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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. 8, 1945 (It was Thursday) Vic Milnes elected president of Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Paul Selby.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Something went wrong with the harness of a team of horses on Sixth st. yesterday and it was adjusted by the driver. In pre-war days, he would have been sneered at by 40 passing auto horns.

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 8, 1935 (It was Friday) H. A. Pinneo elected president of newly formed Medford 20-30 club; other officers include George Goodman, Leo Laurin, E. C. Westergren, Herb Brown, Del Cox, Ivan Harrington and J. Orbin Cooksey.

Justine Miller, Medford, appointed secretary for the Oregon student yearbook, at University of Oregon.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 8, 1925 (It was Sunday) Floyd Collins, trapped in a cave in Kentucky, reported dead after 10 days of efforts to rescue him; entire nation follows radio reports of event.

Jackson county Republicans irked by failure of Gov. Walter M. Pierce to appoint fish commissioner for southern Oregon.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 8, 1915 (It was Monday) District representatives elected at irrigation mass meeting at Medford public library include George B. Carpenter, Phoenix; W. W. Gregory, Agate; Victor Bursell, Central Point; O. S. Blackford, Willow Springs; Lloyd Houston, Talent; Frank Brown, Eagle Point, and E. G. Wortman, Medford.

Mail Tribune carries announcement of birth of eight-pound son, on Sunday, Feb. 7, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Quisenberry.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. The Russians say they will or won't consider the Eisenhower plan on atomic power for peace, or have ignored it? 2. If the groundhog saw his shadow on Feb. 2, we're in for 40 days of good or bad weather? 3. Most states allow a girl to marry at 18 without her parent's consent; right or wrong? 4. The Communist party in West Germany has much or little political strength there? 5. The nickname of "Free State" is applied to California, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts or Texas? 6. More motor-vehicle deaths come every year from cars hitting other cars or hitting pedestrians? 7. A wetback is a duck, long-distance swimmer, skin disease, illegal entrant from Mexico, or put-it-on-yourself wallpaper? The answers: 1. Say they will consider it. 2. Bad weather. 3. Right. 4. Little. 5. Maryland. 6. Hitting other cars. 7. Illegal entrant from Mexico.

Why Not a Preventive War?

If ex-Speaker Joe Martin knows what he is talking about then we don't see why President Eisenhower should longer oppose a "preventive war."

For the ex-Republican-Speaker declared over the air Sunday night that in case of hostilities the USA would "whip" Red China in 30 days.

Moreover the veteran Republican leader was equally certain Soviet Russia would not come to the aid of China, and there would consequently be no Third World War.

Finally the ex-Speaker declared the United States would go all out in its offensive, using presumably land-troops as well as atomic bombs.

If this is all true then why not follow out Joe's views to their logical conclusion. The main obstacle from a Republican standpoint as to war with China has been the fear of another world war, and consequent world-wide atomic destruction, including of course, in this country.

But if, as Speaker Martin claims, "Soviet Russia would not dare risk a general war" now, China could be crushed in a month, and presumably Chiang Kai-shek restored to power, as the Red leaders were liquidated—a preventive war would seem to be an excellent investment.

For Red China, as of today, is the No. 1 threat to world peace. If Russia won't give her aid in case of hostilities with the West then this No. 1 threat could be removed at the minimum of time and cost, including a minimum of American casualties.

And that would be a great load off everyone's mind, but particularly the President's, and the leaders of his party, including Senator Knowland.

THE only fly in the ointment is, we fear President Eisenhower thinks "Uncle Joe" is talking through his hat.

There is little doubt that if Soviet Russia WOULD keep "hands off" that the United States could defeat Red China in a modern sea-and-land war, with or without the aid of the atomic bomb. For while China has unlimited man-power, and ranks 4th in the air, she lacks the all important industrial production for a successful war, has no adequate motor or rail transportation, few if any atomic weapons and no over-supply of food—at least for her civil population behind the lines.

IN other words in case of an all-out war between only these two countries it is no doubt true, China would ultimately be defeated.

But how long that defeat would take, as far as the complete surrender and occupation of China are concerned, and the driving out of Mao and his minions, is a different matter.

Japan tried for 14 years to conquer China, and it did not have to fight as would the U.S.A., 10,000 miles from home. Japan enjoyed a superiority in every department of warfare, but Japan failed.

China didn't win a major engagement in that conflict. But it conducted a guerilla warfare constantly and successfully in every part of the country, including the parts occupied by the enemy, and had World War II not developed, it is not unlikely that war would still be going on today!

SO even assuming Soviet Russia would not aid China in case of attack as she promised to do, it is probably his knowledge of China and the difficulties of any conquest of that country—added to his knowledge of what war is and his desire to prevent it—that accounts for President Eisenhower's refusal to follow his party's leading pro-war enthusiast, from the state of Massachusetts.

And then "Mr. President" may look back with some misgivings to the time the Kaiser of Germany predicted he would win World War I in six months, and Hitler after the fall of France declared a new era had dawned in Europe which would endure for the next thousand years—with Nazism at the head of it.

And General MacArthur declared China would not invade Korea and the boys would be home by Christmas!

AS before remarked in this department, we don't believe there will be war in the Far East, now—or soon—the chief reason being none of the principals (probably including Red China) really WANT it—not now at least.

It is undoubtedly fortunate for ex-Speaker Martin's reputation as a military expert and a person of rare prophetic powers—at least in the political field—that this is so.

Otherwise it is probable that he would eventually have to admit he had talked out of turn on the evening of Sunday, Feb. 6th, 1955—and might have better kept his mouth shut.

FINALLY there is a very good reason why the Chinese Reds should not oppose the evacuation of the Tachen Islands by Chiang Kai-shek. Why should they fight to get an important island, when they can get it without fighting? They may be a crazy bunch but they are not that crazy.

In fact it may be this Formosa threat by the Chinese is all a bluff, that what they want is to immobilize Chiang as far as any attack on the Chinese mainland is concerned, while they concentrate on Indo China and Indonesia, to the south.

Whether this is true or isn't will probably be known before the year it out.—R.W.R.

States Move To End Civil Service Right To Fire Employees

By LYLE C. WILSON, United Press Correspondent

Washington—(U.P.)—It is a fact not generally known that the federal government has authority to drop a note to the governor of any state ordering him for cause to fire certain state employees and make the order stick.

The states are now moving to protect themselves. The federal agency with power to do this is the Civil Service Commission. The authority derives from the Hatch Act which was passed in the Roosevelt era to keep civil servants out of politics.

The Hatch Act's ban on political activity by federal employees applies also to employees of any state agency financed in whole or in part by federal funds. There is an exception in behalf of educational or scientific state agencies. Teachers, for example, would be exempt. But an employee of any other state agency which received so much as \$1 of federal funds may be fired on orders from Washington if held guilty of political activity, or the employee may be suspended.

Vermonters Fighting Law The states of Vermont and Indiana are taking the lead in curbing this extraordinary grant to the federal government of authority to dabble in state business. Vermont has gone to court. The Civil Service Commission recently moved against an offi-

cer of Vermont Department of Welfare who was found guilty of having acted as platform committee chairman at a state political convention. Vermont authorities refused to punish their man whereupon the commission levied a fine against the state.

The punishment assessed was the withholding of federal welfare funds in a sum equal to two years salary for the offending welfare department official. Vermonters are not greedy, but they want what's coming to them, especially if it is money. So they have brought suit in federal district court, challenging validity of the commission's action.

Political Exemption Bills Indiana is attacking the Hatch Act provision in Congress. Sen. Homer Capehart and Rep. John V. Beamer, both Republicans, have introduced identical bills. They would provide blanket exemption from the political activity ban to employees of state agencies.

Beamer told the United Press he is interested because the Civil Service Commission has taken action against several employees of Indiana's conservation department.

"But it has been happening a bit too often in other states, too," Beamer said. Beamer said there scarcely is a state agency which does not receive funds from the federal government. A vigorous enforcement of the law would deprive thousands of state employees of the privilege of political activity.

It is understood that the Civil Service Commission would be delighted if Congress would relieve it of its responsibility of policing the activities of state employees.

On The Side

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

She that would gain a constant lover Must at a distance keep the slave. Men should not guess the thoughts we have. While they're in doubt their flame increases. And all attendance they will pay. When we're distressed their transport ceases. And vows, like vapours, fleet away. —Aphra Behn.

How many voters are there in your family? Do you all vote the same ticket? Friend of mine, who is a Republican, has a wife and daughter who are both Democrats. What is the record for number of voters in the same family? Patrick G. Smith of Staten Island, N. Y., had twelve sons and five daughters all of voting age. Their votes added to those of their parents made nineteen votes in one family!

Office Wives Secretaries of executives are reliably reported becoming increasingly difficult to handle. Some of the Girl Fridays are said to be as temperamental as opera stars. I have asked our horses and women experts to thoroughly check this alarming situation. If it is as reported, I will have our experts prepare a series of helpful hints to executives under the general heading "the handling and training of office wives."

First Baby What was your wife's age when her first baby arrived? According to experts on the subject the best time for the first baby is when the mother is older than 20 and younger than 25. The ideal father of the first baby should be between 25 and 35. It is also said a child-bearing career should end at 35. And that it is safe for the average woman to have seven children but unwise to have eight or more. Also that the period between births should be from twenty-seven to thirty months.

Asking Queries from clients. Q.—Have I waded the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas," often referred to as "The Night Before Christmas," was written in a house in Greenwich Village, Manhattan. Right? A.—You lose. Poem you refer to by Clement Moore was written in the Chelsea section of Manhattan. To be exact, on West Twenty-third Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues. Q.—Is there a fish colored red, white and blue? A.—Yes, sir. It is a tropical fish called the South American neon tetra. Q.—What is Mae West's real name? A.—The name Mae uses professionally is her real name. Her father was the late John Patrick West of the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn.

Please Note "The Art of Seeing" by Aldous Huxley is a book that should interest those with fading eyesight. Huxley, whose eyesight became so bad he was almost blind, claims to have improved his con-

dition by exercises and other treatment until he was able to read without spectacles!

Models At hand is a communication from a young woman of Manhattan who describes herself as corset model. My knowledge of those engaged in that type of modeling is meager. I suppose they are as shapely as the rest of the models. Still it seems a corset model who was a little plump or having a figure somewhat removed from perfect might be a greater aid in selling corsets than a symmetrical female. She could vividly demonstrate what the garment could accomplish in the way of form compressing.

In Few Words Sarah Bernhardt said, "Thirty per cent of a woman's good looks are due to nature. Seventy per cent to dress" . . . Ovid, in his monumental work titled "The Art of Love," observed, "Whether they yield or refuse it delights women to have been asked."

Safeway Stores Cuts Coffee Prices

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Safeway Stores, Inc., announced that effective today it would reduce the retail price of coffee by 15 cents a pound.

The company said the change would go into effect immediately in all stores throughout the system.

A Safeway spokesman said the reduction would involve all three company brands, Edwards, Nob Hill and Airway, and that in some cases the cut would be more than 15 cents.

Dr. Merkel Named By Health Officers

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county health officer, was elected president of the Oregon Health Officers association at a recent meeting, according to the monthly bulletin of the State Board of Health.

Dr. Merkel also was named to a new committee named to advise the state health officer on matters of public health.

STAGE MONEY STOLEN

Hollywood—(U.P.)—The burglars who stole \$500 from the Key West Motion Picture Studios will have to become actors if they want to use the loot. The currency was stage money.

KLEENEX HANDY? Even dogs love Paul Ward Barker's new nine o'clock Wednesday TV show, "Let's Kick it Around." They'll lick your TV screen like it was covered with honey, milk, or . . . ham.

Matter of Fact

THE ENEMY BUILDUP

Taipeh, Formosa—The buildup and the current deployment of Chinese Communist military power ought to give pause to those who regard the Formosa crisis as a mere passing flurry.

Since the Korean truce, important ground and air forces have been transferred South-

wards to the coastal provinces which are the natural jump-off points for an attack on Formosa and/or Formosa's offshore islands. And the modernization of Red China's land army has meanwhile gone rapidly forward, so that most of this huge force is now almost as well equipped as the infantry of the Soviet Union.

Authoritative intelligence sources now credit the Peking government with regular ground forces with a strength of more than 3,100,000. These are organized in 210 infantry divisions, 22 artillery divisions, six armored divisions, plus considerable numbers of independent tank and artillery regiments, engineer regiments and cavalry outfits.

On the ground, the post-Korean redeployment has been dramatic. At the end of the fighting, the Chinese had seven-teen of their armies on the Korean front. Seven of these armies (composed of three divisions each and equalling an American corps) have now been transferred out of Korea into China proper.

Three armies from Korea, the 12th, the 20th and the 26th, have been sent down to Chekiang and Kiangsu provinces, where the force threatening the Tachen Islands is massed. A fourth army from Korea, the 60th, is in first reserve position at Nanking. Three more armies from Korea are in North China, close to the North-South railroads that can carry them rapidly to the Yangtze valley. These must therefore be regarded as a secondary reserve.

THE Chekiang-Kiangsu force, immediately threatening the Tachens, now comprises four armies in all. Further South in Fukien province, across the narrow waters from Quemoy and the Matsus islands, there is a second large mass of troops comprising three armies. None of these armies in Fukien, however, is of Korean origin. The air redeployment has followed almost exactly the same pattern. Before the Korean armistice, the main strength of the Chinese Communist air force of just under 2,000 combat planes was stationed in Manchuria, to support the ground troops at the Korean front. In this period, the dispositions along the China coast were obviously defensive.

Now, however, an additional 500 aircraft, including five air divisions of MIG 15s, have been transferred southwards. Instead of being in the North, the main strength of the Communist air force is thus concentrated in Chekiang, Kiangsu and the lower Tangtse Valley, where the air-base building program has been intensive. And there is a secondary concentration, of five additional air divisions, in the more southerly region around Canton.

In the air picture, however, there is one important difference from the ground picture. There is a striking gap in Fukien province, in the immediate neighborhood of Quemoy and the Matsus. No air units are as yet stationed here. Only one Fukien airfield, at Foochow, is fully ready to support jet operations. In view of the distances involved and the short range of

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By Joseph Alsop

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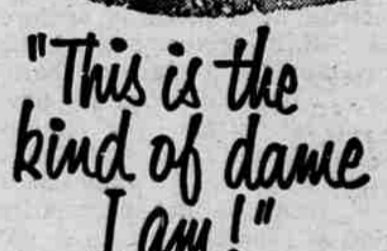
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"Yak, yak, yak," says Ethel Merman. "For months I've been yakking into that recording machine of Pete Martin's. And little Ethel is absolutely fascinating—even more than I thought I was."

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