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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 14, 1945 (It was Wednesday) Mayor C. A. Meeker tells Rotary club that "Medford people must raise their sights and think in larger terms than ever before in postwar days."

20 YEARS AGO March 14, 1935 (It was Thursday) Victor Dallaire, Medford, awarded Oregon Daily Emerald prize at University of Oregon for writing the greatest number of headlines during a one-week period.

30 YEARS AGO March 14, 1925 (It was Saturday) City police, investigating complaints about speeding on West Main st., find nine-year-old boy driving car.

40 YEARS AGO March 14, 1915 (It was Sunday) Two dozen bob white quail liberated on Alice Hanley ranch by officials of Oregon state game department.

County court orders that Jackson county exhibit at San Francisco fair be improved without delay.

What's the Answer? (Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

- 1. If the flag is displayed on a national holiday, it should be kept up even if rain or snow comes; right or wrong? 2. All the 100 largest U. S. manufacturing concerns have their stock listed on the N. Y. Stock Exchange; right or wrong? 3. F. D. Roosevelt vetoed more bills passed by Congress than did any other President; right or wrong? 4. The population of Berlin is predominantly Protestant or Catholic, or about equally divided between the two faiths? 5. Which of these movie stars was not born in the U. S.: Shirley Temple, Greer Garson, Katherine Hepburn, Judy Holiday, Grace Kelly, Rosalind Russell? 6. The Capitol at Washington does or doesn't have a room reserved for members of Congress to pray in? 7. The Abominable Snowman is a legendary creature reported in the Canadian north woods, Himalaya mountains, Antarctic or Brazilian jungles? The Answers: 1. Wrong. 2. Wrong; four of the 100 do not. 3. Right, but he served longer. 4. Predominantly Protestant. 5. Greer Garson (Ireland). 6. Does. 7. The Himalaya mountains.

"So What?" Won't Do

If there is an urgent sanitation problem in Jackson county (and there is) what do we say about it? "So what?" Sorry—that won't do. It's our problem too, even though we may live in an area where sewers are already laid and paid for; even though raw sewage doesn't run down the street in front of our house; even though we get pure water from a tap, rather than from a well situated near overflowing septic tanks and cesspools.

THERE'S the health problem, first of all. The soil in many built-up areas of the valley, outside of cities and operating sanitation districts, has been contaminated by overworked and overflowing home sewage disposal units.

The growth of housing and other development simply aggravates the problem. Wells furnish thousands of valley residents with their water. Some of these are in areas where the soil is carrying increasing amounts of sewage waste. High water can carry these wastes indiscriminately throughout the valley.

It's not a pleasant thought. If a resident of one of the problem areas were to get typhoid, or infectious hepatitis, or one of a number of forms of dysentery, the spread of the disease into epidemic proportions is not a far-fetched fear.

Flies are notorious for carrying germs. And who knows but what the fly that lights on your food hasn't just come from a contaminated area? Although no one is just sure, yet, how poliomyelitis is carried, flies are increasingly suspected.

ASIDE from the threat to health, there's the nuisance. There are some areas of the valley where the odoriferous wastes cause a real problem at certain times of the year.

Raw sewage flowing down streets and by-ways is a nauseous thought. Contamination of streams and ditches is not an idle fear—it is an actuality. And lending agencies, particularly those which operate under federal home loan guarantees, are increasingly reluctant—and rightly so—to make loans for house construction where sanitation facilities are not adequate. This is an important factor in limiting the healthy growth of the valley.

IF WE are tempted to be lazy and conclude that the problem is confined to the affected areas, we are wrong. Residents of Medford, whose health and well being are at stake, too, have a real interest in a solution.

But how is it to be accomplished? Sewage lines and disposal systems cost a great deal of money. Some areas, unassisted, cannot afford them.

Annexation of immediate fringe areas into cities which have sewage disposal facilities is only a partial solution to the situation, for not all areas are located where annexation is a logical plan.

Sanitary districts are not an entire answer, either, because of the financial problem. And, at best, such districts can offer only a piecemeal attack to a problem which affects the entire valley.

WE shall watch with interest the studies now being conducted in an attempt to find the answers. We hope that by a broad approach, the committees involved can come up with some practical solutions.

Meanwhile, it would be well for us to keep in mind that it's our problem too. The floor of the valley is, essentially, a community, despite city or district boundaries.

Only a community solution can prove to be fully adequate.—E.A.

\$1,000 Argument

One of the most interesting of the public controversies in recent years has been the hassle over fluoridation. We've never been quite able to understand the bitterness which arises every time the word is mentioned in public. But we've been an appreciative witness to the wordy battles which rage. Comes now a new chapter in the dispute.

IN SALEM last fall, a big election fight was waged over fluoridation. The proposal lost. But in the pre-election battle, opponents of fluoridation, calling themselves the "Salem Pure Water Committee" and the "Citizens Committee Against Fluoridation," took out ads in the Salem papers in which they offered a \$1,000 reward to anyone who could prove their anti-fluoridation claims were untrue. A Salem woman has filed a complaint in circuit court. In it she claimed the \$1,000 reward, maintaining she has proved the statements to be false.

IF SHE is successful (which we sort of doubt), it will open a whole new aspect of the continuing controversy. If she proves her point and collects the thousand bucks, it would harpoon the "anti's" most effective arguments. If she doesn't, the "pros" will have lost what could have been a terrific advantage. Both sides are equipped with rafts of "experts" and reams of "evidence." It may be pretty tough to prove anything in a situation as confused as the fluoridation controversy. But it'll be fun watching.—E.A.

Inquest Scheduled In Auto Fatality

Baker — (U.P.) — An inquest will be held Tuesday into the death of Eva Olvin Hale and her unborn twin daughters, Coroner Thad Beatty has announced. Mrs. Hale died Monday of injuries she suffered in an auto-

Matter of Fact

ATLAS Washington — In certain closely guarded West Coast factories — notably the Convair plant in California — work is going forward on an incredible weapon known as ATLAS. National survival may depend on whether the American ATLAS or the Soviet version of the same terrible weapon first conquers space.

ATLAS is the IBM, or inter-continental ballistic missile. Technical details are, quite properly, highly secret. But the essential characteristics which an IBM must have to do its job are well known, and what follows has been vetted to make sure that it will not be useful to the Soviet intelligence.

ATLAS is now just moving out of the design stage — indeed, there are still arguments going on about its proper configuration, and probably two or three versions will in the end be built and tested. But the general shape of the "bird" as missile men call their playthings, has been known for some time.

It will be an immense bird, a two-stage or stage - and - a - half rocket weighing 15 tons or more. It will reach, at maximum acceleration, over 20 times the speed of sound, and it will attain a fantastic height above the earth of something like 600 miles. The IBM is not a guided missile — it is aimed, like a bullet from a gun, and in the final stage of its journey through space, only the forces of Nature guide it to its victim-city.

It is this characteristic, together with its incredible speed, which makes the IBM married to a hydrogen warhead a true ultimate weapon. For the best defense against a guided missile is to befuddle its guidance system — but the IBM is not guided. A man can protect himself against a bullet with a bullet-proof shield, or by ducking out of the way. But a city cannot duck out of the way of a ballistic missile, and there is no way of erecting a shield over a city.

THERE WAS A time when ATLAS seemed a dream bird — a weapon of the very distant future. But now important technological breakthrough has been made. Here it is necessary to be vague. But it can be said that new developments in bomb design have made it possible sharply to reduce the weight of the warhead. The importance of this can be gauged by the fact that, for every pound off the warhead, something like 100 pounds are saved in over-all weight. This greatly increases the range at the same time sharply reducing thrust requirements.

Moreover, ways have been found to nudge the bird on to a desired course, throughout the first stage of its journey. This has something like the effect of increasing the length of a rifle barrel, and thus increasing the rifle's accuracy. The nudging process has partly solved the once seeming insoluble problem of hitting a target half-way round the world. And the power of the hydrogen bomb has, of course, simplified the problem far more, since several miles off

Communications

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Scantlin Corrects Date

To the Editor: I just received from my good friend Arnel Butler of Medford the clipping of the picture of the Washington school's 1915 football team which you recently published. It brought back happy memories of my boyhood in Medford for I played right tackle on that team. I believe however that the date in the caption is wrong. I hate to admit that it was earlier than 1915. But it was 1913. For I graduated from Washington school in 1914 and graduated from Medford high school in 1918. Some of the other members of that 1913 "varsity" team probably have also told you about the date. I drove back to Medford for a visit last June and saw Arnel Butler and Earl York. I am sorry I did not know that Irish Coleman and Robert Norris still lived there. I would have enjoyed seeing them also. Medford was always a nice place to live. Last year we were amazed at the hundreds of new homes and the tremendous growth the city had made since we left there in 1920. The Rogue River Valley was just as beautiful as ever. We wish we could move our clients and our advertising agency out there right now. Venning Lingle Scantlin, Scantlin & Co., Advertising 612 North Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Ill.

By Stewart Alsop

the target is close enough with a hydrogen bomb. Finally, it also now seems likely that a solution to the "problem of re-entry" will be found. When a missile leaves space and re-enters the atmosphere, it tends to burn up as a result of friction, just as most meteors are incinerated before they reach the earth. This problem may be solved by a sort of fiery strip-tease, in which all parts of the bird are progressively burned up, except for the firing mechanism and the bomb itself.

By reason of such technical progress, ATLAS is ceasing to be a dream bird. It is an oncoming reality. But is it coming on fast enough? The importance of this question is rather obvious. If the Soviets first produced this weapon in quantity, it would mean that not only our great cities, but our strategic bases as well — our means of retaliation would be at the mercy of the Kremlin. And there is not the slightest doubt that the Soviets ever since the war have been making a very great effort in the field of the long range missile.

Our own effort in this field is now at last large and efficient — run — for which the Air Force, which has responsibility for all long range missiles, deserves credit. Total Air Force missile expenditures are now on the order of \$700,000,000, and neither the ATLAS project nor the NAVAHO inter-continental ram-jet project are limited as regards funds.

YET SOMETHING IS still lacking — the sense of national urgency which has worked miracles in the past. An authoritative non-government estimate is that, given this sense of urgency plus an absolute priority, ATLAS might be in full production two years ahead of the most hopeful present schedule — perhaps even well this side of 1960. It may sound melodramatic to say so, but those two years could make the difference between national life and death.

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Mobilgas Test Cars Start Economy Run

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Twenty two new stock passenger cars sped through the California-Arizona desert early today on the first leg of the 1955 Mobilgas economy run. The cars were flagged out of a downtown Los Angeles garage at 12:01 a.m. for the first lap of the 1323-mile journey. Their initial goal was Tucson, Ariz., 519 miles from here. Another overnight stop will be made at Albuquerque, N.M., before the cars cross the finish line at the base of Pike's Peak in Colorado Springs.

The cars all were equipped with automatic transmissions for the first time in the economy run's history. Entrants were told they must average 40 miles per hour over the rugged course to qualify under the time limit of 32 hours and 50 minutes of driving.

The whooping crane, with a 90-inch wingspread, now numbers fewer than 25 in the United States. All but two winter on Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, Texas. They migrate to nesting grounds in northwest Canada.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — There is romance in the rose family, according to Mrs. Gordon Fisher, of the Arnold-Fisher rose-grower of Woburn, Mass., and she has some petals to prove it on exhibit at the National Capital Flower and Garden Show, now in progress.

Mrs. Fisher has spent a lot of time up there in Massachusetts introducing one rose seed to another and finally has come up with a blossom she calls "Love Song," so named, she says, "because a beautiful rose is like a love song."

"Love Song" the rose, Mrs. Fisher said, "is a cross between 'Peace' as the female parent and 'Orange Nassau' as the male parent. The mating was just like that, although it didn't happen by accident. Mrs. Fisher and her rose experts had a proper blueprint. Roses are funny, the lady said.

"Every seed in a rose hip (seed capsule) is different. And if you experiment, you can come up with a unique flower. That is what I did with the 'love song' and also some other roses." Mrs. Fisher also is proud of the face that her firm has developed a new rose that is a

Is That So? Status of Molotov In Russian Picture Becoming Clearer

By Eugene Burns Ranger-Naturalist

Did you know that . . . salamanders can regrow an amputated leg or lost tail?

If a human family ate in proportion to a family of birds, the everyday grocery list would have to include something like 50 loaves of bread, 25 pounds of hamburger, 10 pounds of spinach, 6 heads of lettuce and all this topped off with 30 doughnuts and a gallon of ice cream.

Seagoing birds such as the slender-winged tern drink salt water and thrive on it. Ever notice the foam on certain plants in summer? It's made by the spittlebugs. They're expensive pests — cutting alfalfa and clover yields in some areas by as much as 40 per cent.

The world's deepest bore, near Bakersfield, California, is over six miles deep—32,484 feet to be exact. At the bottom of the hole, temperatures reached 334 degrees — that's 122 degrees above boiling.

A cactus with showy yellow and reddish flowers was introduced to Australia as a pretty flowering hedge only to become



the world's greatest vegetable terror. The viciously - thorned plant ran wild and took over more than 60,000,000 acres—much of it valuable grazing and farming land.

The seemingly heavy, unwieldy bill of the hornbill is actually quite light. The outer walls are thin but strong and the insides are a network of delicate, bony fibers.

The chow and polar bears have black tongues. The true blue-bloods of the animal kingdom are the kith and kin of the lobster, crayfish and crab families. Their blue blood is due to a blue copper pigment which acts as a vehicle to carry oxygen.

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Night Watchman Has Close Call in Locker

San Antonio, Tex. — (U.P.) — Matias Bravo, a packing company night watchman, entered a cold storage locker to check the temperature when burglars slammed the door and locked him in.

After spending an hour and a half in the sub-zero temperature, Bravo finally managed to open a window in the huge locker and escape.

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst

It is possible that Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov is not feeling too good these days.

Molotov may really, as represented, be working closely with Nikita S. Khrushchev the No. 1 man in the Communist party, and Marshal A. Bulganin, the new Premier, as one of a ruling Kremlin triumvirate.

But that was an interesting dispatch which the official Moscow newspapers published last Thursday, quoting President Tito of Yugoslavia as saying a statement by Molotov "does not conform to the facts."

It could be the dispatch was published with Molotov's approval, as a political gesture to Tito.

Grim Indications It is very seldom, however, that a Russian newspaper publishes such a criticism of a top ranking Soviet leader by a foreigner.

Further, it must be remembered that the first hint that Georgi M. Malenkov was going to lose his job as Premier came in newspaper articles containing criticisms of his policies.

Molotov made a speech Feb. 8 implying that Tito had changed the policies which caused a break between him and the Kremlin in 1948.

Tito retorted sharply, in a speech last Tuesday, that Molotov's statement was incorrect. He said also, as the Moscow press reported, that some statements about Yugoslavia by eastern European leaders in general were nonsense.

Russia is trying hard to make friends with Tito again, and, as suggested, Molotov himself may have approved the quotation of his statement. But if that is so, why did Molotov have to draw Tito's report in the first place? Would it be that Khrushchev and Bulganin decided he spoke out of turn?

Living Dangerously In any event, Molotov must reflect sometimes that he has been living on borrowed time for years.

The Soviet foreign minister is one of the last of the "old Bolsheviks" who worked with Lenin. He has seen others, who had been his friends and collaborators, condemned as traitors after making shameful "confessions" which he, like everybody else, knew were false.

Molotov was premier until Stalin took over that post when he foresaw that Russia was going to be drawn into World War II. Molotov then served as foreign minister. He gave up that post to serve in a general policy making capacity as vice-premier, but became foreign minister again after Stalin's death.

At 65 years of age, Molotov can look back to 50 years of dangerous living, for he became a revolutionist when he was 15. Whether or not his position is still secure, he can never be sure.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Only extremely heavy snowfall in the next three weeks or a long wet spring can save the Columbia river basin from a water shortage this year.

The weather bureau and the soil conservation service say in their joint March forecast that rivers on the U.S. side of the Columbia basin are expected to carry only 40 to 85 per cent of the normal amount of water.

The Columbia will carry about 80 per cent of its normal flow at Grand Coulee in Washington and about 75 per cent at The Dalles in Oregon.

SO MUCH for the Columbia. Let's take a look at the watersheds closer to home to us of Southern Oregon and far Northern California. This March joint reports of the weather bureau and the soil conservation service says the summer water supply outlook is poor in much of central and eastern and Southern Oregon because of light snow packs and extremely dry soil underneath.

It adds that water content of the snow is only 75 per cent of normal for Oregon as a whole. All reports available so far indicate that the situation in Southern Oregon is somewhat worse than that—with a water content of not more than 70 per cent of normal.

IT'S too early, of course, to get badly scared. Old Jupiter Pluvius is a curious character. He has been known to dawdle on his job for months and then, in a burst of energy, to make up for all the time he has frittered away. There have been years down in this country when June has been one of our wettest months.

We could get a wet spring that would make up for all our present deficiencies. It has happened before and could happen again. So let's not worry yet.

THERE isn't much we can do (as yet, at least) about precipitation. That is governed by

the constantly varying barometric pressures and the resulting shifts in the wind currents that carry the moist air from the warmer oceans hither and yon, to be precipitated by as yet unpredictable and uncontrollable temperature changes.

But there is a LOT we can do in Southern Oregon and far Northern California in the way of storing up the water that falls in seasons of excess precipitation so that it can be used in seasons of SHORT precipitation.

That is IMMENSELY important to our future.

LET'S keep this clear in our minds. Water lies at the root of ALL values in Southern Oregon and Northern California. WITH plenty of water, our future is extremely bright. WITHOUT plenty of water, it is far less bright.

There was a time when we thought of water only in terms of growing crops — including trees and grass. Now we must think of water in terms of PROCESSING these crops. If we are to process our trees in the form of fiber (pulp and pulp products) we must have PLENTY of water — for water is an essential raw material in the making of pulp. Without plenty of water, we can't have fiber industries, such as plants for the making of pulp and paper and wallboard and such.

Power is an essential raw material in ALL manufacturing, and if we don't have power enough in ALL SEASONS OF THE YEAR we can't hope for the large industrial development to which we look forward with so much pleased anticipation.

LET'S repeat: We can't (as yet) control precipitation, but we can store up the water that falls in seasons of short precipitation.

It's none too early for us to be giving intensive thought to that problem.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday

He Was Scourged

GEO. N. TAYLOR The Whipping Master laid on with long leather lashes tipped with dried chicken bones or metal points. The victim might go into convulsions or even die. Because Christ claimed to be the Son of God He was said to have blasphemed and must be scourged.

John 19:1—"Christ was scourged." Next, on the cross, Christ took your sins, became sin in your place and died to set you free. Now, with your page cleared God can give you eternal life—"For Christ once for all died for our sins, the innocent for the guilty, that He might bring us to God"—1 Peter 3:18. After Christ had died for your sins, He was buried; then He arose and ascended back to glory, from whence He is to return and raise you who have Him as Lord and Saviour. This Message sponsored by a Beaver-ton family. —paid adv.

Hong Kong Accused Of Provoking Tension

Hong Kong — (U.P.) — Red China today accused neighboring Hong Kong's British government of provoking "tension and uneasiness" along the border with acts of "extreme unfriendliness."

The outburst by Peiping Radio was the most violent in memory against the crown colony. Startled observers feared it might foreshadow a prolonged campaign against British rule in Hong Kong.

The broadcast charged "unreasonable restrictions" have been imposed on persons wanting to enter Hong Kong from China and demanded that a "normal interflow be restored immediately."

Earlier this month the Hong Kong government ruled that Chinese entering the colony could not exceed those leaving for Red China each day. About 1000 persons pass back and forth daily.

