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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. 24, 1945 (It was Saturday) Jerry Ross, leading scorer in Southern Oregon conference, leads Medford High basketball team to championship in District 4 tournament by scoring 17 points in 46 to 33 victory over Ashland.

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 24, 1935 (It was Sunday) C. E. (Pop) Gates, past president of local Boy Scout council, to be honored guests at Medford district faith and son banquet, the Rev. E. B. Bartlam to be principal speaker.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 24, 1925 (It was Tuesday) Two Medford men fined \$75 each for possession of a pint of moonshine whiskey.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 24, 1915 (It was Wednesday) Entire state mourns passing of C. C. Beekman, pioneer Jacksonville banker.

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

1. When and where a political party holds its national convention is decided by its members in Congress, national committee, or state governors? 2. The number of tenant farmers over the last 20 years decreased, increased, or stayed the same relative to whole population? 3. Most money in circulation is in Federal Reserve notes, right or wrong? 4. Coffee drunk in the U.S. comes to about one, two, three or four cups a day per adult? 5. More cotton is grown in a normal year in Arkansas, California, Georgia, Mississippi or Texas? 6. A man named Duryea was a pioneer in developing movie acting, anesthesia, automobiles, aeronautics, or modern steel-making? 7. The Isle of Man is in the English Channel, North Sea, Irish Sea, St. George's Channel, or Strait of Dover? The Answers: 1. Its national committee. 2. Decreased considerably. 3. Right. 4. About two cups a day per adult. 5. Texas. 6. Automobiles. 7. Irish Sea

PROBE MATERIAL Stamford, Conn.—(U.P.)—A few hours after the state legislature launched an investigation of the possible effects of "comic" books on juvenile delinquency, three youths broke into a store and swiped 23 of them.

\$25,000 Is Too Much

We realize it can't be done but wish it could be, namely: that salaries in congress could be adjusted to the individuals earning capacity if he had to work for a living, outside.

For then there would be more citizens of outstanding business ability who would be willing to run for the congress—and go into politics—and fewer citizens who would become candidates solely because of the benefits, financial, social and otherwise.

IF THE present attempt to raise salaries in both houses to \$25,000 a year, succeeds,—we hope it doesn't—then every citizen without a good job, but a good line of talk will be out early to build up fences politically, and somehow, someday, gather in the votes.

We have enough of that breed already without offering a bonus to get more.

HOW many members of the House of Representatives, for example, could earn \$25,000 a year, if they had to compete in the world of business, instead of the world of politics.

Off hand we can't think of ONE! And we could think of a dozen who in business would be lucky to draw down a thousand dollars a month.

The Senate has a much higher average of ability and earning power. Some of the Senators no doubt could in their professions or established business enterprises, make 4 or 5 times as much, but they represent a decided minority.

And we could name half a dozen Senators—one in particular—who at salaries of \$15,000 a year, are shockingly overpaid, for the services they render.

HOWEVER as stated we realize the proposal is purely academic—it can't be done. Salaries must be uniform regardless of competence. And they should be increased particularly in the Upper House. As we see it, however, \$25,000 a year is too much—our idea would be \$20,000 as a maximum for the Senate, and around \$16,000 or \$17,000 for the House.

WE CAN'T be sure however that our instructions to the Oregon delegation to this effect will be carried out.

In fact the likelihood is, the promise of "sudden wealth" in the congress, is so popular, that before this is printed, the altitudinous salary boost will have been passed, and nothing can be done about it—except add another item to the national debt.—R.W.R.

Senator Byrd Is Right

Why is the effort to lower federal income taxes for the benefit of those in the lower brackets purely political: while the effort to lower the same taxes solely for the benefit of those in the upper-brackets, a combination of high integrity and enlightened statesmanship.

We can't see it. We can understand those who oppose cutting taxes at all, until the budget is balanced. That makes sense. For tax-cutting of any kind reduces the federal income, and thus puts the date of budget-balancing farther and farther away.

But to favor reductions at this time for those best able to get by WITHOUT them, and to oppose reductions for those LEAST able to do so, doesn't as we see it make sense, add up to sound finance, or good democratic procedure.

AS FAR as this paper is concerned however we are opposed to this straight \$20 income tax reduction, as proposed by the Democrats as we were opposed to the straight reduction only for those who receive corporate dividends, as advanced by the Republicans. Both procedures would benefit one class, rather than the people as a whole.

Taxes should be based fundamentally on the ability to pay, and should be fair and uniform for all.

That is why the income tax is so desirable and fair in spite of the cries of pain, that always accompany payment. The higher the income the higher the taxes, and vice versa. That is as it should be. But because of those cries of pain few politicians have the courage to say so, or act accordingly.

AS FAR as the problem of tax reduction in the federal government at this time, by either party are concerned, we agree 100% with Senator Byrd of Virginia.

Byrd opposes ANY tax reductions, which means any material reduction in income for Uncle Sam until the budget is balanced.

Were it not for politics in both parties, that is what would be done. Certainly that is what would be done by any individual citizen of good business judgment, heavily in debt, and with expenses exceeding income.

The last thing he would do would be to deliberately and needlessly reduce his income and thereby reduce his ability to pay off that debt, and get on his feet again financially.

BUT taxes are unpopular. Uncle Sam fought a war because of them. And probably there will be a big fight in next year's campaign for the same reason.

So-o-o- The result promises to be a compromise, not based on business principles but political ones—one of the prices we have to pay as Walter Lippmann recently pointed out, for the luxury of living in a democracy! —R.W.R.

Taxpayers Finally Get Relief Through O&C Land Payment

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, MC

Washington—At long last the taxpayers of the land-grant counties of Oregon have received substantial relief to their local tax load by the distribution to them of the money due the counties from funds impounded in the treasury for more than 12 years. The money is from the sale of timber on O & C lands. It has been held in "suspense" pending the settlement of a dispute between the departments of Interior and Agriculture. Last year Senator Cordon and I succeeded in securing passage of the bill, since known as the Cordon-Ellsworth bill, which settled the dispute by law.

The payment of this money has been delayed several months because of a suit previously filed by one of the counties. This legal action accomplished nothing and in my opinion was little more than a meaningless gesture after the law was passed. However, it had the effect of blocking the payments to the counties and even now, until the case is finally disposed of, \$800,000 of the money due the counties is withheld. The reason for that is the fact that the attorney handling the litigation has demanded a fee of \$600,000. Assuming the money is worth 3 per cent interest to the counties, they are still paying \$24,000 per year or \$2,000 per month because of these suits. That money could be saved and the remaining \$800,000 distributed if the suits were now withdrawn and the record cleared.

Checks sent to the counties in our Congressional district were as follows: Curry county \$ 157,217.36 Coos county 307,711.60 Douglas county 1,311,523.74 Jackson county 815,047.88 Josephine county 630,938.08 Lane county 794,878.55 Linn county 137,048.03

Some people may recall that during the election campaign last fall, I was suffering from severe pains in my knee and ankle. The trouble started last August and has continued. Although I had the opinion of good orthopedic doctors that the condition was due to a severe sprain or strain and with care and treatment would clear up. I thought it was not getting well fast enough and that there might be something seriously wrong. I decided to have a thorough going over and another opinion on my trouble by the famous Mayo Clinic. It took some valuable time and some money but was well worth it. Their opinion was about the same as given me by other doctors. What pleased me about the experience, though, was that they went over me from head to toe, took numerous x-rays and made every conceivable test and then reported their findings. The result was that I was reported to be a much healthier specimen of humanity than I thought I was and haven't a health worry in the world. That is really worth knowing, isn't it?

Wage Discrimination Bill Passes Senate

Salem — (U.P.)—The Oregon Senate yesterday passed and sent to the House a bill to prohibit wage discriminations based on sex.

It upholds the principle of equal pay for equal work for both men and women. But it does allow higher wages to men for work that cannot be performed as well by women.

Sen. S. Eugene Allen (R-Portland) said women frequently are paid less money than men for doing the same work. He said it would also benefit men because it would assure a man that a woman working for lower pay wouldn't take his job.

Violation by an employer would make him liable to collection of damages equal to the difference between the proper pay and pay received. It also would be a misdemeanor.

Legislative Letter

By ERIC ALLEN JR. Mail Tribune City Editor

Salem—The past few days has been for me a time of renewing old acquaintances.

For instance, Bill Force, United Press correspondent here, and son of H. D. (Bud) Force, Gold Hill postmaster, is a close friend and co-worker. A former Mail Tribune reporter, Bill's byline is frequently seen on legislative stories, on which he continues to do an outstandingly successful job—as he did on the Mail Tribune.

Don Lane, former secretary and manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, now executive secretary of the state Water Resources committee, another old friend, was another legislative visitor today.

Visits Lee Bown In the afternoon I had a few moments to drop in on Lee Bown, deputy superintendent of state police, who is well known in Medford from the days he headed the state police detachment there, in the early 30s. He is the brother-in-law of Mr. and

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Public power item: Congress will be asked this week to authorize FEDERAL construction of Hells Canyon dam. Supporters are expected to make their pitch for the controversial Snake river project.

A senate bill will be introduced by Oregon's (now) Democratic senator Wayne Morse and a number of other senators advocating the measure will be listed as co-sponsors. Co-sponsorship of bills is against the rules in the house of representatives, and there at least four Democratic representatives from the Pacific Northwest are expected to offer identical Hells Canyon proposals.

LET'S put it this way: If the rest of the country is willing to put up the money for big government dams in the Pacific Northwest, we of the Pacific Northwest certainly shouldn't object.

The effect of these federally financed dams has been—and will continue to be—to provide cheap tax-subsidized power with which to ATTRACT INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYMENT AWAY FROM THE REST OF THE COUNTRY AND TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

If the rest of the country is willing to stand for that, we out here can't afford to complain about it.

PRESIDENT Eisenhower has designated May 21 as Armed Forces day, and in a proclamation he says the Armed forces have always served as an instrumentality of a free people who cherish peace and security with honor.

He directs the armed forces to give public displays and demonstrations on May 21 of their teamwork and technological advancements and he calls on the American people to display their flag on Armed Forces Day.

WHAT are our armed forces? They are the POLICE FORCE that protects our nation against international crime and banditry and disorder.

How could you run a town without an efficient police force? How can you run a NATION without efficient armed forces?

QUESTION: A If the forces of disorder ever come to the conclusion that they can run over the forces of law and order, what will happen? That one's easy—The result will be anarchy and confusion.

ANOTHER question: A IF COMMUNISM DECIDES IT CAN SAFELY RUN OVER THE FREE WORLD, WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

THAT one also is easy. I In such an event, this will soon become a Communist world.

Come May 21, let's show our honor and our respect for the members of our armed forces. They stand between us and those would destroy our free way of life.

Mrs. V. Ward Hammond, Medford.

Last night I got my first glimpse of Ed Branchfield, who's spending a couple of weeks here, and had a good discussion of legislative matters with him. (An announcement of his job here with the Oregon State bar is forthcoming.)

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, was his usual cheerful self this afternoon, despite the threat of cuts in his operating budget at SOC. He was accompanied by Dr. John Richards, chancellor-elect of the state system of higher education.

I also caught a glimpse of Capt. Irving Larson, who recently took over as head of the game enforcement department of the state police, and who is another occasional official visitor to southern Oregon.

One of the penalties of the unhappy financial situation in which the state finds itself this year is the cutting down of planned expansion of various services which many people feel to be important.

An example: Hal Randall, director of the state department of parole and probation, reports that his department's original budget request this year included provision for regional headquarters to be set up. The headquarters of one of these would have been in Medford; the other two in Salem and Portland.

Follows Recommendation The regionalization of the department followed the recommendation of the governor's committee which investigated the operation of the department, and would, it was felt, have greatly improved the service which this over-worked unit of government performs. It would have put three or four men under the supervision of the Medford office, which now is under the charge of Joe Dispenziere.

In addition to supervising prisoners paroled from the state penitentiary, or given probation from the bench, the department in recent years has made more and more "pre-sentence investigations." These are case-work checks into the background of a prisoner awaiting sentence, to find out about his prior record, his attitudes, his chances for rehabilitation, or his chances of staying out of more trouble if given a light sentence or a suspended sentence.

Save Money Circuit judges swear by the value of these reports, and they have saved the state thousands upon thousands of dollars, just by making it unnecessary to send a man to prison if he shows a good chance of staying on the straight-and-narrow otherwise—to say nothing of his own dignity and self respect.

One bill in the legislature would extend this service to district courts, and, if passed, this would more than double the load of the department. But, if no money is forthcoming for such expansion, it will continue on the present basis. Nobody's complaining, particularly—that's just how it is.

Low Flying Jet Plans Brings Birth of Calf The Dalles — (U.P.)—A blast from a low flying jet plane caused a cow to give birth to a calf which died, the sheriff's office here said today.

Mrs. W. H. Moore, a farmer's wife, told sheriff's deputies yesterday the blast from the plane also caused the cattle to stampede and she thought the world was coming to an end.

Manager Larry Moore of The Dalles airport said the blast apparently was caused when the jet's pilot turned on the afterburner to clear a range of hills.

Dedicated Communist Picked by France for Nuclear Research Job

By CHARLES A. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst

France has just appointed Frederic Joliot-Curie, its No. 1 security risk, to a new post in the field of nuclear research.

Joliot-Curie is a dedicated and even a fanatical Communist.

The government was compelled, as the result of popular protest, to fire him in 1950 from the position of French high commissioner for atomic energy.

Nevertheless, he has been permitted since then to occupy positions which have kept him active in nuclear science.

And now, it is disclosed, Joliot-Curie has been appointed a French adviser to the European Organization for Nuclear Research, a new international center which has been set up in Geneva, Switzerland.

The 12-nation organization was sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It is to specialize in research on the behavior of high-energy nuclear particles. This, it is hoped, will throw new light on the fundamental nature of matter.

Joliot-Curie's appointment was made last month by Premier Mendes-France, who has since been overthrown. The appointment slipped by almost unnoticed. A decree creating a scientific consultative committee accredited to the Geneva center was published in the governmental office journal.

Members of the committee were identified in the decree, for some reason, not by name but by their official titles.

One of the members, it was announced, would be "the president of the corpuscular atom physics section of the National Scientific Research Center." That's Joliot-Curie.

A French government spokesman, asked about the appointment, said that the committee's role would be a consultative one. Joliot-Curie's appointment "in no way means we shall make any secret information available to him," the spokesman said.

Doesn't Seem To Like Wayne

To the Editor: Looking at the dictionary we find the word "demagogue" defined in part as "an unprincipled and factious mob orator or political leader." Well, our Senator Morse hasn't reached leadership yet, but my oh my, in his egotistical mind how he thinks he is about there.

So—finally our off-called able Senator Wayne L. Morse has now qualified especially as a turncoat and as a speech making rouser that aspires to political leadership where he can tell our Congress just how to run our government, also to attempt to convert the Democrats so he can instruct them along that line also.

The thousands of Oregonians who voted to send him to U.S. Senate were assured he would conscientiously represent Oregon's interest and hardly had the ink on his certificate dried and he took his seat, until he assumed the role of a superiorly intelligent professor, who was there to teach the other 95 Senators in Congress just how to conduct the affairs of our nation according to his ideas and despite their many years of experience as legislators.

So, with his greatly superior brainpower he tried to take over and entirely repudiate the teamwork by which our Senate has operated since the time of our first President. He seems to think that the other 95 Senators are mostly wrong and if they would just let him exercise his superior knowledge he could show them how things should be done.

Is there any Oregon voter who helped send him to the U.S. Senate that can state he has ever, since sworn in for his second term, tried conscientiously to perform his Senatorial duties for our state and nation? It would seem that in these last years he has become chagrined because he could not ring the class bell each morning for Senate sessions where he could instruct the other 95 Senators what bills to vote for and how to conduct the government and, of course, the armed forces.

How long must we tolerate such egotism from Wayne? Given time, our Democratic friends will get "fed up" with him too. E. C. Gaddis, 815 East Jackson St., Medford, Ore.

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