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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 15, 1945
(Bit Was Thursday)
Burdette L. Dodge, Medford, commissioned second lieutenant at Army officer candidate school, Fort Banning, Ga.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A special election has been set for June 22 by the legislature. It was a cute trick for the longest legislative session in state history to pick out one of the two longest days of the year for the mandate.

20 YEARS AGO
March 15, 1935
(Bit Was Friday)
T. E. Daniels reelected president of Medford Gun club; Ed Pease reelected secretary-treasurer.

Fred Hock and Willard Horn, caretakers at Diamond lake resort, unable to return to lake because of storm; made trip out on skis to get the mail and supplies.

30 YEARS AGO
March 15, 1925
(Bit Was Sunday)
Medford Attorneys Peter J. Neff and George M. Roberts leave for Salem to argue before state supreme court.

Rogue valley orchardists prepare for first smudging of season.

40 YEARS AGO
March 15, 1915
(Bit Was Monday)
Forty-seven members of Medford Hikers and Outing club visit Opp mine, near Jacksonville.

Medford band scheduled to be reorganized in spring.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
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- 1. Which carries most passengers most miles every year: the airlines, buses or railroads?
2. Is more the total U.S. farm debt held by private banks, life insurance companies, or federal land banks?
3. Auto prices have gone up relatively more than auto industry wages since World War II, or auto wages have gone up relatively more, or is it 50-50?
4. Alcoholism is ground for divorce in most states: right or wrong?
5. All 16 major-league baseball teams are doing their spring training in Florida; right or wrong?
6. Which of these mountain ranges is highest: the Alps of Europe, Andes of South America, Caucasus of Asia Minor or Rockies of North America?
7. AFL president George Meany started out as a bricklayer, cigar maker, machinist, plumber or steel worker?
The answers: 1. Railroads. 2. By life insurance companies. 3. Auto wages have gone up relatively more. 4. Right. 5. Wrong: the Giants, Cubs and Indians are in Arizona. 6. The Andes. 7. Plumber.

SP MAN PROMOTED

Portland — (U.P.) — Frank C. Nelson, freight traffic manager for the Southern Pacific here, has been promoted to freight traffic manager at San Francisco, vice president W. G. Peoples said today.

The Oil Fiasco

During the recent national campaign one of the frequent arguments against the proposal to hand over tidelands oil to the 48 states and the government instead of only four and then to the private oil companies, was that this oil, particularly out beyond the 3-mile limit didn't amount to much anyway.

In fact it was claimed that the values were so problematical and the costs of development so high, that probably only the richest and most powerful private companies would be in a position to bear the expense even of preliminary exploration.

Therefore the sensible thing to do was to give this oil to the four fortunate states having evidence of such oil, and they in turn could of course sell leases to the private companies and all would be well in "the land of the free" and the home of free enterprise!

AS a result, Senator Morse's effort to have the profits from this oil—or a part of them—go to the 48 states, including Oregon, instead of only to California, Louisiana, Texas and Florida, and from them to the half dozen largest oil companies, was defeated.

BUT now what do we see?

The tidelands oil-fields are fairly alive with private oil companies having all sorts of new-fangled super barges fitted with the latest oil-pumping equipment which are busy as so many bees at swarming time. These operations have barely started but already Secretary McKay is boasting of soon putting the Interior Department on a self-sustaining basis, and predicts profits to the government of billions, as a result of the private enterprise arrangement.

IN the current fiscal year ending June 30th, the federal revenue from this oil he says, will add up to \$150,000,000, and as this represents only one-sixth of the total profit then five sixths or \$750,000,000 must be going elsewhere—to the private oil companies of course.

This certainly comes under the heading of "nice work if you can get it!"

If the efforts of Senator Morse and Senator Hill had succeeded, other billions going to the states, as a whole, would be added, and Oregon would today be getting the share to which it is rightfully entitled. As a result the problem might not be how Oregon can balance the state budget but how to spend its surplus, particularly in the direction of bigger and better schools and more satisfactory public education, as well as other public improvements.

BUT the Big Oil Lobby, as usual, won.

The "Big Boys" knew what the so-called tidelands oil bill would do for them if the people didn't, and the politicians, particularly in California and Texas knew also. Such a combination would have been hard to beat under the best circumstances, but in the political climate prevailing in the 1954 campaign, it was—and proved to be—impossible.

BUT all hope is not lost.

It may be too late to do anything effective about this "oil grab" this year, but eventually it is safe to predict, a real effort will be made to at least have some of these billions from our national oil resources, go to Oregon and the other states as it should, instead of to only four of them.

As has been remarked in this department before, nothing is really settled until it is settled RIGHT.

And the tidelands oil problem settlement was, in the opinion of this paper, 100% wrong.—R.W.R.

No Tipster?

Walter Winchell has never been one of our favorite news broadcasters but we have listened to him enough to know that one of his favorite stunts is and always has been, to give "tips" on the stock market, also tips on horse-races and even prize-song contests.

But over the air Sunday night under the vigorous cross-examination of Senator Capehart of Indiana, Winchell denied ever giving tips as that word is generally understood—on the stock market.

No, he only gave the facts—simple information—much of it taken from the newspapers, particularly the front page of the staid reliable and unsensational New York Times!

TO support this surprising statement Mr. Winchell called in the evidence of the President of the American Stock Exchange who said that as far as Winchell's remarks on one particular stock was concerned, Winchell stated only the facts.

Time and again the "Broadway Broadcaster" parried all inquiries as to his tipster habits, by referring to this one corroboration of one particular item in one broadcast.

WE fear that "line" will not be sufficient to convince Winchell's "millions of listeners" that he never has given "tips" on the stock market and elsewhere.

A tip on a stock, a horse or a prize-song, may be entirely factual—true in every respect,—and yet broadcast over the country, the implication will not only be generally regarded as a tip, but a hot one from the horses mouth often the trigger for all sorts of financial plunging by small operators which may or may not be profitable to the plunger—more frequently the latter.

Why the double-talk Walter?

Perhaps if and when Mr. Winchell appears before the Senate Investigating committee his angle may be more clearly apparent. We hope so.—R.W.R.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Time: The earlier hours of the morning shift. Place: An office chair in front of a typewriter. Person of the drama: ME — staring off into space and wondering what the heck's worth writing about today. It's a glum situation.

SUDDENLY—

The telephone rings. It's Bing, of Bing's Cafe. He has a story to tell me. I'll pass it on.

TWO BIG busses pulled up in front of his place a little while ago. They were loaded with young people from San Francisco University, on their way to Corvallis to take in the big NCAA basketball playoff. They'd been traveling most of the night and needed nourishment.

One of them was a handsome blond blue-eyed youngster in his early 20's. He was a DOUBLE AMPUTEE — both arms gone at the shoulder. His seat companion took off the armless boy's shoes, washed his feet with a damp cloth, and he then proceeded to feed himself with his right foot, using his great toe and the second toe as a thumb and finger.

His companions took it all in stride, laughing and chattering, paying him no heed, giving him no cause to feel that he was doing something out of the ordinary, making him feel that he was just one of the crowd. That's true and thoughtful courtesy—a shining example of the Golden Rule in action.

BREAKFAST over, they played the juke box for a few minutes, then trooped back into the busses, gay and cheerful — and, Bing says, the handsome blond blue-eyed double amputee perhaps the gayest and lightest-hearted of them all.

THANK YOU, Bing.

I needed that story. It did me a lot of good.

I hope it does everybody a lot of good.

PS:

IF YOU see something like that... some example of GREAT human adversity being accepted with light-hearted good humor and high and deathless courage... some incident of true and thoughtful courtesy on the part of people generally toward some fellow human being who NEEDS true and thoughtful courtesy and help... call me up and tell me about it, won't you? I'd like to print it.

I HAVE the feeling that our newspapers and our radios and our TV's have acquired somewhere the notion that the shady side of life is the side that people want to hear about.

So— I fear— We of the newspaper and we of the radio may be OVER-EMPHASIZING the shady side of life. WE AREN'T ALONE IN THAT. Get into any good gossip session — men or women — and I think you'll find that incidents WITH A BITE IN THEM predominate in the conversation over incidents with a kindly flavor.

AS A result, I fear, we're falling into what I believe to be the DELUSION that the world is a rather wicked place in which the bad predominates over the good. I don't believe that's true. I'd like to get some proof to back me up.

Bills in Legislature

Salem — (U.P.) — The House has approved unanimously a bill that would extend the time limit for repaying veteran loans on farms from 20 to 25 years. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Action on a bill relating to libel actions against newspapers and radio stations was held over to permit absent members to discuss it. Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg), chairman of the Judiciary Committee which reported the bill to the floor, said Rep. Pat Dooley (D-Portland) wished to oppose the libel measure. It would limit libel judgments against newspapers, periodicals, radio and television stations to special damages in cases where the libel resulted from and innocent mistake.

The House also approved a bill that would create a judicial council composed of Supreme and Circuit Court judges to improve the state's judicial processes. Rep. Al Loucks (R-Salem) commended the Judiciary Committee for bringing out a bill that would solve some of Oregon's problems without creating a new board or commission and without asking for a money appropriation.

Also passed in the House were two bills to permit taxpayers to change their tax filings from the accrual to the cash basis without double taxation.

The Senate approved its full calendar without debate. The agenda included a House-passed

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Mario Scelba, Italy Premier on Shaky Pins as Party Leader

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst

Premier Mario Scelba of Italy, who is coming to the United States next week on an official visit, may become former Premier Scelba soon after his return home.

Scelba has made an excellent record during his 13 months in office. He has reached a settlement with Yugoslavia of the long bitter Trieste dispute. He has succeeded in getting both houses of the Italian Parliament to approve ratification of the treaties providing for West German armament.

During Scelba's prime ministry the Communists, who rightly regard him as their enemy No. 1, have lost steadily in party membership and labor influence. But the coalition which has enabled Scelba's Christian Democratic Party to remain in office shows signs of coming to pieces.

Further, Scelba has an ambitious rival for leadership in his own party in the person of Amintore Fanfani, who represents the younger element with his "democratic initiative" faction.

The two houses of parliament are to elect a President of Italy in May, to succeed Luigi Einaudi.

The Scelba government must resign then, as a formality, and it is being predicted that Fanfani may be able to grab the post of Premier.

Fanfani is secretary general of the Christian Democratic Party, and thus in control of the party machinery. He succeeded to that post after the death last August of former Premier Alcide De Gasperi.

Scelba, 53 years old, is short, plump, bald and deceptively smiling. But he is a tough man. When other anti-Fascist leaders went abroad during the Mussolini era, Scelba remained at home.

Headed Anti-Fascists
His law office became a national anti-Fascist headquarters,

memorial to Congress asking for federal funds for water resources investigations.

Salem — (U.P.) — Rep. Al Loucks (R-Salem) has declared he was prepared to fight for a bill that would authorize state deductions from paychecks of state employees for United Fund contributions.

Loucks, former mayor of Salem, professed shock at the demand from Rep. Lorán L. Stewart (R-Cottage Grove) that the United Fund be tithed for such service.

Stewart warned in a State and Federal Affairs Committee meeting that he would fight the bill on the floor of the House unless the state was reimbursed for its administrative costs in making the United Fund deductions from pay checks.

Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg) said he was disturbed at the proposal that the state perform such services for a private charity. He said he had no argument with the merits of United Fund causes.

The committee approved two bills relating to disposal of obsolete and worn out equipment owned by the State Board of Health and the state police.

The Golden Gate Bridge at San Francisco has a 60-foot roadway carrying six lanes of traffic and two 10½ foot sidewalks for pedestrians.

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

NOT REALLY SO MYSTERIOUS
Editor's note: This report by Stewart Alsop on American policy in the Formosa crisis as seen from Washington will be followed by further reports by Joseph Alsop on this policy as seen from Asia.

American policy in the present crisis over Formosa and the off-shore islands has been much criticized as a fuzzy and obscure. But it is not really so mysterious after all—except in one vitally important respect.

In the first place, there is not the slightest doubt about the real underlying objective of American policy in the Formosa area. The objective is a cease-fire in the Formosa Strait.

No one imagines, least of all Secretary of State Dulles, that the Chinese Communists are going to sign a formal treaty abandoning their claims to Formosa. Such a treaty would hardly be worth much anyway. What is hoped for, instead, is a kind of de facto, informal understanding—a private deal, backed by force and realities of geography, and thus having some real meaning.

Secretary Dulles, when he met British Foreign Minister Sir Anthony Eden in Bangkok, made it perfectly clear that he would accept this sort of deal. He also made it clear, without spelling it out in so many words, that in order to get such a deal the United States is prepared to "persuade" Chiang Kai-shek to withdraw his forces from Quemoy and Matsu. But this cannot be done rudely or suddenly. A lull of several months is needed to make it possible to do the unpleasant job of persuasion gradually and with a saving of faces all round.

The almost simultaneous speeches by Secretary Dulles and Foreign Minister Eden were thus two sides of the same coin. Neither was in the least surprised by what the other had to say. Indeed, the whole thing was something of a Tweedledee-and-Tweedledum offer ending the carrot to the Chinese donkey, while Tweedledum Dulles branched the stick.

IN his replies to questions after his statement to the House of Commons, Eden dropped the broadest possible hints that his carrot—the offshore islands in return for a de facto cease fire in the Strait—was offered the full approval of Secretary Dulles. But the Dulles stick was real too—also no one knows just what sort of stick it may turn out to be.

For if the Chinese Communists are unwise enough to attack the offshore islands in strength, this country will support the Chinese Nationalist defenders, with air attacks on military positions on the Chinese mainland. This much was decided in principle even before Secretary Dulles left for Asia. Thus repeated statements that "President Eisenhower will decide" are somewhat specious. They are partly designed to allow future freedom of action, but partly also to restrain some of the more impetuous spirits in the Pentagon and on Formosa.

It may be of course, that if the Communists do launch an attack on the offshore islands, some excellent reason for backing down will be found. But at the moment it is the overwhelming majority view in the White House, the State Department, and the Pentagon that this country cannot stand aside in case of an all-out Communist

attack, without risking the rapid loss of all Asia. What really is mysterious about American policy is thus whether we will defend the off-shore island in case of Communist attack, and how we will defend the islands.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff believe unanimously that the islands can be held, if the United States is prepared to mount heavy air attacks on mainland military installations, using nuclear clear weapons if necessary. The planning in the Pentagon and on Formosa as well is on the basis that small atomic bombs will be used if needed.

But there has never been a formal decision on this point—the issue has never really been faced up to. This is the decision—a and a nightmarish one—which is quite genuinely up to the President. The President naturally devoutly hopes that it will never be necessary to make this decision, and that some such tacit understanding as that described above can in the course of time be worked out.

PERHAPS it will. But recently the British Ambassador in Peking, Sir Humphrey Trevelyan, visited the Chinese Communist Foreign Minister Chou En-lai to feel him out on the islands-for-peace deal. For his pains, Trevelyan was told flatly that the Chinese Communists meant to take not only Quemoy and Matsu but the Pescadores and Formosa—this year. This is precisely what Chou En-lai has told Burmese Premier U Nu, and U Nu in his turn reported to Secretary Dulles when Dulles was in Rangoon. It is precisely what the Chinese all comers have been telling all comers, public and private.

The whole thing may be some curious, illogical Oriental bluff. It is faintly encouraging that Chinese Communist propaganda about retaking Formosa has slackened off in recent weeks. But it would surely be unwise to proceed on the assumption that the Communists are bluffing, or that the time of decision will never come.

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Ontario Auto Crash Leaves Two Dead

Ontario, Ore.—(U.P.)—Two persons were killed and one injured when their car struck the Oregon end of the interstate bridge near here early today.

Sgt. Russell Haynes of the Oregon state police said the dead were Mrs. Pat Hendrix, about 23, of Nyssa, Ore., and Norman Dale Stathopoulos, 24, of Nampa, Ida. Injured critically was the driver of the car, 24-year-old Ted Crosby of New Plymouth, Ida.

Haynes said the vehicle hit one side of the bridge, swerved across the road and rolled for more than 80 feet.

The accident occurred about 2:30 a.m., Haynes said.

Vacuum Tube Inventor

In California Hospital

Santa Monica, Calif. — (U.P.) — Dr. Lee De Forest, 81, the inventor of the vacuum tube which made modern radio possible, today was reported critically ill in St. John's hospital here.

De Forest was rushed to the hospital yesterday with bronchial pneumonia. His physician, Dr. W. L. Marxer, said the inventor's amazing vitality gave him a good chance of surviving the attack.

De Forest has more than 300 patents on his various inventions. His vacuum tube has made radio, television and motion picture sound tracks possible.

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