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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. 28, 1945
(Switzerland)
Southwest Oregon Dairy cooperative formed in Medford meeting; newly elected directors include Jewell D. Lowe, Glenn Chase, Roscoe Roberts, Henry F. Padgham Jr., and C. N. Gillmore.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 28, 1935
(Moving pictures)
Moving pictures in Medford include Mae West, in "Belle of the Nineties," at the Roxy, and Shirley Temple and Lionel Barrymore, in "The Little Colonel" at the Craterian.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 28, 1925
(William A. Gates)
William A. Gates urges intensive cultivation of tomatoes in Jackson county as "the first step toward a greater prosperity."

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 28, 1915
(Cole Holmes)
Cole Holmes elected first vice-president of Medford Hiking club; group plans first hike on cliffs east of Phoenix.

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report
1. John M. Harlan, U.S. Supreme court nominee, is a state judge, federal judge, lawyer in private practice, or member of Congress?
2. The United States is or isn't one of the eight nations in the Southeast Asia defense treaty?
3. The Citadel is a famous fort on the Dardanelles, military school in Charleston, S.C., fortress at Montreal, or mission in San Antonio, Tex.
4. Does any state make residence of more than a year a requirement for voting?
5. Sen. McCarthy is less than or more than 50 years old?
6. The capital of Russia used to be the city now called Leningrad, originally known as what?
7. Napalm is used in cold cream, chiropractic, hand lotions, moth repellents, flame throwers or candy?
The answers: 1. Federal judge. 2. Is. 3. Military school in Charleston. 4. Yes, several do. 5. Less. 6. St. Petersburg. 7. Flame throwers.

YOUNG MAN WANTED
Benton Harbor, Mich.—(U.P.) The Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Junior Chamber of Commerce has called off its plans to pick its 1955 "young man of the year" because of lack of candidates.

Dictators? Don't Be Silly

"As I understand it, the legislators are elected and paid by the people who pass laws in the interest of the people of the State of Oregon. However, it seems the majority of the legislators have forgotten their oath of office, and are scheming to thwart the wishes of their electors. It seems to me that they think, instead of being servants of the people, they are or should be dictators of the people..."

THE above is an excerpt from a letter which appeared in another Oregon paper last week. Perhaps the kindest thing which can be said of its author is that he is vastly uninformed.

He is entitled to his opinion, and to express it. But in our view he doesn't know what he is talking about.

WE recently had an opportunity to watch the 48th session of the Oregon Legislature in action, as it has been our opportunity to do during all or part of the last six sessions.

Once again the chief impression, out of a mass of impressions, was that of a group of 90 mostly-sincere, mostly-honest, mostly-hard working men and women doing their darndest to provide Oregon with an efficient, economical and effective government. Sometimes they fail. Occasionally they fail badly. But the list of their mistakes is of little consequence when compared to the vast body of good, sound, basic legislation which they have accomplished over the years.

The fact that Oregon's government has been relatively clean and effective in comparison to that of other states is proof of this.

THE legislature is the best possible exhibit of the processes of representative democracy.

There is the widest divergence of opinion among the members, and it is freely expressed. There is confusion, pressure, friendship, enmity, excitement, fatigue, stimulation, conflict, cooperation.

Somewhat, out of this psychic maelstrom emerges a program. Miraculously, it is usually a pretty good program, sound and well-thought-out. This is the eternal miracle of representative democracy.

And despite the obvious drawbacks, it is the nearest thing yet to perfection in the art (not science) of government.

IF the author of the letter quoted above thinks there is a deep, dark plot to "put something over" on the people of Oregon—in this case a sales tax—(and apparently that's just what he thinks) he simply doesn't know the facts.

The state is faced with its worst financial crisis in many years, perhaps in the 97 years of statehood. This crisis has been discussed in these columns before.

The legislators have no pat answers. They are seeking solutions to an apparently insoluble problem. Whatever they do, they will be criticized and vilified.

SO, why do men seek election to the legislature? For money? No—for the \$600 per year salary will barely cover their expenses.

For prestige? Perhaps, a little. But the distinction of being a member of a state legislature is not a great and enduring thing.

For power? No—for as only one of 90 persons, the individual power of a member is little.

For what, then? Could it be they are motivated by a sincere desire to serve their state? Could they be attracted by the pulling and hauling of debate and committee work, by the feeling of being "in the know" on decisions affecting the welfare of the state?

THERE is a lack of direction and unity in the present legislature. There is tension and apprehension, for no matter what solution they come up with to solve the problem of taxes and finances, their decisions are subject to reversal by the voters. Their labors may go for nothing, and the state may suffer seriously as a result. We would not be too surprised to see a special election or a special session, or both, within the year, unless the legislators come up with something new unforeseen.

This unhappy state is not productive of good, open-minded and clearly thought out legislation.

SYMPTOMS of this were the recent hush-hush meetings held by the governor and legislative leaders in attempts to coordinate and unify their thinking.

While we are severely critical of attempts at secrecy in the conduct of public business, we can understand their desire to get these differences and difficulties thrashed out in private.

But if the problem is to be solved, it will be solved only with the understanding and approbation of the public. Secret meetings are not the way to achieve it.

WOULD-BE dictators? No. Far from it. Confused but conscientious men, trying their level best to save the state from bankruptcy? Yes.

They have our sympathetic understanding, if not always approval.

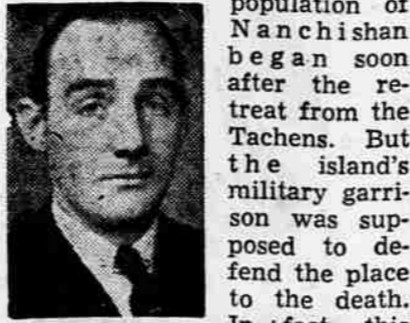
And whatever they come up with as a solution, be advised that their decision was made in honesty and sincerity.—E.A.

Medical School Group Barbershop Champion
Forest Grove — (U.P.)—Four harmonizing lads from the University of Oregon Medical School walked off with the Northwest championship in the annual Barber Shop Ballad contest here during the week end.
The Forceps Four took the \$300 prize for the second year running with their rendition of "The Old Henry Clay."
Right behind the future surgeons were the Kord Kings from Everett, Wash., a quartet composed of students from the

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

GOING, GOING
Taipeh, Formosa — Another important offshore island is going. After having been refused American help to defend Nanchishan, the Chinese Nationalist government has decided to abandon Nanchi to the Communists.

This is a drastic change of plan. Evacuation of the civilian population of Nanchishan began soon after the retreat from the Tachens. But the island's military garrison was supposed to defend the place to the death.



Joseph Alsop

In fact, this intention is still being publicly insisted upon. And while the decision to take off the garrison has already been made, there are public announcements of reinforcement.

For the American policymakers, the abandonment of this pretty little islet 60 miles or more south of the Tachens will be an event of high significance. On the one hand, it vastly increases the likelihood of an early Communist attack on the offshore islands which have been given an on-again-off-again guarantee by the Eisenhower administration. Unless the wisest Chinese and Americans here are unanimously mistaken, the President's willingness to assist the defense of Quemoy and the Matsus should soon be put to an acid test.

On the other hand, precisely because an early attack on Quemoy or the Matsus is now much more probable, the time available for negotiating a cease fire in the Formosa Strait is probably much reduced.

In high Chinese quarters here, it is believed that in Bangkok, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is promising Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden full American backing, if Britain can trade the rest of the offshore islands for a reasonably guaranteed cease fire. But as both the Chinese Communists and the Chinese Nationalists have bitterly denounced the whole idea of such a trade, a good deal of time is surely needed for the trading.

FROM the Chinese standpoint, meanwhile, the evacuation of Nanchishan will be a bitter pill, made all the more unpalatable by the claims that the place would be held at all costs. The pill has been swallowed for two quite different reasons.

First and foremost, the Generalissimo and his colleagues are very far from averse to bringing nearer the moment for the final test of the Eisenhower Administration's real intentions regarding Quemoy and the Matsus. Although the Chinese profess confidence in public, they are venomous in private about the uncertainty of American policy. And they are not at all averse to cutting down the available time for cease fire negotiations.

The position on Nanchishan has now become militarily untenable without American aid. Our help in defending Nanchi was urgently requested — and not for the first time — during the evacuation of the Tachens. Our refusal of aid and the subsequent rapid Communist enveloping movements then sealed Nanchi's fate.

The enemy's enveloping movements have virtually encircled Nanchi by this time. To the south, halfway between Nanchishan and/or Matsus, the Coms has put troops on the Taishan Islands. And Pekishan and the other little islands of Nanchi own group, which lie just north of Nanchi, have also been occupied by the enemy.

For some time now, Nanchi has been garrisoned by a regiment of Chinese regular troops, but the defense of the place was always held to depend on the Tachens. Hence powerful defense positions have not been built.

A hard fight for Nanchi might still have been attempted, however, if it were not for the local air balance. In theory, an air battle for Nanchi was feasible, since it is just about equidistant from the Nationalist airbases on Formosa and the Communist bases on the mainland.

But in practice, the Nationalists have only one fully operating wing of obsolescent F-84 jet fighters, plus another wing of Sabrejets which has now been sent into combat ahead of its training schedule. Their other planes are World War II types. In other words, the Nationalists do not have enough jet fighters to want to take on the much more numerous MIG 15s of the enemy.

WITHOUT a simultaneous attempt to control the air, any attempt to reinforce and supply Nanchishan massively by sea would be a suicidal operation, especially for the rather weak Nationalist navy. With the Communists quite obviously preparing another triphibious operation like that which won them Yikiangshan, there were only two choices.
The Generalissimo either had to sacrifice the Nanchi garrison for the sake of showing fight or order them to abandon Nanchi. His original intention to do the former may perhaps have been shaken by American advice to

the contrary. But the desire to bring this crisis of the offshore islands to a climax, and so to forestall any effective cease fire bargaining, quite certainly entered in, too.

The abandonment of Nanchishan would always be a development of considerable local import, in and of itself. Fukien, the mainland province across the Formosa Strait, from which any attack on Quemoy, the Matsus or Formosa proper must be launched, is a geographical trap. Few decent roads across the mountains that girdle Fukien. Any major military effort there pretty well has to be supplied by sea.

The evacuation of the Tachens unlocked the route for coastal traffic for many miles south of the big bulge of the Yangtze delta. The evacuation of Nanchishan will open the mouth of Wenchow harbor and will unlock another long stretch for coastal traffic, right down to the neighborhood of the Matsus.

In the present circumstances, moreover, the abandonment of Nanchishan has to be viewed against a background which gives it more than local import. As previously reported by this correspondent, there was one big missing piece, until recently, in the pattern of Communist aggressive preparations. Korea-hardened divisions and MIG 15s and other air strength had been massed in the Chekiang-Kiangsu region, threatening the Tachens. But no added strength had been redeployed into Fukien, to increase the threat to Quemoy and the Matsus.

This missing piece in the pattern is now being supplied. A Fukien airbase which the Chinese Nationalist Air Force had regarded as not usable by jet planes, has already been occupied by a regiment of MIG 15s. Air reconnaissance also shows the rapid installation of electronic equipment at this airfield. Intelligence which is incompletely confirmed but regarded as highly probably further indicates that at least two Korea-hardened divisions have now moved into Fukien.

IN short, the only objective reasons for optimism are in process of being removed. And at the same time, the removal of Nanchishan as a threat on the enemy's flank automatically makes an attack on the Matsus the most likely next order of business.

To be sure, both Americans and Chinese would rate an attack on Quemoy and/or the Matsus as much less likely, if the Administration were not pursuing the tactics blandly described in Washington as "keeping them guessing."

If there were a firm American guarantee of the offshore islands, opinion here would be about evenly divided as to the odds for or against an attack.

Since American policy is unclear, however, the best opinion here is that the Communists will at least probe our intentions as to the "guaranteed" islands, perhaps drawing back after the first attack if the United States responds strongly and decisively. Maybe the best opinion is wrong. Maybe the Communists will draw back now. Maybe a cease fire will somehow be wrangled at the last moment. But one thing is certain. The time of climax is now appreciably nearer.

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On The Side By E. V. Durling

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Which sex gets the better break in life? Is it really a "woman's world"? The majority of women don't seem to think so. If born over again, would you prefer a change in sex. That query was put to a number of men and women. Ninety-one per cent of the men strongly said they would want to be men again. Only 34 per cent of the women said they would want to go through life again as women! Sixty-four per cent of the women questioned emphatically vowed if a second birth were possible they would like to be born men.

Sidelights
It was none other than Lord Chesterfield who said, "Whether it is a question of race horses or men, breeding will tell." The shortest best selling novel of the twentieth century so far is "Good-By, Mr. Chips," by James Hilton. It has only 132 pages. It should be remembered that when Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am I owe to my angel mother," he was speaking of his stepmother. She was Sarah Bush Johnston Lincoln, the second wife of Thomas Lincoln.

Body Beautiful
Can you point out any imperfections in the figure of Marilyn Monroe. How about that of Jane Russell? Or Sheree North? Or Mamie Van Doren? Experts on the subject of feminine physical perfection have found many faults in the figures of these four "oomph girls." They claim the imperfections have been concealed in films by extremely clever photographing. However, most of the experts are agreed that at least one film star has a perfect figure and rates the "body beautiful" designation.

Double
Feminine subscriber, whose husband insists she is a "double" for Ingrid Bergman, wants to know what the Scandinavian cinema luminary's measurements are. They follow: height, 5 feet 8 1/2; weight, 135; bust, 36; waist, 27; and hips, 37. Ingrid wears a size 16 dress and flat heeled shoes, size 8AA.

Is That So? Arab League Hurt By Iraq's Alignment With Western Powers

By Eugene Burns
Ranger-Naturalist

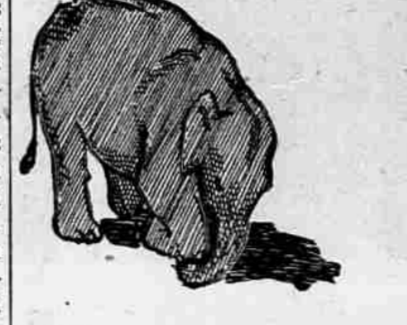
Did you know that... Every hair of a caribou's coat is a hollow quill which enables it to swim high out of the water buoyed up by this natural life belt.

The pocket gopher's incisor teeth grow about four feet a year—an average of almost an inch a week! Gnawing keeps them worn down for practical purposes.

The highest known tides in the world are in the Bay of Fundy—the greatest difference between high and low waters at Minas Basin, Burcoot Head, is 54.5 feet. Local conditions of wind and weather may boost it to 60 feet.

Most snakes that go underground do not dig their own holes but make use of natural crevices and holes and burrows made by other animals.

The throat and ears of a beaver, seal and several other aquatic mammals are equipped with



special valves which close voluntarily when the animal submerges.

Among all four-footed animals, the elephant is unique in that when it lies down it extends its hindlegs backward and the front ones forward. All other large four-footed animals, including horses, bring the hindlegs forward in lying down.

Then, in lying down, the elephant kneels like a man with the knees actually touching the ground.

Knee Joints in Front
A further peculiarity—the knee joints of the hindlegs as well as those of the front ones are in front and the angle formed by the bent knee of both hind and front legs is toward the head.

Cold-blooded as the snake may be, the snake has a heart. It is located well forward, about one-fifth of the distance from the head to the end of the tail. Its smooth, long, narrow and greatly distensible, is located well forward. Due to the heavy flow of saliva, digestion begins almost immediately after any food is swallowed, and the digestive processes work rapidly.

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Arab League Hurt By Iraq's Alignment With Western Powers

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst

The new Turkish-Iraq defense treaty has created a new situation in the Middle East.

Turkey has regained the Middle Eastern leadership which it lost as the result of World War I. Egypt, which had made a strong bid to take the leadership, has suffered a humiliating defeat in its attempt to block the Turkish-Iraq pact.

The eight-nation Arab League in which Egypt was the leader, has been seriously and perhaps fatally weakened by Iraq's action in aligning itself with Turkey and thus with the Western powers.

Advices from Cairo now report that Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser may join Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru as a "neutralist."

NATO in 1951
Turkey had laid the basis for its cooperation with the Western Allies when it joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in 1951.

Last April, Turkey signed a mutual defense treaty with Pakistan. It extended the Western defense chain from Arctic Norway to the Himalaya Mountains. Iran was the one missing link.

Then, on August 9, Turkey signed a 20-year alliance with Greece and Yugoslavia. Greece is a fellow member of the NATO organization. Yugoslavia is not, but Marshal Tito, its Communist president, is aligned with the west against Soviet aggression.

Now Turkey turned its attention to the other Moslem nations of the Middle East—none of them aligned with the Western grand alliance.

Marine Commander Said Apprehensive Of Manpower Cuts

Washington — (U.P.) — Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., commander of the Marine Corps, is "apprehensive" about military manpower cutbacks, Sen. Richard R. Russell said Saturday.

But the Georgia Democrat, chairman of the Senate Armed Services committee, said Shepherd has told the committee that he can "live with" the cutbacks.

Under the present manpower schedule the Marine Corps, which numbered 217,000 in January, must cut to 193,000 by July 1, 1956. The Navy, with about three times as many men, must absorb a cut of about the same size.

Army Cut Larger
The Army must absorb a much greater cut, and Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, chief of staff, has said the Army reduction will be harmful "to a degree" to the national security.

Russell commented on testimony given Friday by Shepherd as his committee continued briefings on national defense problems by military leaders. The Marine Corps commandant testified along with Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas and Adm. Robert B. Carney, the Navy operations chief.

Bly School Teacher Injured in Blaze

Klamath Falls — (U.P.)—Bernard Smirch, Bly school teacher, was reported in "good" condition at Klamath Valley Hospital here recovering from injuries received in a fire that destroyed his home early today.

Cause of the fire was not yet determined. County school superintendent Carrol Howe said the blaze also caused minor injuries to school janitor George Smith and damaged the school bus. Howe said there would be no school today in Bly, because of Smirch's injuries and the damage to the bus.

It was disclosed that Turkey hoped to get Iran into the Western alignment. There seems good reason to hope that this most important alignment may materialize, especially after the long visit of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi of Iran to the United States.

But the Turks decided to get Iraq in line first. Premier Adnan Menderes arrived in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, on Jan. 6 to negotiate a mutual defense treaty.

Egypt, the leader of the Arab League, was outraged. It called an emergency meeting of the league. But nothing came of the meeting.

The Turkish-Iraqi treaty was signed Thursday.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Slick trick note:
The House of Representatives has voted a \$20-per-person income tax cut.

WHAT'S the pitch?
It's a maneuver, of course, to put GOP President Eisenhower in a political hole. The \$20-a-head tax cut was offered as an amendment to a bill to keep the corporation income tax at 52 per cent instead of letting it drop back this spring to 47 per cent—which will happen unless the present law is extended.

So—
Ike can't vote the \$20-a-head cut without at the same time permitting the tax on corporation income to drop from 52 per cent to 47 per cent—which, in view of the fact that we're already spending far more than we're taking in—would be disastrous.

I suppose you read Ike's characterization of it as "an example of fiscal irresponsibility."
It certainly is.
But it's SMART.
Anybody can see that.

THE best comment on this slick trick comes from Senator Byrd of Virginia, who is a Democrat from away back, but a Democrat who believes that our country must be kept solvent.
He says succinctly:
"I'm against it. The federal budget should be balanced before federal taxes are cut."
It's a pity there aren't more Senator Byrds in the congress.

GRIM note from Moscow:
"Pravda (the Communist party newspaper) criticizes the Soviet ministry of electric power—which is now headed by EX-Premier Malenkov. Pravda says Malenkov's administration of it has been INEFFICIENT.
YOU'LL remember, I reckon, that when they bounced Malenkov from the premier's job they let him live—for a while at least—which is something unusual in Communist politics.
I'll offer the guess that after reading that item in Pravda informed persons in Moscow are listening for the crack of the firing squad's rifles.

Over the Phone
GEO. N. TAYLOR
—"He is as much ours as he is yours and we want him to be our guest for a few days." So the woman at the phone told the listener at the other end of the line. It seems that a t years before, this man whom they were to have as guest, had led the woman and her husband to the Lord and now they would have him in their home for a bit. And what have the years brought into the lives of these saved people? Let the Bible tell it—"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new." See 2nd Corinthians 5:17. And now after all these years, their lives prove that Christ lives within them. This Message sent by a Beaverton family. —Paid adv.

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