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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

May 4, 1945

(It was Friday)

Medford Board of Christian

Education organized to hire in-

terdenominational religious

teacher for four grammar

schools.

From Arthur Perry's Ye

Smudge Pot column: It was 91

degrees two days in a row this

week. The heat reddened up a

few bald heads growing hair by

wearing no hat, and put a beau-

tiful drugstore tan on any num-

ber of female shanks.

30 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1915

(It was Saturday)

Jackson County Chamber of

Commerce endorses 1935 cam-

paign by Oregon Manufacturer's

association to sell Oregon to

Oregonians.

CCC officials announce land

grand camp here to work on

Prescott Memorial park on Roxy

Ann.

80 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1925

A large vote expected tomor-

row on school bond election to

construct new building costing

\$185,000.

Local and state officials cam-

paign to stop speeding on North

Central ave.

40 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1915

Crater Lake park officials re-

port four feet of snow and good

road conditions, considering the

season.

Ashland voters amend city

charter to describe duties and

powers of Springs water com-

mission.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

1. May 1 was Loyalty Day, May

day or the great Russian nation-

al holiday.

2. Which two 20th century

Presidents had wives named

Edith?

3. Income tax returns are

checked by more or fewer Treas-

ury agents now than several

years ago?

4. New York City has almost

as many Catholics as Protestants

and Jews combined; right or

wrong?

5. About one in every two,

three, four, or five wage-earners

in this country is a woman?

6. A chess set is made up of

six, seven, eight, nine or ten

different kinds of pieces?

7. A ramp is a kind of super-

garic, a sloping passageway, or

an animal's stance with forelegs

extended?

The answers: 1. All three; 2.

Theodore Roosevelt and Wood-

row Wilson. 3. By several thou-

sands more. 4. Right. 5. About one

in every three. 6. Six. 7. All

three.

WATER PISTOLS STOLEN

Cincinnati, O. — (U.P.) — A thief

broke into a storeroom of the

Sherman Elementary School and

took 15 plastic water pistols that

had been checked for youngsters

who brought them to school.

REASONABLE SUGGESTION

Tokyo — (U.P.) — The U. S.

Army's Far East radio network

came up today with this bit of

advice for thousands of Ameri-

can servicemen. "If you need

legal assistance, see your legal

assistance officer."

Fairgrounds Cleanup Started

Removal of the outside wings of the building being used by the Footlighters, little theater group, at the Jackson county fairgrounds constitutes at least a start on a cleanup program which will be carried out as part of the preparation for construction of a fine new armory-auditorium building on the fairgrounds.

The Footlighters theater will be cut down to one story and moved to a new site around 500 yards east of the present location.

Another small structure on the armory site has already been torn down and plans call for removal or razing of several other buildings in the vicinity.

OLDTIMERS viewing the changes at the fairgrounds are reminded of the days back in 1922-24 when Jackson county people were so enthused over establishment of the new fairgrounds and how erection of the buildings and the grandstand, the laying out of the racetrack and work on other details was watched with keen interest and anticipation.

THE LAYOUT, once completed, proved as big an attraction as had been hoped for. For several years the Jackson county fairs staged in the new setting drew thousands of people from throughout southern Oregon and northern California.

Time after time farm leaders and the city's business men fairly knocked themselves out trying to put on bigger and better fairs. Finally, however, the conviction began to dawn on them that the net results were just not worth the expense, work, worry and effort.

ONCE that feeling set in, the Jackson county fair enthusiasts found hard sledding in enlisting support and interest and it wasn't long before exhibitors, visitors and people in general decided they would rather go fishing or spend their time in ways more pleasant than traipsing around a hot, dusty and noisy fairground.

Along about that period the Civilian Conservation Corps began establishing camps throughout Southern Oregon and use of the Jackson county fairgrounds was sought for headquarters and storage purposes.

The CCC took over the fairgrounds in 1933 and remained in possession for almost fourteen years.

Once the fairs were discontinued deterioration of the buildings was fast. Occasional fires destroyed some of the more important structures and with the loss of these there was little sentiment for attempting to revive the county fair extravaganzas once so popular.

IN LATER years the 4-H fairs have grown in importance and community interest, providing as they do an opportunity for display of agricultural products together with livestock, swine and poultry, handiwork and other evidence of the youngsters skills on the farm and in the home.

AFTER the large new armory and auditorium are in place it is to be hoped that the entire fairgrounds area will be cleaned up and landscaped to as great an extent as funds will permit.

The site, located as it is on the southern approach to the city, is viewed by the thousands who use the Pacific highway and should present a more inviting appearance than has been offered for several years past.—E.C.F.

How To Avoid Sucker Bait

The number of schemes which the dishonest and the unscrupulous can dream up for bilking their fellow men are unbelievably many and varied. Persual of the latest monthly bulletin of the Portland Better Business Bureau shows listed, among others the advertising for sale of "distributorships" for a battery rejuvenating dope through which up to \$900 per month could be earned; offers of "bargain" paint allegedly made from salvage materials; a Bible salesman falsely representing himself as authorized to collect for Bibles shipped to customers; a baby shoe bronzing salesman who takes orders and then vanishes, shoes, money and all; a New York couple who mail out nationwide appeals for funds to maintain recreational centers for children, a major portion of the receipts going to pay fat salaries to the solicitors.

SUCH lists are almost endless, but people in general could not only save the time required to read them, but also any dollars they might feel inclined to entrust to the sharpers, simply by patronizing established home business concerns — or consulting the Chamber of Commerce — avoiding sucker bait is as easy as that. — E. C. F.

Judge Delays Ruling On Shepard Retrial

Cleveland, O. — (U.P.) — Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin said today that he had "no idea" when he will rule on a possible new trial for convicted wife-slayer Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

State and defense attorneys will present oral arguments today supporting their motions against and for a retrial of the osteopath, convicted of the bludgeon murder of his pretty wife Marilyn last July 4 in her bed.

"I'll be there only to listen," the judge said. He conducted a nine-week trial which ended in the brain surgeon's conviction of second degree murder and passed a life sentence on Dr. Sheppard.

Miss Marlowe Weds Ex-Godfrey Director

New York — (U.P.) — Singing Star Marion Marlowe and television producer Larry Puck, both fired by television star Arthur Godfrey, will be married in St. Louis Friday.

Their courtship cost Puck his job with Godfrey. He was fired as one of Godfrey's directors immediately after he and Miss Marlowe announced their engagement.

Miss Marlowe was one of six entertainers fired by Godfrey last month.

The couple plans a two-week Bermuda honeymoon following the ceremony.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 8:30 previous day.

German Sovereignty Opens New Period in History of Europe

By CHARLES M. McCANN

United Press Foreign Analyst

A new period in European history will open tomorrow when the Federal Republic of Germany becomes a sovereign nation.

West Germany, as it is called, will become an ally of the United States and the other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

It will start to raise an army of 400,000 men, an air force of 80,000 men and a navy of 20,000 men.

Russia will have suffered a momentous defeat in the cold war.

At the same time, West Germany's allies will be faced with some new problems.

One will be to make sure that Russia does not succeed in the desperate attempt it is sure to make to keep German rearmament from becoming a reality.

Another will be to keep Germany, with its militaristic tradition, from becoming a danger instead of a safeguard to democracy.

The new German army—the "Streitkräfte" of fighting

forces—will be strictly limited by treaty.

But so was the Wehrmacht of the years between the two world wars. Adolf Hitler just tore up the treaty.

For the present, however, and for the foreseeable future, Soviet Russia is the threat.

Every step which West Germany takes in the process of rearmament will make the danger of a third world war more remote.

Russia has shown how deeply it fears West German rearmament.

It fought every step of the long, painful process of writing and ratifying the rearmament and accompanying treaties.

Denounced Treaties

It has denounced its treaties of alliance with Great Britain and France.

It is about to form a joint military command with its European satellites as a retort to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

At the same time, the Kremlin is now trying a new tack—the treaty to restore to Austria the sovereignty it lost when Hitler seized it in 1938.

Russia's sole reason for even thinking of concluding an Austrian treaty is the hope that it will sabotage German rearmament.

If an Austrian treaty is signed, Russian occupation troops will leave. The Kremlin's idea would be to use 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.

Annexation Opposed

To the Editor: Anent the City of Medford's plan to annex 3,000 acres south of the city, it seems to me the residents of the area should be consulted on whether or not they wish to become a part of Medford. It appears that Medford is going to take advantage of an obscure law to force annexation on us willy-nilly.

This arbitrary action certainly is not democratic. I feel it is safe to say most of the residents of this area prefer to remain apart from Medford and if they wished for annexation, would have advanced the idea to the Medford city council before now.

Heretofore Medford would not annex a subdivision until all facilities were in, such as water, sewer, paving, etc. Suddenly we are confronted with the menace of Medford extending greedy fingers to rake in this 3,000 acre area. Why? Is there an ulterior motive behind it all?

There is no real need for Medford to become any bigger than it is and it would be good if Medford would confine its activities to matters within its own boundaries.

The residents of this area prefer the status quo but if Medford is going to try to annex us, we may as well incorporate into a new community. It would be cheaper than to pay the high taxes that would result from annexation to Medford. As it is now, we don't have to pay \$2 and more to erect a TV antenna, pay for a license to do business or obtain a building permit. We like it that way.

Medford can give us nothing that we can't give ourselves if we set our minds to it. We can take care of our own sewage problems without the aid of Medford. Perhaps Medford is afraid it would lose control of its sewage system if a metropolitan district is organized.

And what about the recently enacted law that gives Medford the right to acquire and maintain streets outside of its boundaries? How greedy can they get? Before we are completely engulfed by Medford, I suggest the residents of the area call a meeting to discuss the matter and formulate a plan of action. We certainly should explore every possibility. It may be too late for the legislature to help us but legal talent may find a way. We could incorporate.

Jerold W. Swanson
798 Garfield Street
Medford, Oregon.

(Editor's note: Before the areas proposed for annexation join the city, a majority of the residents must approve the action at an election. The city cannot force any area to join it.)

UNLIKELY STORY

Grand Rapids, Mich. — (U.P.) — A police court judge fined Philip Lopez \$50 Tuesday despite his story about why he married the door of a car with a knife and let the air out of the tires. "I thought it was my own car," Lopez testified.

A United Nations survey shows the life expectancy of a Norwegian girl is 72.65 years — the highest in the world.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Important—if true:

Deputy Undersecretary of State Robert Murphy (who, by the way, is an able and hard-headed diplomat) says in a prepared address in Washington that the Communist nations may be changing their tactics.

Pointing to Soviet moves toward an Austrian peace treaty and Red China's offer to negotiate on the Formosa issue, he told his hearers:

"Although our experience induces caution with respect to these developments, the stakes are so high that national interest demands that we explore ANY avenue which might lead to an easing of international tension."

TEACHERS VISIT

Portland—(U.P.)—Portland public school children had the day off today while some 2400 elementary and high school teachers spent the day visiting the city's business and industrial firms.

THAT IS to say:

Talk is cheaper than shooting.

So—

As long as possible—

LET'S KEEP ON TALKING.

MEANWHILE, OF course,

KEEPING OUR GUNS

LOOSE IN THEIR HOLSTERS.

THERE'S ALWAYS something-to-worry about:

A Canadian scientist — Dr. Wildred Shute, chief cardiologist and co-director of the Shute Institute of London, Ontario—tells a convention of the American Academy of Nutrition in Los Angeles that modern milling methods are removing Vitamin E from flour, thus contributing to a rise in coronary blood clotting.

He says Vitamin E is found in wheat germ, but is LOST in the milling process. He says this loss in the modern human diet has caused an increase in the incidence of blood clotting in the past 50 years.

D'YA MEAN, sir, that every time we eat a slice of bread we're going to have to go through all the worries we go through every time we smoke a cigarette?

If so, let's all join with Lady Macbeth in chanting:

"Double, double toil and trouble: 'Fire burn and cauldron bubble."

CONSOLATORY NOTE to the bakers:

We'll go right on eating bread, just as we go right on smoking cigarettes.

CHAIRMAN OF the Board

Ben Fairless tells U. S. Steel Company stockholders that present prospects for their company are the BRIGHTEST IN ITS HISTORY.

He adds:

"Last year, U. S. Steel had substantial reserve capacity for future demands (which is carefully chosen language meaning that a year ago Big Steel had the capacity to PRODUCE a lot more than it was able to SELL).

"But NOW it is evident that a further expansion of facilities will be imperative if present demand continues."

THAT BRINGS up the plight of the American farmer — who is now in the position Big Steel was in a year ago. That is to say, he is able to produce a lot more than he can sell at fair prices.

But—

At the big land and water symposium in Albuquerque last week the reclamation bureau's chief engineer, Leslie McClellan, told the assembled experts that a SOARING population will soon use ALL of America's now surplus food.

He added:

"Present food surpluses in the United States will disappear before 1975, for the census bureau estimates that by then there will

be 221,000,000 people in this country."

He concluded:

"The United States will have to solve increasingly severe demands on water resources if it wants to KEEP ENOUGH FOOD ON THE TABLE."

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