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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 18, 1945. (It was Friday) About 450 students from Jackson county participating in annual music festival at Medford High school.

20 YEARS AGO: May 18, 1935. (It was Saturday) Medford CCC district camp commanders discuss administration, welfare and education programs for summer in meeting here.

30 YEARS AGO: May 18, 1925. (It was Monday) Third reunion of Siskiyou lodge of Perfection of Scottish Rite Masonry ends with conferring 32nd degree of Masonry.

40 YEARS AGO: May 18, 1915. (It was Tuesday) From Applegate column: A large number from this and nearby communities met at the creamery Saturday to get the grounds in order for the annual creamery picnic and field meet.

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

1. Most substitute teachers in U.S. city school systems are or aren't college graduates?

2. The last previous President to wear a beard was Lincoln. Grant, B. Harrison, Cleveland or McKinley?

3. The Johns Hopkins University is in Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, New Orleans, Philadelphia or Washington?

4. Who was the Democratic vice-presidential nominee in 1952?

5. Hell Gate bridge is over Chesapeake Bay, Delaware Bay, San Francisco Bay, the East River in N. Y., or the Mississippi River?

6. There are two, four, six, eight or ten full cups of granulated sugar in a pound?

7. George Washington was first inaugurated president in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Washington, Richmond or at Mt. Vernon?

The Answers: 1. Most are; 2. B. Harrison; 3. Baltimore; 4. Sen. John J. Sparkman (Ala.); 5. East River in N. Y.; 6. Two; 7. New York.

INJURIES FATAL: Portland — (U.P.) — David Van Handel, 20, Oceanlake, died at a local hospital yesterday from injuries suffered May 10 when his car overturned near Kernville. Van Handel was part owner of the Van Handel Lumber company.

Welcome, Kids

We are looking forward to the visit in Medford tomorrow of eight students from the Forks of Salmon school.

We hope they thoroughly enjoy their visit, which was undertaken because a majority of them had never seen a "large city" like (ahem) Medford, and the appurtenances of civilization like elevators, stop lights and so on.

FORKS of Salmon is a little old logging community tucked away in the coast range in Siskiyou county. The letter from Mrs. Katherine George, who is sort of organizing the trip, explains that one of the 14 school students, a girl of 10, saw Yreka, the only town of any size within a long distance, for the first time last fall.

As we say, we hope they get a lot of fun out of riding in elevators, watching the planes land at the airport, seeing the SP freights go by, and stopping at stop lights.

Actually, we're just a tiny bit wistful, thinking about the idea of seeing these commonplace things for the first time. Sometimes (usually about the time of the homeward rush at 5 o'clock, when the traffic piles up for blocks ahead) we think that the kind of life which must be led at Forks of Salmon is for us.

ANYWAY, we're glad that it is going to be possible for them to come to Medford on their first visit to a sizeable community. Medford's a pleasant town, and it shouldn't be too overwhelming, even for the girl whose first visit to Yreka was last year.

If it were Los Angeles now, which scares most people, they might be tempted to rush back to Forks of Salmon, quickly and for keeps.

We hope Medford will exert its famous hospitality for these kids, and make their trip one they'll long remember with pleasure.—E.A.

Congratulations, Phoenix

The little community of Phoenix to the south is to be congratulated on the overwhelming vote its residents cast Monday to lift the town, almost literally, from the filth which had been infiltrating its soil.

Phoenix was founded as "Gasburg" long before the turn of the century, and is one of the four oldest communities in the valley. But never in its long history has it had a sewer system. The first sanitary arrangements were primitive affairs, and later the addition of septic tanks and cess pools didn't help too much, particularly as the town grew and grew to the point where on man's cess pool was practically in another man's front yard.

THE city council there has given assurance that the project, which will connect Phoenix with Medford's sewage disposal system, and which will put in sewer lines to be paid for through property assessments, will be pushed ahead just as rapidly as possible.

The principal threat, of course, was to health. School authorities were rightly concerned, for the sanitary facilities of the school were being used at more than their capacity.

THE situation is not confined to Phoenix, unfortunately. And some areas are in an even worse plight than that of the little community, for it at least had sufficient assessed valuation to permit the issuing of bonds for the needed construction.

Some of the highly-populated semi-urban areas outside of cities have problems just as crucial, but don't have the assessed valuation to support the necessary bond issues.

Much thought has been given to this problem, and there is no single "right" answer. For some areas, annexation to existing municipalities will be the solution. In other areas, the formation of sanitary districts can solve the problem. But in some others, the only long-range solution seems to be the formation of the "metropolitan" type of district the creation of which was made possible by a new law passed at the 1955 legislative session.

IT IS greatly to be hoped that work and plans on whatever solution seems best for any particular area can be speeded, for the health of the people throughout the valley is menaced by inadequate sanitation in any section.

And in the meantime, congratulations, Phoenix.—E.A.

Woman Awaits Sentencing For Hogging Phone Line

Poughkeepsie, N. Y. — (U.P.) — A housewife convicted of refusing to let a neighbor break in on her telephone line to report a fire today awaited sentencing as the first person to violate New York's new party line law.

A jury of seven men and five women found Mrs. Mary L. Kayes, 43, guilty Tuesday night of willfully delaying the report of a grass fire. The blaze destroyed a shed and a barn before it was finally extinguished.

The plump Rhinebeck, N. Y., housewife faces a possible maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$500 fine. She will be sentenced Tuesday. Until then she will remain free on \$500 bail.

Donald Townsend, a Clinton, N.Y., farmer provided the most damaging testimony against Mrs. Kayes. He said he picked up the telephone to report the fire and heard Mrs. Kayes' voice and another woman talking. He said he recognized Mrs. Kayes' voice and asked her to give up the line so he could report a fire.

"Let the damned thing burn," she quoted her as saying.

Mrs. Kayes denied in her testimony that she had made the statement. But she admitted she had a bad temper and that her refusal to hang up was "the wrong thing to do."

"I wouldn't let the world have kept the line if I'd known there really was a fire," Mrs. Kayes told the jury.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Valley Musical Revival

To the Editor: I wish to publicly thank your paper for its fine spirit of co-operation in publicizing the efforts of the Philharmonic Society to present the Orchestra in concert with myself as Guest Soloist. I am indeed proud to have been chosen the first soloist with the re-organized group.

Naming the ones who have been inspirational and helpful to me in my attempt to become a singer would require a list as long as my arm. However, my Medford friends will know the one directly responsible for my start, was one of the great American baritones of his day, James Stevens. It was "Jim" who discovered my voice and forced me, literally, into the Atwater-Kent Contest which started me on my way.

His beautiful voice and superb sense of showmanship filled each lesson with instruction and inspiration which served to protect my voice and myself from the pitfalls of the professional field. Not that I did not get caught on occasions, but Jim's memory and the things he taught me helped to pull me out of the quicksands in several instances.

The bond of personal friendship which developed between us made the few short years he lived after our first meeting an even greater personal loss. It seemed that the passing of James Stevens brought to an end a particular era in the Musical World of the Rogue River Valley. It was the closing of the book on a group of showpeople of a type which is just not developed in this age.

Everything represents growth and it is my sincere hope that the Philharmonic Society and its associated working groups will mean the beginning of a new and even greater musical interest and development in Southern Oregon. Mrs. Richard D. Werner and Mr. Bruno Pellegrini are certainly fine musicians and wonderfully co-operative. The Rogue River Valley is to be congratulated on having them, as well as all the other fine, musically talented and artistic people, as residents. To the Members of the Philharmonic Society, on whom will fall the responsibility of organizational work, I say "Bravo" and mean it wholeheartedly!

So see an area the size of the Rogue River Valley putting aside individual and group problems with real Community Spirit and Teamwork to make Musical Harmony is one of the most heart-warming aspects of my recent visit. I believe that community interests in musical activities and the avid support of local Talent and Artists is as vital to growth as any enterprise I can think of. A musical community is a happy one.

My heartfelt wish for the co-operative effort of the entire valley to support all forms of musical and artistic endeavor and may the fame of the Rogue River Valley be extended as far in the musical field as it has by the wonderful Shakespearean Festival in the Dramatic Field. George Peckham, 704 Bellevue Avenue N., Seattle 2, Wash.

Chetco Project Needs Help: To the Editor: I am writing this letter to you as the chairman of a committee of citizens of Southern Curry county. I believe we are a group of people over here who, if you asked us for assistance, would be pleased to give it to you. We are people who are trying to make a living and doing the best we can.

Some fifteen years ago a development at the mouth of the Chetco river at Brookings was recommended and approved by the Corps of U. S. Army Engineers. This proposition was presented to Congress but during the intervening years nothing was done about it. The matter is now before Congress to secure an appropriation to construct the Chetco Project.

This project calls for the building of a jetty at the mouth of the river. Therefrom it is proposed that a haven for commercial and sports fishing boats and other small ocean going craft be constructed in the river basin. If this can be accomplished, it means a great deal to us who live in this area and to every citizen in the State of Oregon. It will create a recreational area which may be enjoyed by all of us and it will open up offshore ocean fishing upon the best fishing waters along the west coast.

This development is proposed to be constructed and then turned over to the people for their free use. Will you please permit us to ask that you give us a helping hand by publicizing our efforts and what we are trying to accomplish therefrom, as above stated. If your readers will write a letter to me endorsing and approving the Chetco development, we who live in Southern Curry county shall be most grateful to you.

Wilson Freeman, Chairman, Citizens Committee, Brookings, Oregon.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS: Let's concern ourselves for the day with some of the little news of our country.

THERE'S little Ada Hollie, of Altadena, who got lost while hiking in the nearby hills. She had quite an adventure. She tripped and fell 60 feet down a slope, but landed on a ledge near a stream. A fisherman spotted her and phoned the sheriff's office and a rescue squad reached the ledge where she lay and by means of a basket attached to a rope lowered her to the canyon floor 50 feet below, where she was met by an ambulance.

She was suffering from a broken arm, a sprained ankle and shock and bruises. At the hospital, after she had been fixed up and made comfortable, she told them: "I wasn't a bit scared. "I just spent all the time singing that song about Davy Crockett!"

BACK in 1703, old Andrew Fletcher of Saltoun, in his "Conversation Concerning a Right of Government for the Common Good of Mankind," offered this sapient thought: "Give me the making of the SONGS of a nation, and I care not who makes its laws."

I DON'T know what you think of the current crop of song hits. Personally, I don't think much of them. I'd say that by and large they're no better than the "comic" books of which we're hearing so much. Even at their best, they are trash of a very low order.

The exception is what little Ada Hollie calls "that song about Davy Crockett." It's good, clean folk music. I can understand how little Ada was comforted and sustained by it in the hours of her tribulation.

I think it's a good sign for our country that the Davy Crockett song soared up from the bottom to the top of the hit list in record time. Maybe, as a people, we aren't as shallow as our recent popular songs would indicate.

THE teletype tells us: The career of Oregon's Democratic Senator Richard L. Neuberger will be made into a movie to be called "The Man From Snake River." Allied Artists Productions reports it already has a screen writer in Oregon gathering material to supplement Neuberger's recent book "Adventure in Politics."

I HAVEN'T read Dick's recent book. I reckon now I'll have to. As a resident of Oregon, I need to know what our junior senator thinks about his "adventure" in politics.

I CAN'T help wondering at times what leads people to run for the U.S. senate in these VERY modern days. Is it to get raw material for books? Or what?

WELL, in a democracy, what the people WANT is what they will get. And who am I to carp and criticize? Maybe Dick will turn out to be one of our GREAT senators. Living in Oregon, I hope so.

IS THAT SO! By Eugene Buerens, Business-Naturalist

Copenhagen, With SAS—Delayed—Random thoughts while traveling. Wouldn't you think a seal would drown with a 16-pound load of stones in its stomach? And why? Of course, everyone is familiar with the gravel in a bird's gizzard. It is there because birds do not have teeth and the sharp gravel helps the muscular stomach grind up the whole grains.

And like these grain-eating birds, some animals also resort to the use of gravel or rocks in the stomach to help mill their food. Among these are seals, sea lions, and walrus. Lacking broad-crowned molars to crush and grind their food, they gulp their prey down whole—for that matter, often while it is still kicking. Then the rock crusher begins working.

In earlier days, sailors believed that the heavy stones were there for ballast, perhaps jokingly. Others thought that the stones were indigestible matter picked up by the voracious seals while gulping their food picked off the ocean floor. But today we know that the rocks are

Polish Communists Probably Worried Over Soviet Action

By CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Foreign Analyst: Polish Communist leaders probably are a worried bunch of people right now.

Little mention has been made of Poland in the surge of diplomatic activity that has resulted from the ratification of the West German armament treaties.

It is true that the Iron Curtain government met in Warsaw last week to conclude their new military set-up. That was merely a formality.

But Poland may be much more prominent in the news in months to come. There have long been indications that Soviet Russia would be willing to betray the Polish Reds in an attempt to prevent the materialization of the German armament program.

It would be a most logical move for Russia to hold out hope that if Germany made itself a neutral country, Poland would be forced to give up the rich German territory it now occupies.

It is most unlikely—in fact, it is incredible—that Germany ever will accept neutral status for good. Not Neutral Type: Germany is a world power and it is certainly not the neutral type. Its men are born soldiers.

Also, Germans most likely figure privately that they will get

Dining Wall Streeters Keep Up With Market: New York — (U.P.)—Wall Street financiers won't have to worry any more about missing the latest market information while taking their coffee break.

Chock Full O'Nuts, a restaurant chain, said its new cafe opening today in the financial district would feature a stock ticker to keep bankers and brokers informed.

there to aid digestion. And they may constitute quite a heavy load—one sea lion's stomach, for example, yielded 16 pounds of stones, some larger than hen's eggs.

Why the hare's 10-year cycle in the northland? Actually, this is one of the most baffling mysteries of the northern latitudes—and it holds for other animals, too.

Every ten years—or more exactly, every 9.6 years—there is a tremendous upsurge of population, followed inevitably by a dramatic "crash" or decline. This is particularly true of the Arctic hare. From teeming millions, quit suddenly, there is a great shortage—and animals once in great profusion seem to disappear from the face of the earth, before increasing once again as the cycle comes half circle.

With the rabbit's upsurge, or decline, all other northland animals seem affected, even the grouse—but particularly foxes, lynxes, and wildcats, because the rabbit plays such an important role in their diets. In so many northern animals' lives, the hare is an important food link and whenever the low point occurs, and the chain breaks, a phenomenal wave of death sweeps the country.

Many theories have been advanced to explain this 9.6-year cycle. Weather, hormones, sunspots, vitamins. But just what brings it on, still remains an unsolved mystery of the north.

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back their territory from Poland sooner or later, one way or another. But there is nothing to keep Russia from trying the neutralist dodge.

It will be remembered that Nazi Germany invaded Poland from the west on Sept. 1, 1939, to open World War II, and that the greedy Russian Reds invaded it from the east on Sept. 17. Hitler and Stalin then partitioned the whole country between them.

At the Yalta conference in February, 1945, the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union agreed that after the war Poland must be given substantial territorial concessions from Germany.

This was decided upon to compensate Poland for the 70,000 square miles of territory Russia had grabbed. Potsdam Conference: At the Potsdam Conference in July-August, 1945, the Big Three agreed that, subject to a final peace settlement, Poland should administer that part of Germany lying east of a line drawn from the Baltic Sea near Swinemunde along the Oder river to the Western Niesse river, and thence along the Western Niesse to Czechoslovakia. This territory totals 40,000 square miles.

There has been no final German "peace settlement." But the Soviet and Polish governments have treated the German territory as if its fate had been settled irrevocably. Its people have been expelled to Germany proper. The German population of the area totaled 8,000,000. Of these, 5,000,000 fled to West Germany before the Soviet advance in the closing days of the war, leaving 3,000,000 to be expelled from their homes, stripped of their possessions, and deported.

Both Premier Josef Cyrankiewicz and party leader Boleslaw Beutur of Poland are veteran Communists. They know just how good a Communist's word is, and they must be worried now.

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False Labelling of Seed Charged To Firm

Portland — (U.P.) — E. F. Burlingham and Sons, a Halsey warehouse firm, was accused yesterday of false labelling of three 600 bag shipments of rye grass seed sent to Alabama. The information was filed by assistant U.S. Attorney James Morrell with Federal Judge Claude McCulloch. It charged that the firm failed to state on labels that the rye grass seed also contained seed of sheep sorrel, a noxious weed.

Jacksonville Selects Dr. Stephenson To Talk: Jacksonville—Dr. Elmo Stephenson, president of Southern Oregon college at Ashland, will be principal speaker at Jacksonville High school commencement exercises in the school gymnasium June 2. Also speaking will be Sydney Kay Sutherland, valedictorian, and Doris Wall, salutatorian.