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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 23, 1945
(it was Friday)
Mail Tribune announces that, due to wartime newsprint shortage, the newspaper will be restricted to four pages each day.

20 YEARS AGO
March 23, 1935
(it was Saturday)
Record depth of 13 feet of snow reported at Crater lake.
Ernest Neidermeyer catches a thief stealing gasoline from his tractor.
30 YEARS AGO
March 23, 1925
(it was Monday)
Large crowds attend closing out sale conducted at Eagle Point by F. J. McPherson.
Grand jury called to investigate dry agents entering a Jackson county home by mistake.
40 YEARS AGO
March 23, 1915
(it was Tuesday)
Russell Edmeades and party of boys set off skyrockets on top of Remy Ann after traveling minister predicts that the peak will erupt.
May 11, 1916 announced as official opening date for new Medford Federal building being constructed at Sixth and Holly sts.

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report
1. Cash income per person is highest in New England, the Middle West or the Pacific Coast states?
2. Number of business mergers these days is relatively high or low, or about average?
3. Are there more Baptists, Lutherans or Methodists in the U. S.?
4. Which one of these was not in President Roosevelt's Four Freedoms: from fear, to worship, of speech, not to incriminate one's self, from want?
5. Bill Graham is a well known jockey, basketball player, TV commentator, evangelist or Navy commander in the Far East?
6. The N. Y. Yankees are spring training at Tampa, St. Petersburg or Orlando, Florida; Phoenix, Ariz., or Havana, Cuba?
7. Mrs. Roosevelt is or isn't still on the U. S. delegation to the U. N.?
The Answers: 1. Pacific Coast states. 2. High. 3. More Baptists. 4. Not to incriminate one's self. 5. Evangelist. 6. St. Petersburg. 7. Isn't

Kiwanis Club Division Meeting Set Sunday
The Medford Kiwanis club will be host Sunday, March 27, to a spring conference of Division 15 of the Kiwanis clubs. About 50 persons from clubs of the area are expected to be here. The session will be held

East-West Traffic Bottleneck

If population in the Medford area continues to increase in the near future as it has in recent months it may be necessary to speed up plans for providing additional traffic links between the east and west portions of the city.

THE study of Medford's traffic which was made by the Oregon State Highway Commission's traffic engineering division in cooperation with the city and released last fall rated the east-west problem as second only in importance to the need for a change in the route of Highway 99 which now runs through the center of the city.

Traffic counts made in the course of the highway commission engineers' survey revealed that Main and Sixth streets, the two principal east-west arteries are carrying around 16,000 vehicles per day in the central business district. The figures were obtained by automatic counters in 1953 and at that time it was estimated that because of the continuing growth in population the city's overall traffic will increase 93 per cent by 1970.

That the growth estimate was probably too much on the under side, at least for 1954 and so far in 1955, is attested by the already experienced large influx of people in recent months. The Mail Tribune's average paid circulation, for instance, has zoomed from 14,617 in February of last year to 15,271 in the same month this year, a 4.47 per cent hike.

THE engineers recommended that the city extend Sixth street over Bear creek by constructing a viaduct over the stream and across Hawthorn park to connect with Main street in the neighborhood of Almond street. It was further recommended that Sixth street then be used for westbound traffic only, as far as the Sixth and Main street intersection at Mistletoe, and that Main street from Mistletoe to Almond streets be restricted to eastbound traffic.

It was recognized that construction of the viaduct would entail considerable expense, but the engineers pointed out that Medford cannot expect Main street to carry the growing load on a two-way basis indefinitely.

Residents who have occasion to drive from one side of town to the other during the heavy traffic hours, or in fact during most any of the daylight hours, will agree with the engineers that steps to relieve the situation should not wait too much longer. —E.C.F.

Oregon Attractions Listed

Oregon visitors, and natives too, looking for an excuse to go some place this spring and summer will find plenty of attractions in the schedule of celebrations and other activities just published by the Travel Information Division of the Oregon State Highway Department at Salem. Over 300 events of more or less state-wide interest are included, among them many in southern Oregon.

In the list are such major attractions as the White Water Parade, McKenzie River, April 24; Fleet of Flowers, Depoe Bay, May 30; Portland Rose Festival, June 8 to 12; Timber Carnival, Albany, July 2 and 4; Water Pageant, Bend, July 2 and 4; Miss Oregon Pageant, Seaside, July 15 to 17; Shakespearean Festival, Ashland, August 1 to 31; Oregon State Fair, Salem, September 3 to 10; Astoria Salmon Derby, August 27 to September 5; Pendleton Roundup, September 15 to 17, and Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland, October 17 to 22.

AMONG the events expected to bring many visitors into the Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls region are:

Oregon Open Golf Tournament, Medford, March 24 to 27; Three-State Barbershop Quartet contest, Klamath Falls, April 2; Spring Festival and Hobby Show, and Southern Oregon Rabbit Show, Grants Pass, April 2 and 3; Pear Blossom Festival, Medford, April 23; State DeMolay Convention, Medford, May 6 to 8; Oregon Collegiate Golf Conference, Klamath Falls, May 21; Josephine County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo, Grants Pass, May 28 and 29; State Elks Convention, Ashland, June 2 and 5; Third Southern Oregon Mineral Show, Medford, June 18 and 19; Oregon State Life Underwriters Assn., Convention, Medford, June 24 and 25; Klamath Basin Roundup, Klamath Falls, July 2 and 4; Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration, Ashland, July 3 and 4; Grand Pacific Trapshoot, Medford, July 20 to 24; Building Trades Council, Medford, July 23 and 24; Oregon State Federation of Labor Convention, Medford, July 25 to 30; Rogue Valley Round-up, Medford, July 29 and 30; Izaak Walton League Sportsmen's Show, Medford, August 9; Shakespearean Festival, Ashland, August 1 to 31; Gladiolus Festival, Grants Pass, August 17 and 20; Jackson County 4-H and FFA Fair, Medford, August 17 to 20; Klamath Junior Fall Fair, Klamath Falls, August 21 to 23; Southern Oregon Golf Championships, Medford, September 1 to 5; Southern Oregon Dog Show, Medford, September 4; Womens Christian Temperance Union State Convention, Medford, September 7 to 9; Tri-State Dokk Convention, Medford, October 7 to 9; Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge Ceremonial, Medford, October 9 to 11.

A complete list of presently scheduled events throughout the state may be obtained by writing the Travel Information Division at Salem. —E.C.F.

at the Jackson hotel. The meetings will open at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, and will close with a noon luncheon. All club officers and directors will attend and all Kiwanians, particularly committee chairmen, are invited, officers pointed out.

Is That So?

By Eugene Burns
Ranger-Naturalist
It's an amazing world! . . . A tree continues to grow as long as it is alive although after it reaches a certain size—depending upon the species and the food supply—the rate of growth slows. But some trees continue to grow for thousands of years.



Perhaps the world's oldest living tree is in the village of Santa Maria del Tule, Mexico. It is a bald cypress with a trunk diameter of 41 feet. Three specialists have estimated its age at close to 5,000 years. Some of the giant redwoods in California run it a close second—they are estimated to be around 4,000 years.

The mangrove has a remarkable way of reproducing its own kind. It grows heavy long seedlings on the branches of the parent tree and these drop off when they are from six to eight inches long. Most drop straight down into the mud at the base of the parent mangrove or are carried a few feet away before lodging to grow and branch and in time transform a solitary tree into a dense mangrove forest.

Because it grows in salty marshes which are covered with water when the tide is in, the mangrove gets part of its oxygen from roots that grow upside down—toward the sun, actually out of the soil and into the air. These roots have tiny minute breathing holes. The air is conveyed through these to the spongy interior and through this spongy mass it descends to the roots which are enveloped in water.

The bald cypress of our southern swamps solves its oxygen-supply in yet another way. It also has a habit of growing in swamp-land—where the ground may be flooded at least a large portion of the year. What to do? To provide breathing organs out of water, it grows "knees" which project up from the roots and above the surface of the water. Through these roots, it breathes.

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

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer
Washington—(U.P.)—In nearly half a century, Elton Howard Brown probably has looked over more inventions than any man who ever lived. Brown (Brownie to patent lawyers and other intimates) will complete 50 years with the U.S. Patent Office this year. He is head of the patent reference branch of the system, which will be 165 years old April 10. "I may retire and invent something myself," the old expert said. Hopeful inventors, young and old, flock to Brownie every working day of the year, dreaming of inventing a better flea trap or anything else that would make the world "beat a path to their door."

"You'd be surprised what people don't know about inventions, inventors, even," he said. "Every once in awhile some clown comes in carrying a whittled stick of wood and tries to sell us the idea he invented the toothpick. The toothpick surely was invented, but the person who did the inventing must have died broke for it never was patented." Brownie has watched progress. One of the latest gimmicks is

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
These words are written in Reno (not a gambling fling; just passing through). The weather is nippy. The weather bureau reported ten above this morning, and hazards the guess that it will be at least that cold come daylight tomorrow. Possibly because of the bite in the air, there is no dearth of accommodations in this business capital of the state of Nevada this evening. "No Vacancy" signs are almost as numerous as shrines of the Goddess of Chance—which is another way of saying they are by no means scarce.

OVER the air waves during the day, the weather experts have been explaining the current cold snap. There is a "ridge" of high pressure along the Pacific Coast, they say. The weather moves from west to east. Ahead of a high pressure area (which means to the east of it) the winds blow clockwise around the center, which means that a high pressure area is preceded by north winds coming from the icy arctic parts.

In the case of a low pressure area, the helpful weather bureau says, the winds blow counterclockwise around the center, which is thus preceded by warm winds from the south. I can't say that all this scientific jargon keeps your ears any warmer when you step out into the cold north wind, but at least it is interesting. And, I suppose, every little bit of knowledge added to what you have now makes just a little bit more.

If one could live long enough in these days, he might eventually become educated. THE great interior basin is dry this year. The ground from Tulare to Alturas has only occasional patches of snow. To the west, the high Sierra glens white along the summit, but to the east the lofty ridges are just nicely powdered with snow and not much more. To the south of Alturas, the Madeline plains are as dry as they ought to be in midsummer. The ground has that crackly look that betokens not much moisture under the surface. The chilly wind whips up dust clouds that go scooting off toward the hills like bands of antelope.

Down toward Susanville, Honey lake is bordered by wide patches of dry ground instead of lapping clear up to the edges of the surrounding pasture land, as it should be doing at this season of the year. All in all, it looks like the dry cycle that according to the tree ring record is considerably overdue might be in the offing.

ALL of which brings home to us of southern Oregon and northern California—where water lies at the root of all values—that it is high time for us to be giving serious thought to the necessity to STORE UP in the seasons of excess precipitation the water we will need so sorely in the seasons of deficient precipitation. We can't do much in the way of influencing the rain gods to shower down upon us any more

Yalta Papers Put Sobering Light On Call for Big Power Meeting

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent
Washington—(U.P.)—Careful examination of the Yalta papers in a sobering light the current hullabaloo about a top level big power meeting.



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But another cause was the failure of the late President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill to do their homework. They went to Yalta unprepared on the evidence of the written record, and far from agreed on several basic issues which they were to discuss. Another Yalta? If the United States government is prepared now to send President Eisenhower properly briefed to a meeting with the heads of the Soviet and British governments, there is mighty little evidence of it here. Secretary of State Dulles has been busy with other matters, all of them related in one way or another with the cold war, it is true.

That would not be sufficient, however, to establish U.S.-British accord and give great promise to a Big Three or Big Four meeting soon. Another Yalta easily could come from such a meeting unless the American president and the British prime minister who sat down with the Russians were well briefed and agreed on what they wanted, how much they would trade to get it and the actual limits of compromise to which they would go. "Good Faith" Missing There was no such understanding at Yalta. Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill more or less disagreed there on the status of Asia colonial states, on methods of dealing with Germany after the war, whether to whack up areas of influence with the Russians in the Balkans, on territorial concessions to get the Russians into the Japanese war, and, finally, on adequate supervision of post-war Polish elections. There was little else in the way of specific problems on which Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill could agree or disagree. Generalissimo Josef Stalin often was in a position to play one against the other, and did. Mr. Eisenhower, himself, has made certain stipulations in the past with respect to any big power meeting. He has insisted that the Russians give some evidence of good faith—acts, not words—before he undertakes to negotiate directly with them. There is ample opportunity for Moscow to meet that condition. If there has been any Russian move to meet the President's conditions, it has not been publicly reported in Washington.

Former Hitler Enemy May Become Thorn For Bonn Government

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst
Otto Strasser, who once was Adolf Hitler's bitter enemy, is likely to become enemy No. 1 of the West German Republic before long.



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many last week with a ready-made extreme right-wing political party awaiting him. He had organized the "League For German Revival," and kept in touch with it, in correspondence with his supporters in Germany during his years of exile on a farm near Bridgetown, Nova Scotia. Strasser took back with him some ambitious plans. He announced he would work for the unification of Germany and for the restoration of all the territory it lost as the result of the war. Germany, he said, should become an "armed neutral," aligned neither with the Western Allies nor with Russia. State Ownership "We need armed neutrality," he said. "A neutrality not linked with either Wall Street or the Kremlin but one which would cooperate strongly with Sweden and Switzerland."

As a one-time Socialist, Strasser still believes in state ownership. But Strasser says he now is a "solidarist." "Solidarism," he explained, "is basically opposed to Marxism as well as to capitalism. I reject Marxism, centralism and bureaucracy." It was with meaningless gibberish that Hitler worked himself into power. What Strasser really wants to do is to build up an extremist movement in hope that some day he can grab power as Hitler did.

But last November, Strasser finally won a long court fight to get himself declared a German citizen—the Nazis had deprived him of his citizenship in 1934—and there was no longer any legal way to keep him out of the country. Party Already Waiting So Strasser went back to Germany from Canada, where he had been living since 1941. Strasser arrived back in Ger-

water than they have it in mind to pour out of the jug, but we can take steps to SAVE UP the water that does fall in the winter season so that we may use it in the dry summer months. Our economy depends so COMPLETELY upon an adequate supply of water that we can't afford to neglect any steps that we can take to conserve our water supply and put it to the fullest possible beneficial use.

It is, as everyone knows, too early to be getting scared, too weather is a temperamental creature. When it chooses to do so, it can go from a period of deficiency to one of water surplus with surprising speed. But at least this spring is a reminder to us that we'd better be doing some serious thinking about the future.

inventor Hunt ever got very much. You'd think the safety pin would have done it, but apparently his notion didn't catch on right away. A patent expires after 17 years, Brownie said, and after that anybody can manufacture the product. The old fellow has looked at some pretty odd contraptions. In 1903, some farmer who had a near-sighted rooster in his flock invented a pair of eyeglasses for him, and got a patent on the specs. During the Civil war, some person came up with a combination plow and gun. Thomas Ava Edison probably held the most patents among inventors of all time. He received some 1100. Abraham Lincoln called the patent system "the fuel of interest to the fire of genius," and his words are carved over the door of the Patent Office.

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