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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. 31, 1944. (It was Sunday). Chateau night club on Pacific highway, north of Ashland, destroyed by fire; damage estimated at \$12,000.

20 YEARS AGO Dec. 31, 1934. (It was Monday). Jackson county court names Frank E. Anderson to serve as constable for Medford district.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 31, 1924. (It was Wednesday). Newton C. Chaney, district attorney-elect, names Allison Moulton, who recently located in Medford, to serve as deputy.

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 31, 1914. (It was Thursday). Medford Elks lodge to christen new building on North Central ave. with New Year's eve watch party and dancing.

Mrs. Alan Brackinreed elected president of Medford Drama league; plans to bring Forbes Robertson to Medford are discussed.

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

1. The auto industry reports that the new 1955 models are selling well, or poorly, or so-so? 2. Many crops set all-time high production records in 1954; right or wrong?

3. A couple with two children and income of \$5000 after deductions has left it after federal taxes about \$4000, \$4250, \$4500 or \$4750. 4. Do all the 48 states grant divorce for cruelty, either physical or mental?

5. The island of Cyprus, which wants to join Greece, is now under British, French, Italian, Turkish or Yugoslav rule? 6. Epileptics are forbidden to marry in many states; right or wrong?

7. Who was Vice-President under President Hoover? The Answers: 1. Well. 2. Wrong; only a few (inc. soybeans and sugar beets). 3. About \$4500. 4. No. 5. British. 6. Right. 7. Charles Curtis of Kansas.

Law Student Loses Appearance in Court. Miami — (U.P.) — University of Miami law student Helene G. Hillbrandt, 24, lost her first case on Thursday when she was hailed before a city judge on a charge of "appearing without sufficient covering or dress."

Miss Hillbrandt, who is working her way through college as a strip tease dancer, was fined \$25.

Subscription TV Sought

A petition filed with the Federal Communications Commission by the Zenith Radio corporation of Chicago may carry a hint of things to come in the television industry. Zenith's petition asks the FCC to authorize immediate commercial operation of subscription television by properly equipped TV stations.

THE petitioner claims that establishment of subscription television would make possible a new and better kind of programming that will not duplicate present commercially sponsored programs. It would also restore to home TV viewers many important events, such as grand opera and championship fights, which have been lost to theater TV or blacked out altogether.

In particular, subscription television would make possible the showing of top Hollywood movies instead of the ancient films now provided.

According to Zenith, if subscription TV is approved the public will be able to see box office events in the home at a fraction of the cost of attending them in person, or seeing them in a TV equipped theater. The payment of only a few cents per person in millions of homes would provide a box office to finance the fine and costly productions which cannot now be seen in the home because no advertiser will undertake the high cost of sponsorship.

Subscription TV would also tend to increase the quantity of educational and public service features in general, Zenith asserts, as stations would be able to afford more programs of this nature because they would receive income therefrom.

THE petition points out that many commercial stations are finding it increasingly difficult to make financial ends meet because of production costs and insufficient advertising revenue.

The company stated that 31 operating TV stations have already been forced off the air because of financial difficulties, and that more than 100 applicants who have received permits for television station construction have backed out after further consideration of the potential revenue.—E.C.F.

Plastic Fruit Bags

Developments in the packaging of fruit, used by many packers of this area, recently were recognized in an extensive article in the Wall Street Journal, the financial and business world's top publication.

It was plastic bags, which are used to encase the fruit and are then exhausted of air, which drew the Journal's attention. The developments, which have been reported from time to time in The Mail Tribune, were reviewed by the Journal in an article written by Staff Reporter Ray J. Schrick.

PEARS are the main crop to get the protection of the plastic sacks, the article reports, although cherries, grapes and some kinds of apples also are thus packed. The use of the bags slows up the "breathing" of the fruit, and the life of pears in cold storage is lengthened by six to eight weeks, and pears on shelves also will last up to twice as long.

Results include better pears, and more competition among fruits, Schrick reports, because of the longer period of time in which they can be marketed.

One produce buyer in Yakima was quoted as saying that about a third of winter pears to be purchased this year will be in the boxes lined with plastic film. They will be shipped next spring to New York, Dallas, Wichita, Kansas City, Little Rock and Washington, D. C., among other points in the country.

ONE cherry producer in Washington cited another benefit, that of decreased shipping costs. Longer life for the cherries means they can be safely shipped, by freight, rather than express, saving almost half on shipping costs.

More than a quarter of the 4,000,000-box winter pear pack on the West Coast will move to market in the new bags, according to estimates by the Oregon-Washington-California Pear bureau. This will amount to about 1,000,000 boxes, or ten times the number so shipped last year.

Magnitude of the entire industry is shown by estimates which place the three-state crop value of winter pears alone at \$16,000,000—or some 90 per cent of the supply for the entire nation.—E.A.

Plywood Industry Sees Banner Year

Portland — (U.P.) — The Pacific Northwest plywood industry faces a banner year in 1955, according to industry sources quoted in the 24th annual Plywood Review published this week by The Timberman magazine in Portland.

The industry expected to continue the growth trends recorded in 1954 when production and sales moved to new record highs, despite a three-month, summer-long strike. The industry begins 1955 with 51 softwood plywood plants in Oregon, 36 in Washington, 17 in California, 10 in British Columbia and one each in Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

Eight new plants are expected to go into production in 1955, including two in Medford, Ore., alone.

Production in 1954 of Douglas fir plywood was an estimated 3,850,000,000 square feet, highest total in the 49-year history of the industry, The Timberman reported. A sales increase of 10,000,000 square feet a week was expected for the coming year.

Some of the industry optimism was based on reports of 1,200,000 new housing starts predicted for 1955 and on increased use of plywood in remodeling, maintenance and repairs. By 1975, the industry expects a demand of 7,200,000,000 feet of plywood per year.

Aluminum Executive Sees Bright Future

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — I. W. Wilson, president of Aluminum Company of America, said today "the future of the aluminum industry continues to be bright with promise."

"The market outlook of 1955 is good," he said, "and new markets for aluminum are developing steadily."

"The rate of aluminum shipments for civilian use in 1954 was even higher than in boom-year 1953," Wilson said in a year-end statement.

"The 1954 production of primary aluminum by the industry in the United States should amount to approximately 1,460,000 tons — or more than 16 per cent above the record-breaking tonnage of 1953."

French Approval of Western European Union Tops News

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

THE GOOD. 1. The French National Assembly approved the ratification of the Western European Union treaties which provide for the arming of Western Germany. The vote was close, but it saved the United States-British-French alliance, and it was given despite French fears of the might of a rearmaged Germany and despite the desperate protests — and threats — of Soviet Russia. Ratification by the French Senate is expected by a large vote, and it is hoped that all member countries will ratify the treaties by March. Later, the Big Three Western allies may decide to hold a showdown cold war conference with Russia.

2. U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold left New York on his portentous mission to Peiping to seek the release of 11 Americans imprisoned by the Chinese Communists as spies. He will seek also the release of about 2,850 other U. N. personnel, including 526 Americans still held in violation of the Korean armistice. In Peiping, Hammarskjold will meet Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai. Strong hope was held at the U. N. that out of Hammarskjold's mission may come an agreement which will free not only the 11 airmen but other prisoners.

3. There seemed reason to believe that Soviet Russia also might free some of the Americans held in its slave labor camps. Austrians who arrived in Vienna after being freed by the Russians said three Americans long held as slave laborers had been promised their freedom "very soon" and that many other prisoners were being well treated in apparent preparation for early release.

THE BAD. 1. The conference of the so-called Colombo powers at Bogor in Indonesia resulted in a victory for Communism and may portend future problems for the United States and other big Western powers. India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma and Indonesia, the five East Asian countries represented, decided to invite Communist China to a big meeting of Asian and African states next spring. Also invited will be Communist northern Viet Nam and some of Great Britain's African colonies. This conference can result only in stirring up trouble for the West. It could result in the formation of a "neutralist" and "anti-colonial" Asia-African bloc.

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Back Stairs: Scenes of Christmas Week

By MERRIMAN SMITH. United Press White House Writer. Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — Back stairs at the traveling White House: Christmas Week scenes in Augusta —

Press Secretary Jim Hagerty, during the long, waits on the French crisis, practicing golf strokes in the temporary White House press room at the Don Air Hotel.

Mrs. Eisenhower wearing her screamingly bright red, woolen Christmas girdles.

The people who didn't sleep — the Western Union operators who remained on duty around the clock during the French crisis.

Parkas Against Cold. Secret Service agents on duty outside the Eisenhower cabin at the Augusta National Golf Club — wearing heavy parkas against the teeth-chattering cold.

Mr. Eisenhower being called off the golf course by short-

wave radio to talk by telephone with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

A Signal Corps scrambler made it impossible for an outsider to intercept their conversation.

Last Sunday, when the President and Mrs. Eisenhower attended services at the Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, there was this item in the church program by the pastor, Massey Mott Heltzel:

"Your friends in the manse are most grateful for your many kindnesses toward them during the Christmas season. We thank you especially for the beautiful Magnavox television set. The children, of course, were overjoyed when the set arrived. I wish all members of the congregation might have witnessed their excitement and extreme delight. Frankly, I am a bit worried about what it may do to my reading. But at least from now on, when the sermons are worse than usual, I'll have

something definite to blame it on."

History Point Checked. Pastor Heltzel, the President's preacher in Augusta, is a most engaging man. Just before his sermon last Sunday, he ran down the street with his black vestments flying, to check a minor point of history with reporters. Heltzel wanted to refer to the Christmas celebrations on the Argentine-Chile border as an example of peaceful symbolism and did not know whether there had been any recent blow-up between the two nations. There hasn't.

When the White House staff was really worried earlier this week about the French situation, Press Secretary Hagerty passed through the Washington press corps handing out celluloid buttons imprinted with one word, "Relax."

On The Side

By E. V. Durling. (Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

O stars you saw our meeting, Two beings and one soul. Two hearts so madly beating To mingle and be whole. O happy night, deliver Her kisses back to me. Or keep them all and give her A blissful dream of me. —Lowell

Note it said that 97 per cent of the arguments between man and wife are started by the wife. That strikes me as an exaggeration. I believe only about 90 per cent of family arguments are started by the wife. However, don't blame the females too much for that. Nature is responsible. A male dog never starts a fight with a female. It is the female who is the aggressor. Same is true of lions, tigers and nearly all other animals. So, when a wife assumes an aggressive, argumentative, quar-

relsome attitude, she is just doing what comes naturally.

Asking. Queries from clients. Q. Of what woman, and by whom was it said, "To love her is a liberal education." A. Richard Steele, the essayist, said that about a beautiful, brown eyed, honey blonde named Elizabeth Hastings. Q. What are the odds against making either a seven or eleven on the first roll of the dice? A. Seventeen to one against an eleven on the first roll. Five to one against a seven on the first roll. Q. How do you pronounce Lana Turner's first name? A. Lana. —Lanah

Almost Confidential. Have you given your wife a "rainbow kiss" lately? Just in case you don't know, a "rainbow kiss" is a kiss that comes after a quarrel. . . . Favorite alcoholic beverage of residents of Illinois is beer. Of New York it is bourbon whisky. Californians differ Northern California favorite is wine. Southern California it is vodka. Natives of Maine and Vermont prefer gin.

Among the Married. Did the girl you married acquire a more attractive name by becoming your bride? Or is the reverse true? Columbia Maypole, beautiful St. Louis society belle, married a man named Diefenderfer. So her name was changed from Columbia Maypole to Columbia Diefenderfer. Heard of another young woman whose maiden name was Curtis. She married a man named Muckenfuss. So, before marriage, she was called "Miss Curtis," and after marriage, Mrs. Muckenfuss.

Is That So?

By Eugene Burns. Ranger-Naturalist.

Here's another, Who Am I? I'm not what you'd call handsome. My front legs are longer than the rear pair, giving me an awkward gait, yet I can outrun any race horse. Much of my summer feeding is done underwater. I'm a crackerjack swimmer.

I seldom roam more than five miles yet my kind is widespread



throughout northern forests, in America and northern Europe.

Head-on, I am tall — with a long head and an overhanging nose. My tail, sometimes, isn't three inches long. My hair is coarse and heavy, on shoulders and neck four inches long.

My eyes are prominent yet my vision is not particularly good. My ears are large and I keep them in almost constant motion, and as you might expect my hearing is phenomenal.

A cud chewer I eat about 50 pounds a day. Lacking front teeth and canines, I am essentially a browser, often balancing on my hindlegs and pulling down foliage 12 feet high. But I do not disdain grasses, occasionally dropping on my front knees to gather them up with my flabby overhanging lip.

Male Sheds Antlers. Only the male has antlers and he sheds them each year. During the month-long mating season, he is dangerous — sometimes driving men up trees and keeping them there for hours.

My distinguishing feature is my "bell" — an appendage hanging from the neck. Both males and females have it — the bull's being longer. Many think my ability to swim six miles per hour is due to this comical dangling tassel which they say can be inflated — that's nonsense. But goodness only knows why it is there.

I am a Moose. (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS. Weather stuff.

Snow and cold add up to the worst weather of the season in parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Missouri. An estimated 2000 motorists were stranded in north Texas.

Snow eight and nine inches deep was common from the area of Fort Scott, Kan., down into Texas. Fort Scott had 17 inches.

ROUGH? Wait a minute.

For several years this Oklahoma-Kansas-Texas-Missouri area has been one of the driest in the country. Serious dust bowl conditions have been developing there.

LEGAL NOTICES. No. 54-639-E. SUMMONS.

SUIT IN EQUITY TO QUIET TITLE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON. GEORGE GALBRAITH and GRACE E. GALBRAITH, husband and wife.

O. W. ABBOTT and GLADYS I. ABBOTT, husband and wife, the unknown stockholders and directors of Universal Mineral Liberty Association of Jackson County, Oregon, an Oregon corporation, now dissolved; and also all other persons, parties or Jackson County, Oregon, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in and to the real property described in the Complaint filed herein in the above entitled suit on or before the last day of the first publication of this Summons.

THE news these days is full of tales of what the new Congress will do when it assembles next week. One tale is to the effect that the Congress may authorize more low-rent PUBLIC housing than the President will recommend.

Personally, I don't think much of low-rent public housing. It's about as near pure socialism as we can get. It is paid for by ALL the taxpayers and is enjoyed by only a FEW or them.

That's more than mere socialism. It's DISCRIMINATION, as well.

LOW rate, low down payment loans for private home building is another matter. That stimulates private, personal ownership of homes — which is good for any country.

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SNOW MAKES WATER

Let's never forget that our whole economy rests on water.

LOOK-AND-DAGGER stuff. Over in Germany, an American intelligence officer became romantically involved with an eye-appealing German blonde. As too often happens, he let his tongue run too freely on matters that an intelligence officer he should have kept buttoned up.

The gal turned out to be a Russian spy, and has just been sentenced to five years in jail. The intelligence officer's name hasn't been disclosed, but you can lay a fair-sized wager that he isn't sleeping well these days.

THIS is his clear: He blabbed.

So he isn't a good intelligence officer. A good intelligence officer never confides in anybody . . . especially good-looking blondes.

SPIES? We've been trained to despise 'em.

But as long as there is war or preparation for war we have to have 'em. War and preparation for war are rugged business, and if you are to succeed in either you have to know what the other fellow has up his sleeve.

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I sometimes wish he could be around with his trusty blunderbuss to take a pot shot at the horn honkers who lean hard on the button while the light is still red and the cars in front are just as anxious to get going as the horn honker — but CAN'T.

Miss Universe To Ride In Parade at Pasadena. Long Beach, Calif. — (U.P.) — Miriam Stevenson, the pride of Southern California who bears the title Miss Universe, 1955, will ride in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade tomorrow.

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. Please address your questions to: IS THAT SO? c/o Medford Mail Tribune, Box 575, Sausalito, Calif.

S.C. arrived here yesterday. She tried on a \$1000 white formal gown and a \$250,000 pearl-studded crown, both of which she will don for the parade.

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.

Wants All the Robins Killed. To the Editor: Just finished reading your "Roosting place for 21,000 Robins found." What a grand thing it would be for all, if they could all be killed off.

The past few years it has become almost impossible to get any of our berries or cherries, and of course they destroy lots of other garden crops but the berries and cherries they take almost 100%.

Before World War No. 2 the kids were always plunking away with 22's and BB guns and thereby kinda kept them under control, but this last 10 years the birds, principally robins have increased till they are worse than the bugs and worms put together.

How about it? A. D. Dixon. Rt. 1, Box 399. Gold Hill, Ore.

Doesn't Agree With Mr. Thompson. To the Editor: I cannot quite go along with Mr. Thompson and his article in the Mail Tribune of recent date about Christmas. In the first place, I think we can just as well believe December 25 is the right date as October 1, as long as the Lord has not revealed to Mr. Thompson which is the right date. And let us not single out in particular the great evil in children playing with war toys. When the world is so full of other and worse evils. I am sure cigarette and liquor advertisements on the radio and TV lead more kids astray than war toys. At any rate, Christmas is a season of love and good will among all people who believe Jesus came to bring peace and love into the world and to teach us a better way of life. God would not have planted the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden if it had not been for our good. By eating of the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve brought death and sin into the world, and Jesus came to atone for Adam's transgression and to bring immortality to all who will have lived upon the earth.

Sin is the transgression of the law, 1 John 3:4; see also Romans 7 chapter. Were it not for our knowledge of good and evil it would be impossible for us to progress, and we certainly could not appreciate the good if we did not come in contact with the bad. In other words, we would not know the sweet if we didn't know the bitter. It is up to us to teach our children the difference between good and evil and to show them the better way of life by living it ourselves. We will do well to be in harmony with human nature and with the Master Teacher and to be more positive than negative in our religious living and teaching.

John F. Peterson, 1316 Beatty St., Medford, Ore.

Asides. Ice cream placed in the center of a cantaloupe makes it cantaloupe a la Lillian Russell. . . . It was Ring Lardner who said, "An optimist is a girl who mistakes a bulge for a curve." If there is such a thing as a "lucky number" it is not seven, but three. . . . A close observer of the situation says large women wear clothes out twice as fast as small women. So, if you want to get wealthy, start a shop catering to tall girls and women who are not slender.

Sidelights. The first man to be styled "Public Enemy No. 1" was John Dillinger. The term "public enemy," as applied to criminals was originated by the brilliant Chicago lawyer, Frank Joseph Loesch.

Briefly. Has your wife a trim ankle? If so, that's good for more reasons than one. Experts on the subject say a trim ankle is a sign of a healthy heart. . . . Am asked what actress appeared in a short film titled "How to Undress Before Your Husband?" It was Elaine Barrie Barrymore, the fourth Mrs. John Barrymore.

As It Was. How many miles per gallon of gasoline are you getting with your elegant motor car? At least twenty, I hope. In 1895, just about sixty years ago, a Duryea automobile was offered for sale for \$1,000. The advertisement further said, "The Duryea uses ordinary stove gasoline and costs less than one half of a cent a mile to run."



May the New Year bring happiness, filled with glorious opportunities for you who are our valued friends and customers.

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