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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. 21, 1944 (It was Thursday) Cub Scouts receiving awards at achievement meeting include Larry Cooper, Nancy Degman, Vincent Sweeney, Dale Cooper, Glen Cave, Dale Coverstone, and Edmond Davis.

20 YEARS AGO: Dec. 21, 1934 (It was Friday) E. H. Hedrick, Medford superintendent of schools, returns from south; reported much improved in health.

30 YEARS AGO: Dec. 21, 1924 (It was Sunday) Floods threaten southern Oregon; bridge at Grants Pass on Coast railroad washes out.

40 YEARS AGO: Dec. 31, 1914 (It was Monday) Edison Marshall and B. Radcliffe plan hunting trip to desert.

What's the Answer? (Can You Get 4 of the 7?) 1. About (a) 10, (b) 50, (c) 100, (d) 150 or (e) 500 persons are killed in auto accidents on an average day in the U.S.

2. The Bill of Rights was part of our original Constitution, or was soon added as a unit, or came part by part as the years went on?

3. Reno, Nevada, is further east or west than San Diego, Calif.?

4. The U. S. exports more cars to other countries than it imports from other countries; right or wrong?

5. Which of these Indian chiefs perpetrated the Custer Massacre: Geronimo, Osceola, Rain-in-the-Face, Sitting Bull, Tecumseh?

6. Most employees in cigarette factories are men or women, or is it about 50-50?

7. An alewife is a fish, a woman who sells fish, a woman who buys beer for her husband, a nagging wife, or a brewer's widow?

The Answers: 1. About 100. 2. Was soon added as a unit. 3. Further west. 4. Right. 5. Sitting Bull. 6. Most are women. 7. A fish.

The West isn't always where it's supposed to be. Los Angeles, for example, lies east of Reno, Nevada, by one and a half degrees of longitude. Likewise, Virginia extends many miles west than any part of West Virginia.

Chancellor Byrne

As has often been remarked—one is indispensable. But it is really hard to see how the State Board of Higher Education is going to get along—as well as before at least—without Dr. Charles D. Byrne, who recently resigned as Chancellor.

For while Chancellor Byrne had held that important office for only 4 years, he had been connected with the Board of Education in some important capacity practically since it was formed. And it is hardly an exaggeration to state that he always knew all the answers—all the factual ones at least. He still does.

It is reported that after a sabbatical year's leave Chancellor Byrne will return in some advisory capacity.

We hope this proves to be true. Not so much for Dr. Byrne's sake but for the Board's.

For not only has the former chancellor all the facts, but he has what is particularly rare in educational circles these days, a broad mind, always open to free discussion and corrections, and a fair and honest one.

Comparatively speaking he is still a young man. It is to be hoped he will be an active influence in Oregon Higher Education, for many years to come. —R.W.R.

Two Drivers in Party

It is hard to believe, but only a few weeks ago, President Eisenhower was touring the country and pleading for a Republican congress. His favorite simile was that to have a congress controlled by the Democrats would be like trying to drive a car with two men at the wheel—such a drive, he believed, would end in the ditch.

WELL, the plea failed and the new congress will be controlled by one party, while the White House will be occupied by a representative of the other. But there is no likelihood of the ship-of-state going into the ditch—if the mixed metaphor will be pardoned.

In fact that "second man" in the driver's seat is a member of the President's party, not the opposition. Call him McCarthy or Knowland, Jenner or Welker—and the result is the same—the No. 2 man is trying to steer in one direction while the President is trying to steer in another.

THIS probability was pointed out in the campaign but it didn't seem to do much good—not at the time, at least.

However the proof of the pudding is in the eating.

As the recent bi-partisan meeting in Washington demonstrated, on a number of important issues, but particularly on foreign policy, the Democrats are going to give the administration the support it needs—must have in fact to get its program over—and the isolationist wing of the Republican party, isn't.

THIS doesn't mean, of course, the Democratic party is not to function as the "loyal opposition." There will be plenty of opposition as time goes on, particularly on domestic issues, such as taxes, the tariff, public power, etc., etc.

But when it comes to our relations with the world (and this promises to be an issue of supreme importance in the next two years) the sort of co-existence Mr. Eisenhower wants with the communist countries, if it's possible—will be supported practically 100% by the Democrats and opposed only by the "treat-'em tough minority" of the President's own party. Q.E.D.—R.W.R.

Barkley Was Right

The apologists for Senator Knowland, maintain no Senate leader has to be a "rubber-stamp."

That is true. But when Senator Barkley was Senate leader for the Democrats, he wasn't a rubber-stamp.

He differed with President Roosevelt on several minor issues. But he didn't make speeches about them. And when he differed on an important issue, he resigned first and took public issue with his party leader, later—not as a party leader, but as a member of the Senate.

It was Senator Barkley's view, that as Senate leader, he had certain specific duties to perform. One was to be spokesman for the President. Another was to inform the President from time to time of the attitude of the Upper House. A third was to promote understanding between the legislative and executive branches of the government and unity within his own party. When he found he couldn't perform those duties he quit.

The Senator from Kentucky had the right idea. The Senator from California hasn't.—R.W.R.

Pope Walks In Garden After 'Quiet Night'

Vatican City — (U.P.) — Pope Pius XII walked in the Vatican gardens for 20 minutes today after a "quiet night" undisturbed by hiccupps, Vatican sources said.

These sources said the 78-year-old pontiff appeared rested when he awoke at 6:30 a.m.

The Pope got up almost immediately and sat in a high armchair in his studio. There he read the newspapers after eating his breakfast.

But the Pope still was not strong enough to recite mass. He attended it while lying in bed.

Andrews Sister Makes Attempt at Suicide

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Singer Maxine Andrews, one of the famed Andrews Sisters of recording fame, attempted suicide early today at her home in nearby Chatsworth, police reported.

Valley police said they were summoned to the home by caretakers at the residence. They said apparently Miss Andrews, 37, had taken sleeping pills. She was taken by ambulance to Valley Receiving hospital where her stomach was pumped.

Hospital officials said she was "resting well" and out of danger.

Russia Setting Note Delivery Record in Rearmament Protest

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

Russia is setting a record in sending out notes of protest in connection with the arming of West Germany and the Allied defense set-up in Europe in general.

Within the last five days, Russia has dispatched something like 18 notes, some threatening, some complaining, to 16 different countries.

Two of the notes, to France and Great Britain, threatened to denounce friendship treaties concluded during World War II if the treaties to arm Western Germany are ratified.

Two more, to the United States and Britain, protested bitterly against a statement by an American Air Force general who implied strongly, if he did not actually say, that his Britain-based planes could carry an atomic bombing attack to the Soviet Union.

Fourteen countries in all, it is indicated, got notes complaining because they turned down the Kremlin's recent invitation to attend an "all-European security" conference in Moscow.

THIS stemmed from Churchill's statement that at the end of World War II he ordered Montgomery to stack captured German arms in case German aid was needed in stopping the westward sweep of the Red army through Europe.

What the notes add up to is that the Soviet government is almost desperately alarmed at the prospect that West Germany will be armed — and that the Western Allies will be able to launch an atomic-bomb attack from European bases if Russia's rulers start a new world war.

Lead Off With French Note The Kremlin led off last Thursday with a note threatening to cancel the 1944 French-Russia treaty of friendship and mutual aid if France ratified the German arms treaties.

Then came the notes to the United States and Britain on the atomic bomb statement by Brig. Gen. John D. Stevenson, commanding the U.S. 49th Air Division based in Britain.

Friday night Moscow started sending out its notes complaining bitterly because none but Soviet satellite countries accepted the invitation to the Moscow conference.

Nine of these notes, a survey of capitals indicated, went to NATO members — Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway, Iceland, Italy, Greece and Turkey.

Five more went to non-NATO members — Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, Austria and Yugoslavia.

Monday, Russia threatened to denounce its 1942 friendship treaty with Britain.

So far the Kremlin hasn't said anything about the American atomic cannon and "Honest John" artillery rocket now based in Europe. But it must be thinking hard.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS By FRANK JENKINS Skimming the teletype this morning for something interesting, my eye caught this one:

An intended hunting trip to Canada ended at the beginning today in a private plane crash in Milwaukee. The owner (a big Milwaukee brewer) was thrown clear when the plane hit the ground but died later of his injuries.

His 20-year-old son and his two co-pilot brothers died in the flaming wreckage.

THIS — This one stood out of the page: Four students going home to New York and Pennsylvania from a college in Kirksville, Missouri, have been killed in an auto wreck. A fifth student was hurt seriously.

PRETTY grim!! But wait. MAYBE WE PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE BAD NEWS THAN TO THE GOOD NEWS.

ANYWAY, let's get on with the news of TODAY. The Veterans Administration predicts that another 3,000,000 veterans may get home, farm and business loans in the future under the GI loan program.

That's for the future. Here's the past record: At the end of October of this year the VA had guaranteed or insured more than THREE AND THREE-QUARTER MILLION LOANS. The original value of the principal of these loans came to slightly more than TWENTY-FIVE BILLION DOLLARS.

IS that good? Or bad? Listen: The VA says it has had to pay guaranty claims IN LESS THAN ONE-HALF OF ONE PER CENT OF ALL HOME MORTGAGE LOANS TO GIs.

I think it's wonderful. HOW about this one: Postal clerks in Petersburg, Virginia, came upon a Christmas package this morning that gave out with a click-click-click sound. Being modern, living in this SCARY world, they thought it was a bomb.

So they opened it. VERY carefully. It turned out to be a toy clock-work engine that had been partly wound up before being put in the box and a jolt of some sort had started the machinery going.

LET'S close with this one: Iran used to be called Persia and its best-known export — Persian cats — made the name a household word around the world. But now Iranian "patriots" are calling for a slowdown in shipping cats out of the country.

One influential newspaper in Tehran makes this comment in protesting against sending Persia's cats abroad: "For six thousand years we have been famous for our cats. But if matters proceed at the present rate we may even have to IMPORT cats."

SEE? SCARED again? Instead of sharing their ornamental cats with the rest of the world and being HAPPY about it the Persians are shivering in their boots. "The rats will TAKE us," they may be quavering to themselves. Isn't fear a terrible thing?

Home From School — Among college men who have returned home for the holiday season, are Al Leavitt, Dwayne Goodman, Jerry Lamb and Tom Jones, all of Oregon State college; Frank McKeown, University of Washington; Darrill Brittan, University of Oregon; Kenneth Leek, Terry Hayes and Ronnie Wolf, all of Pacific university, Forest Grove; and Paul Shaffer, Willamette university.

From London: Princess, Queen Expected on Best-Dressed List

By ROBERT MUSEL United Press Correspondent

London — (U.P.) — What's new in London:

This is the time of year the fashion experts come out with their lists of "best dressed" women. Around Buckingham Palace everyone is confident Queen Elizabeth or Princess Margaret will be on most of them.

But the Queen and Princess don't really dress that well.

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.

Yuletide Memories

To the Editor: Along with the happiness and wonderment of Yuletide with its attendant worries of gift packaging and card mailing, comes the sad disillusionment of the five to seven year olds concerning Old Santa Claus.

Some 35 years ago, the townspeople had me all dressed in a Santa red and white fur (cotton batten) trimmed rig, riding in a buck-deer-head decorated auto with the touring top down and the back loaded with packages of nuts, oranges and candies. A bonfire lit up a tall fir tree in the town square, ice and snow everywhere, lending a most Christmas feel, (very real, too).

Gifts were handed out by "Old Santa" to the wonderment of wide-eyed small fry with singing of carols, all very happy. My small daughter preceded me home. Her doleful face and uninterest in her sack of goodies raised question from my wife. "That wasn't Santa Claus," she explained. "That was daddy, cause I saw his high laced boots."

So with an arm around her, I told her how I had to take the place of the really one-time Santa Claus in a distant land (Turkey claims that distinction now) who gave gifts to good little children on Christmas eve. That there just had to be a spirit of Santa Claus at the time, else why would people remember and be remembered by loved ones at that time?

But our most fun was with the "coming of Santa Claus" for our boy and girl from the time they were two to five or six years of age. After they were asleep, we would take Santa Claus stickers from packages and restick them onto any handy bare place. You gotta be careful about this. Our best way was to place the Christmas stickers in the palm of our hand, sticky side up. Then with a quick flip over, press it gently and firmly on the arm, leg, tummy or other exposed places. The squeals and yelps of delighted surprise and pain when some were hard to peel off, were ample reward and we felt, justification for cooperation with old Santa Claus.

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Editorial Comment The Other Side Speaks When our contemporaries call The Statesman a well-edited newspaper it gives us new strength to face the mailbag which at times brings in such cordial greetings as "you old dog, why x x x etc." But the Medford Mail - Tribune went further than the above compliment—it said something about us which all-too-often we are accused of NOT being. Its quote was "The staid but well-edited Statesman, etc."

It's been quite a spell since anyone has called us staid. In fact, sometimes we get criticized for being too lively. Constant format refinements, new features, increased picture coverage, brighter makeup and such have laid us open to questions like "just what are you aiming at?" We aren't aiming at a thing except to be the best newspaper possible, and if the Mail Tribune still thinks we're staid, we've been called lots worse. And thanks, M.T. for the "well edited." —W. W.—Oregon (Salem) Statesman.

Lewis Nursery OFFERS FOR Christmas Gifts... Hybrid Clematis Dwarf Evergreen for Planters Azaleas and Rhododendrons Hardy Hibiscus And Lots of Others Turn Right at Meat Market, Jacksonville — 1/4 Mile OLD STAGE ROAD

They appear on the list more as a formality, or for publicity's sake. Privately the fashion arbiters admit neither of the royal ladies deserves to be in the top ten.

Queen Elizabeth isn't adventurous enough to be a leader of fashion. She doesn't care that much for clothes. Princess Margaret is too adventurous. She even gets occasional titters in newsreel theaters when she appears in unconventional costume.

California swimmer Florence Chadwick has written friends here that she expected to be back next summer to wind up some unfinished business, swimming the English Channel both ways non-stop. Two years ago she became the first ever to swim one way and start back. She was in the water more than two hours on the return crossing before she gave up.

Chinese restaurants after a long struggle to break down the conservative British outlook on food, are making headway and beginning to spread out from the heart of London to the suburbs.

But the British insist on some variations in the menu. Chow mein for example, is served with french fried potatoes. Instead of the delicate Chinese tea Londoners insist on a strong black tea topped with milk.

Says restaurateur Adny Ho:

Social Security for Servicemen Advised

Washington — (U.P.) — A special House committee recommended today that Congress give "serious consideration" to extending social security to servicemen.

At present, servicemen participate only to a very limited extent in the old-age and survivors insurance program.

They get \$160 monthly Social Security credit for service in the armed forces since 1940. But they do not get Social Security retirement benefits if they get military retirement benefits.

The committee said its recommendation for possible Social Security coverage of members of the armed forces was made despite the fact that the government, as the employer, would have to contribute more than \$215,000,000 dollars a year.

Bus Driver Betrayed By Habits of Work Spokane — (U.P.) — Police said today a man who posted a \$5 bond after being ticketed for parking in a bus zone explained his violation was the result of habit.

He listed his occupation as bus driver.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

"I hope my ancestors will forgive me."

London's remarkable police dogs which patrol parks and other lonely districts at night are being re-educated. Too often, lurking criminals were tipped off that a dog was on their heels when an officer shouted "sic 'em" or some similar order to close in.

Now the dogs are being trained to respond to coded instructions. The handler will shout something like "five" or "six" to tell his dog to nip a culprit on the ankle.

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: Ephesians 6.

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