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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
March 8, 1945
(Friday)
Funeral services held for James A. Perry, early day Jackson county banker and orchardist.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Quite a number of valley cows have increased the alleged beef shortage the past week by having twin calves.

20 YEARS AGO
March 8, 1935
Big gold dredge scheduled to start work in near future in Grave creek region.

Bill Bates fires highest score in trapshoot at Medford Gun club.

30 YEARS AGO
March 8, 1925
(Cit was Sunday)
Crater club leaders announce organization will erect brick markers at both city limits of Medford on Pacific highway.

George Gates tells members of Medford Kiwanis club about his visit to Ford plant in Detroit.

40 YEARS AGO
March 8, 1915
(Cit was Monday)
Col. Frank L. Ray, with "moral support" by Jackson county court, outlines plans for construction of resort at Lithia springs in Ashland.

From the Local and Personal column: Almond trees throughout the city are beginning to blossom, and many kitchen gardens are being spaded.

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

- 1. Defense Secretary Wilson says the U.S. is behind or ahead of Russia in nuclear weapons, or about on a par with it?
2. Statehood for Hawaii is supported chiefly by the Republicans or Democrats, or about equally by each?
3. Eggs have been bringing at the farm much or slightly more than the parity price, much or slightly less, or exactly parity?
4. Normal temperature during March is highest in Albuquerque, Atlanta, Dallas, Los Angeles or New Orleans?
5. The 1955 big-track horse racing season in the East opens in March: in Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York or Rhode Island?
6. The Ukrainians live in southeast Asia, northwest Siberia southwest Russia, Asia Minor or northern Africa?
7. Typists have averaged as many as 175 words a minute correctly in a lengthy piece of copying, right or wrong?
The Answers: 1. Ahead of Russia, he says. 2. Chiefly by the Republicans. 3. Much less than parity. 4. New Orleans. 5. Maryland. 6. Southwest Russia. 7. Wrong.
The United States uses 42 per cent of all the electricity produced in the world, and its power industry has 50,000,000 individual customers.

Time To Wake Up

WE have received a complaint about the giant atomic explosion in Nevada coming at an hour when everyone was awakened and alarmed by it. The A.E.C. should, it is indicated, choose a better hour and a more distant and isolated place.

Sorry but we can't second the motion. We only wish the atomic "flash" Monday morning had extended even further and awakened more people.

For the people of Medford, of Oregon, the people of the country—in fact the people of the world—need to be awakened to the terrible tragic reality of this atomic and hydrogen age.

THE scientists are doing all they can. The Federation of American Scientists, 2000 strong, have issued an appeal asking for a conference of nations to prevent coming to a point where "we can not be sure that we will not make the whole world a laboratory and all living things the experimental object."

A careful check, it is advised, should be made by qualified experts as to the results of these present nuclear tests, just how dangerous they are, and how far those dangers extend, with a view to their limitations and control.

As to the atomic war itself, practically all scientists are agreed that would be the end—wholesale, if not complete destruction.

BUT the scientists can't do the job alone. Nor can the statesmen. As for the politicians they won't do anything unless some one forces them to. And the only force they will recognize is the people.

So the more atomic flashes that awaken the people—ALL the people—from their indifference and lethargy, the better for them, the better for this turbulent and troubled world. An aroused public opinion throughout the civilized world may well be the only salvation.—R.W.R.

"Migrants" Not Wanted?

One suspects that more Oregonians might vote, selfishly, perhaps, to discourage the flow of migrants than would vote to make Oregon the industrial giant of the West. But that state goes right on advertising its "unspoiled" resources, the sooner to despoil them.—Portland Oregonian.

This is a most extraordinary statement for the highly practical and respectable Oregonian to make.

The idea that prompted such a heretical comment was presented by Senator Warren Gill of Lebanon who recently suggested in the Upper House at Salem that instead of spending \$20,000 to advertise this state the sum should be used to urge migrants to settle elsewhere.

WHAT'S wrong with migrants?" Weren't we all, at one time or another? And the pioneers for that matter.

Why should it be assumed that an increase in population as a result of advertising our "unspoiled resources" would result in despoiling them?

The Mail Tribune has, and always has been, strongly in favor of preserving the state's "unspoiled resources." But surely there is ample room in this commodious commonwealth for such preservation, and also for "migrants" coming into the state at a far greater rate than they are now, whether as a result of advertising, or their own curiosities, impulses or inclinations.

This department has never taken the "Humdinger Inc." creed with great seriousness but to advocate spending money to keep people AWAY from the state, instead of inviting them to come here and stick around, strikes this writer as plain crazy.

OREGON needs more people and should try in every legitimate way to get them.

Not to make the state any industrial giant, or even another California—which it can never be—but to increase its value, so the system of conserving our natural resources can be more effective, so that the state could do many things it can't do now, among them adding to the beauties of our state parks, the increased improvement of our natural attractions, fishing streams and highways.

That would take more money—well more people, would mean more taxes and taxes are money.

ALL this of course is primary C of C stuff. In fact we would dismiss the entire editorial as just a joke if the Oregonian did not take pains to declare it is not. To assume, says the Portland paper, the "Gentleman from Lebanon" had his tongue in his cheek when he advocated spending money to keep people away from Oregon would be a great mistake. Would it?

Well how about changing the metaphor to putting his foot in his mouth?—R.W.R.

Milwaukie Woman Dies in Auto Mishap

Milwaukie, Ore.—(U.P.)—A 50-year-old Oak Grove woman was killed last night when her husband lost control of their car which left the road and careened across a yard just outside Milwaukie. Mrs. Laura May Cranston was thrown from the vehicle to the pavement. She was dead on arrival at Milwaukie hospital at 7:10 p.m. Her husband, Ralph Earl Cranston, 46, driver of the car, was treated for face lacerations. The vehicle had been cut down and modified for use as a tractor.

Extension Division Dean May Be Named

Portland—(U.P.)—Dr. Philip G. Hoffman today was expected to be named as dean of the general extension division of the state system of higher education to succeed Dr. J. F. Cramer, who yesterday was named first president of Portland State college. Dr. Hoffman came to Oregon two years ago for the newly created job of vice-dean of extension. The State Board of Higher Education also hired Dr. John Richards at the time as vice-chancellor and Richards recently was named to succeed Dr. Charles D. Byrne as chancellor next June.



LEAVES MOSCOW—Rev. Georges Bissonnette (center) shown with newsmen at Moscow Airport as he left Soviet Russia for New York. The American priest who had ministered to foreign colony in Moscow since 1953, was expelled from Russia in an apparent reprisal for refusal by U. S. to extend the temporary visa of a Russian Orthodox priest.

Complete Purge of Malenkov Rumored in Capitals of Europe

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst
Rumors are circulating in European capitals that Georgi M. Malenkov, who resigned as Premier of Soviet Russia one month ago today, may soon be reallly purged.



That was an abnormal situation for a Communist police state. Group rule works in democracies; a police state is a dictatorship and needs a dictator.

It seems likely that sooner or later a new dictator will emerge in Moscow. He could be Nikita S. Khrushchev, the No. 1 Communist party leader. He could be one of the army men.

But, the men who now are running the Kremlin show are pretty sure to make it certain that the dictator will not be Malenkov.

In the Day's News
By FRANK JENKINS
Trivia from Washington—via the teletype: The House postoffice committee has approved and sent to the House floor a bill that would give 500,000 postal workers pay increases averaging 7 per cent.

It is estimated that the bill, if it is enacted into law, will cost the government \$150,000,000 a year.

I DON'T doubt that the postal workers need the raise. Everybody needs a raise. I could use one myself.

D'ya reckon Congress, if it legislates the up in pay, will have the courage to raise postal rates? Or will it figure that it's easier to take it out of the taxpayers' pockets?

MORE trivia: The same committee of the House of Representatives will begin hearings within two weeks on pay raises for 1,200,000 other federal workers under civil service.

MORE of the same: A House armed services subcommittee has unanimously approved a pay raise for the armed forces — after hearing three young service wives testify that they need more money to meet their expenses.

I imagine they DO need more money. Who doesn't? The stuff comes awfully handy.

THE same House subcommittee is expected to approve a bill increasing pay in the military services. The bill—if it becomes a law as presently drafted—will provide pay increases for 2,000,000 members of the armed forces who decide to make a career out of military service.

AND so on. All put together, they constitute quite a mess of pay increase bills.

THESE pay increase bills have all shown up in Congress within the past few days. It was only a few days ago that the members of the Congress—both senators and representatives—VOTED THEMSELVES a stiff increase in pay.

Do you suppose there could be any connection between these two sets of circumstances? Could it be that EVERYBODY in government service came to the conclusion all at once that since the senators and representatives have just voted themselves a hefty boost in wages this would be a good time to jump them for a hike for the rest of the crew?

I WOULDN'T know. Maybe it's just a coincidence.

But I think this is a good time for everybody to remember that every time the expenses of government are increased THE INCREASE HAS TO COME OUT OF THE POCKETS OF THE TAXPAYERS.

There isn't any other place for it to come from.

Man Driving Car With Feet Avoids Collision
Kalamazoo, Mich.—(U.P.)—In most cases police would have a ticket or a straightjacket ready for anyone they spotted driving a car with his feet, but they had only praise when Rollie W. World, 47, pulled the stunt.

World was thrown to the rear seat of his car when another car rammed him from behind. Peering from the back seat with his legs still dangling in the front seat, World saw a large tree loom in front of the windshield.

Using his feet he navigated the car back to the highway and regained control.

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.

For Sales Tax

To the Editor: The argument that the sales tax taxes those least able to pay doesn't hold water. In most states necessities such as food, rent, medicines and services aren't taxed.

The low income family is not apt to spend more than \$200 a year on clothing (many low income families buy most of their clothing at rummage sales, where there is no tax). The man of higher income probably spends about \$2,000 a year. The low income man pays a tax of \$6 at 3 per cent for the whole year, and the man of higher income pays \$60.

People who can buy expensive cars, fur coats, etc., of course pay the heavy tax and therefore it is the fairest tax there is. Also there is no way of avoiding it as sometimes people find ways of avoiding income taxes.

The great advantage of the sales tax, and one which should be stressed, is the fact that part of the burden is lifted from the shoulders of Oregon taxpayers and placed on visitors from other states, and the thousands of trailer-occupant transients and others who avoid our taxes but enjoy all the privileges of our state.

Do you realize that the tourist business in Oregon is the second largest business in the state?

I am always indignant after a trip when I go through state after state helping to support their governments with high sales taxes (as well as city sales taxes) and then return and see many residents from the states I visited pouring in here and not paying one cent. I heard a man on the radio a few weeks ago say that Oregon had approximately 1,000,000 more tourists last year than the year before. Just figure that out, if each one spent only \$10 in the whole time in Oregon. And that is just the increase over other years.

If this tax is such a hardship to the low income people in the states on either side of us, why don't they come pouring into our state?

It seems to me that in our straitened state finances this tax is also the only alternative. At present we have one of the four highest income taxes in the whole country. If these are made still higher we will drive away people with capital to invest and thereby have fewer jobs for everybody.

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Senate Approves Multnomah Division

Salem—(U.P.)—The Senate State and Federal Affairs committee yesterday voted unanimously to recommend passage of a bill to subdivide Multnomah county for the election of state representatives.

The measure is scheduled for consideration on the floor of the Senate tomorrow morning.

Marion and Lane counties were included in the original measure, introduced by Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., of Portland. After opposition was expressed by Marion and Lane county delegations, the counties were excluded.

The proposal would subdivide Multnomah county into five areas, on a population basis.

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

THE JOB NOBODY WANTS

Washington—To judge from the way the Democrats are talking nowadays, they are going to have to hit somebody over the head and drag him unconsistently into the convention hall, in order to find a candidate to run against President Eisenhower in 1956.



Stewart Alsop

All or nearly all, the leading Democratic professionals believe that the President is sure to run again. All, or nearly all, believe that he is sure to win. According to reliable reports, both beliefs are largely shared by Adlai Stevenson, who is accounted way out in front for the Democratic nomination.

Those who know Stevenson well believe that he really has not made up his mind whether he wants the nomination, and that, characteristically, he will not make up his mind until he has to. They also believe that, if Eisenhower still looks as strong then as he does today, Stevenson will try to avoid being nominated if he can honorably do so. There is, after all, nothing very tempting about being Eisenhower's sacrificial lamb twice hand-running.

But is it difficult to see how Stevenson could avoid this fate without being made to look timid, or silly, or both. Stevenson could, for example, simply announce that he was not a candidate and throw his support to his friend Averell Harriman, Governor of New York.

But this would immediately have two effects. Stevenson would be accused of running out when he got tough, with fatal effects on his political future. And his backing the Fair Dealing Harriman—he could hardly back anyone else—would start an unholy row in the Democratic party.

There are, to be sure, ways in which Stevenson could be beaten even if he wanted the nomination and made a fight for it. If Harriman tries for the nomination on his own, for example, and as Governor of New York he has a legitimate claim to the loss of New York's 90 delegates votes might block Stevenson.

OR Sen. Estes Kefauver might block Stevenson in another way. If Kefauver decides to make a second try for the nomination, his strategy is already clear. He will challenge Stevenson to primary contests—in such states as Oregon, Nebraska, New Hampshire, and even Stevenson's native Illinois. If Stevenson ducked the challenge, this would hurt him badly. But if he were beaten by Kefauver (who has a real following in the party) the wound might well be mortal.

Yet the odds are still high on Stevenson all the same. Kefauver, who will be only 57 years old in 1960, is just as doubtful as Stevenson about the wisdom of running in 1956, and for precisely the same reason. Moreover, Stevenson has the biggest name in the party, and he is far more acceptable to all sections of the party than Harriman, Kefauver, or any other presently visible candidate.

Some new figure may emerge, of course—Stevenson himself, after all, was practically unknown 18 months before the 1952 convention. But as of today, it looks like Stevenson,

even if he has to be hit over the head first.

There are a minority among Stevenson's friends and advisers who seriously believe that he can beat Eisenhower in 1956. For one thing, peace and prosperity of which the Republicans boast may not last for 18 months. And even if there are no small wars and no bad economic troubles, there are important political differences between 1952 and 1956.

A number of states—notably the two Eastern giants, New York and Pennsylvania—which were in Republican hands in 1952 will be Democratic controlled in 1956. Moreover, even the Republicans are inclined to agree that Eisenhower is unlikely to carry the Southern states he took in 1952. And, after all, the hopeful Stevenson adherents point out, a change of only one vote in 20 in the 1952 voting would pull Stevenson equal to Eisenhower.

THERE are even Democrats who claim their voices audibly vibrant (with hope) that Eisenhower is determined to retire, full of honors, at the end of this term. They profess to believe that the thing is already settled (that the President has tapped Chief Justice Earl Warren for the nomination; and that it was to make sure that Warren would accept the poisoned chalice that Attorney General Herbert Brownell flew out to California to see him before his appointment was announced).

Yet this sort of Democratic speculation has a certain, hollow, whistling-in-the-dark sound. It contrasts sharply with the sound of happy confidence in the voice of one of the House Republican leaders, who remarked recently: "Of course Ike will run, and of course he'll win. He's the greatest politician in the country, as great as Franklin Roosevelt ever was—greater, because nobody's sore at Ike."

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Watkins Urges Rule To Contain Secret Testimony

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah) urged last night that testimony taken in closed sessions of Senate committees be kept secret until a majority of the committee votes to release it.

"It seems," he said, "that present executive sessions are kept secret until the first Senator reaches the committee door."

Watkins, speaking before the Student Bar Association of George Washington University, recommended several reforms for committees.

He said that two members of each committee should be present when any testimony is taken under oath.

Watkins, a law graduate of Columbia University, also urged that the dispensing officer of the Senate be given the right to withhold committee funds if committee members break rules.

Watkins also told the law students that he thought television or radio have no place in Senate or committee sessions.



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