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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 25, 1945**
(It was Wednesday)

Medford American Legion honors commanders from 1919 to 1944.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A number of Older Girls report their better-halves are helping them with the spring housecleaning, performing Herculean feats, rendering yeoman service, and working like Trojans. This sudden burst of helpfulness has nothing to do with the opening of the trout season next Saturday, but they think they are going fishing then.

**20 YEARS AGO**
**April 25, 1935**
(It was Thursday)

Darwin K. Burgher, Medford high school coach, accepts similar position at Boise, Idaho.

Governor Charles E. Martin attends Jackson County Chamber of Commerce annual banquet.

**30 YEARS AGO**
**April 25, 1925**
(It was Saturday)

Jackson county mothers show interest in baby clinic at Medford Public library.

From the Local Personal column: Another Heavy frost is predicted by San Francisco weather bureau for tonight.

**40 YEARS AGO**
**April 25, 1915**
(It was Sunday)

J. A. Perry re - elected president of Rogue River Fruitgrowers cooperative association.

Hearings before Oregon railroad commission on application of Bullis line to cross Southern Pacific tracks at Main st. postponed.

## What's the Answer?

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

1. Presiden Eisenhower wants the 75c-an-hour minimum wage in the wage-hour act raised to 90c, $1, or $1.25, or left unchanged for now?

2. Largest living creature is the elephant, sulphur-bottomed whale, hippopotamus, arctic bear, or two-humped camel?

3. Ten years ago Berlin was entered by enemy troops: British, Canadian, Russian, or the U.S. under Eisenhower?

4. "Right-to-work" laws (banning the closed shop and the union shop) were enacted by many or few state legislatures this year?

5 "Dixie" as a word for the South probably came from a man's name, a song, $10 bank notes, or the Mason and Dixon Line?

6. Primary elections for the party nominees for high office are held in every state; right or wrong?

7. In fox - hunting country M.F.H. means a Virginia patrician, person of importance, man resopnsible for dogs, Mighty Fine Hunting, or master of the Fox Hounds?

**1. Raised to 90c. 2. Sulphur bottomed whale. 3. Russians. 4. By very few. 5. Probably from $10 bank notes called "dixies" (from French for ten) in Louisiana. 6. Wrong, several states hold no primaries. 7. Master of the Fox Hounds.**

California leads the nation in value of new construction.

# The Guard

We liked the crisp, efficient way the National Guard assembled itself last week.

In about half an hour after the first alert broadcast, half the Guardsmen had shown up. Within two hours, they were all there. Uniforms were donned, weapons were issued, and we had the nucleus of an organized fighting or police force.

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THE National Guard is a long-lived outfit. It's history goes back to the "Minutemen" (after whom last week's exercise was named) of Revolutionary war times, so actually the organization is older than the nation it serves.

It's history has had many notable exploits.

For a time after World War II, it began to look as though the Guard, organized along militia lines, was outmoded. But the H-Bomb has changed all that. If worst come to worst and nuclear weapons were used in warfare, the Guard probably would form the center of organized defense and civil protection.

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IT IS somewhat shocking to realize that, for the first time, war threatens the cities of America. Not since the War of 1812 has this country had a real threat to its own continental shores, and we have gotten into the habit of thinking of wars as taking place somewhere else, usually across a couple of thousand miles of water.

But no more. The airplane and atomic developments have changed that, and every section of the United States is a potential "front line" if the cold war were to turn hot.

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WHEN viewed in this light, the National Guard becomes doubly important. It could serve as an organized police force, to supplement existing peacetime agencies, which would be overtaxed if atomic war were to start. A trained and organized force of men, under competent command, could easily make the difference between utter chaos and survival.

Time does funny things. Not the least of these, surely, is the way it has made the Guardsmen again into true minutemen who serve at home in time of need—the mission for which they were first organized some 180 years ago.—E.A.

# The Bomb

With the above in mind, a document which recently came to the desk has a special interest. It is entitled:

"Administrative Bulletin No. 63, Supplement No. 1. To: All City and County Civil Defense Directors. Subject: Radiological Hazards."

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DESPITE this formidable title, the bulletin is somewhat spine-tingling, reading. It outlines the various possibilities of what could happen if a hydrogen bomb were to fall on Portland.

It assumes, first of all, that Portland would be gone.

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IF absolutely no precautions were taken nor evacuations started, there would be a 100-mile radius around Portland which would suffer 100 per cent casualties if the 40-mile-wide oval-shaped cloud of radioactive material were to pass over, the pamphlet estimates.

This radius includes all of Clatsop, Columbia, Washington, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Benton, Linn, Marion, Clackamas, Multnomah and Hood River counties, and parts of Sherman, Wasco, Jefferson, Deschutes, Lane and Lincoln counties.

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THE area of 50 per cent casualties lies in the next 60 miles of the radius—an arc passing approximately through Roseburg, swinging east through the northern part of Klamath county, and through Deschutes, Creek, Wheeler and Morrow counties.

The next 40 miles (still assuming no precautions are taken) is an area of 5 to 10 per cent casualties. This arc nicks the northern part of Jackson county, going east and north to Umatilla county.

Beyond that, casualties would be insignificant.

In that "untouched' 'area is Medford.

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A SIMILAR projection for a H bombing of San Francisco would show somewhat similar results, with Medford again just outside the affected area.

The point, as far as we are concerned, is this:

IF a nuclear war comes to pass, and IF either Portland or San Francisco is bombed, this valley, isolated and presumably untouched, would become a natural evacuation center for thousands upon thousands of refugees from bombed areas. Our civil defense thinking logically might well follow these lines, rather than along what to do in case an H bomb descends on us.

If this were to happen we would need all the strength and energy and resourcefulness at our command.

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THE civil defense publication says flatly:

"An unfriendly nation, Russia, has hydrogen bombs and sufficient aircraft to launch a saturation attack against a large number of military and civilian targets in the United States."

With the world as it is, we must be prepared to do our best should worst come to worst.

More important, perhaps, is for us to realize that if America is to survive in recognizable form, war must be prevented.

"Peace at any price" may not be the answer, for the price might be too high. But the price of war could, and probably would, mean national annihilation.—E.A.

# Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

**WHY CONGRESS IS BORING**

Washington—So far, the most striking fact about the current session of Congress is that it has been the dullest session since the war. There has not been a single, good, healthy, angry row — the tax contest was hardly more than a tiff. But the tedium also has a real meaning, for it tells a good deal about the present political situation.

Stewart Alsop

Essentially, it is the Democrats' fault that the session has been so dull. Partly this is because the Democratic leaders, like Lyndon Johnson in the Senate and Speaker Sam Reyburn in the House, are thorough - going professionals, masters of the political and parliamentary trade. Thus the kind of bobbles and booberies and unnecessary collisions which have enlivened past sessions have been regrettably absent.

A much more important reason for all the tedium is simply that the Democrats have so far failed utterly to develop any really emotion-charged issue — any "gut issue," to use the unpleasant phrase of the professionals. The Democrats were trying to develop a gut issue to use against the Administration in the $20-for-everybody tax cut. But this was too rawly political, and when Sen. Walter George, the key man in the Senate, refused to go along, the issue collapsed ignominiously.

For the rest, it has become apparent that the country stubbornly refuses to get much interest in such matters as the Dixon-Yates contract, or the iniquities of the Administration's security program, or even the public power controversies.

The Democrats once counted heavily on "exposing" the security program, but they have since had second thoughts about appearing to be "against security," and the expected fireworks have not taken place. The Dixon-Yates contract proved to be too complicated and too local to make a good issue, and, although there are passionate feelings about public power in the northwest and a few other areas, these feelings are by no means shared nationally.

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THE Benson farm program may well become a gut issue in the future. But for the present, the Democratic Congressional leadership does not intend to start fight on the issue, for two excellent reasons. The first is that the Benson program has not really come into operation yet, and it is no use attacking something that does not yet exist.. The second and more cogent reason for holding off is simply that 1956, not 1955, is an election year. Next year a great deal will certainly be heard about the failings of the Benson program.

The Democrats are beginning to suspect that there may be the needed gut issue in the Administration's Asia policy, and especially in the Quemoy-Matsu crisis. Adlai Stevenson's speech on the crisis was a brilliant political exercise, especially since, as one Democratic strategist has pointed out, it "made it possible for both Walter George and Wayne Morse to say amen." But there is still a great issue of caution about a major political issue out of a foreign crisis. And so far, at least, the Democrats in Congress has gone along with the Administration's foreign policy, with only occasional half-muted wails.

The same is generally true of the Administration's defense policy, although a few Senators like Stuart Symington, of Missouri, have cogently criticized the defense cut-backs, and others have privately felt uneasy. But, as one Democrat in the Senate asked, "How in the devil can a mere Senator argue about military matters with Gen. Ike Eisenhower?"

The question suggests another very important reason why the session has been dull. In the Truman and Roosevelt days, excitement was provided not only by heroic battles between the parties on Capitol Hill, but also by even more heroic contests between Congress and the White House.

President Eisenhower has made it abundantly clear that he is not thirsting for any battles with Congress. The furthest he has even gone was to call the House tax bill "irresponsible," and the resulting flurry died down quickly. As for the other side of the coin, as one Democratic Senator remarked, "Hell, nobody wants to tangle with Ike. He's too popular.'

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SOME Democrats claim that the President's amazingly long honeymoon with Congress, probably the longest in American history, is about to come to an end. For the remainder of this session, they say, the intention is to "zero in" on the President, hanging on him personal responsibility for whatever goes wrong, from farm prices to trouble in Asia, and no doubt including the vagaries of the weather.

But despite the brave talk, there is on Capitol Hill remarkably little real disposition to "tangle with Ike." The honeymoon looks like continuing, with only minor bickering, bar war or depression. Political honeymoons unlike the other kind, tend to be dull. But perhaps the heart of the matter is that, as long as there is no war and prosperity holds up, there really are no "gut issues" to move, excite, and divide the American people.

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# In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Bread-and-butter news:

The federal government reported that living costs held steady in March FOR THE FOURTH STRAIGHT MONTH. This is described as the longest period of stability since the beginning of World War 2.

WHAT does that mean?

It means that TODAY the dollar you earn now will buy as much as the dollar you earned four months ago.

It means that if you SAVED a dollar four months ago that dollar you saved up will buy as much now as it would have bought when you saved it.

That means that people now can AFFORD TO SAVE MONEY. As long as inflation is driving prices higher every day, people CAN'T afford to save money.

SPEAKING of money:

The tax committee of the Oregon state senate last night approved a 60 per cent boost in state income taxes and the proposal will be argued on the floor of the senate on Monday.

If the senate approves it, the measure will be sent back to the house. The house has voted by a bare majority for a 32 per cent boost in state income taxes. Whether it can raise its sights to the 60 per cent proposed by the senate's tax committee remains to be seen.

Last night the senate's tax committee voted unanimous approval of the house bill to double the one per cent withholding tax on income and approve the three-cents-per-package tax on cigarettes.

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Well, whatever the state (government) feels that it must spend to provide the services demanded by the people from their state government WILL HAVE TO COME OUT OF THE POCKET OF THE PEOPLE.

There is nowhere else for it to come from.

A PORTLAND attorney was killed in a gangster-style slaying just northeast of town. He stepped on the starter of his car in the parking lot of the Columbia-Edgewater country club and it touched off a bomb in the car. The auto was blown to bits and the man killed instantly. The explosion was so violent that it was heard throughout much of suburban northeast Portland.

Two persons in a passing car saw the explosion. Just about the time of the blast, they saw a late-model auto roaring away from the scene with its lights out. Multnomah county detectives describe the bombing as the work of a professional killer.

IN the nearly a century that Oregon has been a state, we've had plenty of killings, but they have been of a different pattern. This one smacks of the methods common in the gangster-ridden Eastern cities.

I'm sure I don't like the new importation.

# On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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There sits a bird on every tree
And courts his love as I do thee;
There grows a flower on every bough
Its petals kiss—I'll show you how.
From sea to stream the salmon roam,
Each finds a mate and leads her home.
Sing heigh-ho! and heigh-ho!
Young maids must marry.
—Kingsley.

It is California again. Now the Golden state seems to top the country in the matter of the long-time record of secretary working for the same man. Mrs. M. J. Wheeler of Los Angeles has for 35 continuous years been the secretary of President E. S. Dulin of the Byron Jackson company of Los Angeles. Is there any girl Friday in the land who can top this.

**Passing By**

Gia Scala. Shapely screen siren. Her father is an Italian. Her mother is Irish. Mother's maiden name was O'Sullivan. This brings to mind that the mother of Guglielmo Marconi, the great inventor, was Irish. Italian and Irish seems an excellent matrimonial combination. Eddie Foy, whose real surname is Fitzgerald, married an Italian girl and they became parents of seven children, which included Bryan Foy, great film director; Charlie Foy, clever night club maestro, and Eddie Foy Jr., one of the stars of the musical smash hit "The Pajama Game."

**Sad Sight**

There should be a law against a woman wearing an evening gown being escorted to a dance or a dinner party by a man wearing a business suit. It is a depressing spectacle to see such a combination. Why do so many men balk at wearing a dinner suit? Such suits are now made very comfortable. The shirts are easy to wear, too. The price of a dinner suit is not prohibitive. One of the highlights in a woman's life is getting all dressed up and stepping out for a dinner dance or party. So, help your wife or sweetheart enjoy herself. You don formal attire, too. Don't be a droop.

**Postmen**

Why has there never been a film with a postman for a hero? It was in 430 B.C. that Herodotus, speaking of the Persian post riders, said, "Neither snow nor rain, nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

### *Tentative Date Set For Special Vote*

Salem — (U.P.) —Members of the House Tax Committee has agreed tentatively upon a special election on Nov. 8 to allow voters to decide if they want a three per cent sales tax. An election would be dependent upon whether income tax boosts are made and referred to the people.

The date would be Nov. 8 instead of July 15 as proposed in a bill introduced in February by Rep. Earl Hill (R-Cushman.).

However, while approving the tentative date, the committee did not indicate if it had decided whether to send out the bill.

# Reporters Increasingly Alarmed Over Washington News Brown-Out

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent

Washington — (U.P.) — The brown-out of news by the Eisenhower administration reached a new high here when representatives of government and industry met to discuss the use and distribution of the Salk polio vaccine. Washington news reporters are becoming increasingly alarmed by the brown-out trend.

Lyle C. Wilson

President Eisenhower will be asked at his next news conference for the administration's explanation of what security or other purposes were served by the secrecy imposed on a meeting of such urgent public interest. The conference took place last Friday under conditions so rigid that no official information could be obtained about it before, during or until many hours after the meeting adjourned.

**Editors Indignant**

On the same day and a few blocks across town several hundred newsmen—members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors — were working themselves into a state of considerable indignation against the secret transaction of public business. The editors heard from J. Russell Wiggins, managing editor of the Washington Post and Times Herald, V. M. Newton Jr., managing editor of the Tampa (Fla.) Tribune, and others that the situation was bad and getting worse. They were unaware of the example of news suppression at that moment taking place.

Not only the executive departments of the present administration but the congressional committees, which are controlled by Democrats, are increasingly resorting to secret meetings. National security more often than not is no factor in the business before them. But secrecy enables the congressman of bureaucrat considerably to control the shape of the news.

**Public Pressure**

The Salk vaccine conference was conducted by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Newspaper reading families, radio listening families, television viewing families knew the conference was coming up. Directly or indirectly multi-millions of parents were putting pressure on the various news media to report fast and accurately on the chances of their kids to get those protective shots.

Buttonholing such conferees as left the room from time to time, reporters were able to put together a moderately accurate but far from complete account of proceedings. It was a daytime meeting, but the department's first official word of what had taken place did not come until 11:20 p.m., too late for many morning newspapers to handle properly.

That haphazard method of reporting conference proceedings offered limitless opportunities for error which, if made, could not have been corrected until the department's release of the official conference report hours later.

**Double-Talk**

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said he had no knowledge of the conference black-out but assumed that it was a "working executive session" and therefore entitled to close the doors. That sounded like double talk. Just about every meeting of officials in government would be held in secret if open sessions were limited to the mere statement of what had been agreed on after that work was done.

The black-out on the Salk vaccine conference became effective immediately after a brief departmental announcement some days ago that such a meeting would be held. The department refused to give the public any details on planning for the conference, nor would Dr. Chester S. Keefer, conference chairman, discuss conference objectives and possibilities.

There has not been a clearer case in many a day of withholding the public's urgent business from the public.

# Is That So?

By Eugene Burns
Ranger-Naturalist

Did you know that . . . it takes a 100-pound pull to tear a fair-sized starfish loose from a rock providing its hydraulic system is filled with water. Once the water drains out of the starfish is goes limp and its tube-feet lose the ability to act as suckers.

Whiskers come in handy for cats. While prowling the dark, the whiskers inform a cat what passage will permit its body to follow its head. But for the catfish, the whiskers are even more important. Not only are they used as feelers but also for tasters. Catfish swim about with the long barbels just touching the bottom. When something edible is encountered the big cavernous mouth flies open and whatever good has been encountered goes in.

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The halo you see around the moon is not anywhere near it—besides, it's ice. The halo is caused by thin icy clouds high up in our own atmosphere. Minute ice crystals then reflect the moon's light to us, making the halo.

In shedding its skin periodically, the lobster not merely shakes off the old shell or skin of the outer body, claws and legs, but also the lining of the stomach and intestines.

In case you're interested, the earth weighs a mere six billion trillion tons.

A bee fans its wings back and forth more than 400 times every second—the resultant vibration producing the humming.

Although a clam is supposed "to shut up like a clam" it is essentially a filter system and keeps open most of the time. In action, it continually draws in a current of water sifting out minute, single-celled plants. It can be used to purify an aquarium.

The oyster has a queer sex life: it is both male and female, by turns.

Lobsters, like most animals that swim, run or fly—has a gravity organ for balance which tells them if they are right-side up. In the lobster, this organ consists of depressions or sacs on the outer surface of the body. In these, it places sand grains. The pull of gravity on these grains informs it that it is right-side up.

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# Group to Control Allocation of Salk Anti-Polio Vaccine

Washington — (U.P.) — The government has begun forming a national advisory committee to control allocation of the Salk polio vaccine. Its aim will be to get all children under 10 immunized by Aug. 1 and all persons under 20 by Nov. 1.

Creation of the committee was recommended by a national polio conference which drew up a proposed plan for fair distribution of the vaccine during a one-day conference here Friday.

**Eisenhower Approves**

President Eisenhower approved creation of the committee as soon as the proposal was communicated to him by Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Oveta Culp-Hobby.

Mrs. Hobby began seeking members for the committee Saturday. She said it would consist of seven to nine persons representing the American Medical Assn., medical specialty groups concerned with polio, the pharmaceutical industry, public health officials and the general public.

**CASE DISMISSED**

Norwich, Conn.—(U.P.)—A pedestrian charged in police court that motorists Bernard Moffett and Russell Carlson shouted: "Get out of our way or we'll run you over." The case was dismissed, however, when it developed that both men are deaf mutes.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

**MORSE TO SPEAK**

Salem — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) will speak here at a luncheon next Saturday sponsored by the Marion County Democratic Central Committee. Morse will appear at a banquet in Corvallis Friday.

## Bless Our Food

**George N. Taylor**

The table was spread and one of the family thanked God for daily bread and his blessing on their lives.

But why give thanks? Not because God has driven us into a fence corner and compelled to be good. We give thanks because we are grateful. God leaves us free to lie, steal, kill or curse. We are free to sin but sinful men are not God's riches. His riches are such as do his will. It is not that we loved God but that he loved us and gave his Son to die for us. The one sin between you and God is your rejection of Christ as dying for you. The blood of Christ cleansed away all your sins. The one sin now between you and God is that of rejecting Christ as dying for you. Receive Christ into your heart as your own Lord and Saviour and God gives you eternal life. Then by Bible and Prayer, grow up. This message sponsored by a Beaverton family. —adv.

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