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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. 11, 1945.

Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini, president of Jackson County Lincoln club, to preside at annual Lincoln day banquet at Holland hotel.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Crows are more plentiful than last year in the rural regions, biologists report.

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 11, 1935. (It was Monday) Ralph Cowgill, County Lincoln club president, to preside at annual Lincoln day banquet.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 11, 1925. (It was Wednesday) Lincoln club president C. E. Gates to preside at annual Lincoln day banquet at Medford hotel.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 11, 1915. (It was Thursday) Col. H. H. Sargent, head of local Bill Moosers, and George P. Putnam, secretary of Governor Withycombe, among speakers.

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

1. Chairman of our Joint Chiefs of Staff is Admiral Radford. Gen. Ridgway, Admiral Carney, Gen. Twining, Gen. Gruenther or Gen. Collins?

2. Legalization of bingo in N. Y. state is urged by the Republicans but not by the Democrats there, by the Democrats but not by the Republicans, by both or by neither?

3. Has there ever been an English-born Pope? 4. Which one of these gets the highest salary, or do they all get the same: Vice-President Nixon, Defense Secretary Wilson, Chief Justice Warren?

5. Recent immigrants can't get naturalized as U. S. citizens unless they can read and write simple English; right or wrong? 6. Curling, game played on ice, is especially popular in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Norway or Switzerland?

7. De Benneville Bell is N. Y. Stock Exchange president, head of the Bell telephone system, National Football League commissioner, or publisher of Social Register?

The Answers: 1. Admiral Radford. 2. By both. 3. Yes, Adrian IV in the 12th century. 4. The Vice-President. 5. Right. 6. Scotland. 7. National Football Commissioner.

Ply Makers to Boom Sales

The big sales promotion campaign being undertaken by the Western fir plywood manufacturers is of more than passing interest locally in view of recently announced plans for installation of two more plywood plants here.

The campaign will add impetus to an industry which has seen its product zoom to leadership among building materials in the comparatively short time since the war.

HEART of the promotion will be the offering of ideas for building or remodeling with plywood, with designs prepared by five of the nation's top flight architects.

Other promotional angles include a test program designed to evaluate the effectiveness of plywood sales helps at six representative lumber yards strategically located across the country.

THE plywood industry is hopeful that the sales efforts will push sales this year well past the four billion foot mark, an increase of about 10 per cent. Despite a 12-week strike in mid-summer, affecting 50 per cent of industry production, 1954 sales of fir plywood reached 3,800,000,000 feet.

At present the plywood makers are well situated in the matter of orders their books showing calls for 536,000,000 feet. With the exception of several temporary peaks just prior to Christmas, this is the largest order file on record.—E.C.F.

All In Scout Movement Rate Bow

It may be doubted that, back in 1908, Sir Robert Baden-Powell had much hope that the Boy Scout movement which he was then founding would ever attain the world-wide growth and importance since witnessed.

This week the Boy Scouts of America are celebrating the 45th anniversary of the movement in this country. The American branch of the organization was formed in 1910 with Dan Beard as first national Scout commissioner.

WHILE the youngsters are taking a bow, this week is also a good time for a word of appreciation for those dedicated adults who since Baden-Powell and Beard have given time and effort to keeping the Scout movement alive and active.

Consider the Scout leaders who invite pneumonia and nervous prostration by accompanying a troop of active boys on weekend camping trips; the den mothers who bake cookies, plan activities and sacrifice the home furniture to the pack; and the committee members who take time from crowded schedules to give the endeavor cohesion and purpose.

It can be said, of course, that adults enjoy these contributions to the Scout movement. But their greatest pleasure is often more in retrospect than in practice. It is the pleasure of work well done; of a product achieved as a result of mental, moral and physical training.

These adults rate praise for their labors, and for the vision which enables them to see in their youthful charges material which can give our nation strength.—E.C.F.

The Coed and the Prince

Unless she has a rich and indulgent papa, or money of her own to fling around as she pleases, we can't figure out how Jo Ann Stork, the University of Illinois coed managed that flight to Europe for a tete-a-tete with Prince Rainer III of Monaco.

Jo Ann, according to the press associations which duly chronicled her trip with word and picture, didn't know the prince, had never even seen him, in fact. It seems she had read a magazine article which said his royal highness enjoyed discussing youth problems with young people.

THE royal household took a dim view of the pilgrimage when the young lady first arrived on the scene, and Jo Ann herself told waiting reporters she was afraid some might think she was husband hunting.

But a palace seance was later arranged and, presumably, she and the prince had a real nice chat. We hope she found it worth the couple of grand it must have cost someone.—E.C.F.

Restless Fascists in Italy Seeking Strong Man for Leader Role

By ALDO FORTE United Press Correspondent. Rome—(U.P.)—Italy's restless, latter-day Fascists are casting about for a strong man. What they want, specifically, is someone with the color and showy personality of a new Mussolini.

Ever since the death of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, the last hero of the sword-rattling Mussolini era, the MSI—the Neo-Fascist Italian Party has been in serious need of a new and dramatic figurehead.

The specifications are fairly clear. The man for the job must be able to rally the restless diehards of pre-war Fascism, the boisterous youths and the numerous disgruntled Italians who have no stomach for the present predominantly Catholic democracy.

The party itself is a going concern. In the most recent elections it elected 29 deputies and nine senators. Trouble is, they're by and large a colorless lot. None has the spark necessary to ignite real enthusiasm.

In The Day's News. By FRANK JENKINS. At his news conference this week, President Eisenhower says the shake-up in Russian leadership doesn't necessarily mean that the Kremlin has embarked on a calculated tougher policy toward the United States.

ASKED by a reporter about the shooting down of an American plane by Communist anti-aircraft fire. Ike replied that the plane, as he put it, "got a little lost and wandered into a bad area."

REMEMBER Teddy Roosevelt's advice to "speak softly and carry a big stick?" Ike's following it. In his answers to the reporters at his press conference, he was speaking softly.

IN Washington, two senators speak up to dispute the Russian claims of atomic supremacy. Senator Henry Jackson of Washington and Senator Roarke Hickenlooper of Iowa both said they believe the U.S. is well out in front in the field of atomic weapons.

IN this connection, I'd like to quote a bit of valuable advice given to me in my younger and more hair-trigger days by a wise and blunt-spoken old gentleman. "Keep your shirt on, kid. NEVER ENGAGE IN A POLLUTION CONTEST WITH A SKUNK."

WHEN Malenkov (he's supposed to pronounce it Malen-koff) resigned as Soviet premier, he said he would be given another job. As it turns out, he has been assigned two jobs—deputy premier and minister of power stations.

I WOULDN'T be surprised if the undertaker (if they have such things in Russia) gets another job soon. People who lose out in a Kremlin ruckus never seem to live long.

OREGON'S Senator Neuberger, who is a member of the TEETH WENT TOO. New Bedford, Mass.—(U.P.)—Louis Xifras of New Bedford discovered too late he had tossed the wrong half of an orange he was eating out a bus window.

all newcomers. Many were forced into political retirement after the war and returned only in 1952 when the so-called "Nazi Law," which banned Fascists from government posts, expired.

Included in their number were such men as Filippo Anfuso, Italy's last Fascist ambassador to Berlin, Lando Ferretti, a general of the Fascist Militia and a member of Mussolini's Grand Council, and Araldo Crollanza, Mussolini's minister of public works.

But all lack popularity in Italy and their names had almost been forgotten even by the old-time Fascists. They meant nothing to the younger hot-heads.

Many of Fascism's best known and most feared names vanished in prisons, before firing squads or came to similar ends soon after the war ended.

But the name Mussolini still is around—Vittorio Mussolini—the 38-year-old son of the late dictator. But he never was popular and now is a successful import-export manager in Buenos Aires.

The plain fact of the matter would seem to be that Fascism has neither the leaders nor the program to attract any large or enthusiastic following in Italy today. And there are few who grieve over the fact.

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.

Who Has The Answer? To the Editor: The admission of General Douglas MacArthur that peace will not come by war is certainly a change of heart.

Thirty years ago another General fessed up. General Billy Mitchell said: "There is no safety in arms. Peace is not possible as long as our enemies can duplicate our weapons."

When the atomic bomb became a reality, then Franklin D. Roosevelt saw the hand writing on the wall and threw in the towel. He said: "There is no safety in arms. If we depend upon arms for our safety, every flower of culture will be trampled under foot."

Forty-two years ago, while Mr. Eisenhower was still a cadet at West Point, and while big Bill Knowland and Admiral Radford were playing ball on the back lot, World War I President Woodrow Wilson said: "All wars are for commercial reasons. They are fomented and carried on by a few big industrialists and a handful of dominant men. There will never be peace as long as the power to make war is centered in the hands of so few."

A noted author and a former member of the British parliament, Frances Neilsen had his say: "Wars are a result of secret diplomacy. The fate of the world is decided behind closed doors, in a room filled with smoke from big black cigars."

The sincerity and intelligence of all these men cannot be questioned. They point to the horrors of war but no solution is offered. Who has the answer? Earl Allen, Rt. 1, Medford, Medford, Ore.

Again, Fluoridation. To the Editor: Again the insidious fluoridation tries to slip in under the cloak of respectability. Within a series of articles by the Mail Tribune publicizing National Children's Dental Health Week, completely outlining the serious dental problem, there is sidious fluoridation tries to slip day, of a phony-sounding "scientists find" type of generalization, again leading one to suspect this article has been planted amidst this series with tones of a much graver implication.

"Scientists have repeatedly underscored the fact that not a single objection to the program has withstood the test of scientific investigation"—the report sizes all up nicely for us. A now well-known saying to the effect that a statement repeated often enough becomes believed, finds a fit here.

The fact that fluoridation is not being conducted from the sugar bowl or dispensed from the soft-drink bottles is not being sympathized with at present. About fluoridation "tests": Why the continual insistence by these proving groups that comparisons be made with naturally-occurring fluoride waters (containing calcium fluoride), when it is the artificially produced chemical by-product (sodium fluoride) that is the more obnoxious—85 times more so; and it is the latter compound that is being used in city water systems? An outstanding confusion for a "scientist" to indulge in, for one thing.

Then, even taking the more naturally fluorine type of water, from the Archives of Pediatrics we have this: "... dental condition known as 'mottled teeth'... For a decade... public health researchers... sought... means to devise methods for removal of fluorine or mitigation of its toxic effects in domestic water supplies."

Again: "... subjects who have been using naturally fluoridated water for several decades... found appalling periodontal (gum) disease... indicating premature aging of the tooth structure, making extractions very difficult... Many of these cases had... premature need for dentures."

The average reader glimpsing through the paper and at a report the type which we are talking about, will not find the technical facts. Presentations of

careful, patient, impartial investigators who have no undue influence pushing them, or associations to rain views in a planned campaign across the nation, seldom are heard. Real facts are not presented for such ready-assimilation; the informed reader will have to arrange for these, this is the real education.

As a qualified speaker told a group here just Monday night, to quote from the Tribune: "... truth is not necessarily what is popular—truth is not necessarily supported by the majority... it is not necessarily even thought of yet."

J. R. W. (Name on File) The Good We Do. To the Editor: My wife's favorite comment is: The good we do will never die. Somewhere, sometime, it will be appreciated.

Her prophecy was made good when an old schoolmate finally located me. At the supper-table he told how for more than three score years he had hoped and planned to find and thank me for protection given him and his small brother when starting school in a strange neighborhood. That he and his brother, "lived in my shadow," outside the school room.

To me, a bully or hazing-gang are awfully low-down critters. So, the school bully dared me down to the back yard where such affairs were settled, for interfering with his "fun." We sparred and dared and called names, he having some advantage by spitting tobacco juice at my bare-feet. This, on call of the school-bell ended in a flurry of fists, mostly coming my way.

It ended as quickly, he scurrying home across the road. A cut lip, split ear, also a skinned knuckle were my "injuries." But my opponent, showing up late, had a puffed nose and blood streaks on his shirt front, also a beautiful pancake-size black eye of which, for some odd reason, he seemed to be most proud.

But my small triumph was short, for his younger brother and a tough kid from "out west," ganged up on me when alone, the brother set a pup-dog snapping at my shanks while the western kid snuk up behind and with one arm in a strangle hold, he worked my face over with the other to which my broken and deformed nose bears mute testimony.

Later on our old home burned and me adrift in a strange school a hazing-gang was beaten off with a baseball bat swinging from my long skinny arms. That got me into more trouble. So my schooling ended there in the 6th grade. Sanctuary was found in the pine woods of northern Michigan where a ham-sized fisted bunk-mate protected me from the camp bully. And a half century later as field editor for the Timberman magazine, in making the logging camps of the six western states, not one camp bully was found, showing how the logging fraternity has progressed in human decency, that certain other institutions could well copy.

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ALL FOR THE CAUSE. Kaiserlautern, Germany—(U.P.) Opposite musical tastes of GI units made the local U.S. Army March of Dimes drive \$919 richer. An engineer company contributed \$419 to the polio fund to hear an Army radio disc jockey play, "Shake, Rattle and Roll." An anti-aircraft battalion contributed \$500 to have him stop playing the number.

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