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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

Medford city council sets special election for June 12 on an \$825,000 bond issue for six municipal improvements.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Fall fashion shows are now underway in San Francisco before it is hot enough for the fair sex to wear their summer furs.

20 YEARS AGO

Oregon state fish commissioners close Rogue River to commercial fishing as of June 12 to conduct five-year study.

Merchants are urged to display flowers for those attending two-day meet of State Federation of Garden Clubs.

30 YEARS AGO

Medford residents vote for Holly st. site for new high school building.

The first Delphin society material study club in Oregon organized in Medford.

40 YEARS AGO

Southern Pacific railroad expects to run through trains to San Francisco today after repairing Kennett Washout.

From Local and Personal column: A wagonload of gypsies going north passed through Medford Friday night, but did not stop, they being in a hurry to catch up with friends in Douglas county.

What's the Answer?

- (Can You Get 4 of the 7?) Cpr. 1955, Editorial Research Report 1. The cost of housing makes up about one-fourth, one-third or one-half of a typical U. S. family's expenditures?

End of Mining Abuses?

There is reason to hope that this year, at long last, Congress will do something about the laws which have permitted abuses of the mining laws.

The situation is of particular interest in Jackson county, for it was here that a number of mining claims filed on high grade timber property have tied up the orderly management of the timber and recreational land involved.

A NUMBER of attempts have been made to write new legislation which would not allow a mineral claimant to tie up lumber and recreational values, simply with the filing of a mineral claim.

But recent months have seen a development which may solve the problem. There have been a number of conferences held in attempts to iron out the differences, and gradually they began to meet with success.

THIS agreement is reflected in the support which is being given to a number of identical bills which have been introduced into the Congress by a number of members, one of them being Congressman Harris Ellsworth of this district.

The measure has the endorsement of the American Mining Congress as well as the American Forestry Association. Its sponsorship is widespread in both houses of Congress, and to date no serious opposition to it has been voiced.

THE Denver Post, which has long paid attention to the problem, hails the measure, and says:

"The proposed legislation would ban the location of mining claims for common varieties of sand, stone, gravel, pumice, pumicite and cinders. It would limit the use of claims to prospecting, mining, processing and related activities, and protect the federal government's right to continued management of timber and forage on them.

THE Post adds that the provisions embodied in the measure "have been accepted as timely, fair and necessary by the departments of agriculture and interior, by the bureau of the budget, by conservationist groups, by the public lands committee of the mining congress and by the Eisenhower administration."

If the bill is all it is said to be (and such unanimous support could hardly have been engendered by an inadequate proposal), it is to be hoped that it will get swift passage.

It would certainly make life simpler and easier for our own local forest administrators.—E.A.

The Lowdown on Taxes

Anyone who is puzzled by the ins and outs of property taxation (as we often have been) would do well to write to the state tax commission to ask for a little pamphlet recently put out by that agency.

In simple words, it describes the processes by which taxes are levied on property for local purposes, and it gives as clear a picture of the entire procedure as we have yet seen.

IT points out why taxes vary widely according to location. (There are two reasons: 1. Value of property varies according to location, and 2. Amounts of taxes are different in different taxing districts.)

It describes how appraisals are made to find the market value, and how the value is then reduced to "true cash value," and then to "assessed value."

It continues to show how budgets are made up, and the amount of tax levies in each taxing district are applied to the assessed valuation to get the rate of taxation in mills.

THE booklet outlines the fact that most property owners know, that real property taxes have been going up and up. And it adds that only you and your neighbor can do anything about it. It proceeds to give the information needed for intelligent consideration of taxes and tax needs.

It won't answer all the questions you may have, but it will do much to dispense an all-too-prevailing ignorance of how taxes affect the pocketbook of anyone who owns property.—E.A.



Yeggs Spend Unneeded Time on Safe Cracking

Whitesboro, Tex. —(U.P.)— Burglars entered the Strong Truck and Tractor Co. by forcing the door, moved a heavy office safe to the rear of the building and battered it open.

JAPAN FRIENDLY

Minneapolis — (U.P.) — Ten years after World War II, a poll shows 41 per cent of all Minnesotans consider former enemy Japan friendly to the United States.

Matter of Fact

WILL IKE RUN? Washington—Whether President Eisenhower will run again in 1956 is sure to be debated endlessly, until the President himself gives the deciding word.



Stewart Alsop one-man poll. In a long day on the telephone, 20 Senators and 20 newspaper reporters were reached—an adequate sampling, according to polling theory.

In the day's news, the answers to the question "Will Ike run?" broke down as follows: Flat, confident no: Two Democrats, two newspapermen, no Republicans.

Hesitant no: One Democrat, four newspapermen, still no Republicans.

Flat, confident yes: Seven Republicans, four Democrats, eight newspapermen.

Unsettled fence-sitter: One Republican. Stern refusal to participate: One newspaperman.

This works out to 72.5 per cent "yes," 22.5 per cent "no," and 5 per cent no answer. The heavy majority view that the President will run was perhaps not very surprising. Yet the pulse-feeling did develop some features worth remarking.

Except for one cynical newspaperman who thought the President's supposed reluctance was an act, everybody assumed that the President really did not want to run. Why should more than seven out of ten think he would run, despite his own genuine inclinations?

PART of the answer is found in another very general belief. Two Democratic Senators and a couple of reporters thought that the President might be beaten. But almost everyone else agreed in substance with a Democratic Senator who has himself been spoken of as a White House possibility.

"For the first time, just in the past two or three weeks, I've begun to think he might not go. But I still just can't see how he can resist the pressure. Hell, anybody we put up, he'd knock his head off, and if they put anyone else up, we'd knock his head off. So the Republicans just can't let him go to Gettysburg."

Over and over again, in one form or another, came the phrase: "He can't resist the pressure." The Republicans naturally tended to put the matter on a high plane. "Ike's a soldier," said one Republican who spoke for the rest, "and he's got a tremendous sense of duty. He knows he owes it to the country and the Party to run, and he's never shirked a duty yet."

The reporters and the Democrats tended to be more cynical. One literary Democrat compared the President to the reluctant lady in Byron's "Don Juan," who, "whispering 'I will ne'er consent,' consented." A reporter, no admirer of the President, had this to say: "Ike's really a pliant kind of guy, at least about politics—look at the '52 and '54 campaigns. They'll really hold his feet to the fire this time, and in the end he'll go."

One of the two Democrats who flatly predicted that the President would not run had an odd explanation: "Shucks, I like golf too, and I'm up in '56. Suppose I'd already made up my mind not to run again, why, I'd be out on the course half the time. But I want it, and here I am up here running myself ragged, Ike's not running himself ragged, not by a long shot."

If women's intuition is worth anything, the majority is wrong. Sen. Margaret Chase Smith has publicly voiced her doubts about the President's running, and one reporter's wife who answered the telephone agreed: "All the women I know say no."

YET her husband, a brilliant White House reporter, spoke



ACCUSED of slaying long-time friend, Bruce Whitlock, Julian Hammer (above), 26, son of New York millionaire, is in Van Nuys, Cal., jail. (International)

By Stewart Alsop

for the male majority: "Ike really does love that farm, and he really does hate Washington—he says so openly — and Mamie really does want him to retire. But what can he possibly say when the men he admires most tell him: 'Mr. President, you've got to run, or everything you've stood for is lost.'"

The results of this pulse-taking were, obviously, even more inconclusive than usual, since the one person who could give a really authoritative answer was not available for questioning. But the interviews did suggest the amazing extent to which President Eisenhower now dominates the American political scene.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, it is expected that the long-awaited Austrian peace treaty will be signed in Vienna.

When—and IF—the treaty is signed the Austrians will be free from military occupation for the first time in 17 long years. Their country was under Nazi occupation for seven years, and since Hitler's defeat it has been occupied by the Western allies and Russia.

That period of military occupation has lasted for ten years. AUSTRIA is described in the dispatches today as ONE GREAT BUNDLE OF JOY over the prospect of regaining her independence.

Well, who wouldn't? Not only will the Austrians be able again to run their own local affairs. Among other things, they are required by the treaty to FORSWEAR WAR. They will be allowed only military forces enough to police their country, and they will not be permitted to enter into offensive and defensive alliances.

The lucky dogs! No wonder they're happy.

THE California legislature is considering a law to permit California counties to levy a one-cent sales tax. The tax would be collected both in the cities and the non-incorporated rural areas.

The bill, as so far amended, leaves it up to the cities within the counties as to whether they want to turn over part of their money collected within their borders for their own use. Everybody, you see, is scraping the bottom of the tax barrel.

WHY is the sales tax spreading so rapidly? The answer to that one is easy. The sales tax gets the most feathers from the goose with the least squawking.

THE rice industry is suffering from what in these modern days is a common ailment. NOT ENOUGH RICE IS BEING EATEN IN THE UNITED STATES.

Rice growers and rice processors are being urged to take steps to induce people to EAT MORE RICE. The rice surplus, the growers are told, is already HUGE, and if people can't be induced to eat more rice it will get even HUGER.

SO far, so good. But— If everybody is talked into eating rice, LESS WHEAT WILL BE EATEN. And the wheat surplus is even bigger than the rice surplus.

And— Since prices of both rice and wheat are GUARANTEED TO THE GROWER, it seems probable that too much rice and too much wheat will continue to be grown.

QUESTION:

Where will it all end?

THE stock market at noon Friday was HIGHER after two days of sharp price declines. Good? Or bad?

Well, at least the two days of declining prices caused people to stop and remember that what goes up CAN come down. That's a healthy thought.

If everybody came to the conclusion that stock prices are always going to GO UP and are never going to COME DOWN, then everybody would quit working and saving and would devote all his efforts to getting rich quick by speculating on the stock market.

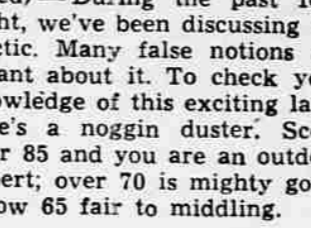
Something like that happened just prior to 1929. SCREWBALL though: What if stock speculators became so numerous that they could go to congress (which always pays attention to large blocks of voters) and GET A F L O O R UNDER STOCK PRICES?

Then all of us could speculate happily on the stock market, secure in the knowledge that we couldn't lose.

IS THAT SO!

By Eugene Burns

Copenhagen, with SAS—(Delayed)—During the past fortnight, we've been discussing the Arctic. Many false notions are extant about it. To check your knowledge of this exciting land, here's a noggin duster. Score over 85 and you are an outdoor expert; over 70 is mighty good; below 65 fair to middling.



- 1. Which of these animals is native to the Arctic? Which to the Antarctic? Which to both? Arctic tern, narwhal, walrus, seal, polar bear, penguin, puffin, ptarmigan, salmon. Score: 18.

2. Which of these statements is true? A. Parts of the Arctic have a lower rainfall (or snowfall) than the Death Valley desert. B. It gets colder in Wyoming and North Dakota than on the North Pole. C. Most of the Arctic mainland consists of plains supporting a heavy vegetation. D. About 20 per cent of the Arctic is permanently snow-covered, and this is most confined to Greenland. Score: 24.

3. Which of these wolf statements is true? A. Wolves often times run in packs exceeding 20. B. In season, wolves howl at the same time every night. C. Unlike the bear, raccoon and squirrel, the wolf is a mean tempered father who destroys his own young at the slightest provocation. D. There are many authenticated instances of wolves attacking humans in Canada and the U.S. during the past 50 years. Score: 24.

4. In the wild, which is the world's most prolonged nursing? Why? Score: 16.

5. Which of these animals is highly gregarious—that is, prefers to live in a group? Lemming, weasel, rabbit, fox, musk ox, caribou. Score: 18.

Answers: 1. The narwhal, walrus, polar bear, puffin, ptarmigan, and salmon belong in the Arctic; the penguin to the Antarctic; in both regions, the Arctic tern and seal.

2. All are true. Arctic annual rainfall (or snowfall) is exceeded in most areas well below 20 inches. Experts state that the temperature at the north pole never drops below -50 degrees Fahrenheit. Yes, there is an abundance of low-growing vegetation. Yes, and most of the permanent snow-covered Arctic is confined to Greenland's plateau.

3. Not one of these is true: wolf packs seldom exceed 10 and then consist of one family and close relatives; their howling time is erratic, regardless of season; the father is perhaps the kindest and best provider in the mammalian kingdom and helps train his young; and, no, there is not one authenticated case of a wolf killing a human in Canada or the U.S.

4. The walrus's calf is the most prolonged nursing, nursing until two or more. That is necessary because until then its tusks are too short to scrape its own food off the ocean floor.

5. The lemming, musk ox and caribou are gregarious. (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

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Ho Chi Minh Enjoys Big Day as Last of French Leave Delta

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst

This is a big day for the frail, wispy-bearded Indochinese Communist leader who calls himself Ho Chi Minh.

The last French troops are pulling out of the Red River Delta under the 1954 Geneva treaty which ended the Indochinese war.

Ho, as president of the Republic of Viet Nam, thus becomes the undisputed ruler of 12,000,000 people and 77,000 square miles of territory in Northeastern Indochina.

Now Ho has only to sit back and wait to see whether Southern Viet Nam, with its 10,500,000 people and 50,000 square miles of territory, is going to fall into his hands like a ripe peach.

As of now, it would be a bold man who would bet even money that Southern Viet Nam, torn by dissension and threatened with open civil war, can be kept for the free world.

Elections Scheduled

Elections are to be held next year in both Northern and Southern Viet Nam to determine the future form of government of a unified country.

About 800,000 persons including military personnel and civilians have fled Northern Viet Nam since the Geneva treaty was signed last July 21.

Undoubtedly many more would like to go southward to escape Red rule.

But there are disturbing reports that some of those who fled to Southern Viet Nam would like to go north again. They would rather take their chance under Communism than risk being caught in a chaotic civil war.

In no other country in the world would the West have any reason to fear a free, properly supervised election. But it can hardly be said with certainty that the Viet Namese will vote against Ho unless the situation in the south improves.

They call Ho shadowy. A year ago, in fact, some doubt was expressed that there was any such person—the speculation was that he had died and the Reds were just using his name as a front.

Attractive Personality

Ho is a tiny man, with a little goatee. He is quiet and ascetic and—from the Western viewpoint—has a dangerously attractive personality.

But politically, Ho is a very substantial personality. And he has a long background of cruelty, deceit and betrayal.

He was born on Jan. 15, 1892, so he is now 63. His father, a local government official, was dismissed for Nationalist activities.

Gas Well Blows In Near Payette, Ida.

Payette, Ida. —(U.P.)— An exploratory gas well eight miles east of here blew in early Saturday with what H. R. Riddle, president of the Oroco Oil and Gas company, called "commercial quantities" of natural gas.

Riddle said he tentatively plans to drill four more wells in the immediate area of Saturday's strike and if sufficient reserves of natural gas were found, a pipeline could be completed to surrounding towns by next winter.

However, Riddle warned that a single well didn't mean too much and that it was not yet time "to throw our hats in the air."

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.



Frank Perl

ty. Ho's name then was either Nguyen Tat Thanh or Nguyen Van Hanh. But he began using aliases in his teens. Ho sailed to France, working his way as a cabin boy, when he was 19. He worked in Paris and London as a kitchen helper, pastry cook and photographer's assistant. He joined the French Socialist Party but in 1920 embraced Communism. He later spent two years in Moscow.

Working in Southern China, Ho formed his Viet Minh revolutionary organization in 1942. He started war against the French in 1946. His victory in the siege of Dien Bien Phu led to today's triumph.

DAV Holds District Meet at Klamath; Graham Honored

Four Medford persons were in Klamath Falls to attend a district meeting of the Disabled American Veterans. Other towns represented were Coquille, Oakland, Roseburg, Grants Pass, and Klamath Falls.

From here were Pat Graham, local adjutant and DAV service officer, James R. Lillie, national VAVS representative for Camp White, and Mrs. Lillie, and Mrs. Ertha Neff, national VAVS representative for the auxiliary. Receives Certificate

Graham was presented a certificate of merit for outstanding achievements in service claims work and for meeting membership quota set by the national organization, in the years 1951-1952, 1952-1953, and 1954-1955.

At the meeting a resolution was made calling for dissolution of department headquarters in Portland as permanent headquarters and creating a "floating headquarters," similar to that used by the DAV auxiliary. Another resolution protested the Hoover commission report on veterans benefits. Retiring commander, Robert Finton, Klamath Falls, also was given a certificate of merit.

Robinson Elected. Baden Robinson, Grants Pass, present department commander, was elected district commander and will be installed at a state convention to be held June 15 through 18 at Tillamook. Calvin Blayney, Grants Pass, was elected vice-commander. A barbecue dinner was served by Murray J. M. Britton, Klamath county sheriff.

Korea, Nationalist China Dispute Vote

Seoul, Korea —(U.P.)— President Syngman Rhee cancelled the scheduled departure today of the Korean delegation to the Asian People's Anti-Communist league conference at Taipei because of a dispute with Nationalist China over Japanese membership.

Korea demands that unanimous vote of league members be required to permit entry of new members. Nationalist China wants only a majority vote.

Butte Falls Burglary Investigated; \$36 Taken

State police today were investigating a burglary at the Butt Falls Shell Service station. The burglary was discovered Sunday morning.

Approximately \$36 was taken from the station, according to investigating officers. They said entry to the building was gained by filing a padlock on the front door.

Olives were first grown by the Assyrians and later taken to the Holy Land.

Organized Search Ends for School Girl

Berkeley, Calif. —(U.P.)—Police said today they plan no further mass searches for Stephanie Bryan, 14-year-old school girl who disappeared on April 28.

Police Capt. Laurence H. Laird said a search yesterday by 30 volunteers will probably be the last and that from now on police will check out reports and clues as they are received.

The search yesterday included 25 to 30 square miles of southwest Contra Costa county and northern Alameda county in the San Leandro hills. Taking part were the Alameda county sheriff's patrol and reserve, Oakland police foot and mounted patrols and Alameda Naval Air Station reserve volunteers.

ELUSIVE GUNMAN

Chicago —(U.P.)— A young gunman escaped unnoticed after taking \$900 from a shop a few steps away from "the world's busiest-corner"—State and Madison.

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