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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

April 4, 1945
(It was Wednesday)
Postmaster Frank DeSouza announces that Stanley G. Sherwood, who was recently discharged from the Navy, will return to his former post as clerk at the post office.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A Paris seer reports the world will come to an end on May 10 and fall to pieces. Conservatives feel people will wake up on May 11 and find the world still functioning.

20 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1935
(It was Thursday)
Officers of newly formed Applegate Protective association include Fred Litchen, Clarence Buck, Claus Kleinhammer, Edward Kubli, Leon Offenbacher, and Albert Collings.

Moving pictures playing in Medford include "Mississippi," with Bing Crosby, W. C. Fields, and Joan Bennett; "Babes in Toyland," with Laurel and Hardy, and "David Copperfield," with Lionel Barrymore, Edna May Oliver, Lewis Stone, Roland Young, and Freddie Bartholomew.

30 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1925
(It was Saturday)
Medford High school typing team, under direction of Mrs. E. C. Jerome, wins county honors in contest at Ashland.

Frederick Heath recovers from tonsilectomy and returns to work at his drug store.

40 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1915
(It was Sunday)
Medford GAR plans observance of 50th anniversary of surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee to General U. S. Grant at Appomattox.

U. S. Collins resigns as superintendent of Medford schools.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

1. Which of these fields of business activity are in a slump at present: shipbuilding, coal mining, textiles?
2. An unnaturalized alien can be deported for having belonged to the Communist Party when under 21; right or wrong?
3. Cities of about the same size have about the same number of auto deaths every year; right or wrong?
4. Average gasoline tax in the 48 states is about 5c a gallon, considerably higher or considerably lower?
5. On the back of a \$10 bill is a sketch of the White House, Capitol, Mt. Vernon, Treasury building, or Independence Hall?
6. The game of lacrosse has 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 men to a side?
7. "Don't cheer men; those poor devils are dying," was said by a U.S. officer in a naval victory in the Civil War, war with Spain, World War I, or World War II?

The Answers: 1. All three. 2. Right. 3. Wrong. 4. About 5c. 5. Treasury building. 6. Ten. 7. War with Spain.

Because there is no adequate coal supply, most of the iron ore mined in Sweden is exported to other countries.

Cancer

My mother died of cancer. In just a few years it changed her from a gay, lovely woman into one for whom death was a release. When my mind ranges back to those last years I find myself cringing slightly from the unhappy memories—from the sheer waste of talent and joy of which the disease robbed her.

CANCER kills people, and it does it cruelly.

It is slowly being conquered, but the progress is being measured in the lives of children (who also die of cancer) and of the millions of others stricken by the mysterious, insidious disease.

It is also being measured in the lives of those now living who would have died if treated by yesterday's methods, and in the lives of those who, next year or the year after, will become ill, and who will be cured by methods now only guessed at.

THE answer is research; the slow, methodical testing of theories, the gradual putting-together of bits and pieces of information, the experimental use of new drugs, new methods of surgery, new applications of radiation techniques.

Research costs money. The American Cancer society, which foots the bill for much of the cancer research being done these days, is supported by contributions from you and from me. Its annual drive for funds is now under way, and will continue through April.

When I give what I can afford this year, it will be with the memory of my mother in mind, and with the hope that my wife and children and I will be spared—through research—what she suffered.—E.A.

SB 434

Copies of State Senator Philip Lowry's Senate Bill 434, introduced at the behest of many Jackson county people who are worried about the increasing threat of sewage disposal difficulties, have been received in Medford and studied by many of those most vitally concerned with the problem.

By and large they approve the bill, both in general outline and in the specifics of the operations set up by the measure.

WE've looked over the 28-page measure, and find that a tremendous amount of work has gone into its preparation. There may be one or two spots in which minor amendments would solve specific problems, but these are mere details.

We hope the legislature will have time to consider the proposal, and pass it. Some answer along those lines (and right now it looks like SB 434 provides a good answer) is desperately needed in Jackson county.

Senator Lowry and the two Lane county senators, who, with Representatives Mann and Littrell co-sponsored the measure, deserve our thanks for the job they have done on this important legislation.

They can best be thanked by letters of encouragement and support with regard to SB 434.—E.A.

Why Freedom?

There's one thing that's too easy to forget. And that is this: This country was founded on the theory that there is no such thing as too much freedom.

THE theory has been denied. It has been contravened. It has been nibbled at. It has been assailed.

But, given a chance, it has worked pretty well. Over the years we have worked out a system, laid down in principle and theory by the founding fathers, that lets us do pretty much what we want to as long as we don't harm anyone else doing it.

The system is not popular with those who think everyone should feel and act and react the way they do. They would draw up the rules and regulations for others to live by.

BUT who are the "others?"

They are you and your friends. You are in a minority. Whether you are a Protestant or a Catholic or a Jew; whether you're English or Scotch or Syrian or African—you belong to a minority.

And remember, if all those who are not Protestants or Catholics or Jews or English or Scotch or Syrians or Africans—if all those who form a majority of which you are not a member, suddenly decide that you should follow the rules they lay down for you, what defense do you have?

NEXT time you feel impelled to say to yourself, "Such-and-such shouldn't be allowed to . . ." remember that there's someone who feels the same way about you.

When your neighbor's freedom is infringed, so is yours. When Jehovah's Witnesses are denied a meeting place, the Methodists, under differing conditions, may be next. When a black man is denied a home, think what might happen to your friend, whose grandfather happened to be a Russian, if mankind were to revert to the insanity of war and intolerance.

EACH person must follow his God and his conscience in his own way, or all may be denied that right.

You can disagree with anyone—that's fine, that creates a varied and colorful and vivid culture. But if you take away his rights, you have undercut your own by just that much. And you may be next.—E.A.

Matter of Fact

STEVENSON AND HARRIMAN
Washington—If Adlai Stevenson wants the Democratic nomination, he can have it for the asking. On this point the shrewdest observers in the Democratic party are now agreed. But they also agree that, if he wants to run, Stevenson will have to pass the word soon—probably by September of October.

No one supposes that Stevenson is going to get up on a roof and shout at the top of his lungs that he wants another try at the White House. There are more delicate ways of making his wishes known.

For example, a move is already on foot to revive the Citizens organization, on a skeletal basis. But obviously the organization will not be received without Stevenson's tacit consent. Or take the case of Pat Brown, Attorney General of California. Brown is believed to be the only Democrat with a chance of beating Republican Sen. Thomas Kuchel next year.

Brown has let it be known that he will run only on condition that Stevenson is the standard-bearer. If he is going to run, Brown must begin organizing fairly soon for the primary contest. Thus, if Brown decides to run, or if the Citizens for Stevenson movement is revived, this will be taken by the initiated as a sure sign that Stevenson is going to try again.

There are plenty of other signal flags which Stevenson can hang out, and which the initiated can read without a code book. If the signal flags spell "yes"—and if they are hung out fairly soon—that will be that, in the now almost universal opinion among informed Democrats.

This is not because Stevenson is universally loved in his Party. He is not. But he is at least reasonably acceptable to most sections of the Party—more so than any other candidate presently visible. Thus a fight, inevitable in the case of any other candidate, can be avoided if Stevenson "goes."

ANOTHER reason why Stevenson can have the nomination for the asking—if he asks soon enough—is that the prize is not thought to be worth a great deal. The great majority of Democrats privately believe that, in a repeat of the 1952 race, Stevenson would be beaten again, perhaps worse than last time. But they think anyone else would be beaten worse than Stevenson.

Suppose the Stevenson signal flags read "no—but I'm for Averell Harriman." They are much more likely to read this way than a simple "no." According to reliable report, on their recent get-together in Albany, Stevenson and New York's Gov. Harriman reached an unspoken agreement by a sort of mental telepathy. This telepathic understanding, put into words, might read about as follows:

Harriman: I'm for you if you run, Adlai, but I'm for myself if you don't.
Stevenson: I'm for you if I don't.

Stevenson might well be able to put Harriman across, if he had a mind to. As Governor of the biggest state, after all, Harriman has a perfectly legitimate claim. He has a useful habit of success. And with Stevenson out, the Northern professionals, like New York's Carmine DeSapio, Pittsburgh's Mayor David Lawrence, Connecticut's John Bailey, and Richard Daley of Chicago (who looks like becoming Stevenson's long-sought James Farley), would be most likely to agree on Harriman. And they might well have the votes to nominate him, over the opposition of the South.

But suppose that the Stevenson signal flags read, "I haven't made up my mind yet," and continue to read that way month after month. Then the situation is likely to start coming apart at the seams. For Democratic observers agree that there is a point beyond which Stevenson cannot hold back—and that point is not many months away.

IF STEVENSON delays too long, a process of crystallization around other possible candidates is sure to take place. HARRIMAN BLOWS GOOD

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—An ill wind blew \$8 in bills out of the hands of student Fred Glusman, 18, as he left a restaurant with three friends. They recovered \$6 after a prolonged chase but were about to give up when another gust blew a \$5 bill into Glusman's hands, putting him \$3 ahead.

DUCK BRINGS TROUBLE

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Daniel Elmore, 39, took a live duck to Willie May Alexander as an offering of love. Miss Alexander, police said, spurned his affection after accepting the duck. He allegedly returned, took the duck and then was arrested on burglary charges. The duck got away.

By Stewart Alsop

man, for example, cannot afford to wait indefinitely for Stevenson to make up his mind. Michigan's Gov. G. Mennen Williams is making candidate-like noises already. And if Stevenson delays, whole series of favorite sons will begin taking themselves seriously as candidates.

But the best bet is that Stevenson will discretely raise the 'yes' signal flag fairly soon. Stevenson is far from unambitious, and he is by now painfully aware that he cannot possibly duck the nomination and hope to survive politically. What is more, Stevenson is now telling all comers that the notion that President Eisenhower is unbeatable is a myth. The clear implication is that he is the man to prove it.

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Babson and Retired People

By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass.—(Special to Mail Tribune)—This time of year I get many letters as to the best place to live from people about to be pensioned. They seem to favor Florida, California, Arizona, and other Southern states. They appear to be tiring of cold winters.

Localities which are attractive and have good business during the winter months may be unpleasant and unprofitable during the summer. The reverse is also true. Certainly no state or county or community has all the advantages or disadvantages. The birds learned this after millions of years of experience. I selected summer headquarters in New England and winter headquarters in Florida—even before man had joined the birds in air transportation.

A warm climate would doubtless be desirable for an older couple; but it may not be wise for a young couple with children. There is something debilitating and enervating in climates that are too warm, especially when the heat is of long duration. Statistics published by Yale university show that the most energetic and intelligent people develop under marked contrasts of climate. The "terrible weather changes" of New England may have created the energy which financed and built railroads across the United States.

Importance of Income

For Retired Couples

The much-advertised growth of such states as Florida, California, and Arizona does not stem from new babies, or agricultural producers. "Newcomers" are moving in to retire and take it easy. They must be sure a check will come from the north each month to use as a nest egg or backlog. I refer to pension money, insurance, rents on northern property—or dividends on stocks or interest on bonds or mortgages. Social Security checks are a help, but they will not pay all the bills in any state to which people are now flocking.

Don't expect a big dip in living costs in these delightful winter climates. You may not need so much fuel or electricity or clothing, but food and rents cost as much, considering what you get. There is no reduction in doctors' or dentists' or hospital bills; while beauty-parlor bills are reported to be higher. Florida does give homestead tax exemption on property up to \$5,000. Different states and cities have different ways of collecting taxes, but in the end they add up to about the same.

Advice on Business

For Restless Man

Many retired men get restless after a while. If you want a job, get work in something in which you are trained. If considering a business of your own, work on salary before buying. Caretakers' service, collection agencies, tree nurseries, diaper services, frozen-food deliveries, clothes repairing and pressing, manufacturers' representatives, spraying, shopping, typing and real estate look best to me.

What about buying a home? This is not a bad idea but there are certain qualifications you should consider: Near stores and churches; with land for a vegetable garden and possible future sale of an extra lot; and in a section which is improving and not declining. Better live in a community a year before buying real estate, to get the feeling. Real estate values are determined by feelings and not figures.

Get Information From

Chamber of Commerce

You can select a state to which to move by studying maps, real estate booklets and other propaganda. Then write to the state chamber of commerce located at the capital of the state that you are thinking of moving to. Tell them you would appreciate information regarding different localities, climate, and opportunities. But do not select any locality of that state without first visiting it, even if you need a leave of absence from your job in order to do this. In closing, just a word of financial advice: If you are looking for acreage, buy land adjoining some owned by the United States Agricultural department and used as an experiment station. This should be good land and easy to dispose of if you ever wish to sell at a profit. This applies to all states.

French Government

Announces Series

Of Welfare Plans

Paris—(U.P.)—The government has announced a series of welfare measures designed to raise the nation's living standards and head off any possible labor strife.

In a four-hour session under President Rene Coty, the government acted promptly on an array of decrees aimed at completing successfully Premier Edgar Faure's plan for an economic new deal for the country.

These were the immediate government answers to demands which the labor unions had made:

Answers Listed

1. The hourly minimum premium is raised from 21.5 to 26 francs (six to seven cents).
2. The maximum difference between the traditionally lower provincial salaries and the Paris salaries must not exceed 12 per cent; previously it was 13.5 per cent.
3. The maximum difference between the family allowances in the provinces and those paid in Paris is reduced from 20 to 15 per cent.
4. A number of taxes—including the purchase tax—will be taken off a number of foods, especially fruit, vegetables, eggs and potatoes.

Saigon Blockade

Lifted by Warlords

Saigon, Indochina—(U.P.)—Rebellious Indochina warlords lifted their blockade of Saigon today and market wagons and buffalo carts rolled into the central market place with food for the 2,000,000 residents of this South Viet Nam capital.

The armies of the Hoa Hao and Bin Xuyen sects lived up to their promise to lift their blockade of the city for three days and the open market stands and food shops received supplies of rice, meat and dried fish for the first time since Friday.

Gen. Paul Ely, French commander in chief, asked the sects for a three-day break in the blockade in hopes of working out a compromise between the powerful political-religious groups and American backed Premier Ngo Dinh Diem.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 2 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

No Final Decision

On Polio Vaccine

Ann Arbor, Mich.—(U.P.)—No final conclusions have been made in the Salk polio vaccine evaluation, according to Dr. Thomas Francis Jr.

Francis, who is director of the vaccine evaluation center at the University of Michigan, said the final report on the effectiveness of the Salk serum has not been completed although the report is due in only 10 days.

He said "the state of our data is such that no final conclusions have been forwarded by anyone on the staff of the center."

Francis is scheduled to make his final report on the results of the mass inoculations April 12.

Withdrawal of Troops

To Provide Big Test

Of Soviet Good Faith

By CHARLES M. McCANN

United Press Foreign Analyst

The big test of Soviet Russia's good faith in its professed willingness to sign an Austrian treaty will come when the issue of withdrawing the occupation troops is reached.

There seems to be a general feeling that, for reasons of its own, the Kremlin at last is ready to join in a treaty to restore Austria's independence and sovereignty.

This feeling has been reflected in Vienna and in western Allied countries.

Doubt Troop Withdrawal

But as has been suggested previously, it will be a really important development if Russia agrees to withdraw its army of occupation from Austria—and there is basic belief that it will not do so.

Russia in its not of March 24 to Austria on the treaty question spoke of the necessity of guaranteeing against any danger of a new attempt to join Austria with Germany.

"From this follows the need to take specific measures taking into account the present plans for the remilitarization of West Germany, which increase the danger of Austria's being absorbed," the Soviet note said.

Treaty Hope Dim

"In this connection it is necessary to examine the questions of the time limits for the withdrawal of the troops of the Big Four powers from Austrian territory, as well as measures to be taken in the future, in the event of the emergence of a direct threat of a German-Austrian union."

This seems to mean that Russia will insist on keeping its troops in Austria until the German question has been settled to its satisfaction.

If that is true, it is most unlikely that there will be any Austrian treaty.

Moscow Visit by Raab

Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab is going to Moscow a week from today to discuss the treaty Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov. He will try to get the Kremlin's price for a treaty.

Authoritative Austrian sources have advised the United Press that Raab will not agree to the prolonged stationing of Russian troops in his country.

"Any government that did agree to that would have to resign in two weeks," an Austrian informant said.

Austrian sources say that Raab will not make any direct deal with the Kremlin—he wants the United States, Great Britain and France to be part of an agreement. If it turns out that the Kremlin is acting in its usual bad faith on the Austrian treaty, there may be no high-level Big Four conference at all.

Is That So?

By Eugene Burns

Ranger-Naturalist

A quiz is always fun. Score 5 right and you are an outdoor expert; four is excellent; three is fair to middling. Answers follow questions.

1. Which of these three snake statements is true? A snake can inflict poison with its forked tongue. A rattlesnake regularly sheds its skin once a year. All poisonous snakes have large triangular-shaped heads.

To which animals do these "desexed" names apply: gib, steer, gelding, whether?

Which of these birds secures

most or all of its food by diving-bombing other birds in midair? Osprey, Skua, Bald Eagle, Kingfisher.

4. The well-informed outdoorsman usually has a good idea about relative gestation periods. Herewith I have paired some animals. In each group, which carries its young the longer? Opposum or mouse. Mink or mole? Dog or domestic sheep? Camel or horse?

5. Name five ways in which mammals adapted themselves to cold and snow in the past winter.

ANSWER: 1. A snake's forked tongue is soft and incapable of inflicting injury, much less poison. The rattlesnake sheds its skin depending on the amount of good food it gets. Sometimes it may not shed its skin at all; other years, several times. A poisonous snake's head, like the highly poisonous cobra and coral snakes, need not be triangular—in fact those named have slender heads.

2. "Gib" pertains to cats; the steer to cattle; gelding to horses and pigs; whether to sheep.

3. Of these, only the skua, a gull, and the bald eagle dive-bomb other birds for their food.

4. Opposum with 10-14 days is shorter than the mouse's with 21; the mole is 24-38, mink from 39-76; dog from 57-67, sheep from 147-150; horse, 330, camel 390-406.

5. Among the many ways: migration, going from colder to warmer areas; burrowing—going underground where temperatures are not so extreme; putting on heavier fur; changing the color with a new growth to match the snowy surroundings; putting on a heavy layer of fat; and hibernation.

NEW YORK POPULATION

New York—(U.P.)—New York City's population passed the 8,000,000 mark at the end of 1954, the City Planning commission estimates. The commission said the estimated population on Dec. 31, 1954, was a record of 8,050,000.

Honolulu—More than 13 per cent of the total population of Hawaii lives on sugar plantations, according to a current census.

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