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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 28, 1945 (It was Saturday) Farm census of working persons 14 years old and over being conducted in Jackson county.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Little girls have been manufacturing May baskets all week. Some of them look like baskets, and some like Mama's new hat.

20 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1935 (It was Sunday) Jackson county Homemakers plan program for fourth annual all-day session.

Sportmen meet to propose new names for Southern Oregon Boat club to include all outdoor sports.

30 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1925 (It was Tuesday) The Jacksonville museum of pioneer relics officially opens with talk by Gov. Walter M. Pierce.

Jackson county officials confiscate a 15-gallon still, 200 gallons of mash and seven gallons of moonshine in raid.

40 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1915 (It was Wednesday) The Hall taxi company, operating an auto stage line between Grants Pass and Medford, discontinues operation.

A new daylight Southern Pacific train through Medford starts in anticipation of heavy traffic to San Francisco exposition.

What's the Answer?

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

1. The fight between Sewell Avery and Louis E. Wolfson is to control Sears Roebuck, the N.Y. Central, Washington, D.C. transit, the A.&P. or Montgomery Ward?

2. The Kurile islands near Japan have been placed under Russia, Japan, Red China, Nationalist China, the U.S. or a U.N. trusteeship?

3. Average salary today for college and university teachers of all ranks is around \$5000, \$6000, \$7000, \$8000 or \$9000 a year?

4. Filibusters to prevent a vote on a bill usually come in the Senate or the House, or both?

5. Some states include employers of only one worker in their tax for unemployment benefits; right or wrong?

6. Of every 10 U.S. families, about one, two, three, four, five or six have net incomes of \$5,000 or more these days?

7. A man named Einaudi is president of Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Switzerland or Turkey?

The Answers: 1. Montgomery Ward. 2. Russia. 3. \$5000. 4. Almost always in the Senate. 5. Right. 6. About four in 10. 7. Italy.

SURPRISE! Washington (U.P.)—Congressmen at the National Press Club's party in their honor were told a pianist who had been both senator and vice-president would play his favorite tune. From the stage came the familiar strains of "The Missouri Waltz," the curtains parted — at the keyboard sat Vice-President Richard M. Nixon.

Neuberger Versus Morse

"This above all: to thine ownself be true, And it must follow as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

This excellent advice from Hamlet explains better than any of the political wisecracks have to date, why in the vote on the Upper Colorado storage project, our two Senators from Oregon parted company,—Senator Neuberger voting against the "billion-dollar project" and Senator Morse in favor.

They were being true to themselves,—voting their honest convictions. Why did their convictions conflict?

Because of their different personalities, natures and points of view.

SENATOR Morse is essentially a lawyer. He is ruled by his head rather than his heart. He undoubtedly has normal emotions, but they are controlled by his intellect, and particularly by its legalistic department. For example two of the greatest speeches he ever made in the Senate—and he has made several—were against the Tidelands oil "give-away" and the "give away" to President Eisenhower regarding Quemoy and Matsu. The keynote in both addresses was that the two actions were legally wrong.

In law, domestic and international, neither were, when our senior Senator spoke against them, defensible.

SENATOR NEUBERGER on the other hand is essentially an artist. Not the dreamy, impractical sort, for he has a brilliant mind and a logical one, but his nature is grounded more deeply in his emotions than his intellect. He has excellent powers of reasoning and analysis, but his feelings come first.

SO WHEN this Colorado River project came up involving Dinosaur Monument and the protection of the National Park system, it was natural that Oregon two senators should come to the parting of the ways

To Neuberger this was the opening attack on the sanctity of the national park idea, the greedy camel putting his nose under the tent, with eventual commercialism and destruction of these reserves of natural beauty, designed to be for the people's pleasure inspiration and recreation, not only for this generation but for those to come.

He felt the matter deeply, just as he did the squirrels on the White House lawn. He wanted their freedom and continuation instead of their incarceration and exile to parts unknown. He would much rather watch a squirrel enjoy its freedom in the Presidential preserve and have the people do so, than watch the chief executive sink a one-putt on the presidential golf course, or listen to a technical debate as to whether a nationalist attack on the Chinese mainland would be a counter-attack or an offensive war. As stated this attitude is no "gag," although it was expressed with a smile. Our Junior Senator is sincere in his devotion to Nature and the great outdoors, and when the preservation of same is threatened he will always be on the firing line voting for protection regardless of the wise cracks from the gallery and the uninformed.

We can't speak for Senator Morse but our guess is he would never take up the cudgels for the White House squirrels, unless some legal element were involved, such as trespassing, rodent control or violation of an ordinance against playing golf, within range of the executive mansion windows!

But he voted as he did because after careful analysis he found the flooding of Dinosaur however regrettable, was entirely within the law. Also he is a strong advocate of federal power as opposed to private power.

SO, as remarked, the two Oregon Senators parted company, and according to Robert Smith this newspaper's Washington correspondent, the split caused considerable sensation in the press gallery.

It shouldn't have. Senators Morse and Neuberger agree on vital political principles, but they are both by nature, independent, as far removed from the yes-man or its "follower" type, as anyone could imagine. They each think things out for themselves, and each has the courage of his convictions. They have worked together thus far better than any two senators Oregon has ever had, but they don't see eye-to-eye on EVERYTHING, and no one informed regarding them would expect or want them to.

THE big mystery about this Colorado River project however, is not the technical disagreement between our two Senators but the Republican agreement to support such a proposal, and the failure of the Eisenhower administration to oppose it.

What has become of the familiar GOP slogan that federal power proposals represent "creeping socialism," the destruction of the American system of free enterprise, and there is no federal money available for such Communistic ventures as Hells Canyon anyway.

This storage measure on the Colorado passed by the Senate will cost twice as much as Hells Canyon, will eventually be repaid but it will take generations and generations to do so, and the public benefits, according to most experts, will not even come within hailing distance of those certain to result from a High dam on the Snake.

How the administration can favor this gigantic "boondoggling" venture and oppose Hells Canyon, is something beyond the comprehension of this department and anyone else, as far as the record has divulged thus far.—R.W.R.

Matter of Fact COMMUNICATIONS

By Stewart Alsop

GUESSING GAME

Washington — For those who enjoy guessing games, the following projection of events may have some interest. It may be, of course, dead wrong—it might be rather bitterly entertaining to read what follows six months from now. Yet it does represent the best guesses of what are generally called "informed circles" in Washington.



Stewart Alsop

First, the Chinese Communists will not now attack the off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu. The reasoning here is that, having made an ostensibly peaceful gesture in Chou En-lai's carefully imprecise offer to negotiate for the Formosa Straits crisis, the Chinese Communists could hardly turn right round and kick off a war.

This may turn out to be a very bad guess indeed, of course. The Communists build-up opposite the off-shore islands continues unabated. Yet it is being rather confidently—perhaps much too confidently—assumed that the Communists will not soon attack.

Instead, what is now believed to be in prospect is a long feeling-out period, a time of negotiating about negotiating—very much the same sort of thing that went on after Soviet Ambassador Malik made his famous offer in the United Nations to negotiate a truce in the Korean war. The feeling-out period is believed likely to continue for months, with many an alarm and excursion.

While it is going on, a rather embarrassed but nevertheless eventually effective effort will probably be made to persuade Chiang Kai-shek to pull back from the off-shore islands. This, of course, could be a bad guess too.

CHIANG will certainly resist—and with excellent reason, especially as he was first persuaded by emissaries of this country to make his heavy commitment of troops in the off-shore islands. But eventually, it is believed, he will agree, simply because he has no alternative—just as eventually Korean President Syngman Rhee agreed under pressure to accept the Korean truce.

The off-shore islands will thus in time be turned over to the Communists, on certain conditions. Condition number one is that the Communists will make some sort of vague promise not to attack Formosa, at least for the present.

No one seriously believes any more that the Communists are going to agree to any formal, permanent cease-fire in the Formosa Strait. Such a cease fire would amount to abandonment of Chinese Communist claims to Formosa, and if anything is clear it is clear that the Communists will not abandon these claims.

What is now hoped for, instead, is some sort of face-saving formula. The face to be saved is, of course, that of the United States, simply because the United States cannot easily agree to abandon the off-shore islands to the Communists without receiving anything whatsoever in return. But a vague statement by Chou En-lai, promising to seek a peaceful solution of the Formosa question, or something of that sort, will probably suffice.

Another likely condition is the kind of British commitment on Formosa recently forecast in this space. For British domestic political reasons, no such commitment can be made before the May 26 elections. But after that, a carefully hedged British and Commonwealth promise to come to the defense of Formosa, if the island is attacked by the Communists, is more probable than possible. As one British spokesman has remarked, "It looks as though we'd have to get into the Formosa act somehow."

THE purpose would not be to please Chiang Kai-shek—who would not be pleased at all—but rather to put the best possible face on the kind of settlement outlined above. The British commitment would make it possible to argue that a reasonable deal had been made, since British support would be worth more to Formosa than the small and exposed off-shore islands.

All this, it should be hastily and rather nervously repeated, is strictly a guessing game. But if things do work out this way, at least war will be avoided. And at least there will be another area in the world in which the lines are firmly drawn, and both sides know where they stand. Moreover—unless the Pentagon grossly over-estimates the capabilities of the Seventh Fleet—a de facto cease fire will be imposed in the Formosa Straits, and a cease fire has been the object of American policy in the area since the start of the crisis.

Yet there can be no disguising the cruel fact that this kind of settlement will be another big retreat in the face of Communist pressure. The extraordinary,

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Musicians Carry On

To the Editor: Does the Rogue Valley want a modern dance orchestra? Are the people willing to support it? It has been quite a while since the Valley has had a large band, and now that it has one people don't seem to know about it.

With the build-up given the Hal Sheppard Orchestra, and the somewhat difficulty experienced by that leader, the people of Medford seem to believe the band itself no longer exists. Quite the contrary.

The members of this group are all local residents, businessmen, teachers and students who are still very much together; still rehearse regularly, and want very much to provide for those who like to dance to modern music. Western music is fine but there should be a brand of music to satisfy the tastes of the modern-minded.

When Hal Sheppard was arrested the fellows decided to stick together, and with the generous help of the Medford Musicians Union reorganized and changed the name to The Zephyrs. The first order of business was to find out if there were any bills outstanding and to pay them. It was found that they totaled nearly \$750. Even with the realization that their former leader had absconded with their union money, their union initiation fees, and left so many unpaid bills, they were determined to fight it out. They sacrificed their pay on the first dance job in order to pay some \$243 in debts. They returned the uniforms to the store and each man took a \$16 loss. They accepted scale on two other jobs so that what was left could be used to settle debts. They now have only about \$65 left to pay.

Last Saturday they put on a dance at the Jackson hotel and 24 people showed up. You might think this was the final blow, but it wasn't. These fellows are determined to stay together, determined to keep intact a unit that will be a credit to the community, which in fact it already is.

If only people would show their interest, it is now impossible for The Zephyrs to sponsor their own dances. They are simply going to have to wait until some organizations approach them and offer to sponsor them. In the meantime they are going on with rehearsals, and hoping that someday the people of Medford and vicinity will accept them.

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Passing of a Landmark

To the Editor: "Nobody wants that old house no more," the one at 1307 West Main that's showing its aged skeleton under the hammer and wrecking bar of a young fellow who is carting it away for his Long Branch ranch style dream-house. There's a sort of sadness in seeing these fine old houses giving way to newer ones, so like the old pioneers who built them. But there's no sadness over this one, at least at the police station and fire department headquarters. Both of these safety and way-of-life controllers are most happy to see the old house torn down. For it has long been the rendezvous of young hoodlums who destroyed nearly every window and door glass, kicked out the beautifully turned rungs of the grand front stairway and even built fires that somehow failed to burn down the ancient landmark.

Medford was not yet a gleam in some anti-Jacksonville eyes when J. M. Childers bought 13 acres there, dug the full basement with bricked up walls and built the then mansion about 1890.

The curious may wonder how come it faces the Northwest. Well, Pioneer Childers liked sunshine, especially in the morning, so he set his house caterwampus to the world so Old Sol would be smiling in each of the four large bedrooms upstairs, maybe helping to get up, and get things going betimes.

Young Homer Harvey and pretty Lillian Weaver made their marriage vows there Dec. 31, 1899, making it their home many years. Later on their son Elmer, built the big wide veranda there, a sure sign of opulence them days, and a grand culmination of its predecessors, the porch and stoop, almost forgotten words today and such appendages so unwanted now.

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twistings and turnings of American policy in the last six months, moreover, will have the effect of making the retreat look even bigger than in fact it is. Copyright, 1955, New York Herald Tribune Inc.

BUYS ELEVATOR Portland (U.P.)—Condon Grain Growers Inc., has purchased the half million bushel Archer-Daniels—Midland grain elevator at Condon, Henry W. Collins, ADM vice-president, said today.

Birds Misjudge Weather

To the Editor: From reading your editorials we believe that you, like some of the rest of us, find nature far more interesting and less controversial than politics.

It has been a generally accepted belief that birds are better weather forecasters than humans. But from some observations this year, we have come to the conclusion that birds need long range weather forecasts as well as men do.

For the last 35 years or more, barn swallows have used our barns for their home building making their nests of mud.

They started arriving about a month ago. First a few on their usual scouting missions. But the main flock of 75 or 100 arrived about two weeks ago and soon began their regular work of surveying, measuring, and we presume arguing over priorities, etc. in their preliminary preparations of building.

But here is where the weather played a foul trick. As swallows feed entirely on insects and take their feed only while in flight, they are faced with actual starvation. For the cold weather has kept the gnats and other winged insects grounded.

We have been picking up six or more dead ones each morning. A rather saddening procedure. As we have come to look upon these little fellows as welcome friends.

Out of the 75 or 100 that arrived there are only about 20 left, and they look like they are about on their last wings. And for the last three or four years a pair of robins have nested in our catalpa tree. They now have young ones and they are having a hard time keeping them dry, warm and well fed.

So we feel that we could be fairly accurate in saying that this weather is definitely not for the birds.

John Nealon, Box 279, Rt. 2, Central Point, Ore.

Litterbug

To the Editor: Sometime last week somebody dumped (from appearance in driving by) about 50 large glass bottles between the entrance to the disposal area and the railroad track on the Table Rock road. A lot of the bottles were broken while they were being dumped.

These bottles and broken glass sure make a beautiful sight. I hope the person or persons that dumped them reads this as I imagine they feel rather proud of themselves for making such a mess.

I wonder why people like to make a dump ground of the roadside? Is it because they don't know or don't care or are they just plain stupid? It surely can't be that they are afraid of the caretakers at the disposal area as those people are congenial and friendly.

Recently the county road crews spent a lot of time cleaning up the Table Rock road, but that apparently doesn't mean anything to some people. It is bad enough for things that are carelessly thrown on trucks and trailers to fall off on the road but when they dump them on the road side on purpose, I think that is just going too far.

E. L. Brown, Rt. 2, Box 283, Central Point, Ore.

Chinese 'Sanctuary' Opposite Formosa Topic of Discussion

By CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Foreign Analyst

One of the things that most have been discussed, in the latest United States-Chinese Nationalist negotiations, is the fact that the Communists now have a "privileged sanctuary" opposite Formosa.



Charles M. McCann, United Press Foreign Analyst, is shown here in a photo held by Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Assistant Secretary of State Walter S. Robertson and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Official sources in Taipei, the Formosan capital, where the negotiations were held, said that basic principles involved in obtaining a cease fire were discussed.

Chiang Desires Attack But the belief was expressed in American diplomatic and military circles in Tokyo that Chiang's desire to attack the Communist air bases played a big part in the talks.

That sounds logical. Chiang wants no cease fire. He wants to attack the Communists—frankly hoping that the United States will be drawn into war on his side.

The United States wants a cease fire, not only to end the present dangerous tension but to effect the freeing of American war prisoners still held by the Communists in flagrant violation of the Korean armistice.

So far, the cease fire situation is still in the diplomatic fencer's stage. But the way things are shaping up, it looks as if the United States eventually will have to let Chiang start bombing the Red-held mainland unless a cease fire is arranged.

Of course the Communists themselves could start things, if

the cease fire feelers fail, by attacking the Quemoy and Matsu islands in preparation for an attack on Formosa.

But they still do not know whether the United States will go into action to help Chiang and his Nationalists defend the two island groups.

The Reds do know that the United States is pledged to defend Formosa itself.

And if they have any sense at all, they will not lightly risk a major war with the United States. They have troubles enough of their own—notably a chronic agricultural crisis which leaves millions of Chinese people hungry.

One thing about cease fire talks is that, if they fail, the situation which they concern gets worse than it was before. That undoubtedly will happen if a Formosa cease fire proves impossible.

The situation in that area is perhaps the most tangled one in the whole field of East-West issues. It can not continue forever—and the United States can not forever tolerate a Red "privileged sanctuary" opposite Formosa like the one in Manchuria during the Korean war.

Testimony Continues On O&C Regulations

Portland (U.P.)—The Bureau of Land Management says some two thirds of O & C timber sales have been handled outside the framework of 1950 road regulations.

BLM officials said at a hearing on the road rules here yesterday that the basic right-of-way regulations has been strongly argued by the bureau to achieve timber harvesting.

The hearing is on proposed changes in regulations. Smaller operators oppose the changes while the Industrial Forestry Association wants the changes.

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