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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
Jan. 12, 1945
(It was Friday)

German prisoner of war at Camp White wounded while attempting to escape.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Everybody now has $33.47 more than last year, the Treasury department gaily announces. The majority of the people, pending arrival of more concrete evidence, will have to take the Treasury department's word for it.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 12, 1935
(It was Saturday)

Moving pictures appearing at Medford theaters include "The Painted Veil," with Greta Garbo; "Imitation of Life," with William Warren; "South of Santa Fe," with Bob Steele, and "Perils of Pauline" with Evalyn Knapp and William Desmond.

Influenza epidemic raging in Applegate area; nearly every other home has one or more persons sick.

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 12, 1925
(It was Monday)

O. T. Bergner, former operator of Page theater in Medford, purchases Oregon hotel in Ashland for $30,000.

Vernon Vawter returns to Medford after attending meeting of University of Oregon board of regents at Eugene.

FORTY YEARS AGO
Jan. 12, 1915
(It was Tuesday)

A. R. Enyart believed to have discovered lost channel of Jackson creek; discovery touches off great interest in gold prospecting.

Local and personal item: Autoists traveling through Talent should keep one eye on the speedometer and the other on the police, for the authorities of that town have served notice of a campaign against speeders, and incidentally to inflate a more or less depleted treasury.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

1. Draft calls beginning February will go up about one-fourth or one-half, or down about one-fourth or one-half?
2. First head of the WACs was Frances Perkins, Clare Boothe Luce, Eleanor Roosevelt, Ivy Priest, or Oveta Culp Hobby?
3. Telephone calls in the U.S. during the year work out to about one, two, three, four or five a day for each man, woman and child?
4. "The Four Hundred" was a phrase for High Society coined by Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, S. Ward McAlister, Emily Post, Stuyvesant Fish, or Perle Mesta?
5. Abraham A. Ribicoff is the new Senator from New Jersey, New York attorney general, Supreme Court nominee, Connecticut governor or U.S. solicitor general?
6. One, two, three, four or five widows of former Presidents are now alive?
7. Saul of Tarsus, in the Bible, is better known under what name?

The Answers: 1. Go down about one-half. 2. Mrs. Hobby. 3. To about one a day. 4. S. Ward McAlister. 5. New Connecticut governor. 6. Three: Mesdames Wilson, Coolidge and Roosevelt. 7. St. Paul.

The Septuagint Bible

For some days there has reposed on the things-to-attend-to corner of the desk a review copy of the Septuagint Bible as recently edited, revised and enlarged by C. A. Muses, MA., Ph.D., of Columbia University and published by the Falcon's Wing Press of Indian Hills, Colo., and New York.

In view of the recent numerous letters to The Mail Tribune concerning the interpretation of biblical references to dates and events, the Septuagint is particularly interesting to Bible students for the original is the oldest Greek version of the Old Testament. It dates from the third century before Christ and probably was made for Jews of Alexandria who had lost knowledge of the Hebrew language.

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BECAUSE of our lack of time to study Dr. Muses' thick volume, and because of our feeling of inadequacy in approaching involved theological matters, we were glad to note an editorial in The Oregonian which sets forth the background of the Septuagint. The editorial also gives some of Dr. Muses' comments on the work of translating the Greek Septuagint Bible into English, a task which Charles Thompson, early American scholar finished in 1808 after twenty years of labor.

Says The Oregonian:

Dr. Muses, in his introduction to the revised Thomson translation, contends that the Septuagint Bible is closer to the original Hebrew than are more commonly known versions.

"The oldest Hebrew text in existence in the third century B. C. had been used by the early Septaugint translators; but it is unfortunate that in post-Christian times all Hebrew manuscripts containing the older text increasingly found their way into the 'genizah,' the cemetery near every large ancient synagogue for abandoned scrolls of the Torah and other sacred writings," he says.

". . . The oldest literary evidence of the Bible— the Septuagint vellum manuscripts, the Samaritan Pentateuch, and the biblical papyrus scrolls—all tend to agree with each other more than with the present Hebrew text, which dates no earlier than 100 years after the Christian era had begun. Unfortunately, that late text was relied upon by both Origen and St. Jerome as the 'original' Hebrew in their work of redaction and translation, and the same dependence was used by Luther and the King James committee.

". . . Interesting enough, in St. Jerome's version, as finally accepted in the Vulgate Bible, we still find the Septuagint version of the psalms, as well as several books from the older version."

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There is abundant and widely scattered evidence, says Muses, that the Septuagint text of the Bible was the one in use in the time of Jesus and his disciples.

Undoubtedly publication again in English of this old version is of great interest to Bible scholars. But the Septuagint will never replace the King James version as the popular Bible.

Compare the first two verses of Genesis. The King James version says:

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

The Septuagint puts it this way:

In the beginning God made the heaven and the earth. (2) And the earth was invisible and unfurnished and there was darkness over this abyss, and a breath of God was brought on above the water.

Or, let us look at the twenty-third psalm. The Septuagint version follows:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall want nothing. (2) In a verdant pasture He hath fixed my abode. He has fed me by gently flowing water (3) and restored my soul. He hath led me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. (4) For though I walk amid the shades of death: I will fear no ills, because Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff have been my comfort. (5) Thou hast spread a table before me; in the presence of them who afflict me. With oil Thou hast anointed my head; and Thine exhilarating cup is the very best. (6) Thy mercy will surely follow me all the days of my life; and my dwelling shall be in the house of the Lord to length of days.

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How much more rhythmic is this jubilant song in the King James Bible:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk throug the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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The King James version recently has been revised. Some changes undoubtedly were necessary to clarify words whose meanings have changed in the past 350 years. But the revised version has lost some of the power and majesty of the King James in the process. The Septuagint Bible, though it may be closer to the original, lacks that full power also. The 54 scholars who in 1611 presented to King James the results of seven years of labor truly must have been inspired.

—E.C.F.

Tourist Income Stays High

Oregon enjoyed an income of $125,000,000 from out-of-state tourists last year, according to the Portland Chamber of Commerce. The figures, based on data supplied by the travel information division of the state highway department, approximated those for 1953 and were around $4,000,000 more than receipts reported for 1951 and 1952.

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THE figures do not include money spent by Oregonians vacationing in their own state as the latter totals are much more difficult to estimate.

One of the best guesses as to the amount spent by in-state tourists was arrived at in 1951 and 1952 by questioning motel operators on this phase of their business. The motel men figured 46 per cent of their patronage came from Oregoniáns in both years and this percentage applied to the state's 1954 figure for out-of-state tourists would indicate an in-state tourist business of $106,000,000.

Although the Oregon travel trend is up, the Portland chamber's report points out that adverse weather might reduce the tourist business in the year ahead, just as it did during part of the 1954 season.—E.C.F.

WINNING OVER HUNDREDS of entries, here are America's 10 outstanding young men of 1954, selected under auspices of U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. They will be honored at Louisville, Ky., banquet Jan. 22. Top, from left: Dr. Wendell Phillips, 33, Concord, Cal., archaeologist; Terence P. Brennan, 26, Notre Dame football coach; Arthur M. Kraft, 33, Kansas City, Mo., artist and sculptor; Dr. William A. Spencer, 32, Houston, Tex., polio research; Major Charles E. Yeager, 31, Hamlin, W. Va., Air Force test pilot. Bottom, from left: Frank A. Rose, 34, Lexington, Ky., Transylvania College, educator; J. Herbert Holloman, 35, Schenectady, N. Y., metallurgist; Ernest F. Hollings, 32, Charleston, Lieut. Gov. of South Carolina, public service; Hamilton F. Richardson, 21, Baton Rouge, La., Davis Cup tennis player despite diabetic handicap and Robert F. Kennedy, 29, Boston, chief counsel, Senate subcommittee on investigations, for outstanding contributions in halting trade of U. S. allies with Red China. *(International)*

No Doubt Held That Burgess and MacLean Working for Soviets

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst

There can be no more doubt that Guy Burgess and Donald MacLean, the British diplomats who vanished in France in May, 1951, are working for the Russians.

Charles McCann

It seems pretty certain, on the basis of a number of peacemeal reports, that they are in Moscow, acting as advisers to the Soviet foreign ministry on propaganda directed toward the West.

But the real mystery of their disappearance remains as deep as ever.

That mystery is why and how Burgess and MacLean reached their decision to abandon their careers and betray the trust put in them as foreign office officials by going behind the iron curtain.

First they are not the sort of men who do that sort of thing, even in these days of defections of scientists, officials and secret police agents from one side of the iron curtain to the other.

Prominent Men

Burgess and MacLean were members of what still may be called the British ruling class. They were products of the exclusive "public" school system and of Cambridge University. MacLean was the son of the late Sir Donald MacLean, liberal party leader and former cabinet minister.

There is suspicion that both men were strong Communist sympathizers if not Communist agents, but there is no solid evidence that they were Communist Party members.

Secondly, Burgess and MacLean seem to have reached their decision suddenly.

May 25, 1951, was MacLean's 38th birthday. He took his usual commuter's train home to Surrey county from the foreign office to join his American-born wife, who had borne him two children and was expecting a third.

Burgess, that day, had engaged a two-berth cabin on a channel streamer and had invited an American man friend in London to accompany him on a brief visit to France.

But Burgess rented a drive-it-yourself car and after receiving a telephone call at his apartment drove down to MacLean's home. He took two suit cases. He was introduced to Mrs. MacLean as "Ronald Styles."

After dinner, Burgess took his suit cases, MacLean took a brief case and they drove to Southhampton. MacLean told his wife they were going to see a friend and might stay overnight. Burgess and MacLean took the steamer to St. Malo, France, and were driven by car to Rennes, a railroad junction point for Paris. There they vanished.

Telegrams apparently dictated if not written by Burgess and MacLean reached their relative while British secret police hunted them. It was evident that MacLean maintained close contact with his wife. She went later to Switzerland to live with her children, now three. They disappeared Sept. 11, 1953.

Burgess sent Christmas greetings to his mother in London in 1953 and last month. The letters were mailed in London, apparently by a crewman of a Russian ship or a Soviet embassy agent. But they only deepened the mystery of the two diplomats.

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. 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.

Milk and Butter

To the Editor: The people of the Rogue valley and Oregon are asked to use more dairy products, but as long as the price of milk and butter is as high as at present there will be very little consumed.

I am from Minnesota and I left there about ten years ago for personal reasons but my relatives are still there.

My sister wrote me the other day that Grade A milk sells for 16 cents a quart in all retail markets and the dairies have a lot more expenses there in the winter than they have here. I am referring to the dairies or creameries, not the producers.

I am wondering why the seven cents a quart difference. The producers aren't getting it. Also how come the increase in price of butter here of late? When the price was lowered last spring I started to use butter again, because I was able to afford it. Now it is over 70 cents again and I am forced to stop.

I may be wrong but all I can figure is that there must be something wrong in Oregon.

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Talent, Ore.

A Nichol's Worth of . . .

Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

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

The Defense Department got a letter from a 10 - year - old boy in Oklahoma. He wanted "all the information you have about airplanes." And he wanted same in a hurry. "Please send it by guided missile," the lad said.

Harmon Nichols

The 84th Congress already has a hopper full of proposed new measures and resolutions, all of which will be referred to committees.

One of my favorites was dropped in the box by Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, the Republican from Arizona. He suggests a measure which would make it legal to send live scorpions through the mail.

In a speech, Don Paarlberg, assistant to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson, cut loose this intelligence: "The time was when the tired husband came home from work and asked his wife, "What's cookin'. Today, with frozen foods, he is more likely to ask, 'What's thawin'?"

Benson himself, by the by, also can coin one. He said in a speech about increased production: "Sometime, the top producing cow will cock a disapproving eye at a scientist and say, "look, this has gone far enough. You've got the last pint."

The Army spent two years making a beautiful documentary film called "This Is Your Army." Since the administration ordered sharp cuts in the budget for the Army, unhappy Pentagon officers are wryly suggesting the movie be re-titled "This Was Your Army."

Speaking of the Pentagon, some of the big faces there are red. The heraldry branch designs coats of arms for Army units and writes spirited mottoes for them. Soldiers of an armored battalion at Fort Hood, Tex., proudly wore such a coat of arms for a time. The motto: "Videre Parere Est." Along came a GI latin student who translated it: "To see is to submit." It seems that the heraldry branch really meant "Videre Parare Est," which means, "to see is to prepare."

GIARDELLO FINED

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Joey Giardello, leading contender for the middleweight boxing title, was back in business today after paying a $500 fine instead of taking a 75-day suspension by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission Chairman Frank Wiener for Giardello's part in a South Philadelphia brawl last October in which a gas station attendant was beaten. The commission ruled his conduct "detrimental to the boxing profession."

Editorial Comment

Poor Politics

If the way to win friends and influence people is to starve them out, then the Federal Budget Bureau seems to be on the right track. If it isn't then it would appear there's some mighty poor politics going on in Washington these days.

The Statesman's Washington correspondent, A. Robert Smith, quotes a high administration official as saying the $20,000,000 Rogue River reclamation project is being left out of the budget for 1955 because Oregon voters refused to return Republican Guy Cordon to the Senate and thereby gave Democrats control of that body.

There is no official word on the matter yet. That will not be out until President Eisenhower sends his detailed budget message to congress next week. But from Washington dispatches on present activities there, prospects are not too bright. It is known that just before Cordon left office in December he attempted to loosen funds for the Rogue River project. "But the boys in the (budget) bureau feel, 'Why should they help Cordon. He was defeated'," the administration official said.

On the basis of that statement, we would say the designation "boys" is right. Maybe a few men should take over the budget job. Another inept, inopportune and unworthy statement also is attributed to them in regard to Secretary of the Interior McKay's espousal of the project—"The budget bureau has seen the Oregon election returns and they know McKay came out on the short end."

We do not believe President Eisenhower would want that kind of evaluation placed on reclamation needs of this country. We do not believe he would want men in responsible positions who were foolish enough to indulge in that kind of archaic thinking, let alone voice it aloud. If his aids think that punishing Oregon to the extent of refusing to budget projects which Congress already has authorized will bring this state back into the GOP fold, they've got holes in their collective heads.

We've an idea the attitude as reflected to Smith comprises the best Democratic propaganda promulgated by Republicans in many a year.—Oregon (Salem) Statesman.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Political note:

The Democratic national committee has opened up on President Eisenhower's proposals in his State-of-the-Union message to the Congress the other day.

It asks how the President can talk about Russia's steadily growing military power and then justify proposals to CUT American armed forces.

I WOULDN'T know, gentlemen.

But President Eisenhower is rather generally recognized as the world's ablest soldier. It's just possible that he might know more about military matters than a bunch of carping politicians.

(I doubt if anyone—even the members of the Democratic national committee — really suspects Ike of deliberately WEAKENING the United States of America so that Russia can take over.)

HAZARDS of modern life note:

In the town of Mystic, Conn., the other day a sea gull dropped a clam from up in the sky. It hit a woman in the head, gashing her head with its sharp edges, and bounced from her skull into a store window, which it smashed into smithereens.

BUT—

How can that he called a hazard of MODERN life? Haven't sea gulls been dropping clams out of the sky for millions of years?

TRUE enough.

But back in those earlier eras of time when sea gulls first learned that they could crack a clam's hard hull by flying the critter up into the wild blue yonder and then dropping it on a rock PEOPLE were so SCARCE down below that practically nobody ever got hurt.

Now they're getting so thick that it's no longer safe to throw a rock at a marauding cat.

BY the way—

That clam the sea gull dropped must have been one of these geoducks (pronounced GO-ee-ducks) that Puget Sound residents boast so loudly about.

Question:

How did it get back to Connecticut?

SPEAKING of the hazards of modern life, I suppose you must have noticed that the city of Portland—in the air-conditioned Pacific Northwest—had a touch of SMOG the other day.

That brings up a statement recently by a smog expert—one Lauren Hitchcock, of Los Angeles—that smog is one of the four chief threats to the future of our great cities—the other three being congestion, noise and the high cost of living.

He says that getting CLEAN AIR for our Bigtowns may cost as much in the future as getting good water.

A suggestion, sir:

Instead of concentrating our industries in the big cities—where, among other things, they'll be sitting ducks for a hydrogen bomb—why not scatter them out into the clean, open country, where living is BETTER?

Native of County Dies in Portland

Miss Eleanor Flora Maule, a long-time teacher in southern Oregon, a native of Jackson county and daughter of pioneer residents here, died after a prolonged illness in Portland last Saturday.

Funeral services were held today in Portland.

She was born in Medford on Aug. 16, 1886, attended school here and graduated from Ashland Normal school. Later she taught in various schools for 20 years. After she retired from teaching, she lived in Portland, where she was active in volunteer work for the Veterans' hospital.

Miss Maule's parents, long deceased, were Milton and Eleanor Murray Maule. Survivors include three brothers and several neices and nephews.

TOO MANY STOP SIGNS

San Francisco —(U.P.)— An official report by the city works director today confirmed what motorists have said all along—the city has too many stop signs.

Is That So?

By Eugene Burns
Ranger-Naturalist

When hatched from its egg, the grasshopper is a miniature grownup and like all insects has a hard shell skeleton on the outside of its body which it must break if it is to gain adult size.

But the grasshopper does not break its skeleton once, it does it five times, walking away from each one!

Before breaking and shedding its old rags, it grows a new undersuit—one which is soft and can expand before hardening.

Another astonishing fact: should the grasshopper meet with an accident and lose his head, which is the front part; or his belly, which is the rear part, he can still navigate without trouble. That is because his legs, attached to the middle part, the thorax, are controlled by locally-operated nerves.

The female starfish produces over 200,000,000 eggs a year, enough to overrun the sea in a couple of centuries. Fortunately, only a few ever reach maturity because thousands of fishes prey upon them. But the starfish in turn preys upon the oyster, and well that it does. The offspring of one oyster and her living descendants total right around a mere 6,600,000,000,000,000,000,000 0,0 0 0,000,000 and if it were not for the starfish, the sea might soon be overrun with oysters.

Most starfish have five arms under which are hundreds of feet. At the tip of each arm is an eye, a small red disc. So, regardless of what direction it takes, it has one weather eye looking ahead, two to the sides, and another pair covering its retreat. Should it lose an arm, it can grow a new one, replete with eye.

Feet for Smelling

Among the hundreds of feet, a certain few are designed for smelling. The foot, provided with the sense of smell, moves about, feeling and sniffing each object which might serve as chow. Being in the shape of a foot, it can be used as a foot, too. Handy nose.

But speaking of smelling organs, some male moths can smell out a virgin moth three miles away! But more of that at another "amazing" session.

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

THEY WANT THEIR MONEY

Denver — (U.P.) — The Western Foundation Construction company, in a civil suit filed Tuesday, asked that the multi-million-dollar Denver Club skyscraper be sold so it can be paid $11,871 for the work done on the basement.

WEATHER By United Press

Northern California: Fair except considerable fog central valley.

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