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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 6, 1945
(Medford)
Maj. George E. Andrews, former Medford resident stationed with the Air Corps in Kansas City, plans visit here.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Horticulturists report that "wooly aphid" is late in making his annual appearance. It is suspected the "wooly aphid" is not woolly enough for the current weather.

20 YEARS AGO
April 6, 1935
(Jackson County)
Jerome T. Boshears, 51, well known Medford man, dies while working at local market.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Upton Sinclair of California, plans a new political party, and is figuring on the Jackson county folks, who will join anything once.

30 YEARS AGO
April 6, 1925
(Medford)
Ashland first, Medford third, in state auto registrations since Jan. 1.

New building scheduled to be constructed at Main st. and Riverside ave.

40 YEARS AGO
April 6, 1915
(Medford)
Chinese woman from Yreka, wearing a blouse and floppy kimono trousers, attracts wide attention on Main st. near Nash hotel.

George W. Dunn, Ashland, named president of Southern Oregon Stockmen's association.

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report
1. Easter this year comes very late or very early or at about the usual time?

Baseball-Size
Hailstones Reported
Newport, Ark. — (U.P.) — Hailstones "as big as baseballs" hit Newport during the night, but authorities said today most of the damage reported was to windows and signs.

School Needs
Secretary of Welfare Oveta Culp Hobby and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers apparently do not see eye to eye on the nation's need for additional school classrooms.

THE secretary, testifying last week before the House Education and Labor committee on President Eisenhower's school program and other proposals for federal aid to education, said an estimate of the prospective classroom shortage by 1960 has been revised downward from 407,000 to 176,000 as a result of studies by the states. She added that the president's program could eliminate any shortage by 1960.

ON the other hand, the PTA regards most of the school construction aid bills introduced in the 84th Congress — including S.968, the plan proposed by President Eisenhower in February — as inadequate to meet the requirements for a "realistic program that can, and will, aid the critical situation facing the country as a whole."

Mrs. Newton P. Leonard, national president of the PTA, has called upon local chapters of the organization to press their representatives in Washington for immediate preparation and passage of an emergency school construction bill. The situation, she told the nearly 9,000,000 members of the PTA, "has gone far beyond meager measures; the classroom shortage is critical in nature and national in scope."

Passing of the Crank
The folks out Central Point, Table Rock, Old Stage road and Blackwell Hill way may find their new dial telephones more efficient but we bet they won't find them half as neighborly and sort of intimate-like as were the old crank-em-yourself instruments they have used so long.

TELEPHONES first came to Central Point back around 1900 when one line was strung out along Table Rock road, and another out the Willow Springs road.

There was no switchboard to connect the two lines at first. The nearest the wires came together was the telephone on the town end of one in the drygoods department of Robnette's store and the phone on the end of the other in the grocery department of the same emporium.

If a subscriber on one line wished to get a message to someone on the other circuit he called the store and whatever clerk answered would trot back and forth between the phones in the two departments to relay the word.

The first switchboard came into use in 1909, a year after formation of the Central Point Mutual Telephone company. The latter concern carried on throughout the ensuing years until it sold out to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company recently.

The parent company was mutually owned, each subscriber holding a share of stock. The subscribers, being the owners, didn't kick too much when the somewhat shaky wires went down or other troubles interrupted service.

MOST everyone had known everyone else on the line for years and years and if a caller couldn't raise the number he wanted there was usually someone on the wire to tell him the neighbor had gone to town, was out in the lower forty, or to offer to deliver a message when the family returned.

The fact that a caller succeeded in getting through to a distant number sometimes took on the importance of high emprise. First there would be the rapid twirling of the generator handle, then the loudly-voiced instructions to the operator and finally the yelling directed at the party on the other end.

The switchboard operators, most all of them unbelievably patient and long suffering, knew better than anyone else in the neighborhood what was going on and often were able to give advice or be helpful in ways which the impersonal, strictly-business little dials can never duplicate.

Now the PTT company says it won't be long before a Central Point subscriber can pick up his receiver, dial Uncle Elmer in New York, or wherever, and get the connection in a matter of seconds without the aid of an operator. Wonder what those Robnette store line patrons would think of that?

ONLY those whose acquaintance with the telephone dates back to the earlier models of Mr. Bell's invention can realize how many interesting though sometimes frustrating experiences the old instruments provided. Subscribers of the Central Point area will undoubtedly have more efficient service but they will find that the coming of the dials has taken some of the zest out of telephone use.

Japanese Stunned By Soviet Refusal
Tokyo — (U.P.) — Japanese officials were stunned today by Russia's refusal to hold peace talks in New York.

Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama said the latest Soviet note proposed the talks be held either here or in Moscow. This was a reversal of the previous Soviet willingness to meet with Japan any place the Japanese wanted. As a result of a previous Soviet note expressing this attitude Japanese officials had almost taken it for granted the negotiations would be held in New York.

Britain Will Have Period of Collective Leadership With Eden
By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst

Great Britain will have a period of collective leadership with Sir Anthony Eden as Prime Minister.



There is doubt that Eden will be the boss, he is a much more forceful man than he appeared during the years when he was overshadowed by Churchill.

The foreign affairs field is Eden's specialty, and in these tense days the head man of any government has to keep a close watch on world developments. But Richard Austen Butler as Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Harold Macmillan as Foreign Secretary will be fellow members of a directing team.

Churchill was a one man show. He was expert on practically everything. He had held every important post in the cabinet but that of Foreign Secretary. He was a combat veteran of four wars and a Nobel prize winning historian.

Enraged Colleagues
Also, in the years before he was Prime Minister, Churchill used to enrage his colleagues by making helpful suggestions on how to run their departments. The fact that the suggestions almost always were valuable did not make him more popular.

Eden is not like that. Like Churchill, he is a man of courage and competence. He knows how to fight. He risked his entire career when in 1938 he resigned the foreign ministry because he felt the government was knuckling under to Hitler.

Eden played a big part in bringing East and West together in the Geneva Conference which ended the Indochina war. It was he who toured European capitals after France killed the European Defense Community plan, and played the major part in preparing the way for the Paris treaties under which Western Germany will be armed.

Impeccable and Tough
Eden is 57, handsome, impeccably dressed and suave. But he can be tough in an argument. He flies into blind, fuming rages.

Butler is 52. As Chancellor of the Exchequer, which corresponds to Secretary of the Treasury, he has brought Britain out of austerity and into solid prosperity. "Rab," as he is called from his initials, is a pale, frosty looking intellectual. In debate he is quick and sharp. He is Eden's No. 2 man and political heir.

MacMillan is 60. He is a hard headed Scotsman with a near walrus mustache. He became well known to President Eisenhower during World War II when he was minister-resident at Allied headquarters in North West Africa. Before he became Defense Minister under Churchill, MacMillan was Housing Minister. He took the housing program ball away from the Laborites and made his name by building 300,000 homes a year.

With MacMillan in the government, the United States is Churchill, Eden Backed for Prizes
Oslo, Norway — (U.P.) — Influential persons in various countries are actively supporting Sir Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden for Nobel Peace Prizes, informed sources said today.

The Nobel Prize committee has two peace awards to bestow this year because it postponed the 1954 prize.

Until recently Eden and former French Premier Pierre Mendes-France were considered the most likely choices for their efforts at the Geneva conference which brought the Indochina peace. But Churchill's chances improved with his resignation.

Now He'll Have Good Story for Little Woman
Downey, Calif. — (U.P.) — Police finally stopped salesman James Munro Sowell's speeding car Tuesday by blocking the road with a hay truck.

Police estimated that during the wild chase, in which the salesman left a patrol car far behind, Sowell traveled 13 miles in eight minutes, averaging almost 100 miles per hour.

Sowell, described as a "model citizen," explained to officers who booked him for evading arrest.

"I told my wife I'd be home at 2 a. m. and I was two minutes late."

Water-sport enthusiasts are now offered a 200-pound plastic boat, half the weight of conventional boats of similar size and with 10 times their impact strength.



FINAL WORD on the issuance of passports to Americans is authority of Frances G. Knigh, new chief of this State Department division. (International)

Is That So?
By Eugene Burns
Ranger-Naturalist

What's that again! . . . The largest animal that ever lived on the earth or in its waters is the sulphur-bottomed whale, still going strong today.

The longest sulphur-bottom ever measured with a steel tape was 111 feet. Quite likely there have been larger ones.

Like all other whales a special nasal passage connects directly from blowhole to lungs — this permits it to gulp food beneath the surface without getting water in its lungs.

The whale's skin is soft. Temperature - regulating sweat glands have been eliminated and instead there is a very warm thick layer of blubber from eight to 20 inches thick between skin and dark flesh.

It has a few hairs — usually a cluster of short, brittle chin whiskers numbering around 32 and occasionally a dozen or two on top of the head.

Along the throat, breast and belly it has from 80 to 100 great accordion-like pleats which permit the great lungs to expand and fill up their entire capacity before sounding, sometimes going down where the pressure is 1,400 pounds to the square inch.

Ears are two knitting-needle sized openings about a yard behind the eyes.

The brown eyes are about twice the size of a cow's. The largest sulphur-bottomed whale ever to be weighed, in 1947, was an 89-foot female. (Females are always larger than males.) She weighed 300,707 pounds—more than 150 tons.

The heart weighed 950 pounds, almost a half ton; the liver, 2,000 pounds; the flabby tongue, 6,000 pounds — three tons!

In whales the hind limbs have completely disappeared externally, and exist only as rudimentary bones, buried deep in the body — the longer, the femur, being perhaps four inches in length, the lower leg bone, the tibia, being about the size of a walnut.

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Freedom and Taxes
To the Editor: Some real praise to Mr. E. A. on the subject "Why Freedom?"

A Mr. Sharp wrote about the nasty treatment of Jehovah's Witnesses, barring them from using public buildings.

Freedom is getting to be far from what it was 66 years ago in this U.S.A. as I was nearing 12 years of age. And I still say this was a better place to live than today.

I have had lots of dealings with people of all kinds, as I have been a master workman and an architectural engineer, and as far away as Panama for the U.S. government.

Our head men in government are butting into all countries and private business trying to run everyone's business.

The farmer raised what his land would produce best, other businesses likewise. Every time you turn around nowadays, there is a boss at your heels and what burns me up is taxes and no end, then give it away to some other country.

History tells me taxes and militarism have destroyed all nations so we are in line next, and as these conditions get harder our freedom will disappear.

Please write more on freedom. I read the editorials each day as I take the Tribune. There is plenty to write about.

To Clear Up Confusion
To the Editor: I would like to write a few lines that may clear up some of the confusion about the Jehovah Witnesses.

Christ told Nicodemus "except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

The Jehovah Witnesses do not believe in this new birth nor the cross (they call it a torture stake). The Bible says we must seek Christ by the way of the Cross and are kept under the blood.

This week, Christians (followers of Christ) celebrate the resurrection of a living Christ. The

self-styled Russell (Jehovah Witness founder) said Christ was dead and forever dead, and arose a spirit. I Couldn't take this false doctrine.

Thomas doubted. Jesus told him to put his finger in the nail prints of His hands. John 20-25-29. Another time "behold my hands and my feet that this is I Myself, handle Me, and see Me, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see Me have." John 24:36-43.

America offers freedom of worship. Jehovah Witnesses do not respect "Old Glory" enough to honor her.

Second Tim. 3:5-7 says "from such turn away." 2 John 9, 10, 11 says "if any come and bring not the doctrine of Christ hath not God, receive him not unto your house."

Rev. 22. 18-19. Says we can not take away or add to the scriptures." This they have done. The Jehovah of the Watchtower is not the Jehovah of the Bible.

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Virginian Sympathizes With Tax Collectors
Norfolk, Va. — (U.P.) — L. W. Shafer sympathizes with Internal Revenue department officials even though he never worked as a tax collector.

His telephone number was listed by mistake in a published article on income tax collections. Shafer said he has been plagued by callers, each calling him a different name.

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