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NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION. NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION. 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 20, 1945. (It was Sunday) Five Jackson county men released from prisoner of war camps in Germany, Red Cross announces.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The end of the war in Europe brought changes in the fields of romance, and lawyers are as busy as the preachers were, right after Pearl Harbor.

20 YEARS AGO May 20, 1935. (It was Monday) Voting indicates that referendum on wheat production control plan will be carried in Jackson county by "a substantial majority."

Group of Medford members of the Church of Nazarene attend annual district assembly in Olympia, Wash.

30 YEARS AGO May 20, 1925. (It was Wednesday) Medford City council tables request for employment of police matron.

Siskiyou Heights residents to vote on annexation at a special election next month.

40 YEARS AGO May 20, 1915. (It was Thursday) School board to study cost of furnishing Bibles to pupils after ministerial association asks Bible be read daily in public schools.

Greater Medford and Commercial clubs send eight boxes of roses and azalias to battleship Oregon for a reception and ball.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. The peak of polio infection in the past has been around Christmas, near Easter, in August, or just before Thanksgiving? 2. A self-employed businessman is under social security voluntarily or involuntarily, or isn't eligible? 3. Most residual oil imports into the U. S. come from Arabia, Iran, Mexico, Russia or Venezuela? 4. There are many more TV than radio sets in the U.S., or many more radio sets, or about the same number of each? 5. Russia is geographically the same as the Soviet Union; right or wrong? 6. Most scientists believe that man has lived on this planet for over a million years; right or wrong? 7. Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. delegate to U. N., is the nephew, son, grandson, or great grandson of the Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge who helped keep the U. S. out of the League of Nations? The answers: 1.—In August. 2.—Under social security involuntarily. 3. Venezuela. 4.—Many more radio sets. 5.—Wrong, it's one state in the Soviet Union. 6.—Wrong. 7.—Grandson.

POPE'S CHAIR ON AUCTION

Paris — (U.P.) — The chair used by Pope Pius VII for the coronation of Napoleon will be put on sale at a local auction May 24.

Come Again, Youngsters!

It would be difficult to say who got the biggest kick out of the visit here yesterday of eight youngsters from Forks of Salmon, Calif. — the kids themselves, or the Medford adults who had a part in making the event a big one for them.

Seldom have we seen an event so completely captivate the imagination and cooperation of people as this visit by the shy, well-behaved, intelligent youngsters.

AND WE'RE right proud of Medford and the show she put on for the kids. From the chamber of commerce office, where the local itinerary was sort of planned, all the way along the line, the youngsters met interest, courtesy and enthusiasm.

A special mention should be made of Police Sergeant Clyde Fichtner and Fire Chief Gordon Barker, who chauffeured the youngsters around. (Judging by their big grins, they enjoyed every minute of it.)

THE OCCASION for the trip, as most people know by now, was the fact that these boys and girls had never seen a "large city" before, and wanted to come to Medford to see the sights. Well, large city or not, they saw the sights—from taxicabs ("What are those yellow cars?") to milkshakes, and from airplanes to laundries.

And perhaps it is fortunate that Medford, while it was able to show them these sights, was not, in fact, too large a city. For we have not yet entirely lost the "small town" touch, the friendliness, the interest in each other's affairs that are too often missing in a really big city.

Because of the visit, we feel Medford is a friendlier, happier place. Thanks for coming to see us, kids. Come again sometime—anytime. —E.A.

Let There Be Music

Truly, yesterday was a day for young people! Last night we went out to the high school stadium to watch the annual elementary school music festival, "Let There Be Music." It was quite a show.

There was little it lacked to make it a really memorable evening, from the antics of the high spirited kids doing their dances, to the real drama when the evening was solemnly dedicated to the honor of E. H. Hedrick, long-time superintendent of schools, who has long striven to make sure that no child in the Medford school system must go without the blessing of music.

WE WENT with what we suppose was a normal adult expectation of an evening of off-key singing and belabored songs.

We couldn't have been more wrong. It was a treat — musically as well as in other, perhaps more important, ways.

From the first strains of the combined string orchestra of all the elementary schools on through the more-than-two-hour program to the five last stirring numbers, where the high school chorus and brass ensemble joined in to add power and strength, the event was a delight.

WE HOPE that those responsible got the thrill out of it that we think they must have. In particular, Mrs. Lorraine V. Evensen, director of vocal music for the schools, must have been truly stirred to hear the smooth and melodic and happy outpouring of music which is the culmination of a year's work for her.

Others, more than can be mentioned here, should be saluted for their part in the occasion.

Next year, when this time comes around again, we recommend it to you for an evening which will be well and profitably spent. —E.A.

And the Budget Passed

As a conclusion to what seems to have turned into a column about youngsters (and what more important subject is there?), we'd like to express our pleasure at the overwhelming vote of confidence—almost 7 to 1—the Medford school system received in yesterday's budget election.

Only 400 voters in the district took the trouble to turn out to vote. But of those that did, 349 had a sufficient understanding of the budget problem and of the work of the schools to cast a favorable ballot. The 51 who voted against it, we have a hunch, were either dyed-in-the-wool "voters-against," or didn't understand what was at stake.

IN ANY event, the budget was approved, the school board and budget committee and administration and teaching staffs were given a good, strong vote of confidence, and life will go on—not, it might be added, as in some areas where schools have run into trouble in getting approval for their continuing need for money.

It would be nice (and maybe it's true) to think of this election as a friendly and respectful sendoff to Superintendent Hedrick, whose long service to the schools comes to an end this summer.

THE APPROVED budget will permit the system to operate as it has, with a few added services and with an expanded staff needed by the two new schools. It will permit such things as the music festival, mentioned favorably above, to continue, and for other worthwhile activities to add to the richness of life for our children.

What better way is there, anyway, to spend money, than in making our kids' lives as rich and fruitful and productive as possible? —E.A.

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

REALLY CHANGED?

Washington — Is it possible that the Russians really do want a general European settlement, on terms which the West could accept? For the first time in many years, American diplomats and policy-makers are seriously debating this question with each other.



Stewart Alsop general settlement must be, of course, a German settlement. Agreement on Germany, on terms acceptable to the West, would require a drastic change of policy in the Kremlin. As previously reported here, the majority official view is that any such basic change is highly unlikely.

Yet some officials have been having second thoughts on this score. There have been intriguing hints that the Russians might arrive at the forthcoming meeting at the summit prepared to negotiate seriously about Germany. Some of these hints have been public, like Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's cryptic remarks on the occasion of the signing of the Austrian treaty. But there have also been private hints, and these have been a lot more specific than anything the Soviets have said in public.

Soviet diplomats and officials, whether in Russia or Western Europe or the United States, have been talking to Westerners with far more freedom than at any time in at least a decade. These unofficial chats have resulted in some surprises. Here, for example, is the formula for a German settlement outlined by a Soviet diplomat in one such informal conversation.

First, staged withdrawal from Germany of all foreign troops. The Soviet troops, it was said, would be withdrawn behind the borders of the Soviet Union. But, the Soviet official remarked, if the United States insisted, American troops could be stationed elsewhere on the continent, rather than withdrawn across the Atlantic.

Second, supervised free elections throughout Germany—though just how the elections would be supervised, or how free they would really be, was left very much up in the air.

THIRD, an advance agreement by Germany and the Western powers to regard the Oder-Neisse line as "settled." Much emphasis was laid on this point.

Fourth, in every other respect, full sovereignty for the new all-German government resulting from the elections. Specifically, the Germans would have the right to join NATO, although the confident's belief was expressed that the Germans would be "more sensible," and that they would form a "third force." This, of course, was the most surprising item on the list.

Finally, there would be some rather vaguely defined all-European security arrangement, of the sort already proposed by Molotov, to guarantee this arrangement. Both the United States and the Soviet Union would be included.

If this sort of Soviet proposal were formally made at the meeting at the summit, it would certainly require some serious negotiation despite its ambiguities. No German government could

Legal Move Delays Smith Indictment

Portland — (U.P.) — Arraignment of Mrs. Marjorie Smith and Victor Laurence Wolf for the bomb-slaying of Mrs. Smith's husband was delayed by legal maneuvering yesterday.

Attorneys for Mrs. Smith filed a motion to set aside her indictment on the grounds that no evidence had been presented to the grand jury connecting the woman to the slaying.

Wolf's attorneys filed a demurrer attacking the indictment for failing to specify the nature, acts and descriptive circumstances of the slaying.

The murder victim, Oliver Kermit Smith, was killed April 21 by a bomb that exploded as he attempted to start his automobile.

Malheur Growers Approve Budget

Ontario, Ore. — (U.P.) — Malheur county potato and onion growers approved a tentative \$10,000 a year advertising budget Wednesday to offset increasing competition from Idaho.

This action followed passage of a bill by the recent Idaho legislature setting up a trademark for Idaho potatoes. Local shippers who have in years past marketed Idaho and Malheur county potatoes as Oregon-Idaho potatoes said the measure was a move for squeezing Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington growers out of the market for Idaho potatoes.

afford to reject such proposals outright. And although informal chats commit no one, it is at least interesting that Soviet officials should be talking in this vein. It could even mean that the Kremlin has been making its own agonizing reappraisal.

The Western alliance, after all, is no longer a house of cards which threatens to collapse at every Soviet puff. The Soviets are having real economic difficulties at home. The Kremlin might thus logically conclude that the time had come for a limited disengagement from Central Europe.

Even supposing this country retained the right to keep forces on the continent, the disengagement would be by no means unilateral. If they were denied German bases, probably five-sixths of the American forces would have to go home, simply because there is nowhere else for them to go. And four British divisions would also go back across the Channel.

FOR the rest, it might seem to the Soviets that there was not a great deal to lose, and much to be gained. Most of Germany that matters, above all the industrial Ruhr, is already in NATO and preparing to rearm. A new all-German government, with the neutralist Socialists strengthened by East German votes, might indeed be "sensible" and stay out of NATO, however anti-Communist the government might be. At least German rearmament would be indefinitely delayed.

For such certain or possible gains, restless East Germany might well be deemed expendable. Even the loss of the East German uranium mines, and the disastrous and embarrassing defeat of the East German Communists at the polls, might not seem an impossibly high price.

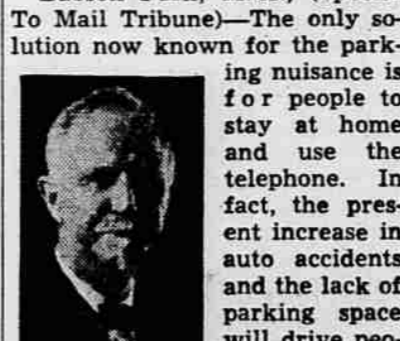
Again and again in recent years, there has been half-nervous, half-hopeful speculation that the Soviets were at last ready to negotiate seriously for a German settlement, and to withdraw from the heart of Europe. Always in the end the speculation has proved wrong, and most informed officials believe that the Russians are not yet really ready to take the great risks involved.

Yet some wise officials now think it possible that the Soviets at last may be willing to pay a high price for a settlement—a price so high that we ought to be thinking seriously about accepting it. Otherwise, they believe, the Europeans, especially the Germans, may accept it whether we like it or not.

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Babson... Parking Nuisance

By ROGER W. BABSON



Babson Park, Mass., (Special To Mail Tribune)—The only solution now known for the parking nuisance is for people to stay at home and use the telephone. In fact, the present increase in auto accidents and the lack of parking space will drive people to greater use of the telephone. Otherwise, congestion will so increase that we will travel "bumper to bumper." When one car stops, then all must stop.

Every storekeeper should at once install an extra telephone which should be used only for incoming calls. No one in the store, not even the boss, should be allowed to make calls on this extra phone. It should be reserved for "customers' calls only." When customers complain of finding it "busy," then a second such phone should be installed.

Merchants should advertise more and solicit telephone orders more. Many customers now dread going downtown to shop on account of the parking problem and the general congestion. Hence, they stay at home and the merchants lose customers. Buying is being constantly postponed. Therefore, in their advertising, merchants should urge people to use the telephone, stating that special phones exist for incoming calls only.

Habits of Shoppers Will Change Slowly

The present method of shopping has been the custom for centuries. It has become an instinctive habit which will change only slowly, but the sooner shopkeepers determine to change

this habit, the better off all will be. Otherwise, our downtown retail sidewalks may become deserted on week days as they are now on Sundays.

As they have a virtual monopoly, the telephone companies seem to be little interested in helping shopkeepers in their present dilemma. This criticism is said to apply especially to the big Bell Companies. These are rich and ruled by self-satisfied bureaucracies. These telephone companies claim that they have no phones enough to take care of all the demands. This is nonsense. If they would be willing to buy more telephone equipment from outside manufacturers and develop more efficient installation crews, all demands could be filled.

Use Telephone To Avoid Being Killed

My appeal for a greater use of the telephone is not solely to help businessmen keep their customers. The telephone can also help us to keep a life. Hubert L. Kerr has recently stated that while only two persons per 100,000 die from polio, yet, in the same ages, 50 young persons per 100,000 are being killed by automobiles. As these figures become recognized, I forecast that people will visit less by automobile and visit more by telephone.

People will remain home more and travel less. Travel by automobile — except for business — may now be near its peak. Even business calls will be made more by telephone and less by automobile. It takes time to change habits; but the present habit of making both personal and business calls by travel may become a thing of the past. All habits can be changed.

More Families Will Prefer Television

Television is already taking the place of the movies. When

television gets over its "teen-age" period of "sowing wild oats" and gets settled down to decent programs, many more families will prefer TV to going out evenings to a movie. When television is hooked up with the telephone so we can see with whom we talk, then automobiles may be used only in emergencies. In fact, the time is coming when most of the better automobiles will carry telephones. These will be used not in case of care trouble but also for business and social calls.

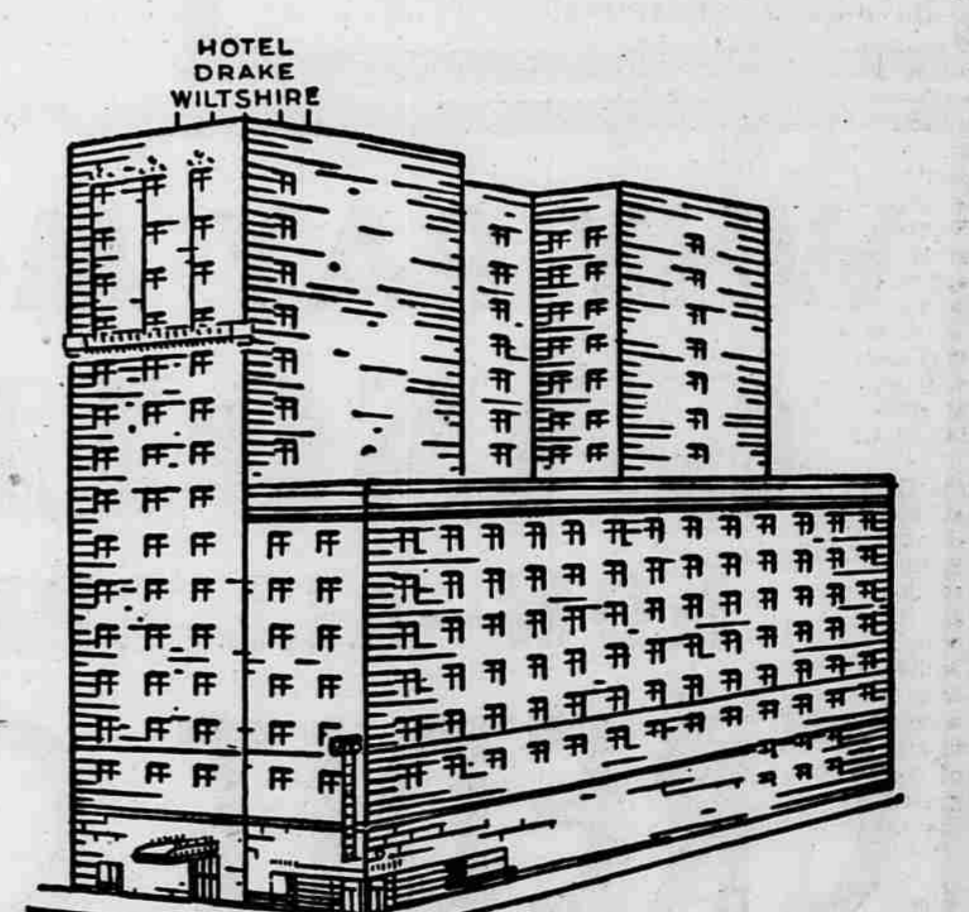
In short, I believe that the telephone industry is headed for a great future with tremendous growth ahead. This will come both from an increase in population and from a much increased use per capita, especially among the younger generation. The telephone can create greater sales, can save more time, and can protect us from unnecessary accidents and other losses. I believe that telephone securities are among the safest of all securities which give a good income.

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