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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

Herb Grey elected president of Jackson County Chamber of Commerce

20 YEAR SAGO

Engagement of Sam Colton to Miss Fyrene Wood announced

30 YEARS AGO

Meeting of Medford school board and local civic clubs

40 YEARS AGO

From the Local and Personal column: Medford police are planning a new campaign

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

- 1. Gen. Eisenhower was Army chief of staff before, during or after World War II, or never?

BENNY IN HOSPITAL

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Comedian Jack Benny underwent treatment at Cedar of Lebanon hospital today

Plywood Industry Forging Ahead

Recent announcement of plans for establishment of two large plywood plants in the Medford area

While plywood has been manufactured for approximately half a century, it is only in comparatively recent years that its use in building has reached a point where greatly increased expansion of production has been found profitable.

OUTPUT of Douglas fir plywood in the western states in 1954 has been estimated at 3.85 billion square feet, the highest production total in the industry's history.

The Timberman reports that during 1954 there were 159 separate plywood and veneer operations in the west coast states, 112 producing plywood and 47 turning out veneer.

THE amazing growth in demand for plywood encouraged the construction of eight new plants during the past year, four of them in Oregon, three in California and one in British Columbia.

THE past year wasn't all clear sailing for the plywood industry. Demand was somewhat sluggish in the first quarter and a three-month strike in the summer curtailed output.

IN ADDITION to the expansion in ordinary plywood production it is noted that new developments in the general plywood family are gaining in acceptance.

THE Stanford Research Institute report sees an increasing use of hardboard. More and more is being used by the furniture and fixtures industry

Solons Urge Eisenhower To Back Hells Canyon

Washington—(U.P.)—Six senators wrote President Eisenhower today urging him to support federal construction of a dam in Hells Canyon of the Snake river.

While this went on—the world survived and got better. Coexistence can work. It has worked before.

Great Britain May Be on Spot During SEATO Conference

By CHARLES M. MC CANN United Press Foreign Analyst

Great Britain may find itself on the spot at the conference of Southeast Asia Treaty Organization countries to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, next month.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has made it plain he wants to put some teeth in the eight-nation "SEATO" organization

There is talk in Washington of a small "mobile striking force" to back up the Southeast Asia treaty.

Britain wants no part of any such force. If United States and British views are to be brought into line before Feb. 23, when the Bangkok conference starts, Dulles and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden will have to do considerable advance negotiation.

Revision Due

Britain is in an embarrassing position in East Asia, and there are suggestions it may have to revise its policy before long.

British troops fought against the Chinese Reds in Korea. The British and Chinese Nationalist delegates get along well together in the United Nations.

In the Day's News

President Chiang Kai-shek of Nationalist China issues a New Year's statement.

He describes the miniature war involving Nationalist islands just off the Red mainland as an OVERTURE TO THE BATTLE OF FORMOSA STRAIT.

CHIANG scares me. I'm afraid he WANTS a battle in the Formosa strait.

ONLY by bringing the United States into a full-scale war on his side can Chiang hope to get back INTO POWER in China.

AT this point, I'd like to quote an able and thoughtful Western editor—Bill Mathews of the Arizona Daily Star in Tucson.

AS proof of what he says, let's take a look at Britain.

Over the long centuries when the idea of freedom of individual men was taking shape in England, Englishmen were relatively FREE—as freedom went in those days.

BILL adds: "The only time war can be justified is to win a political objective that is VITAL TO OUR OWN WELFARE."

LET'S go back to England again. In those centuries she fought often. At one time or another, she was at war with every nation of Europe.

But—Through it all she was fighting for an objective that was vital to her own welfare.

AND—While this went on—the world survived and got better. Coexistence can work. It has worked before.

Pope Recovers From Hiccups, Attends Mass

VATICAN CITY—(U.P.)—Pope Pius XII, fully recovered from the mild attack of hiccups he suffered Monday night, rose early today and attended a special mass in his private chapel.

Prof. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, the pontiff's physician, visited him after mass. He said he found the Pope in excellent spirits, cheered by reports of favorable reaction to his Christmas message.

Is That So?

By Eugene Burns Ranger-Naturalist

Facts vs. fallacies. This one is about snakes.

Fallacy: A snake can inflict poison and sting with its forked tongue.

Fact: The flickering forked tongue is soft and incapable of inflicting any injury.

Fallacy: Snakes can charm birds, animals and even humans by their cold stare.

Fact: It is true that some people are so frightened by snakes that they are frozen immovable

4-H Forestry Contest Winners Announced

Three members of the South-west Medford 4-H Forestry club have been named winners of the country 4-H forestry contest, it was announced today by Glenn Klein, county agent.

The winners are Joan Dobrot, Carl Dobrot, and Carl Skyman.

Grange

Central Point Grange and Juvenile officers were installed by the Pomona installation team, on Sunday, January 2.

Master Harold Gebhard stated the year's work off with a meeting of the newly installed officers on Monday evening at the Central Point 4-H Forestry club.

Lecturer Delmar Smith has arranged a program to include fun for all. Carlos Morris will show a travelogue and others will give New Year's resolutions.

Freida Smith and Lucille Gebhard will send the Grange news to the Mail Tribune during 1955.

Juvenile Grange

The regular meeting of Central Point Juvenile Grange will be on January 7, with the new officers conducting the meeting.

Officers elected and installed for the year are: Matron, Lucille Frink; master, Margaret Taylor; overseer, Russell Frink; lecturer, Kenneth Gebhard; steward, Jimmy Frink; assistant steward, Frank Mengel; chaplain, Joan Dobrot; treasurer, Billy Hall; secretary, Bobby Kuest; gatekeeper, Bruce Niedermeyer; Ceres, Carol Lee Kuest; Pomona, Janet Ray Kelly; Flora, Nicky Hammond; lady assistant steward, Judy Frink; pianist, Nancy Niedermeyer.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

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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 initial for publication is permissible.

Duff Ideal Choice

To The Editor: I am pleased with Medford's city council in their appointment of Mr. Robert Duff as city manager.

For a number of years my family and I lived in Grand Junction, Colo., a city about the size of Medford. They have had the city manager form of government there since about 1925.

It is reasonable that a man acquainted with the affairs of Medford and as well known as is Mr. Duff, would be the ideal choice for city manager.

Medford has made many gains in the 8 years we have lived here and I feel confident we will continue to progress under our new city manager form of government.

Again, I wish to express my appreciation to the city council for their choice of Mr. Duff as our first city manager.

Hoyt F. Hay, 310 Maple St., Medford, Ore.

Regarding the New Year Date

To the Editor: I noted in yesterday's paper an editorial over your initials in which you state: "Up to the time of Julius Caesar the Romans had dated the New Year from the beginning of winter..."

If I remember my history correctly the fifth and sixth months of the Roman calendar or Quintilis and Sextilis got the present names of July and August in honor of Julius and Augustus Caesar but the seventh, eighth, 9th, and 10th months of the Roman calendar still bear the names of these numerals, i.e., September, October, November, and December.

Ed. Note: The comment has been referred to B. B. a contributing editor who wrote the editorial in question.

Keeps His Fingers Crossed

To the Editor: However, those who can remember 1929, will be excused if they keep their fingers crossed.

Whoever is running this show has always had a bad habit of raising hopes highest, when old Humpty Dumpty has been just about to fall off the wall, again!—R.W.R.

Brother, you have said a mouthful. From all signs and indications it won't be long now.

When bankers and investment "counselors" (with their hundred percent record of stupidity and miscalculation the turn over the past 50 years), along with most other forecasters, come out with "reassuring" statements that the present stock market boom "is not like 1929 because it ain't," and our synthetic prosperity (supported for the past twenty years solely by fantastic public spending) is the real McCoy and destined to go on and on? Well, the canny man immediately starts putting his house in order.

Jim Fuller, Ashland, Ore.

Grange Appreciative

To the Editor: On behalf of Central Point Grange we want to express our sincere thanks for your fine services and kindnesses in giving us very good publicity this past year.

Many thanks and may we wish you and the paper, both a happy and prosperous New Year.

Eudora Bohnert, Central Point Grange.

Danny Kaye Wins Humanitarian Award

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Comedian Danny Kaye has won the Humanitarian of the Year award for 1954 because of his work as ambassador at large for the UN International Children's fund.

The announcement that Kaye had won the award came yesterday from Noah A. Atler, president of the Denver Hospital and Sanitarium, which annually honors outstanding service to humanity.

Previous winners were Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Dore Schary, George Jessel, Paul G. Hoffman and Drew Pearson. Mrs. Roosevelt will present the award to Kaye at the annual Humanitarian Award dinner in Beverly Hills March 20.

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