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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. 23, 1945
(it was Friday)
Mrs. Ed Barnett, former Medford resident, among civilian internees released from Santa Tomas prison in the Philippine islands by American troops.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A few of the more ardent victory gardeners have started making the dirt fly in their backyards.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 23, 1935
(it was Saturday)
A. H. Banwell, Medford, scheduled to speak at meeting of secretaries and managers of chambers of commerce at University of Oregon.

Robert Murphy picked by reviewer John Snider as outstanding performer in high school production of "Chimes of Normandy."

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 23, 1925
(it was Monday)
Coach Callison of Medford high school basketball team says "My prima donnas may be licked by Roseburg. They think they are a whole lot better than they are."

Mayor Coleman of Phoenix reports deer walked down main street of his city before jumping into Bear creek.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 23, 1915
George M. Roberts, young Medford attorney, attends to legal matters in county courthouse at Jacksonville.

Medford city council orders police to put all "transient loafers" to work cleaning up the streets.

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
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1. Americans now consume much or slightly more butter than margarine, much or slightly more butter, or about the same amount of each?

2. The famous shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes is in Canada, France, Italy, Mexico or Spain?

3. Letter airmail rates for South America are higher or lower than for Europe, or the same?

4. Average retail list price of electric clothes washers sold these days is around \$25, \$125, \$225, \$325 or \$425?

5. The statue atop the Capitol dome at Washington represents Columbia, an Indian, Freedom, George Washington or Abraham Lincoln?

6. Of all foreign-born residents of the U. S., more were born in Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Poland or Russia?

7. A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is more commonly called a what?

The Answers: 1. Slightly more butter. 2. France. 3. One-third lower. 4. Around \$225. 5. Freedom. 6. In Italy. 7. Mormon.

A sign in the Everglades of National park in Florida warns would-be anglers that "fishing within one mile of Royal Palm Ranger station is reserved for the birds."

A Signal Honor

Many of those who have observed the activities attendant on student government day, which has been carried on here for the past seven years, have expressed the opinion that young people throughout the nation should be given opportunity to benefit from engaging in similar annual programs.

Apparently Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, the great organization dedicated to the cause of freedom and better understanding of the American way of life, shares the belief for Medford high school, by compiling and forwarding to the foundation an album describing the project as carried on in this city, has won one of the principal awards of the foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENT of the award comes at a most auspicious time for this is the day in this year's program on which young people from schools throughout the county assume the duties of city and county officials. By this first-hand experience in government, the boys and girls become better acquainted with the American way where men are chosen to serve, not to rule the people.

Winning of the Freedoms Foundation award is a signal honor for Medford high school and, in a way, it is national recognition for a most worthwhile activity.

How Right They Were

The following paragraph which appeared recently in the Mail Tribune's "Flight of Time" column recalls an interesting bit of Medford history:

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 10, 1925
(it was Tuesday)
Medford merchants go on record in favor of installing entrance arches over Pacific highway at both ends of town "to give the tourists a good impression."

The Chamber of Commerce and the Crater club, the latter a booster organization which flourished here for some years, wished to erect markers on the Pacific highway at the north and south city limits so that tourists would be sure to know what city they were passing through.

THE project was the subject of considerable and at times stormy debate. Some of the more far-sighted citizens felt that no matter where the markers were placed the city would sooner or later expand beyond them.

How right they were! Those who wanted to do something for the city finally had their way and ornate brick pillars were placed at the intersection of the highway and McAndrews road on the north edge of the city and at the Stewart avenue and highway intersection on the south. It didn't take many years for the official city limits to overreach the markers, however, and eventually they were removed.

NOWADAYS, 30 years later, there isn't so much civic worry about whether tourists and others using the highway are sufficiently informed as to what city they are passing through. What worries the city fathers today is how to keep the borders shoved out far enough to permit supplying the fringe areas with water and sewer service and police and fire protection.

City water and sewer connections especially, are badly needed in some of the rapidly growing suburbs. Well water and septic tanks constitute a health hazard where homes are placed as close together as is the case in a number of the recently built-up neighborhoods.—E.C.F.

A Mayor Is Fed Up

Those who give of their time and energy to civic service are all too often the target for criticisms and harassments which not only make their work harder but rob them of whatever satisfaction might be derived from doing something for their community.

ANYONE that has ever experienced the holding of a public office will be able to view with understanding and possibly some approval the action of Russell Weimer of Riddle. Mr. Weimer, a grocer, was elected mayor of the town only a little over a month ago. Last week he handed in his resignation with the observation that he is "tired of so much petty belly-aching."

Mayor Weimer told a newspaper reporter he was tired of a constant stream of people with petty complaints coming into his store while he is trying to conduct his business.—E.C.F.

Government Seeks Former Prisoners

Salem — The federal government is trying to locate Korean ex-prisoners of war who have failed to apply for detention benefits due them, the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs reported today.

In a law passed by the last session of Congress, members of the U. S. Armed Forces who were held prisoner of war by the enemy in Korea are entitled to a total of \$2.50 for each day they failed to receive adequate food and were subjected to forced labor or inhuman treatment.

The Foreign Claims Settlement commission, Washington 25, D. C., administers the benefit. While no payments have been made yet, due to the fact that Congress has made no appropriation for the benefit, the commission is anxious to locate those ex-prisoners who have not yet received an application form. The deadline for applying is August 21, 1955.

Ex-prisoners who have failed to receive an application form should write direct to the commission, as no forms are available locally.

NAMED PRESIDENT
Portland — (U.P.) — Kelly Comstock, Portland hatcheryman, was named president of the Oregon Poultry council at its annual meeting here last night.

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.

Viaduct Perils Park

To the Editor: Recent news dispatches in your paper indicate that among the routes being seriously considered by the State Highway commission for a new freeway through the Rogue Valley is one which follows the east bank of Bear Creek through the City of Medford, with the portion from just north of Jackson street to a point south of the city limits to be elevated on a viaduct.

It is hoped that the people of Medford and vicinity who are proud of and enjoy our city park are not going to sit quietly by without voicing protests to the City Council and the Highway Department against this unnecessary and undesirable spoilage of our park and playground.

The route through our park is unnecessary because, at this time, while surveys are still being made, practically any other route could be selected. Could any advantage to businesses in the city be seen possible by routing a freeway through the park, one might conceivably see some defense for such a location but, since the very purpose of a freeway is to hurry traffic on through a congested area, even those persons who wish to stop in Medford would have to leave the freeway at the access points at the north and south city limits. A route near the city but not through it would bring about the same results.

The reasons why a route through the park is undesirable seem too obvious to enumerate — one needs only to stand on the Main street bridge and look north and south to visualize what a small and crowded area would be left after a 4-lane highway bisects the park. The noise of traffic, the vibration, the cutting off of sunshine would further shatter the restful atmosphere now prevailing in our park.

A freeway through Southern Oregon will be wonderful, but let's not route it through our park! Please give this matter thoughtful consideration and make your wishes known to your City council and the State highway commission.

Olive M. Floyd,
Siskiyou Dist. Director
Ore. State Fed. of Garden Clubs.
Helen W. Harper,
Dist. Roadside chmn.

Ira Sees "Red" Again

To the Editor: The New Dealers are running true to form after getting control of Congress by voting to raise their own wages. They propose to cut everybody's taxes \$20. This is exactly the same kind of policy as killing little pigs, plowing under wheat and cotton to cure a depression. If taxes are to be reduced anyone with a single honest hair in his head would say it should be by the same percentage as they were assessed.

Our government's worst enemies are right here at home. They figure this \$20 will exempt enough voters to keep them in power, then let labor unions take over, as they are preparing to do.

When I hear some folks talking so much about principle, party and conscience, it makes me think of the great peace loving Russians. Should a new party show up promising more annoyance to our President, another coat would be found. We are not sure but chameleon would be a better name for the animal. He does not object to red, his Hells canyon, tidelands, Dunbarton-Oaks, all shade that way.

Ira C. Jones,
Stewart Ave., Medford.

On Veterans Pensions

To the Editor: For the information of your many readers at Camp White I request that you print the following letter I received from Congressman Ellsworth.

David Frisch
Camp White, Ore.

Dear Mr. Frisch:
Thank you for your letter of Feb. 7 in which you urge amendment of Public Law 662 of the 79th congress, to permit veterans residing in domiciliarys to receive their full pensions when they become 62 years of age.

In order that your proposal may receive appropriate consideration, I shall be glad to call it to the attention of the house committee on veterans affairs which has the initial jurisdiction on the subject. Your recommendations will also be held for my further consideration in the event the proposal is presented in the House.

Harris Ellsworth
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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Japan Considered To Be No. 1 Communist Target in Far East

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst

The Red threat in Formosa and Southeast Asia is grabbing the headlines. But Japan remains the No. 1 Communist target in the Far East.

The Formosa situation certainly is serious enough, involving as it does the danger that the United States might be dragged into a war with Communist China.

The serious Communist threat to Indochina, Thailand and Burma will be the chief topic for discussion at the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization conference which opened today in Bangkok.

But from the long range viewpoint, Japan is the great prize in the struggle between West and East in the Far East. The danger that the Communists might take over in Japan has become too remote to warrant any anxiety.

There was a time when that threat was not remote, and there is no doubt that Russia's action in fomenting the Korean war was due to its desire to make Korea a stepping stone to Japan.

It is Japanese friendship and cooperation which is the prize cooperation of nearly 90,000,000

Is That So?

Since being the first studio visitor privileged to see Walt Disney's uncut True Life Adventure film, "The African Lion," which will be released soon, I am still remembering its greatness despite the lack of music, explanatory maps, narration, animal noises, and cutting.

Even after four months it is still with me, ever so sharp. My



mind's eye still sees that sweeping opening panorama with the tens of thousands of wild animals viewed from one fixed point—and then goes on to the hundreds of thousands of antelope, kudu, impala, waterbuck, wart hogs, buffalo, gemsbok, gnu, zebra and giraffe that stroll through its footage.

More important, I know today that the picture gave me a new insight into wild animal life—I came away impressed with the quiet dignity, fearlessness and unconcern that exists in wild animal society when man does not molest it.

How well do I recall the majestic, though deadly, lion walking within a few paces of an impala browsing unconcerned; a tiny antelope within a bound of a chimpanzee; an elephant browsing on the same tree with a giraffe.

In this picture Disney gives so much animal life that even a seasoned woodsman might not see a fraction of it in a lifetime!

In this, "The African Lion," I felt there was no contrivance for effect—it's a true-to-life portrayal, just as the animal lives in the wild. And for this, will Disney please extend my compliments to his camera team, Alfred and Emma Milotte, who spent two years and nine months in Africa getting the picture.

And now, may I be the first to make a public nomination? With what I was privileged to see four months ago, I know that "The African Lion" is the best of Disney's True Life Adventure films—which of course makes it the

now, however the friendship and industrious and ambitious people. Japan took a frightful beating in World War II. But it has made a remarkable comeback.

At present Japan is aligned closely with the United States and the western allies. It is an Asian country, however. Its future lies in Asia. Soviet Russia and Red China, the two great Communist powers, are its immediate neighbors.

Japanese Premier Ichiro Hatoyama made it plain as soon as he took office Dec. 9 that he desired closer trade and diplomatic relations with both Russia and Red China.

Hatoyama promised to maintain close ties with the United States. But any cooperation with the two Communist countries could be conducted only at the expense of relations with the United States.

Russia has taken advantage of Hatoyama's attitude to start an attempt to wean Japan away from United States influence.

Russia refused to join in the peace treaty which the United States and 47 other countries signed with Japan in 1951. Now, however, Russia has offered to end the state of war between it and Japan. Negotiations are to start within a few weeks. If they succeed, Russia may agree to let Japan join the United Nations, and it may offer as bait the little Shikotan and Habomai islands, off the northeast coast of Japan, which it has held since the end of the war.

By Eugene Burns
Ranger-Naturalist

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Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Hollywood's hope to be the TV film capital of the world got another boost this week when a New York show, "You Are There," moved to sunshine land to satisfy the nation's school teachers.

The CBS-TV program ran two seasons in New York as a live show dramatizing historical events from the viewpoint of reporters taking the viewer back through history.

Last fall the show reverted to film because, producer Bill Dozier explained, of many requests from schools to re-run the program in history classes. This month the filming of the show was switched to Hollywood.

"We feel a program like this is ageless, and it's a shame to see it go down the drain every Sunday as a live program," said Dozier.

"We've had thousands of requests for prints of the show which we couldn't fill when it was live, of course. Now we can preserve the filmed programs and make them available to schools in 16 mm. prints."

"You Are There" has reported historical events from the death of Julius Caesar to baseball's tribute to Lou Gehrig. The new Hollywood series starts with the first trans-continental railroads, and will include such recent

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

WHAT MAO SAID
Taipei, Formosa — The Chinese Communist government has sent another solemn warning, through diplomatic channels, of their determination to conquer Formosa at all costs.

This time, it can also be disclosed, the warning was sounded by Mao Tse-tung in person. And Mao spoke when the Formosa resolution and the strength of the American guarantees of this island were already staring him in the face.

For these two reasons, this latest incident has even greater significance than the previous Chinese Communist boasts that they would conquer Formosa this year, which were made to Burmese and Ceylonese leaders before American policy was so clear. Taken together with these earlier boasts, the new warning by Mao Tse-tung himself makes a pattern. Whether or not they are bluffing, the Peking bosses are going everything possible to show they mean business.

The recipient of the new warning was Finland's Ambassador to Peking, Karl Sundstrom. The Finns evidently are regarded in Peking as valuable diplomatic speaking tubes, for on Jan. 6, Chou En-lai also had his word to say to them.

The Chinese Premier appeared at an official party honoring Finland's National Day, and took this rather curious opportunity to make a speech to Peking's assembled diplomatic colony. Chou En-lai's speech was another fragment in the pattern already mentioned—a vehement declaration that Formosa had to be and would be added to the Chinese Communist empire.

Shortly thereafter, the Finnish Legation was elevated to the status of an Embassy and the new Ambassador presented his letters of credence on Jan. 28. He was then received by Mao Tse-tung. And what should have been a routine diplomatic occasion was transformed into a major political episode, when Mao took Sundstrom aside to discuss the Formosa problem.

WHAT MAO said according to authentic report, was marked by the same intransigence that the Chinese Communists have been showing in all they say on this topic. At considerable length and with maximum emphasis Mao developed the theme that nothing could alter his intention to conquer Formosa. He

defied the American guarantee. He ridiculed the idea of a cease fire deal. In short Mao said the Communists meant to have Formosa, come hell or high water.

As though to give added point to Mao's remarks, there is important news of troop movements on the mainland. The picture of ten days ago is changing. No longer is the reinforcement of the Chinese Communist armies along the coast confined to the Yangtze river delta region, across the water from the Tachen Islands.

The most significant kind of reinforcement, which is a movement of Korea trained units equipped up to the high standard of the Chinese armies in Korea, has now been noted in Fukien Province. Two additional divisions from the special Korean category have entered this area which directly threatens Quemoy and the Matsus.

It will still be some time before the Fukien airfields can provide the right kind of air cover for operations in the Formosa strait. But this movement of two veteran divisions—an almost sufficient force, in themselves, for an attack on the rather lightly held Matsus Islands—is still a sign that cannot be wisely ignored.

What then is really behind these troop movements and these menaces? No one can say with certainty. But one thing is very certain, as is proven by the experience of Ambassador Sundstrom.

Finland, after all, has the strongest Western sympathies despite the careful neutrality that goes to impose on her. When Mao Tse-tung chose the Finnish Ambassador to receive his startling confidences, he surely did so with the expectation that what he said to Sundstrom would eventually be heard in the chanceries of the Western powers. And it has been, causing no small fluttering in these diplomatic dovescotes.

The same rule applies to the earlier Chinese Communist confidences to the Burmese and the Ceylonese, as well as to Chou En-lai's curious speech on the Finnish National Day. Brutally able men like Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai are not like the fat boy in "Pickwick Papers." They do not make frightening noises for the simple reason that they "want to make our flesh creep."

And they do not engage the prestige of their government by arrogant words and acts without some serious purpose.

THE truth seems to be that the Chinese Communist leaders are carrying on a carefully calculated war of nerves, which is all the more effective because the most significant maneuvers are made under the impressive guise of diplomatic exchanges.

The prime purpose of the war of nerves, quite clearly, is to frighten Britain and America's other European allies and thus to isolate the United States on the prejudice-ridden Formosa issue.

Judging from this distance, very little insurance is being taken out in Washington against this danger of being separated from our allies. Perhaps the reason is that Washington thinks the Chinese Communist war of nerves is just that and no more. Unfortunately, however, one cannot be so sure of this. For if America can be successfully isolated before a final Formosa showdown, this feat will be equivalent to a great victory in battle before the real war even begins.

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