour period.

The totals will be released to newspapers and other news media as soon as tabulations are completed.

REGARDLESS of what today's accident record may be—good or bad—December is a particularly black month in the country's traffic record books and one in which more than the usual caution is necessary. December of last year led all other months with an accident fatality total of 9,400. Reports from 21 states showed that in approximately one out of every four accidents, either the motorist or the pedestrian involved had been drinking.

But there will be other months and days, in each of which it will be just as important to guard against accidents as at this time. Actually, the importance of caution in traffic becomes more evident each day because of the increasing number of motor vehicles on the roads and highways.

Oregon, for instance, now has 750,000 vehicles registered and it is estimated that by 1975 there will be 1,125,000. For the nation, a total of 85,000,000 cars, trucks, buses and other vehicles is forecast.

SAFE-Driving Day was proclaimed for the purpose of showing people that the accident rate can be reduced. Let's hope the effort brings results, not only in the way of lives and property saved today but as an object lesson which will be lasting.—E.C.F.

Milk Controls

The coming legislature will have a plentiful supply of milk regulation proposals for its consideration judging by the number of meetings being held by organizations and individuals in the industry. As a result of the confabs, since the state control law was voted out in November, resolutions and recommendations have been piling up rapidly and there is time for drafting still more before the lawmakers convene January 10.

At a recent meeting in Salem, called by the Oregon Dairyman's association, a number of bills were given approval. Among them were proposals to ban B and C grade milk from the fluid market, to make it unlawful to add water to milk, giving the agricultural department authority to condemn unfit equipment, authority to stop continued breaking of fluid milk or dairy plant laws pending a court decision on an appeal, increasing price differentials between grades, and permitting one-cow owners to sell surplus milk to neighbors without meeting Grade A regulations.

WHILE some segments of the dairy industry may believe reenactment of various regulations and controls, to apply in addition to existing sanitary laws, is advisable, those who have surveyed the situation on the national level are of the opinion that freer and more flexible milk marketing would bring lower prices to the consumer, would increase milk drinking, and also do much to improve the health of the entire nation.

An article in a recent issue of Time magazine says investigation in 16 milk-producing areas across the country has shown that even though the U.S. expects a 5.5 billion pound milk surplus this year, Americans, by and large, do not drink all the milk they need. The main reason, says Time, is that milk markets all over the nation have been saddled with controls that create artificially high prices and cut consumption.

Time found that state controls, "which are far more restrictive than the federal system, are a patchwork of politics and protection for local milk producers."

Wisconsin is cited as a state which, because of highly efficient mass production and distribution methods, could deliver fresh milk in Manhattan for 11.2 cents a quart wholesale (almost one cent less than the New York price). But New York state law keeps all Wisconsin milk out.

The Time article points out that for health's sake, American families must buy milk, whatever the price. But consumers have demonstrated that they buy more milk when the price goes down. And that when the price dropped as much as three cents a quart in Kansas City, Mo., last year, sales of milk promptly rose 7.4 per cent.

A UNIVERSITY of Illinois agricultural economist who surveyed milk-pricing in fifty cities last year found that prices were invariably higher where state controls existed.

Washington State's agriculture director, along with some other milk experts, advocates more use of the federal marketing law which protects the dairy farmer, but allows efficient distributors to pass their savings on to housewives.

AS a writer in the Farm Journal summed up the situation: All the milk now being produced can be sold to consumers if the artificial obstacles are removed.

This evidence should be given careful consideration when the legislators start mulling over the flood of milk bills now being drafted for Oregon. E.C.F.

Viet Nam Seen Lost Unless French Go All Out To Save It

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst

That was a grim prediction which the incoming chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee made on his return from Indochina.

"It is my personal opinion that Viet Nam is lost unless the French get out 100 per cent politically, economically and militarily," Rep. James P. Richards said.

Unfortunately, few people who are following developments in Indochina would be inclined to argue very confidently against him.

Viet Nam, one of the three states of Indochina, was partitioned under the Geneva peace agreement of July 20.

The Communist rebels got the northern part. The southern part remained under the democratic Viet Nam government—and the French.

Ever since the Geneva agreement, the situation in southern Viet Nam has been getting progressively worse.

The country, in fact, is in chaos. It is involved in a crisis which involves the government, the army and the powerful religious sects.

While Emperor Bao Dai basks on the French Riviera, and shows neither the desire nor the ability to rule, troops and police have fought each other, an army battalion has rebelled and seized a town, and French armored trains have been held up by dissident army elements.

At the same time, northern Viet Nam, under Communist leader Ho Chi Minh, is being converted into a Red stronghold, with a firm government and a powerful army.

Ho's agents are spreading throughout Indochina, trying to undermine the governments of southern Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia.

France retains its hold in Laos and Cambodia—for the present—but its hold on southern Viet Nam is weakening.

France has recognized Viet Nam as a fully independent and sovereign state inside the French Union, which is modeled after the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Under the Geneva agreement, elections are to be held in the summer of 1956 in both northern and southern Viet Nam. They are to determine the future governments of the Communist and non-Communist states.

Many Things Can Happen. But it is only too evident that many things can happen in southern Viet Nam before that.

The Viet Nam government informed the United States in September that it wants the entire French expeditionary force to get out by March, 1956. The Vietnamese want to put their defense in the hands of their own army.

President Eisenhower sent Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army chief of staff, to Indochina to survey the situation. It is expected that Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will go there soon to join Collins.

Under present plans, the United States is preparing to undertake the training of the Viet Nam army.

France, naturally, is not too enthusiastic over that prospect, even though it probably will have to go along with it. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will talk over the situation with Premier Pierre Mendes-France during the North Atlantic Treaty conference in Paris this week.

But unless things change, Ho Chi Minh may decide Viet Nam's future.

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 initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Loved and Lost

To the Editor: Penelope (Pennie) Beattie, died this morning. Someone said she was just a dog. Maybe so, but only those who have loved and been loved by a dog, with its particular kind of unquestioning, unwavering devotion could understand our loss.

In the years we've had this golden cocker, "our little red-head," we called her, she has been a hunting partner—and thank you, Pennie, for all the birds we'd not have had except for your cooperation—a companion and a friend to us, a playmate, baby sitter and confidante to the children, who younger than she have never known a time when we were Pennies-less.

Her good-neighbor policy of learning the boundaries of our property and staying within their limits, in the three places we've lived during her lifetime, has won her many friends and caused no friction in our neighborhood friendships. She'd have been 15 years old in May, and I understand we're lucky, that 14 years plus, with one dog is quite a while. Though they've sped by they're packed with memories, comical, happy and sad in these last days when we knew the time had come to say goodbye.

An acquaintance says, "don't get attached to another one, it's just too hard to see them go." The happiness, fun and joy we got from Pennie outweighs the rest and I think it proves the old quotation, "Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all," even applies to "just a dog," anyway if it's your own particular dog.

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Communist Issue Claimed Exploited

Washington—(U.P.)—The staff of the House Un-American Activities committee has prepared a report charging that right-wing "hate groups" are exploiting the Communist issue "to promote other activities equally subversive and equally un-American."

The report, which still is awaiting committee approval, urges the Justice Department to prosecute one of these groups under the Smith Act forbidding any conspiracy to overthrow the government by force.

If said subversion cannot be combated by subversion, and that advocates of Fascism, as well as of Communism, are of "grave" concern to the committee.

COMMUNIST MOVIE. London—(U.P.)—Moscow Radio announced yesterday the Soviet Ministry of Culture will launch its second festival of Chinese Communist movies in Moscow Dec. 20 with a showing of the latest feature in from Shanghai entitled, "Hack off the Paws of The Devil."

Is That So?

Many popular superstitions are based upon animals.

For example, a rabbit's foot is supposed to bring good luck. This belief harkens back to ancient days when the rabbit was recognized as an emblem of fertility, with procreative powers vastly superior to all other animals of its size. Naturally the foot, which came in touch with Mother Earth, supposedly the giver of all life, was the rabbit's most sacred part.

Cats of old, worshipped by Egyptians, wore jeweled decorations on their ears and were accorded the rank of human members of the family. Upon death, their eyebrows were shaved, they were embalmed, given elegant funerals, and laid to rest in a cat mortuary—one of which, recently excavated, contained 180,000 feline mummies.

But the belief gradually grew that among cats the black ones stood for evil. The pre-potent master of evil, Satan, was said to go about frequently disguised as a cat. Hence, need I add, to have a black cat cross one's path automatically consigned him to misfortune unless he sensibly changed his direction so as not to cross the path the cat made.

The belief that babies are brought by the stork originated perhaps in northwestern Europe where the stork is revered as an omen of good, although even earlier, in Roman mythology, the stork was sacred to Venus, goddess of love, and whenever a pair of these birds built their nest atop a house it bespoke Venus' blessing.

Gradually in the Netherlands the belief grew that a stork always flew over a house where



birth was about to take place. Hence the legend that the stork brought the baby probably grew out of this superstition.

Lucky Horseshoes. Then there's the lucky horseshoe. Its power for good may have come from one or two origins: First, the shoe, which resembled a crescent moon, was in itself a bringer of good fortune; Second, St. Dunstan, a monk who shod horses, recognized the devil who had taken the form of a horse and in shoeing it extracted a promise from the devil that he would never enter or disturb a building on which the horse-shoe had been hung.

Whatever luck the shoe may carry, it is courting bad luck to

HILTON GRAVELLY ILL. Long Beach, Calif. (U.P.)—English-born author James Hilton, under treatment for a "type" of general infection, was reported in "extremely grave" condition today at Seaside hospital.

By Eugene Burns
Ranger-Naturalist

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