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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 27, 1945 (It was Friday) Medford residents hear OPA officials explain new 10-point program to equalize distribution of meat.

20 YEARS AGO

April 27, 1925 (It was Saturday) Maj. Clare H. Armstrong, commander of Medford CCC district, enters command school at Ft. Leavenworth.

30 YEARS AGO

April 27, 1925 (It was Monday) Medford's new pumper truck extinguishes fire on Front st. which threatened whole block.

40 YEARS AGO

April 27, 1915 (It was Tuesday) Medford Merchants club decides to hold Community Day May 8.

What's the Answer?

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

BOY SCOUTS

Phoenix Troop Cub Scout troop 15 of Phoenix will hold their monthly pack meeting April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Phoenix Presbyterian church.

Lumber Picture Changing

Increasing costs and diminishing supplies of the better grade of timber together with new techniques in building are bringing some interesting and somewhat revolutionary changes in Oregon's lumber industry.

AT Dallas, in the Willamette valley, it was announced last week that construction will start there immediately on a \$1,000,000 sheathing plant in order to gain greater recovery from every ounce of timber that is cut in that vicinity.

A spokesman for the company which will install the new mill explained that due to the increasing shortage of logs "some of the valley lumber mills are going to have to go out of business and they will be replaced with sheathing mills and the like."

The same man cited the paper plant which is to be built soon near Albany as another example of greater utilization of timber. The Dallas mill, he said, will supply wood chips to the Albany paper plant.

LEFT-OVER material from lumber and plywood mills now furnishes 31 per cent of the pulpwood requirements in the northwest and is the equivalent of 750,000,000 board feet.

This means 885,000 tons of pulp and 560,000,000 square feet of boards are produced without the falling of a single tree for those specific uses.

CLOSE on the heels of the Dallas announcement came the word from San Francisco that Crown Zellerbach corporation, one of the country's largest lumbering concerns, intends to start construction soon of a \$750,000 green veneer mill in the Columbia river area near Portland.

Zellerbach is presently manufacturing plywood at a plant owned by a subsidiary, near New Westminster, B. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT of plans for the new up-state plywood mills came almost simultaneously with the word from the Empire Plywood company here that a new rough-sheathing plywood plant is to be built in the White City industrial site north of Medford.

The local mill, which will have an estimated annual payroll of \$250,000 to \$300,000, is the third large plywood plant authorized in this vicinity in recent months. The first, Fir-Ply Inc., and the second, Oregon Veneer company, are now under construction.

The fact that all the new mills to be installed in the Willamette valley and in the Medford vicinity will be turning out products not in very general use for building just a few years ago, indicates the extent to which the lumber industry is taking on a "new look."

The change is all to the good for in making some types of plywood poorer grades of timber can be used and more men can be given employment.

Is a Steelhead a Trout?

Eugene Burns, writer of the interesting and informative column "Is That So?" which appears on this page four times a week, is an authority on nature matters — naturally, he being a naturalist — but it seems to us he disposes of a subscriber's question: "Is, or isn't a steelhead a rainbow trout?"

THE Rogue river being a steelhead stream, one of those fortunate enough to be especially favored by the great game fish, the question which Naturalist Burns disposes of somewhat didactically has been a favorite subject for campfire debate by sportsmen hereabouts, probably since the first fisherman hooked one of the fighting specimens.

Burns claims that a steelhead is a sea-going trout, returning to sweet water almost any time of the year, sometimes only to feed. They enter salt water when a year or more old and then grow phenomenally fast, and return to the "parent stream" when three to six years old.

SOMEONE is sure to wonder why the naturalist didn't say something about the steelies which come into the Rogue and remain in its turbulent waters even though apparently not driven by the reproductive urge.

Maybe the steelheads which leave the ocean for the Rogue and decide to make the river their permanent home just happen to be more set in their ways than their fellow fish. They have their counterparts among the rainbows, you know, for Naturalist Burns asserts that some of the latter refuse to heed the ocean's call.

They never leave the river for the limitless reaches of the Pacific. This peculiarity is regrettable too, for a stay in the saline depths would have improved the health and flavor of many of those we have tasted.

Lady Lloyd-George's Political Switch Ends Last Liberal Family

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst

The decision of Lady Megan Lloyd-George to join the Labor Party marks the political breakup of Britain's last great liberal family.

It emphasizes also the breakup of the Liberal Party, which dominated British politics for the better part of a century.

David Lloyd-George was the last Liberal prime minister. His elder son, who inherited his title of Earl Lloyd-George, is a Liberal still. But, a civil engineer, he is entirely inactive in politics.

Gwylim Lloyd-George, the younger son, is home secretary — a major post — in the Conservative government of Prime Minister Anthony Eden.

Began As Liberal He started out as a Liberal. But he has served in both coalition and Conservative governments. He has swung increasingly to the right.

And now Lady Megan has turned finally to the left, toward which she has tended for several years.

Defeated in the 1951 election after serving 22 years in the House of Commons, she resigned.

Scout Bob Glover Gets Eagle Award At Court of Honor

Bob Glover, a member of Boy Scout Troop 8, Medford, was presented with the eagle award at a court of honor last night. He is the 19th member of the troop to earn the rank, highest in scouting, in the past 10 years.

The award ceremony followed the annual charter dinner of the troop, held in the Guild hall of St. Mark's Episcopal church, which sponsors the troop.

Other awards included, to second class scouts, Jim Burke and Doug Williams; to first class, Richard Connolly; to star, Neil Phillipper, and to life, Gerry Espey, Delbert Harvey, Pat Connolly, Gene Harvey and Charles Robertson.

James Grigsby, who was first scoutmaster of the troop when it was organized in 1928, was a guest of honor with Mrs. Grigsby. More than 200 persons attended.

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Hilton Chain Said Anti-Trust Violators

Washington — (U.P.) — The Justice Department charged the Hilton Hotel Corporation today with violating anti-trust laws by buying the 10-hotel Statler chain.

It asked for a court order forcing the Hilton Corporation to get rid of the newly purchased Statler hotels in Washington, New York City, St. Louis, Los Angeles "and in what ever other cities competition has been affected by the merger."

It charged that the Hilton chain, by buying the Statler hotels, eliminated competition for convention business.

It said that prior to the August 1954 merger, Hilton and Statler hotels were "in direct competition in Washington, St. Louis, Los Angeles and New York City" and this competition has now been eliminated.

Court Awards Woman Possession of Husband

Laurel, Miss. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Charlie McDonald went to court to get her husband back from his mother.

She testified that her mother-in-law insisted on caring for McDonald while he recovers from injuries suffered in a fall. The court gave the younger Mrs. McDonald "possession and custody" of her husband.

MOTORISTS PROTEST

Monroe, Wis. — (U.P.) — Motorists threatened to storm city hall after officials decided to raise the fine for parking violations to \$1. It formerly was 10 cents.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Over the week-end, Red China's premier made two moves that caused quite a flurry: 1. He told the closing session of the Asian-African conference that his government is anxious to relax tension in the Formosa area.

2. He repeated his offer the next day (after the conference had adjourned) but added that UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL RED CHINA GIVE UP ITS RIGHT TO LIBERATE FORMOSA.

COMMENT?

Here's all I can think of: "Off ag'in. On ag'in. Finne-gan."

I suspect that for a long, long time our relations with Communist China and with Communist Russia will continue on this "off ag'in, on ag'in" basis.

OLD CHINA hands inform us that the name Chou En-Lai is pronounced JOE UN LIE. That brings to memory another Joe — Joe Stalin.

Remember, back during the early days of the war, when he needed our help badly to stop Hitler? He knew we were suspicious of Communists (with good reason, it has turned out.) So, about every so often, he would call in some high-ranking American correspondent and let fly with an interview telling how he loved his American allies and how he was going to abolish Communism so it couldn't ever, EVER bother us any more with spies and saboteurs and such cattle.

Then he would go right on plotting to cut our throats just as soon as we had helped Communism out of its hole.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Many Things Wrong

To the Editor: Congressmen should not think only of themselves, as this is a representative government. But they do just about as they please. They stay on the job a few months out of the year and chase around the rest of the time. But when they get ready they raise their pay thousands of dollars per year while our mail carriers ask for 80c a day more and don't get it.

Congress also gives away billions to other countries while this country needs schools and many other things, highways, water for land, etc., so bad.

Will men in public office ever learn that they are public servants, not bosses?

And I think it is wrong for our President or any high officer to go to any country and make agreements or treaties without the 100 per cent approval of congress. The President should have his rights but what do we have a congress for has been a puzzle to me as I am in my 55th year of voting and am nearing 78 years of age.

You said to cut out any more writings on religious matters. The press is supposed to be free, but it is not. Editors write what they wish. Of course it is their paper and laymen should keep out, only if they wish to put in paid for ads.

It can be a fine way to forever lose a real customer and I mean just that.

I wrote a number of letters to the Oregon Journal and Oregonian but if I ever said anything about religious matters they did not print it. But anything else they did so I think there is too much scare going on.

No one is going to attack this country from outside. We should just look from the inside. If it be Russia she has taken other countries without a shot fired. This country today has too many men that would turn this country over to Russia, and as government knows a lot why doesn't it do something. Our country would be too much of a prize to destroy it. Just think it over.

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WANT TERM EXTENDED

Portland — (U.P.) — School Superintendent J. W. Edwards said today officials are considering extending the school year to make up time lost in evacuating buildings where bomb threats have been received.

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Ike Corresponds With Zhukov

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower confirmed today he has been in personal correspondence with Russian Marshal Georgi Zhukov. But he would not give any details.

Mr. Eisenhower told reporters it was a personal correspondence and he would respect the Russian leader's confidence.

The President was questioned at his news conference about a report that Zhukov had indicated to him directly that Russia is eager to end cold war tensions.

Mr. Eisenhower cut off questions on the subject by suggesting that no one would want to jeopardize any possibility that such a correspondence might improve relations between the United States and Russia.

The President said he did not know whether the exchange of letters with Zhukov, who has been his friend since the close of World War II, would do any good. But he said he considers it at least a slim hope.

Salem — (U.P.) — Mrs. Maria Estigoy, 41, of Eugene, a patient at the State Tuberculosis hospital here, gave birth to triplet daughters at Salem general hospital Monday.

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