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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 11, 1945
(Jackson county court considers appointing service officer to serve veterans organizations.)

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Another farmer reports he beat approximately 2800 pounds of the alleged meat shortage to the barn the first of the week.

20 YEARS AGO
May 11, 1935
(The Rogue River Baptist association holds 59th annual meeting at First Baptist church in Medford.)

Preparations start for observing Decoration Day, May 30.
30 YEARS AGO
May 11, 1925
(Jackson county court publishes paid advertisement urging residents to consider before signing petitions against state tax on commercial busses and trucks.)

Interest becomes more intense in campaign between Holly St. and Pacific and Easter sites for new Medford High school.
40 YEARS AGO
May 11, 1915
(Medford's mail from the north delayed because of washout at Kennett.)

Rogue River Fruit and Produce association elects Col. R. C. Washburn of Table Rock president.

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

1. V-E Day ten years ago marked the surrender of Germany, Italy, Japan, Germany and Italy, or Germany and Japan?

2. Mother's Day has been celebrated on a nation-wide basis for about 25 years, for considerably less or more?

3. Most of the people of Austria are Roman Catholics, or most are Protestants, or is it about 50-50?

4. Eisenhower was or wasn't chosen as presidential nominee by the 1952 G.O.P. convention on its first ballot?

5. Now that the Salk vaccine has proved effective against polio, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis says it does or doesn't need new funds?

6. The great race horse, Man o' War, won a Kentucky Derby, or was defeated in one, or never ran in one?

7. Which two of these didn't write one of the four New Testament Gospels: John, Luke, Mark, Matthew, Paul, Peter?

The Answers: 1. Of Germany. 2. For more than 40 years. 4. Was. 5. Says it does. 6. Never ran in one. 7. Paul and Peter.

John Day Cattleman Winner of Swift Award
Corvallis — (U.P.) — Verman Oliver, cattleman from John Day, has been presented the G. F. Swift Centennial Founders award for leadership in the growth and development of Oregon's cattle industry.

What Is One To Believe?

The uncertainties which surround the value of the Salk anti-polio vaccine and the advisability of its use on a nationwide basis have a counterpart in the arguments which have attended efforts to modify weather conditions.

FROM some parts of the country there have come reports and conclusions that definite and worthwhile results have been attained in producing additional precipitation in the form of snow or rain. On the other hand just as positive opinions have been voiced that weather modification efforts have not proved worthwhile.

The latest adverse conclusion to come to our notice was issued by the Canadian government weather service.

IN a statement made public at Toronto the Canadian weather service declares that commercial rain making experiments in parts of the prairie wheat belt caused less—not more—rain to fall. Confining his conclusions to the conditions that prevailed in the tests, the Canadian government meteorologist estimated that one-seventh less rain fell in areas where clouds were seeded than could have been expected if man hadn't prodded nature.

The Canadian report covered experiments carried out in May, June and July of 1953 and 1954 in part of the southwest Manitoba and two areas in west central Saskatchewan. Cloud seeding with silver iodide from ground generators was done by Canadian affiliates of the Water Resources Development Corp., of Denver, Colo., working under contract for farmers in the area.

THE cruel let-down and eventual complete bewilderment which followed the initial announcements concerning the Salk vaccine could have been largely avoided had the government and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis permitted less dramatics in announcing the favorable results from the 1954 tests.

Even if the vaccine had proved to be completely efficacious and if no trace of doubt had entered into the picture the build-up and ballyhoo given the vaccine would have created such a demand that pharmaceutical companies would have been swamped with orders for months and orderly distribution would have been almost-impossible under such circumstances.

As it transpired the doubts which have arisen and the off-again-on-again attitude of the politico-medical men have served to foul up the whole deal to such an extent that anxious parents and the public in general finally do not know what to think.—E.C.F.

Unique Celebration

With arrival of the summer season there comes also the numerous fairs, festivals, "days," "weeks," and other occasions set aside for civic and community celebration of everything from the appearance of blossoms in the surrounding orchards to completion of a new city hall. It doesn't take much to stir the desire to celebrate. But of all the countless festivities planned in the state this year historic old Oregon City staged a celebration a few days ago which was in a class by itself.

IN Oregon City the business section is strung along a narrow shelf with the Willamette river on one side and sheer rock cliffs on the other.

Steps were built against the face of the bluff back in 1874 and the pioneer settlers of that time panted up the long stairway when they wished to reach the hill section of the town.

It was in this higher section that Dr. John McLoughlin, Hudson Bay company factor and for many years virtual ruler of the wide area, built his home in 1845.

IN 1913 a municipal elevator was finally installed. The apparatus was actuated by water power, however, and as a result of the community squabbling which broke out over the use of water from city mains, and over other details, perspiring citizens continued to climb the stairs until December of 1915 when the lift was at last actually placed in service. Apparently there were still some mechanical bugs in the machinery and the Enterprise-Courier of Oregon City reports that at times it became necessary for passengers to work their way out of the stalled cage by way of an emergency door in the back and get back to terra firma by clambering down a ladder on the steel framework. With ankle skirts and, later on, the hobble skirts, this required a bit of doing for the female passengers.

Complications continued to develop until the unusually severe winter of 1924 when the elevator was put completely out of business. The following summer the city council voted to install electric power in the lift and with this change the conveyance performed well until it was decided to build a new steel and concrete 129-foot tower shaft at a cost of \$160,000.

COMPLETION and dedication of the new elevator was made the occasion for a four-day general civic whoop-de-do which was attended by an estimated 10,000 people.

Practically every city, town or hamlet in Oregon will celebrate something or other this summer but old Oregon City is the only one able to base civic jubilation on the dedication of a new elevator.—E.C.F.

Ike's Agreement To Big 4 Talks Concession To British, French

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent
Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower's agreement in principle to a top level Big Four

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Important agricultural news: Americans are shifting from HIGH CALORIE foods to more of the PROTECTIVE foods. The U.S. department of agriculture, reporting this changeover after a comparison of our diets in the years 1933-1934 with those in the years 1935-1939, says it's because we're learning more about the values of vitamins, proteins, iron and calcium.

I SUPPOSE it's true that the reason we're changing over from the high calorie foods (which tend to make us fatter) to the protective foods (which in general are supposed to make us slimmer) is that we're learning more about the life-extending qualities of the so-called "protective foods."

It could be that this change in our diet is the result of the general disesteem in which fatness is held in our day and age and the consequent almost universal yen for slimmness. We're approaching the point where the fat gal must reconcile herself, at the worst, to a life of single blessedness and at the best to the prospect that she'll have to choose a husband from a list that has been picked over by the slender ones who can afford to pick and choose.

AT ANY rate— And for whatever reason— This change in our diet is affecting our whole agricultural economy. During the last two years, the department of agriculture says, each of us consumed an average of 18 per cent more dairy products — EXCLUDING BUTTER, which got too high-priced, and so lost ground to oleomargarine — 25 per cent more eggs, 37 per cent more meat and 16 per cent more citrus fruit and tomatoes.

During the same period, we ate 26 PER CENT LESS POTATOES and 21 per cent fewer grain products!

I WONDER about potatoes — which in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California are a highly important crop.

Is it true that potatoes are INEVITABLY fattening? Is it a FACT that if one eats potatoes he must resign himself to the inferior status that in this period of the world's history seems to go with overweight?

Or does INCONVENIENCE have something to do with it? Anyway, a decline of 26 PER CENT in consumption of potatoes (as reported by the department of agriculture) is something that can't be laughed off in the area of our country where potatoes are a highly desirable crop.

LET'S TAKE a look at this business of INCONVENIENCE.

Processing and packing have been making tremendous strides in the case of fruits and vegetables other than potatoes. The freezing process alone has more or less changed the whole picture. When comes the grim hour at which the housewife must face the problem of WHAT THE BRUTE IS GOING TO EAT, she can solve it easily and more or less painlessly by reaching into the refrigerator or the freezer and retrieving therefrom an eye-pleasing package that needs only to be broken open and dumped into some cooking utensil that will heat the stuff up and make it appetizing.

But in the case of the potato it is still too likely that she will have to go down to the basement, choose whatever number of potatoes she needs, bring them up to the kitchen, wash them, peel them, and then cook them more or less slowly and tiresomely.

IN SUCH a case, what would you do? You'd probably do as a lot of other cooks are obviously doing. You'd pick the QUICK AND EASY way. Who doesn't, in these days?

In this connection, we mustn't forget the statistic that informs us that some 40 per cent of American women work outside the home. After doing a day's work in office or factory, they can hardly be blamed for choosing the quick and easy way when mealtime comes.

WHAT CAN the potato industry do about it?

Among other things, it better PUT THE FOOD RESEARCHERS AT WORK ON THE PROBLEM. It will do well to join in an industry-wide study of why people are eating a quarter less potatoes than they ate only a few years ago.

So far, the potato industry has been giving too much thought to PURELY COMPETITIVE ADVERTISING AND MARKETING and too little thought to fundamental research concerning the use of potatoes as a food and the possibilities of marketing them in more convenient forms.

conference is known here to have been a reluctant concession to French and British public opinion, especially to the British who are in an election campaign.

But Mr. Eisenhower is committed to the project now. The world in Washington was that he would go all out to bring about the conference and to make it a success. The President's firmly held preference was for careful preliminary planning leading to a foreign ministers' conference. The top level meeting was to be last, like the frosting on a cake, if at all.

There is a whiff, too, of concession to Democratic political opinion in Mr. Eisenhower's agreement to seek a meeting of the Big Four heads of state. Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee revived the Big Four conference idea in the United States last March 20. George said the time had come when the real hope of avoiding war was a top level meeting.

Mr. Eisenhower's steady opposition to the Big Four meeting "at the summit," which Sir Winston Churchill so urgently and eloquently urged while he was prime minister, suggests that he, also, is uneasy in his mind about a top level meeting of the Yalta nations.

The President said last March 30 that "there are many dangers" in a top level meeting without an agenda and adequate lower level preparation. He added: "There are all sorts of things

Is That So?

Over Baffin's Island, With SAS— (Delayed) — Every land has its quaint animal lore and Baffin Island, the world's fourth largest, is no exception. In discussing some of these romantic folk tales with three of my fel-



low passengers, they concentrated their fire upon perhaps the most completely misrepresented animal of the Arctic northland, the wolf.

Fallacy: The wolf is a no-good father, killing his young.

Fact: The wolf is perhaps the most loyal father in the mammalian kingdom, bar none. He labors long and hard hours to care for his offspring—a rarity among mammalian small rodents, rabbits and other game for the hunt. Also, he protects and helps train his offspring.

Fallacy: Wolves howl each night at exactly the same time.

Fact: Observations conducted with wolves at the Cincinnati zoo failed to reveal any synchronized time for recurrent howling.

Fallacy: Wolves run in huge packs.

Fact: Wolves do not run in packs of 50, 30 or even 20. The pack, as such, is merely a small family group—mother, father, growing cubs and an occasional in-law an aunt or uncle. But no outsiders. So close is this family relationship that an orphaned youngster may be mothered by aunts—again, a rarity among wild mammals; and further more, uncles may pitch in to help train the offspring.

Fallacy: Wolves will attack humans, even laying siege to a city.

Fact: According to our Biological Survey in Washington which has investigated every published account of humans being killed by wolves in the U.S. and Canada, "without a single exception they proved to be purely imaginary."

Those best acquainted with wolves insist they are extremely shy—one of the shyest of mammals. In fact, I have worked in areas in Alaska, Canada and the Rockies where wolves were once considered quite common and I have occasionally heard the mat night and found their trails and evidence of their presence the morning after, but I have never caught more than a fleeting glimpse of them.

But myths—fostered by Little Red Riding Hood, Aesop's Fables and Walt Disney's version in The Three Little Pigs—die hard, if at all.

Even now, with more Arctic explorers having taken to planes, you'd think stories of attacks by wolves would be a thing of the past, but no. Not long ago a romantic narrator had a "great pack" of wolves "gather their forces under a low-flying plane and race hungrily below, leaping and barking at the bird-like machine!"

So, as far as wolves go, fiction persists, and the unknowning love it!

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to be decided in these preparations before you can just meet and have something promising for the peace of the world."

Conservative Chances Improve
Conservative chances in Britain's May 26 elections are considerably favored by Mr. Eisenhower's agreement in principle to meet at the top. As recently as March 28, when he still was foreign secretary, Conservative Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, seemed to side with Mr. Eisenhower and against Churchill on the way to approach the Big Four meeting, if it was to take place at all.

But British Socialist campaigners have been banging away at the Big Four conference idea to the embarrassment of Eden's conservatives. Not only does Churchill want a meeting at the summit, the British people want it, as well. Conservative campaigners have been given a popular argument why their party should remain in office.

Premier Edgar Faure got the Paris agreement on re-arming of Germany ratified only by promising that a Big Four meeting of some kind would take place. The French people are almost unanimously for such a conference and Faure is now proportionately strengthened in office.

Likewise is Konrad Adenauer's Western German government bolstered by Mr. Eisenhower's very great concession to Allied unity and Allied public opinion.

By Eugene Burns
Ranger-Naturalist

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Government Rests Bryson Perjury Trial

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The government rested its case in the perjury trial of former union leader Hugh Bryson yesterday and Federal Judge William C. Mathes excused the jury until Friday to allow two days for arguing defense motions.

The government charges are based on an affidavit signed by Bryson Jan. 21, 1951, in which he denied being a member of the Communist Party or affiliated with it.

The final three witnesses for the government presented evidence to show that Bryson, then head of the defunct National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards, said in 1951 he was a Communist and "proud of it." All three said they heard Bryson make the statement after he signed the affidavit.

Washington Attorney Seeks Governor's Job

Tacoma — (U.P.) — There appeared to be no doubt today that Washington's Attorney General Don Eastvold is campaigning for governor.

Financing of Eastvold's campaign already was under way. Pledge cards, asking \$120 from each contributor, were being circulated in the state in a drive sponsored by 25 Tacomaans. The goal is Eastvold's hometown, Tacoma, and Pierce county was \$12,000.

The "Eastvold for governor Committee" met here last night to announce the goal already had been reached. The committee said the drive would be continued in other counties, with Spokane the next major area of concentration.

PROBABLY RIGHT
McMinnville, Ore. — (U.P.) — Dr. Albury Castell, head of the philosophy department at the University of Oregon, was waiting on the rostrum to give a chapel lecture at Linfield college when the student choir began singing. They sang "Give us Courage, Give us Wisdom, for the facing of his hour."

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Free World Pressure Prompts President To Agree To Conference

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst

President Eisenhower's decision to meet his fellow leaders of the Big Four powers has come only after months of mounting pressure on the United States government from all over the world.

The pressure has come directly from leaders of Allied governments. It has stemmed, however, from the fear of ordinary people all over the world of what might happen to them if the United States and Soviet Russia clashed in an atomic war.

The pressure started as long as two years ago when Winston Churchill, then prime minister of Great Britain, called for a Big Four meeting "at the summit" in an attempt to ease world tension.

It increased after the crew of a Japanese fishing boat were affected by radioactive ash which fell on them as the result of the United States H-bomb test at Bikini—800 miles away—on March 1, 1954.

The United States resisted the pressure firmly. President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles saw no sign that the Soviet government was disposed to end the cold war which it started—not to mention the hot war which it instigated in Korea.

But now there has been a change. The ratification of the treaties for the arming of Western Germany has put the free world in a position of great strength. Communism is on the defensive.

The situation now seems to be that even if the Western Allies gained nothing as the result of a Big Four conference "at the summit" at least they could lose nothing.

Whether there is any real chance of major agreements as the result of a meeting of the Big Four leaders is in the field of speculation.

"It looks as if any big concessions made in the interest of world peace would have to come from the Russian side. Change Needed. Russia's policies have put the world in its present position. Only a change in these policies can give hope for improvement. There is also the question whether Russia's representative at a top-level Big Four meeting will be able to talk with any authority.

Certainly Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin is not the No. 1 Russian leader. If there really is a No. 1 leader right now, it may be Nikita S. Khrushchev, first sec-

retary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

There is increasing evidence, however, that the Kremlin leadership is a team business.

But if President Eisenhower, Marshal Bulganin, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and French Premier Edgar Faure can meet for a few days and maintain a cordial atmosphere while they talk things over, some good may result.

WANT TO BE JUDGE?

Indianapolis — (U.P.) — The Air Force announced it will conduct a beauty contest to choose an Indiana "air princess." "All entries become the property of the judges," the publicity release said.

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