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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

Feb. 2, 1945

(It was Friday)

Machinery for extending assistance to returning veterans under G. I. Bill of Rights explained to Medford Rotary club by Ernest L. Scott, chairman of Selective Service Board No. 2.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Orchardists are praying for snow in the high hills to provide irrigation next summer, and are having no better luck than Older Girls in the supplications for a White Christmas.

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 2, 1925

(It was Saturday)

George Baker trophy for best newspaper cooperation in statewide "Buy Oregon" campaign awarded to The Mail Tribune.

Cleo Brenner, Medford, purchases Helms building in Grants Pass in one of largest southern Oregon real estate transactions in several months.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 2, 1925

(It was Monday)

George A. Hunt, manager of Craterian theater, able to walk without crutch for first time since breaking his ankle on New Year's day.

Floyd Hart, speaking before Medford Kiwanis club, predicts "the airplane someday will be as popular as the auto."

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 2, 1915.

(It was Tuesday)

Work on new federal building at Sixth and Holly sts. scheduled to get underway in near future.

"Tillie's Blasted Romance" at Page theater; "The Adventures of Elaine" at the Star, and "Lips That Touch Liqueur Shall Never Touch Mine" showing at the It.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

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- 1. Franklin D. Roosevelt's paternal ancestors came from England, Holland, Ireland, Poland, Scotland, or Switzerland? 2. The so-called Hall of Fame is in the Capitol at Washington, D. C.; Cooperstown, N. Y.; the Louvre Museum in Paris; New York University; or the Vatican in Rome? 3. The religious body identified by the letters "S. J." is Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, Episcopalian, Jewish or non-sectarian? 4. The "E." in Robert E. Lee's name stood for Edgar, Edmund, Edward, Elwell, Essex, Eugene or Ewing? 5. Most new houses built these days have more or less total floor space than most built three years ago? 6. Tod Sloan was a famous American pugilist, baseball player, football coach, jockey, billiards player, or actor? 7. The "Eternal City" is Paris, Hollywood, London, Berlin, New York, Rome, Vienna, or Washington?

The Answers: 1. Holland. 2. New York University. 3. Roman Catholic; it's the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). 4. Edward. 5. More floor space. 6. Jockey. 7. Rome.

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Auditoriums

Not all auditoriums, coliseums or other large structures designed to accommodate public gatherings, entertainments, sports, etc., make a box office profit. In fact, the record is generally poor in that respect. But there are other considerations which make such construction not only worth while but a real dollar producer for the communities in which they are located.

WHILE Spokane's municipal auditorium which was dedicated only a couple of months ago is very much larger than the \$330,000 armory-auditorium which is to be built here, the Inland Empire city's experience is of interest locally for it shows not only what can be expected in the way of community income but what can be accomplished box-office wise with proper management.

It took Spokane nearly 30 years to realize its auditorium dream. Several bond issue proposals were defeated, there was disagreement as to size and type of building, and difficulties in site selection, and it wasn't until the fall of 1953 that construction actually got under way.

BEFORE the doors had been formally opened the National Grange met there, the 8,000 persons attending leaving an estimated \$250,000 in the community.

Since the coliseum opened there has been a constant stream of attractions. The London Festival Ballet played to 11,000 persons in matinee and evening performances; 7,500 saw the Washington State college-Utah State basketball game, and there have been many other gatherings nearly as large. Auto parking at 25 cents per car provides a considerable revenue also.

Those who helped to promote the Spokane project are confident that in terms of money the coliseum brings in from the conventions and attractions it makes possible, the cost will be amortized within five years.—E.C.F.

This Is "Y" Week

The review of the past year's activities, accomplishments and general progress presented at the recent annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian association of Medford must have been highly gratifying to the leaders and all others interested in the organization.

THE report noted, among other important items, an increase in membership, a small but encouraging margin of income over expenditures, and probably more important than anything else, the keen interest and devotion of the many who are giving time, effort, thought and financial aid to the "Y."

The interest of leaders and members must be rated as a distinct asset for the local YMCA, like those in other cities of Oregon, is confronted now as never before with the need for progressive and enthusiastic support. The reason for this need is the rapid growth of population and the large number of children, and adults as well, desiring and needing the services and facilities which only the YMCA provides.

That other YMCA's of the state are aware of the challenge is indicated by the preparations being made to meet it. In Portland, the Young Men's Christian association is sponsoring a campaign to raise \$2,000,000 for construction of long-needed new buildings.

The Salem association is nearing completion of a \$450,000 campaign, and Eugene is reported to have already raised \$300,000 toward a \$400,000 fund which will provide for a new building to house both the YMCA and YWCA.

MEDFORD is fortunate in having a comparatively new and excellent YMCA building, adequate for some years to come; fortunate too, in its ownership of the fine Diamond Lake camp where so many boys are able to enjoy a summer outing with healthful recreation and physical education activities.

The Medford "Y" has no great need for additional facilities at this time, what it does need, and what it is now seeking is additional members, to the end that more youngsters and more families, too, may receive the benefits of its various programs of health and physical education, social activities, sports, hobby and craft classes, and the Christian fellowship which is such an important phase of "Y" membership.

THIS is enrollment week for the YMCA and all interested are invited to avail themselves of the special invitation to call at the "Y" and discuss with the secretary the various classifications of membership—of which there are several—and the particular activities in which they may wish to take part.—E.C.F.

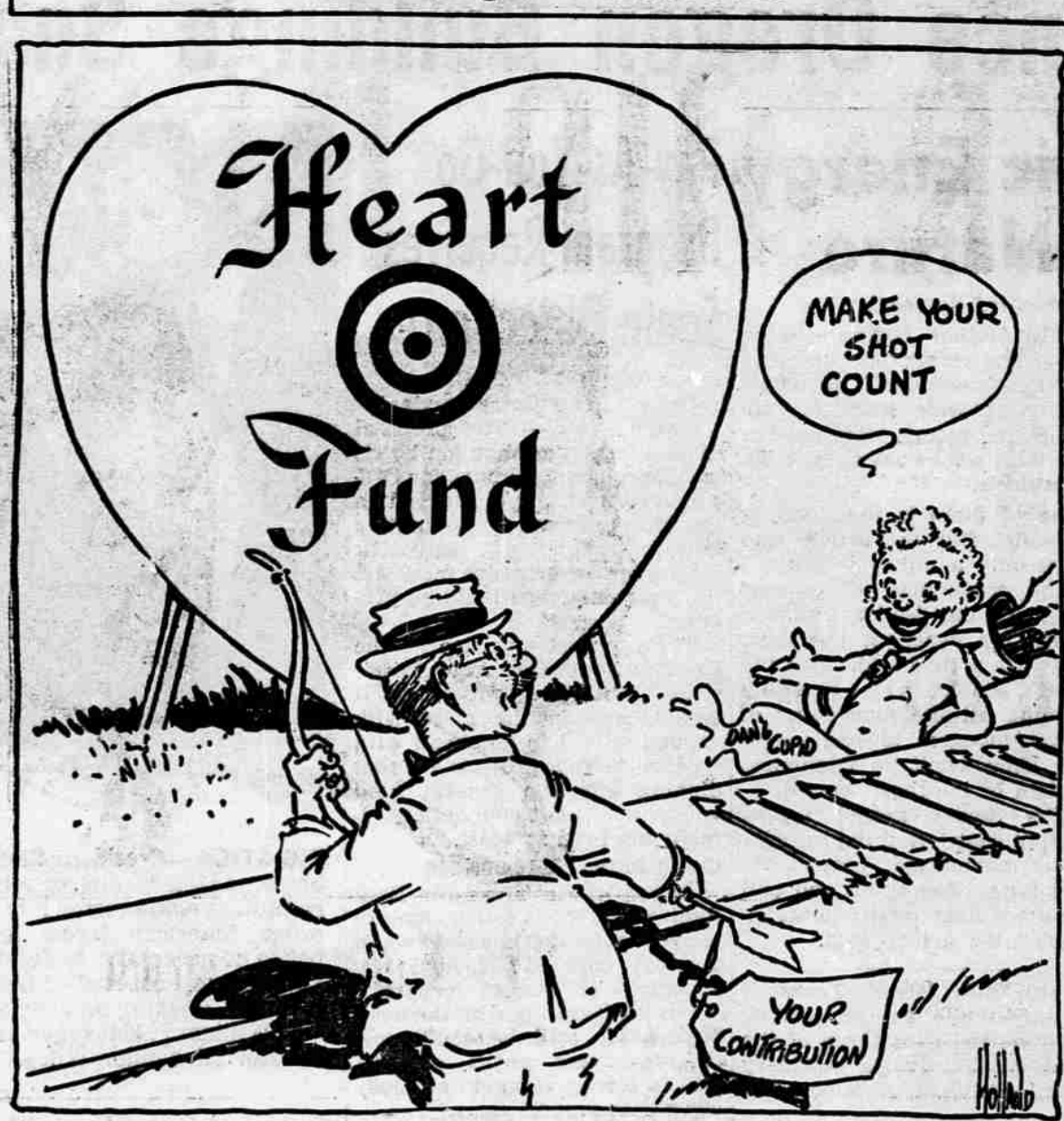
Government To Keep Land at Camp Adair

Corvallis — (U.P.) — The federal government has no immediate plans to relinquish use of land it holds at Camp Adair near here, Corvallis Mayor Carl Williams has been informed. A letter from O. C. Dradeen, regional director of the General Services Administration, declared the federal government had "no immediate plans to relinquish use or jurisdiction of this property." Officials of Corvallis, Albany, Dallas, Monmouth and Independence had sought to have the sale of buildings and 88 acres of land be made in one piece for development as a "much needed industrial site."

Scouts Planning Snow Trip Over Week End

Members of Boy Scout Troop 2, sponsored by the Medford Kiwanis club, will take part in a snow trip, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, in the Green Springs area. Accompanied by four adults, some 10 to 15 boys will hike in about seven miles to a California Oregon Power company line cabin, where they will spend the two days. The group will leave Medford Saturday morning, and will return here Sunday evening. Accompanying the boys will be Glenn F. A. Brack, scoutmaster; Dick Swan, assistant scoutmaster; Dr. Edward W. Sickles, and Dick Knight.

Something To Shoot At



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.

The Judgeship Fuss

To the Editor: This fuss over the naming of a Federal District Judge for Oregon to succeed Judge James A. Fee is a lot of bunk to say the least—it is funny.

In the first place, Guy Gordon should long ago have named this man, or requested President Eisenhower to name his choice.

As a member of the Jackson County Republican Central Committee my first choice is William M. McAllister of Medford who is 50 years old, an eminent lawyer, well qualified, who lives in the extreme end of the 4th Congressional district.

Claude McCulloch appointed August 20, 1937 from Klamath Falls in the 2nd congressional district, and Gus J. Solomon appointed November 14, 1949 from Portland in the 3rd Congressional district leaves the selection of this judgeship vacancy—by all the rules of the game—to either the 1st or the 4th congressional districts of Oregon. Judges McCulloch and Solomon were selected by two former Democratic presidents.

The Bar association vote was close as between Ralph M. Holman and William M. McAllister. But if Ed Boehnke, Jess Card and Mrs. Marshall Cornett don't want Holman or McAllister they could name any one of several men in either the 1st or 4th congressional districts who are, in my opinion, well qualified for the judgeship.

Notably John—Allen—or Wallace Carson of Salem—also Judges Joseph B. Fetton or Val D. Sloper of Marion county. Frank B. Reid of Eugene or Dal M. King of Coos Bay would be good selections. Philip B. Lowry or Neil Allen of southern Oregon would also make good judges. There are many well qualified men in the two large congressional districts.

Wayne Morse indicated to me not so long ago that if he had the opportunity he would vote for Bill McAllister upon confirmation in the Senate, to be federal district judge for Oregon. Linn W. Nesmith, Camp White, Oregon.

VFW Appreciative

To the Editor: We thank the generous people of this area for making our January 28 March of Dimes dance a success. Through your donations at this event you have helped, in an amount exceeding \$120, the fight against crippling polio.

We also thank Sally Stelle, Les Gibson, Floyd Walden, and Bob Smith, of the Medford Musicians' local, for providing excellent dance music. It was only through the medium of their efforts which they gave freely—and we do mean freely—that we were able to raise the above fund.

Our thanks also go to the Mail Tribune, radio stations and television station, all of whom furnished advertising time or space without charge. Your contribution to our dance, whether of professional skill or of money, will help some child live a normal life and assist in the search for preventive measures against polio.

Again, Steelhead Post and our Ladies Auxiliary thanks you. Dan F. Krotz II, Comdr., Steelhead Post No. 6881 VFW, Shady Cove, Ore.

WEATHER

By United Press Northern California: Mostly fair; little change in temperature.

Is That So?

Because so many beliefs have grown up around thunder and lightning, here's a dish of facts vs. fallacies on the subject. Fallacy: Thunderstorms cause fresh milk to turn sour. Fact: The souring of milk is caused by the growth of bacteria and quite likely lightning and thunder have little to do with the scuring. Overlooked, perhaps, is the fact that thunderstorms frequently occur toward the end of hot summer days—days which are conducive to souring milk.



Fallacy: Thunder frequently prevents incubated eggs from hatching. Fact: Unless lightning actually strikes in the near vicinity of eggs that are being incubated, there is no apparent reason why thunder should prevent fertile and properly incubated eggs from hatching although there are several poultry experts on record supporting the common belief that it does.

Fallacy: A loud thunderstorm will cause young buds on trees to grow so rapidly that the difference in the rate of growth is noticeable even to a casual observer.

Shower Induces Growth Fact: Thunderstorms are usually accompanied by rain and if the buds come out more rapidly after a thunderstorm the increased growth is due perhaps to the shower that accompanies the storm. Fallacy: Lightning never strikes twice in the same place. Fact: Lightning is far more likely to strike twice in the same place than not. In the Rockies I have seen the same trees or the same rock hit repeatedly.

Fallacy: The duration of the roll of thunder indicates the intensity of the lightning. Fact: When thunder is of long duration, it is often due to different parts of the streaks of lightning being at different distances from the listener. Or the prolonged majestic roll may be caused by echoes that are reflected from the surfaces of clouds or back and forth between the clouds and the earth, or canyon walls. Occasionally, the impressive roll may be due to the twisting of the sound waves as they pass through layers of atmosphere of different temperatures.

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28 School Officials Hold Ashland Meeting

Ashland—Some 28 school superintendents, principals and school representatives attended the annual senior banquet at Southern Oregon college last week, according to the director of student teaching and teacher placement, Dr. Bill A. Sampson. Among those from southern Oregon who attended the meeting were Zelta Van Valzah, elementary teacher, Howard elementary school; Alf Mekvold, county school superintendent, Jackson county, Medford; Una B. Inch, Jackson county supervisor; Lois Webb, Jackson county elementary supervisor; Leland P. Linn, superintendent of schools, Ashland; Myrna Frink, principal, Griffin Creek school; Clyde Sutherland, superintendent, Jacksonville; Vincent Bevis, principal, Lincoln school, Medford; and Cecil Roberts, principal, Redwood school, Grants Pass, Ore.

CIO Loggers Reject Wage Increase Offer

Bend — (U.P.) — Some 600 CIO loggers employed at the Brooks-Scanlon pine plant here have rejected a 7 1/2-cent hourly increase offered by the firm.

Only two of the 200 members of Bend local 6-7 of the International Woodworkers of America voting on the proposal favored accepting the pay hike. Workers said they opposed the offer because it did not include the 20 men employed in the Brooks-Scanlon box factory here. The omission was interpreted as an attempt to "split the union," according to local secretary Jack E. Chambers.

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Rambunctious China Possible Source of Headache for Russia

By K. C. THALER United Press Correspondent

London—(U.P.)—There are very strong indications that Moscow has a bear by the tail in her relations with Red China.

Diplomatic sources here say they have collected considerable evidence that the Soviets are finding it difficult to keep their Communist Chinese allies from getting out of line. This is particularly true, these sources said today, in the Formosan crisis.

Russia, these sources believe, has no stomach for a head-on collision with the United States in the Far East. But the Kremlin is encountering difficulties with a rambunctious Peiping regime which feels it has an advantage and wants to press it to the limit.

False Impression The trouble stems from the fact that Peiping apparently has overestimated the implications of its recent success in storming an obscure Yikiangshan island, in the Formosan Strait.

Ever since that relatively modest military success, diplomats here report, Red China has been kicking at the traces.

Russia, these sources say, is frankly worried lest an uninhibited China drag the Soviets into a full scale war over Peiping's desires to make good its boast that it will capture Formosa.

Tied by Treaty

Russia is tied to Red China by a mutual assistance treaty. But it is believed here that Moscow has inserted a secret clause in the treaty which will enable the Soviets to duck out or put the brakes on the Chinese Communists if they get out of hand.

The gimmick in this secret agreement is believed to be Red China's military dependence on Russia's assistance. Russia is the source of China's supply of jet planes, radar, tanks and most heavy equipment.

Unconfirmed reports received here say the 1950 Sino-Russian mutual assistance treaty has been watered down to permit Russia to limit such logistical support if she deems it wise to curb Chinese military action.

Tricky Clause

Diplomats who have received these reports say the clause was inserted to lessen the risk of

Russian involvement in a war arising from some Chinese action.

The same sources stress that they expect Russia to back Red China's Formosan demands to the limit—short of war.

They point out that Russia is aware that Red China is a touchy ally and are dealing with her with utmost diplomatic caution to prevent irritation developing in their relations.

Policy of Respect

The Kremlin's policy toward Red China is described as "one of respect." They pointed out that in Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's conversations with British Ambassador Sir William Hayter on Jan. 28 and Jan. 31, Molotov was at pains to make it clear he cannot speak for and certainly cannot commit Red China.

But diplomats here believe Russia is being equally cautious of being put in a position where she can be committed to action by her Chinese ally.

Iwo Hero Buried Near Memorial

Washington — (U.P.) — Ira H. Hayes, tragic Indian hero of the Iwo Jima flag raising, was buried today in Arlington National cemetery near the massive Marine War memorial that immortalizes his hour of glory.

Cabinet officer, general and private alike paid homage, and a Marine firing squad sounded a final salute to the famed World War II corporal who was found dead near his Bapchule, Ariz., home on the ancestral reservation, Jan. 24.

Hayes braved murderous Japanese fire in Pacific fights and made history with four Marine buddies and Navy man when they planted the Amer., an flag firmly atop Iwo's Mt. Suribachi 10 years ago this month.

At 32, he died from excessive drinking and overexposure in freezing weather.

FORM NEW GROUP

Ashland — Organizational plans for a chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon, national professional geography fraternity, have been announced at Southern Oregon college by Dr. Roy M. McNeal, professor of geography.

Student leaders in the formation of the new group are Mrs. Marjorie Purdin, Ashland, and Gene Flory, Medford.

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New York Fire Probe Ordered

Amsterdam, N.Y.—(U.P.)—State Safety Director Michael H. Pendergast began an investigation today of the spectacular flash fire that killed 12 persons, including 11 children, in a 10-family tenement.

Gov. Averett Harriman, in a telephone interview broadcast by a local radio station, said he ordered Pendergast to make the investigation.

The fire broke out Tuesday when an overflowing oil stove in one of the apartments ignited and touched off an explosion in the fuel tank.

Within minutes the building was engulfed in flames and firemen were unable to enter the apartment house to fight the blaze and rescue trapped occupants.

The dead included the father and five children of one family and the six children of two other families. The children ranged in age from six months to 14 years.



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