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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 15, 1945 (It was Tuesday) Central Point Grange joins Jacksonville chapter favoring Highway 99 as inter-regional highway.

20 YEARS AGO May 15, 1935 (It was Wednesday) The Medford Gleemen plan annual spring concert to be held soon.

30 YEARS AGO May 15, 1925 (It was Friday) Residents of Medford and nearby districts vote on annexation of small areas to city.

40 YEARS AGO May 15, 1915 (It was Saturday) Jackson county road department resurfacing roads with buckshot gravel.

Route of Pacific highway from Central Point to Josephine county line approved with three railroad crossings.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?) Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report 1. The Supreme Court says the Federal Power Commission must or mustn't set prices of natural gas sold by producers to pipe-lines? 2. President Eisenhower has been corresponding with a Soviet leader: Malenkov, Bulganin, Molotov, Zhukov, or Khrushchev?

MINNESOTA'S GROWTH Minneapolis — (UP)—Minnesota's 1955 population is estimated at 3,138,872 by the state registrar of vital statistics, Dr. A. J. Chesley. The 1950 federal census placed the state's population at 2,982,483.

Both Sides Get A Laugh

There appears to be considerable humor in the fight over Hells Canyon within the Oregon delegation.

At least Congressman Ellsworth, stalwart champion of the private-power interests, declares, in his latest communication to his constituents that remarks by Senator Morse regarding this question makes it impossible for him to suppress a chuckle.

The particular item in one of the home letters that so stimulated our Congressman's risibilities follows, quote:

"But do not be misled. Don't let yourselves be fooled." It is, we assume, Mr. Ellsworth's contention that Oregon's senior senator is in some way misleading his constituents regarding this important question.

In searching around the Ellsworth offering for evidence of this we found the following statement by our congressman, quote:

"The Federal government does not make any profit from any power dam."

Could this be advanced as a refutation of the claim by Oregon's senior Senator that government-power projects don't cost the tax payers anything because they are eventually "self liquidating."

FOR while it is true the government does not make a profit from its power-projects, as a private power company does in the shape of dividends, it does make money—millions in fact—said millions being paid back to the US Treasury until the original government loan is liquidated on behalf of the tax-payers.

SO the debate goes on—and on. And it does have its amusing features as well as its exasperating ones.

Among the latter is the reiterated claim that no matter how desirable federal projects may be, there is no chance of congress, as now constituted approving them. As the need for more power is critical and time is the essence, the only practical "out" therefore, they claim, is a compromise—adoption of the partnership plan, for example, whereby the private company pays for the power construction and gets the profits therefrom while the government pays for the collateral benefits, such as flood control and transportation improvements, which pay no profits.

WELL, no one can blame the private power companies for favoring such an arrangement—taking the cream while the tax payers pay the freight—and a generous subsidy.

BUT how can the private power advocates be so sure that congress would not approve any 100% federal project at this time—Hells Canyon for example?

Only a few days ago the Senate, with the administration's approval and support, approved a far larger 100% federal project on the Upper Colorado, which will cost the taxpayers two or three times as much as the Snake river proposal.

OF course the House may defeat the Colorado proposal. But to date it hasn't.

Certainly the possibility of failure in Congress did not deter the delegations from the Colorado Basin area from trying. Why should it deter the representatives of Oregon, Idaho and Washington from doing the same?

THE point in both cases is whether or not a federal power project will serve the people of the areas concerned better from all angles than any private power or partnership project and at less cost.

If this is true then it should be done. If it isn't true then it should be abandoned.

Can They Beat Morse? If the above is a fair example of what the strategy of the Republican High command will be a year hence in its effort to defeat Senator Morse then we fear it is doomed to a rude awakening.

OF all the representatives Oregon has sent to Washington in its entire history, we believe Wayne would rank first in the direction of absolute candor, frankness and forthrightness. Like all other humans he is not infallible, he has his faults, he makes his mistakes, he never side-steps an issue, he never equivocates, he never tries to fool anyone, he never fails to take the people—all the people—into his confidence, and whether they agree with him or don't, he never fails to put all his cards on the table and face up.

Many don't agree with him. But not even his worst enemy we feel sure would deny that there is never any doubt as to JUST WHERE HE STANDS. SO this sort of talk intimating that our senior Senator is misleading and trying to fool the people

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

FEELING OUT THE RUSSIANS

Washington—"Operation Feeling-Out" is now about to begin. The purpose is to test Soviet intentions — to find out whether there is anything real and solid behind the small signs and portents suggesting that the Soviets may actually want a relaxation of tensions.

With the long heralded "meeting at the summit" apparently in prospect, and with optimistic talk suddenly being heard all over the place, a lot of people are beginning to think that an actual settlement of major East-West issues may be in sight.

It is apparently in prospect instead is a long period of "intense diplomatic activity," which means that both sides will go on for a long time sniffing at each other, like suspicious dogs. The meeting at the summit, if it takes place, will be hardly more than a particularly high-level sniff.

It is no secret that President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles only agreed to this curious ceremony as an election present to the hard-pressed British Conservatives. Both previously believed that there should be a top level meeting only if "Operation Feeling-Out" were a success, and some real area of agreement had first been established.

Instead, in order to satisfy the supposed hankering of the British electorate, the meeting at the summit will precede the feeling-out process rather than the other way round. The meeting may turn out to be a useful high-level sniff. But it is nonsense to suppose that a real settlement of major issues—above all the German issue—could emerge from a few days of guarded talk between the chiefs of state.

INDEED, there is very little expectation that a real settlement is likely to result even when the solicitor-foreign ministers get down to business. The heart and soul of any general agreement would be, of course, an agreement on Germany—without such an agreement the cold war cannot possibly end.

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THE Soviet Communist puppets would be overwhelmingly defeated in any free election in East Germany, thus publicly exposing world communism as a fraud perpetrated by a tiny minority. The abandonment of the German puppet would hardly encourage others. The loss of East Germany would mean the loss of important uranium mines. It would give restless Poland a common border with freedom.

For the same reasons, any such dramatic Soviet initiative is believed improbable. Indeed, most officials doubt that the coming period of mutual sniffing will produce any great drama at all. About the most that "Operation Feeling-Out" might produce is a tacit agreement not to commit mutual suicide. But even this would be a considerable step forward.

Portland has been having a rash of bombing threats — one being at a place called Johnny's Tavern, where a message found at the door warned the proprietor to come across with a payment of several hundred dollars—or else!

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How the early settler and logger wished the big Douglas firs were smaller like trees back east. For they had to be axed down and into log lengths. That's how come the springboard that enabled a feller to go up two or three boards high so the chips would come out better from the up to two feet or more deep cut.

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Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a public 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 not submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Is It A Renaissance?

To the Editor: Is Oregon to emerge from 150 years of medieval waste and destruction? It is indeed good to know that a state-wide effort is being made to bring about at least a semblance of conservation of our forests and other natural resources. Pledgings and warnings were made through all those years for sane and sound use; but heeded not. Unequalled, uncontrolled greed and vandalism raged unchecked.

No longer can we fool ourselves, or be fooled into believing America's forests "inexhaustible." "Timber-r-r forever-r-r-r." "We'll never run short of timber," and other false slogans.

Had the West Coast Lumber Assn., which includes the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., and a score of other big timber and logging outfits heeded the warnings thru the past 100 years, and especially the last 50 years, there'd be no timber shortage now. Had the Federal Govt. and the states exercised the warnings of Pres. Cleveland, Pres. Theodore Roosevelt, and America's first Chief Forester, who brought our U.S. Forest Service and National Forests into being,—or even if forest conservation urged at the October, 1946 American Forest Congress by Lyle Watts, and through his period as Chief Forester, been heeded by private lumbermen and loggers, the crisis we are now in would at least have been delayed.

Gifford Pinchot and some other far-sighted, public-spirited men worked tirelessly to bring about forest practices by which America might have forestry always, protected watersheds, streams, soil, wildlife, and other resources dependent upon forests, including labor.

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POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)



The picture above is a scoop. It is the only known existing picture of the pilot of a Martian flying saucer. How it was taken, where the saucer landed, whatever communications were undertaken between the photographer and the pilot are a secret of photography — a Camp White member — who wishes to remain unidentified.

The reports indicate, however, that the saucer landed on Table

Editorial Comment

STATE MEAT INSPECTION

The Grants Pass Courier notes that after five legislative sessions in a row had turned down state meat inspection the recent session, the 48th, set up a pilot program. An appropriation of \$75,000 was made which will be supplemented by fees collected from packers and meat dealers. His will enable the State Department of Agriculture to make a start in inspection of meats for human consumption, a service now performed by federal inspectors only in a few plants in the state electing it, and by inspectors from some cities.

The Courier credits Southern Oregon packers with heading the campaign for the bill. That part of the state has suffered from dumping of meats that would not pass California inspection. One person who deserves a major share of the credit for this initial legislation is Mrs. Marie Bosworth of the Medford League of Women Voters. She gathered petitions, came to Salem with them and lobbied energetically for this consumer protection.

(Editor's note: It should perhaps be added that Mrs. Frank Fairweather has been chairman of the Medford league's committee supporting meat inspection, and that both Mrs. Fairweather and Mrs. Bosworth have spent a great deal of time and effort, over a period of years, in behalf of the measure.)

Coon Says Debate May Not Be Needed

Washington — (UP)—Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.) told Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) Friday that a debate on "partnership" development of John Day dam may not be necessary.

Neuberger proposed a debate to be staged in Oregon in September on a bill Coon introduced to allow private power companies to participate with the government in building the dam. He said Friday the Pendleton, Ore., Junior Chamber of Commerce had offered to sponsor the meeting.

"Senator," Coon wrote Neuberger, "I want you to know that I shall be very happy to meet you in public debate on the merits or demerits of any timely subject. However, as seems to be your habit, you have pre-emptively jumped to the conclusion that H.R. 5788—the partnership bill—will not have become law by September."

Coon said he had not introduced the bill for publicity or "factious" purposes and said he would work "tirelessly" for its passage.

Cortisone Flown to Aid Burns Woman

Portland — (UP)—A mercy shipment of cortisone was flown to Burns, Ore., Friday to aid a woman critically ill with an abdominal ailment.

The woman was Mrs. Agnes Kennedy, wife of Donald Kennedy, special assistant to the U.S. Ambassador to India.

The air force made the flight. Two relays of Oregon State police and a Boise, Idaho, Red Cross car teamed up Thursday to rush blood from Boise to Burns. The hospital's weekly quota had been exhausted.

Mrs. Kennedy, who returned to Burns to live with her sister, Mrs. Jessie Richey, last week because she found the Indian climate unbearable, had been reported as improving Saturday after receiving the transfusion.

WEDNESDAY BY UNITED PRESS Northern California: Fair Sunday; warmer extreme north Sunday; northwest winds 20-35 MPH near coast and windy over interior.

Rock, and the pilot made his way to a neighborhood tavern, after which he boarded the Camp White bus in an hilarious condition.

We are assured that the Martian's resemblance to an oak puff ball is purely coincidental.

Mr. Oo, a Burmese, is scheduled to spend the next few days as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Ousterhout of Eagle Point.

The possibilities for bad puns are positively fantastic. We restrain ourselves with great difficulty, leaving the temptation to the Ousterhouts, who can probably do all right for themselves.

Maybe he was left over from Easter, and maybe not, but anyway, a large gray rabbit showed up Friday morning at Doctor's clinic on West Main st.

He (or she) wandered around under the feet of the caretaker, and in and around the clinic all day. One of the girls who works there took him (or her) home Friday night so she (or he) wouldn't get run over or lost or something.

It is still unknown where he (or she) came from and if his (or her) owner can identify and claim the rabbit, we have a hunch a bunch of doctors and their helpers would be grateful.

With the number of doctors recently domiciled on a certain street in a new section of east Medford, the suggestion has been made that the area be renamed "Verde Plaza."

Butte Falls, May 6, 1955

Potluck Editor: In regard to the strange place names in your column a few days ago, I lived near the town of Ono, Shasta County, Calif., for several years. The story I have heard in regard to naming Ono and Igo was this: "There were several hundred Chinese mining about half a mile from what is now Igo, and evidently were enjoying a bit of success. A large group of whites were banded together, and decided to run the Chinese out. One Chinaman was a bit more stubborn than the others, but finally he said 'Igo, Igo.' Perhaps he and others later started mining near Ono — anyway white men decided to run the Chinese out of there too, and one of them said 'Ono, Ono — me washee.' I assume he decided to run a laundry.

As for the other towns, can someone give excuses for towns such as Happy Camp and Humboldt on the Klamath River? Knob, Shasta county, was named for a knob-shaped peak nearby. Also Hat Creek, Shingletown, Shasta county; Fiddletown, east of Sacramento; Yankel Jim's near Colfax; Rough and Ready near Grass Valley; Shilling (post office), more generally known as Whiskeytown in Shasta county; Birds Landing near Vallejo (pronounced Valle Ho); Long Barn east of Stockton; Fair Play, east of Sacramento; Fallen Leaf near Lake Tahoe.

Perhaps that will keep Potluck busy for a few days and provide some food for thought.

Respectfully yours, Floyd H. McCabe

Fish Packer Wants Central Authority

Portland — (UP)—An official of one of the Pacific Northwest's largest fish packing concerns Saturday recommended that sole responsibility for management of Oregon's salmon and steelhead resources be given the Oregon Fish Commission.

Thomas R. Sandoz, president of the Columbia River Packers Association at Astoria, told the Izaak Walton League in Portland that under the present set-up jurisdiction over regulation of the salmon and steelhead resources is divided between the Fish Commission and the Oregon State Game Commission.

He said this divided authority had led to confusion in regulations and conservation activities. Sandoz called for a return to the original concept which he said was "to center the responsibility for management of our salmon resource in the Oregon Fish Commission."

Morse Requests Hearing On Hillsboro Air Base

Washington — (UP)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) Saturday said he has requested the Navy to hold a public hearing at Hillsboro, Ore., on the establishment of a naval air reserve training school there.

Morse said he made the request because of many pro and con letters he had received from Hillsboro residents.

Congress has been asked for initial construction funds for the project.

BEND MAN DROWNS Biloxi, Miss. — (UP)—The Air Force announced here Saturday that A-3C Donald E. Stucky, Bend, Ore., drowned Thursday at Keesler Air Force Base here. He failed to come to the surface of the water after diving into a swimming pool.