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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. 24, 1945 (It was Wednesday) Mrs. Scott Davis elected commissioner of Medford Girl Scout council.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Yesterday was quite a date, numerically speaking, as it could be written consecutively: 1-23-45.

20 YEARS AGO Jan. 24, 1935 (It was Thursday) City golf tournament planned in spring, with Eugene Thorndike captain of one team.

30 YEARS AGO Jan. 24, 1925 (It was Saturday) Local radio fans incorporate; those in group include W. A. Gates, Ralph Bardwell, T. E. Daniels, and Frank DeSouza.

40 YEARS AGO Jan. 24, 1915 (It was Sunday) Medford Commercial club committees for coming year appointed; committeemen include J. A. Perry, W. F. Isaacs, A. S. Rosenbaum, C. W. Putman, A. C. Allen, H. A. Thierolf, Bert Anderson, S. S. Smith, H. A. Latta, C. M. Thomas, and Guy W. Conner.

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

- 1. Pres. Eisenhower has or hasn't followed the example of Pres. Roosevelt in having a woman in his Cabinet? 2. A fringe benefit in a labor contract is or isn't a hike in the wage rate because of higher living costs?

3. Nob Hill is in Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, San Francisco, or Washington, D. C.?

4. The "Road of Anthracite" is an advertising term for the Erie, New York Central, Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania or Lackawanna railroad?

5. Barbiturates have sedative effects: right or wrong?

6. Which one of these states lost population over the last four years: Arkansas, California, Florida, Ohio, Wyoming?

7. "Junkie" is a slang term for a pushcart peddler, a pawnbroker, a beaten-up car, a Chinese sailing vessel or a drug addict?

The Answers: 1. Has; it's Mrs. Hobby. 2. Isn't it something outside of the wage, like free health insurance. 3. San Francisco. 4. Lackawanna. 5. Right. 6. Arkansas. 7. Drug addict.

How Are The Schools Doing?

By far the largest portion of state and local tax money goes for the upkeep and operation of schools. Practically everyone has a vested interest in the schools, for most of us have children, and we all pay for the schools, whether we're parents or not.

How are the schools doing? Are we getting our money's worth? Are the requests for increased school funds justified? THERE are widely varying answers to these questions.

On the desk at the moment are two articles which show the disparity in opinions. One is an article in a recent issue of The Nation's Business, by Felix Morley, which questions the methods of instruction in use today. Morley says:

A recent survey in Los Angeles... revealed that 18 per cent of 11,000 high school juniors didn't know how many months there are in a year. And nine per cent of these juniors couldn't say how many three cent stamps the post office will sell for three silver quarters.

THE gist of Morley's article is contained in his quotation of a book, "The Diminished Mind," by Mortimer Smith, who asserts that the primary purpose of education "is the improvement of persons and only secondary the improvement of society."

ON THE other side of the fence, however, we have a "release" from a public relations firm employed by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

"Public school pupils today get more instruction in the three Rs and learn those fundamentals better than the school children of the 'good old days,' a new pamphlet published by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers maintains," the release states.

LAYMEN, unfortunately, are unable to get a first-hand answer to the questions raised about schools—unless they have the time and energy to visit the schools personally, and spend long periods checking on teaching methods, policies and theories.

WE seem to be in a position of having to trust the teachers and administrators we have hired. Even P-TA membership is no guarantee that we can be sure that the schools are doing a good or poor job.

BUT if the schools succeed in teaching a child to read, and read well and do whatever they can to stimulate his curiosity, they've done the most important part of the job.

Without reading he lacks the one most important tool a human being can possess. Without curiosity, he lacks the motivation to become educated, to become a thinking person, to become an asset to a community which, for the most, depends upon educated, thinking persons.—E.A.

The Sun Shines Sometimes

The La Grande Observer (possibly influenced by the Klamath Falls Herald and News' recent "good news only on Page one" experiment) recently picked up an item which stretches a point to give the good news.

THE item, from the Kiplinger Magazine Changing Times, assembled some statistics to show the "sunny side of life" in the United States. It says:

There are 162,922,000 Americans who are not members of the Communist party.

Some 37,011,460 couples will stay more or less happily married during the year.

On the average, there are 63,868,000 people working to bring home the bacon.

Last year, the scheduled airlines safely carried passengers 18,902,134, 841 miles in the U.S. and possessions; railroads safely carried passengers 31,674,931, 200 miles.

Some 162,717,890 persons will not die of cancer in 1955.

And 162,380,580 persons will be safe from fatal heart attacks.

About 629,000,000 acres of forest land will not be set on fire by careless smokers and picnic-goers this year.

Most of the time, 15,720,000 organized workers are not on strike.

Of the 18,977,472 little boys in the country who are under the age of 10, only six or possibly seven will have to go through the terrible ordeal of being President of the United States.

At least 162,944,424 people have not been frightened by seeing flying saucers hurtle through the air.

The Internal Revenue service will find that 43,846,154 income tax returns are filed correctly in 1955.

Finally, there are 83 countries in the world that have not discovered the secret of the hydrogen bomb.

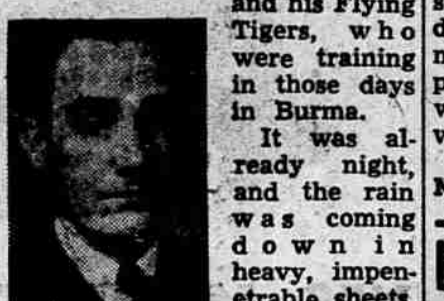
It could be added that it's only 8 1/2 weeks 'til Spring.—E.A.

Pair in Custody For Theft of Wire

Portland — (U.P.) — A Portland and a The Dalles, Ore., man were in custody here today charged with stealing copper wire from The Dalles dam project.

Matter of Fact

RECOLLECTION IN SINGAPORE Singapore, Malaya — Just under 14 years ago, this reporter first came to Singapore on a special job for Gen. Chennault and his Flying Tigers, who were training in those days in Burma.



It was already night, and the rain was coming down in heavy, impenetrable sheets, but the young British pilot of the very old Wellington bomber was as contemptuous of the weather as he was of the enemy.

Getting out in the rain was a hurried business, but no one could have avoided a glance at the object in the hangar entrance. It was a biplane with no cowling to streamline its vast radical engine and a total armament of two small machine guns.

HAARRUMPH! said the group captain, blowing the raindrops out of his mustachios. "Haarrumph! Why that's one of our fighter squadrons. Jolly maneuverable little aircraft too, old boy."

This rainsoaked recollection recurs at the moment because it points a contrast. This year in a situation of much more remote peril, the British authorities in Singapore and Malaya are immeasurably less complacent than they were in the time just before Pearl Harbor.

WHILE we're talking about the nation's future, it will be interesting to note a statement by Senator Bill Knowland of California, who is worried about appeasement.

Speaking to the chamber of commerce of Alexandria, Va. (which is just across the Potomac river from Washington), he said: "Each appeasement of the Chinese Communists in the Formosa area will only lead to greater demands and greater pressures."

LET'S discuss appeasement for a moment. The classic example of it is the apocryphal story of the Russian who was fleeing with his family in a droschky through the snowy forest.

ON the one hand, there are the direct effects. Last year, the brilliant Gen. Sir Gerald Templer could reasonably hope that another twelve months of hard pressure would change the whole dimensions of the problem of Malaya's Communist guerrillas.

LET'S apply a little critical analysis to this classic situation. The Russian's procedure was based upon a fundamental error. He was seeking to appease the wolves by throwing to them his most precious and indispensable possessions—HIS CHILDREN.

THE MORAL? I'd say this is it: The value—or the danger—of appeasement of the Communists DEPENDS ON WHAT WE APPEASE THEM WITH.

THE big question: Are these islands along the coast of Asia INDISPENSABLE to us? Or are they pemmican?

Big Labor Abuses Said Worry To People

New York — (U.P.) — American people worry far more about the abuses of big labor unions than about the abuses of big business, Look magazine said today.

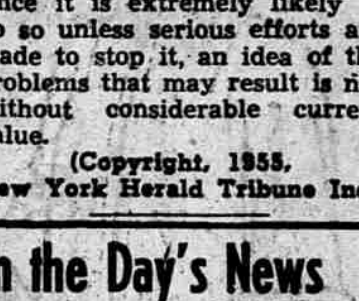
EDITOR HONORED San Bernardino, Calif. — (U.P.) — James A. Guthrie, editor and president of the San Bernardino Sun-Telegram, was honored today for his half-century of service as a newspaper reporter and editor.

COMING SOON

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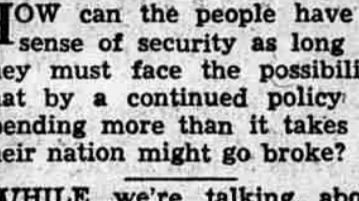


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Bob Mitchum Signed For Another Picture

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actor Robert Mitchum, kicked out of a leading role for dunking a studio worker in San Francisco Bay as a prank, has been signed to the lead in another picture, it was announced today.

SAMUEL Goldwyn Jr., said he had hired the sleepy-eyed actor for the film, "The Deadly Peace-maker," which he will produce for United Artists release. The film will go into production in March, Goldwyn said.

Mitchum was fired from the film "Blood Alley" by Batjac Productions for dunking a transportation director and also for maintaining an "uncooperative attitude." He was replaced by John Wayne, a production partner in the company.

Mundt's Suggestion On Hearings Vetoed

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.), a member of the Senate Investigating Subcommittee, suggested today that Senate investigators retain one-man hearings in theory, but not in practice. He got a quick thumbs down from his chairman.

SEN. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) new chairman of the subcommittee, told reporters, "There are going to be no one-man hearings while I am chairman. Period."

McClellan summoned the subcommittee to a closed meeting today to approve a budget for the year and consider ordering some preliminary staff investigations. But the rule on one-man hearings will not be settled until the parent body, the Government Operations Committee, meets tomorrow.

Need Seen To Cut Liquor Excise Tax

New York — (U.P.) — A top liquor industry spokesman warned today that failure to cut the excise tax on liquor from \$10.50 to \$9 a gallon as scheduled April 1, will be a shot-in-the-arm to "moonshine murder."

PRESIDENT Eisenhower's budget message to Congress recommended that excise taxes be held at present levels for at least another year.

W. W. Wachtel, president of Calvert Distillers Corp., said the present \$10.50-a-gallon tax is "excessive" and has priced legal liquor out of reach of millions of Americans.

AS a result, he said in an interview, more and more Americans are buying cheap moonshine, often with disastrous results.

TO STATE MEETING

Ashland—Richard Westerberg, Ashland dairyman, will represent the Oregon Producers organization in Jackson county at a state meeting in Eugene in February. Delegates at the meeting will represent over 1,000 producers of grade A milk in the state. Carl Hoover, Central Point, is the alternate delegate.

COWBOY STAR FREED

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Ken Maynard, onetime cowboy star of the films, was free on \$200 bail today after being rounded up by a modern posse for drunkenness. Maynard, 58, was arrested in nearby Van Nuys Saturday night. Police said the former circus impresario was drunk in his parked car at a busy intersection.

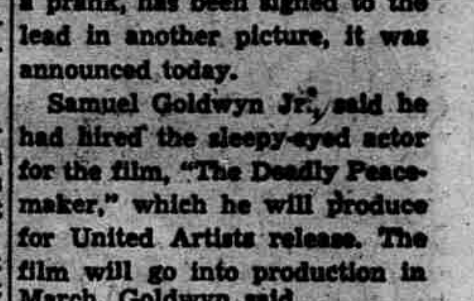
Eyes Created

GEO. N. TAYLOR The man was born blind. Spitting on a bit of clay, Christ plastered the same on the man's unseeing eyes and told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. This the man did and he came back seeing. John 9th. His mother's face; Dad's face also; flowers; trees, sky, and so for the man a new world dawned. But the crowd who talked much and did little had small use for Christ, for He did many miracles on the Sabbath Day.

They asked the man born blind how he came to see. He said that God did it; God being in Christ. At that they closed every door against the man, for he gave Christ the glory. Hearing it, Christ then sought out the man and after Christ's saying that He Himself was the eternal God, the man received Christ as his Lord and Saviour. He that has not Christ shall not see life but the wrath of God abides on him. This message sponsored by a deaconess. —paid adv.

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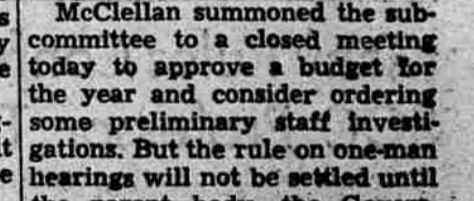


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