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Flight of Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
May 25, 1945
New record set for this time of year when 1.21 inches of rain falls in Rogue valley.

20 YEARS AGO
May 25, 1935
Plans made for air show at Medford airport celebrating Memorial Day.

30 YEARS AGO
May 25, 1925
Medford ordinance requiring payment of license fees and filing of bond by solicitors taking orders for future delivery of goods for which payment is collected in advance declared invalid by United States supreme court.

40 YEARS AGO
May 25, 1915
Highway over Siskiyou to be open within a week if good weather prevails.

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
1. Americans spend more money every year on radio and TV, photography, newspapers or movie-going?

2. The famous Cathedral of St. Mark is in Rome, London, Venice, Montreal, Florence, Moscow or Vienna?
3. A little more than one, two, three, four or five per cent of all children between 7 and 17 get into juvenile court every year?

Springfield, Ill.—(U.P.)—A man wrote to Gov. William G. Stratton to say he will return the wheelbarrow he stole from the state fair in 1950. The letter was not signed.

The Polio Snafu

Infantile paralysis will not be licked this year. And it's a crying shame, for it probably could have been. Through a series of blunders, some of them still unknown, the entire vaccination program has been so confused and beclouded that it's difficult to know just what is what.

FOR this reason it is easy to understand the action of those Jackson county parents who have decided to wait before permitting their youngsters to undergo vaccination with the Salk anti-polio shots.

It has been pointed out that the vaccine being used in Oregon is from a drug firm whose vaccine has not been connected with a single case of polio throughout the entire nation. It has been checked and found to meet the highest standards. It would not have been approved for use by the state board of health, the state medical society, and the local health office, if there were any thought that it could be dangerous.

BECAUSE of this we feel that those parents who have elected to permit their children to receive the vaccine have nothing to fear, and probably have taken a step which may well save the youngsters involved from the ravages of the crippling disease.

Yet a word of warning might be appropriate, for, as the county health officer has pointed out, Jackson county is statistically "overdue" for its first cases of polio. Last year at this time there had been several.

And it is possible that some child who has had the vaccine will be stricken by the disease. If it does happen, it should not be construed to mean that the vaccine was responsible.

THE discovery of the vaccine is a great step forward in the progress of medicine. It will be further refined and improved and tested, and in the course of a few years will come to be one of the standard protectors of health which we have come to take so much for granted—like the immunization against smallpox, whooping cough and typhoid.

In the meantime it is tragic that such a monumental snafu has arisen over the testing, retesting, withdrawal and distribution involving the vaccine program in its various phases.—E.A.

That Time of Year

Comes now that time of year that works a great change in the way of life of two groups of people—school age youngsters, and their mothers.

For the kids it's wonderful. Three months of freedom!

For the mothers, it's something else again.

DURING the orderly months when school is in progress, there are at least five days a week when the problem is confined to getting the young things out of bed, dressed, washed, fed and away in time for the starting bell, and in the late afternoon of keeping tabs as to their location, and getting 'em in for supper.

Now, however, with schools getting out, the youngsters will be around all day. For some stout and imaginative souls, perhaps, it will pose no problem. But we have a hunch that hundreds of mothers right now are inwardly and secretly half dreading the day.

IT is for their benefit that we present a partial list of activities which can keep the youngsters occupied while mother is, at least, getting her housework out of the way.

For grades 4 through 12 there will be an arts and crafts workshop at the junior high school for a month starting June 13.

For boys aged 8 and older, a baseball school will be under way June 20 to August 4, and for Peewees, cubs and intermediate players there will be the Southern Oregon Junior baseball league.

Summer band and orchestra will be available for varying periods for those in grades 4 through 12.

Summer tennis is available for junior and senior high school students.

All these are under the sponsorship of the Medford public schools.

THE city swimming pool at Hawthorne park is tentatively scheduled to open June 4, and remain open through the summer from 1 to 9 p.m., and for smaller children there is a playground program planned at the park from noon to 8 p.m.

In addition to these activities, there are those of the Boy and Girl Scouts and of the Medford YMCA. And a return to the art of reading, which is perhaps too much neglected these days, would open up great fields of adventure to youngsters of all ages. The library is equipped to fill this need.

THIS is a rich and varied program, one which has been built up gradually over the years in response to demands by youngsters and their parents for constructive things to do during the dog days of summer.

We might also suggest an occasional picnic or camping trip into the unequalled beauty of the forests of southern Oregon, a visit to Crater Lake or the Oregon Caves, or one of the other beauty spots which bring tourists to our state from far distances.

But it's a cinch that no matter how many of these opportunities there are, there will always be days when mother will think forward wistfully to the beginning of school in September.—E.A.

Italian Political Leaders Must Decide On Future of Nation

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst
Italy is likely to be in the headlines frequently during the next few weeks.



Charles McCann

Its political leaders have got to decide whether to continue their loyal cooperation with the Western Allies or to swing toward "co-existence" with the Communists.

There is very little reason to doubt that the decision will be to work with the Allies. In fact, it is likely that the United States occupation troops now in Austria, numbering about 10,000, may be transferred to Northern Italy.

But there are some complications to be ironed out. Giovanni Gronchi, the new Italian president, would like to see Italy pursue a policy of "distensione"—easing of tension.

That, to Gronchi, means a policy of coexistence with the Communists. He favors including the left wing Socialists in the government coalition. The left wing Socialists are fellow travelers with the Communists.

Mario Scelba, the pro-American, bitterly anti-Communist premier, is under heavy attack by enemies of his own Christian Democratic party. These enemies include Gronchi.

A threat of a no-confidence vote hangs over Scelba. Some experts believe he may fall after the Sicilian elections on June 5, if not before.

The United States government has been worried over the Italian situation for some time. It's anxiety increased after Gronchi's election as president April 29.

It was even reported that American aid to Italy might be cut off. Instead, the United States took another tack.

Scelba and Clare Booth Luce, President Eisenhower's beautiful, brilliant ambassador, signed an agreement Monday by which Italy is to get a long-term loan of \$50,000,000. The loan will be used largely to aid Southern Italy, whose poverty makes it a breeding ground for Communism.

Russia stepped into the situation yesterday. Pravda, the newspaper organ of the Russian Communist party, said that Italian-Soviet relations had long been unsatisfactory.

If American troops now in Austria are sent to Italy, Pravda said, "This will further increase the danger of Italy's involvement in military adventures of the West."

Tito Grateful For Remembrance

Belgrade, Yugoslavia—(U.P.)—President Tito thanked Russia for wishing him a happy 63rd birthday today on the eve of an historic mission from Moscow to forgive him for his seven years' defiance of the Kremlin.

"I most sincerely thank you for your congratulations on the occasion of my birthday," Tito said in a cable to Marshal Kliment Voroshilov, president of the Presidium of the Soviet Union's Supreme Soviet.

Tito celebrated his birthday on the eve of the visit by a top level Soviet delegation that will translate into reality the Yugoslav President's prediction when the Cominform ousted him in 1948.

"One day they will come back to us and admit they were wrong," Tito said then.

The Soviets headed by Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev and Premier Nikolai Bulganin arrived to woo Tito's friendship and end the long economic blockade by the East European bloc.

THE papers on the walls of the cabins dated the glass we found in the nearby area, and we came to the conclusion that it takes 15 to 20 years for the sun to produce a color that collectors will be really interested in.

IN CLOSING this piece, I want to repeat that there's almost NOTHING that newspapers aren't useful for. You can twist up old newspapers into a tight roll and use 'em as insulation in your walls and if you do a good job of it, you'll save enough money on a year's heating bills to pay your subscription without getting all the other uses of a newspaper for nothing.

You can light a fire with a newspaper, whereas all you can do to a fire with water is to PUT IT OUT. During the chilly spring we've gone through, the last thing anybody has wanted to do with a fire has been to put it out.

Morse said the Indians are "without funds to reestablish themselves. They need the nation's help and they need it promptly."

The bill, sponsored also by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), would authorize a \$210,000 transfer of funds from the Army engineers, who are building the dam, to the interior department. Morse said the sum "appears sufficient to meet all expenses of the relocation."

consequences of which would be serious for her." Scelba dismissed this as offensive propaganda.

Ambassador Luce leaves for the United States Friday to report to President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on what may soon become an Italian crisis.

If the situation gets hot, she will be ready to fly back to Rome on short notice.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Here's a curious fact:

If, in any town, you'll take the trouble to check up on the water users (counting household meters, for example) and will then ascertain the circulation of the newspaper in the same area, you'll find that the two figures will be about equal.

That is to say, the newspaper is almost as indispensable in the modern world as water.

WELL, a newspaper can be put to almost as many uses as water.

You can line shelves with it. And drawers. You can use it in place of excelsior to pack gifts in a box. And to clean paint brushes on. And to wipe up messes with. If you want to clean the ashes out of the fireplace, you'll find no more satisfactory method than to pile them onto a newspaper (after all the fire is out of them, of course), fold the edges over neatly and take the bundle out and dump it in the garbage can.

You can wrap things up in newspapers to keep the moths out. If you're a duck hunter, you can line your shooting coat with them to keep the cold winds out. In a pinch, bunched-up newspapers make pretty fair goose decoys.

THE LIST of the newspaper's uses is almost endless.

Heck! You can even READ it, if you get tired of listening to the radio. When you're in a bad mood, you can call up the editor on the phone and tell him off in no uncertain terms. It will relax you no end, and it will do the editor no harm.

It's far better than going out on the back porch and kicking the cat. The cat doesn't deserve the abuse, and the editor probably does. Besides, it will keep him from getting cocky and trying to run down the town.

THE BEND BULLETIN recently told of an interesting use for newspapers that was common in an earlier day. It says:

"Nearly half a century ago, homesteaders making the futile attempt to reclaim Central Oregon's high desert used papers of the day profusely in insulating their cabins. Layers of them were used between boards to provide some protection against the cold. Others were pasted on the walls, more for insulation than for decoration.

"When those old desert cabins were being torn down the papers not only dated their construction but provided interesting information about state, national and world conditions of the day.

"Those cabin builders of nearly five decades ago were actually recording the history of their own times when they papered the walls of their isolated homes."

THAT brings up an interesting personal recollection.

A decade and a half ago, or such a matter, Harlan Bosworth and I got interested in collecting desert glass—which is any kind of clear glass left exposed long enough to the rays of the desert sun. It takes on a beautiful color, varying from faint pink to fairly deep purple. On the way to Hart Mountain, we found these abandoned cabins the Bulletin tells about to be prize hunting ground for this desert treasure that then was quite highly esteemed.

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Father Faces Charge For Striking Youngster

Portland — (U.P.) — Earl Raymond Johnson, 29, today faced grand jury action on a charge of assault with intent to kill. He is accused of striking his one-month-old son, Randolph, who remained in critical condition in a local hospital.

The complaint was signed by the mother, Mrs. Marvis Elaine Johnson, who told police she was home at the time the child was struck last Saturday while Johnson was changing the baby's diapers.

IS THAT SO! By Eugene Burns

Stockholm, with SAS—Delayed—Frequently our American conversation is interlarded with down-to-earth phrases taken from the outdoors. This was

"driven home" to me when I overheard an American salesman "spoofing" our pretty SAS hostess by saying he wanted to "talk turkey" with her.

"Talk turkey," she answered, "I'm so sorry, sir, but I have no turkey today . . ."

Naturally, Europeans are curious as to how such expressions come into our language.

"To talk turkey" of course means to get down on brass tacks and to "omit the fancy trimmings." It got into our language from early American days when the colonists dealt with Indians.

The latter wanted to trade many articles, mostly useless to the colonists, while the former wanted only "to talk turkey" with them—that is, to swap for the delicious wild turkeys.

Theodore Roosevelt unwittingly brought a colorful word into the nursery—namely, "teddy bear." While President, Teddy Roosevelt went on a hunting trip and refused to shoot a small bear. Reporters leaped upon the story and newspapers published it, and an enterprising toy rag manufacturer quickly "cashed in" on the story—true or not—by naming his product "teddy bears."

Mammoth From Russia And, incidentally, our word mammoth comes from Russia, not Hollywood meaning of being "super-colossal," it actually refers to a now extinct species of elephant—the woolly or northern mammoth coming from the Russian word for it, Mammot. It had very long upwardly curving tusks, and from its many remains found in northern lands, including Alaska, it stood perhaps 12-14 feet high.

So, anything resembling the mammoth (mammut) in size is mammoth, as is a mammoth ox.

Another animal, the kangaroo, came by its name curiously. It's said that when Captain James Cook discovered Australia and first saw the kangaroo he was, to say the least, "bowled over." He demanded of a native what the name of the curious animal was. The native who accompanied him, quite honestly, said: "kangaroo," which meant: "I do not know." But mistakenly, Captain Cook thought that was the name of the animal and in repeating it, handed the name down for posterity.

The Australians have added an additional meaning: "kangaroo feathers." This means something non-existent or obviously absurd. In short, stuff and nonsense. Much like our American "horse feathers."

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Police figured they shouldn't have much trouble finding Mrs. Schatze A. Weicker's stolen car. She said the car was a white 1955 Cadillac hardtop convertible, ornamented in gold and worth \$8500.

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Patterson Vetoes Three Measures, HB 49, 781, 547

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul L. Patterson vetoed three bills yesterday, one on grounds that it might jeopardize receipt of federal funds in Oregon and another on grounds it was unconstitutional. The third was a companion bill to the first.

The governor vetoed House bill 49 which would require most state agencies to come under a standard rule-making and hearing procedure.

He said that while an effort was made to amend the measure to exclude, in part, agencies receiving federal grants, "there is still a serious question as to whether the operation of the law would not disqualify us to continue in the match-money programs with the federal government on public welfare and, perhaps, unemployment compensation."

Gov. Patterson said "I do not believe it is wise to jeopardize these funds, and feel that time should be taken to get appropriate decisions from the affected federal agencies in order that the matter could be very clear before the act becomes law."

The bill was introduced by the House Judiciary committee at request of the Oregon State Bar.

Gov. Patterson vetoed House bill 781 which provided a \$30,000 appropriation to effect the standard rule-making and hearing procedure.

Another measure vetoed was to license auctioneers, House bill 547. He said the section providing for license fees "places the determination of the amount there of within the discretion of the board of auctioneers, up to specified limits, which is unconstitutional."

Chicago — (U.P.) — A charge of engaging in politics confronted the National Congress of Parents and Teachers today.

Five members of the Indianapolis PTA telegraphed protests to the congress, requesting the elimination from the legislative platform of any endorsement of federal aid for education.

The Indiana members said many local PTA units and members were becoming increasingly dissatisfied with the national PTA support of federal aid. Indiana in the last few years had rejected federal aid, they said.

The congress was to wind up its sessions today with action on a number of resolutions. No controversial issues had been anticipated.

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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 pen 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 submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Scotland vs Delinquency

To the Editor: We make most grievous mistakes in becoming too complacent over grievous happenings of the day, usually blaming it on somebody else.

We get all het up, blame our patient, long enduring president and other top-officials noted for their sincerity, for "having bungled" the Salk polio vaccine campaign. Fact of the matter is, polio claims two victims per 100,000 population. But the automobile takes a deadly toll of 50 per 100,000, all in the same age group. But there seems to be no great hue and cry over it. Why? Because there is no one to blame but our very own selves. So, it's getting to be accepted as "just one of those things," to complain or grieve over.

Like the answer of Columnist Hurlock in the Mail Tribune who wrote a complaining parent that their 15 year old son's penchant for "running around spending money and refusal to help around home," was the parent's fault, that they should have established rules of conduct in his first early years and seen to it that he obeyed them and thus become used to some degree of discipline. Just that simple.

What we so often hopelessly and often mistakenly refer to as juvenile delinquency, the thrifty practical Scotch people regard as a part of youth, the courting of danger, natural as eating, getting in devilry, they handle in a simple inexpensive way, as a visiting Scot related. Those in charge, he told me, keep a weather eye on unruly kids, especially those showing hereditary traits. If becoming too rambunctious, they're bundled off to the boys training ship anchored ten miles off shore. There they learn real discipline that they can't run away from. They finish their studies and get training in both old time sail and steam navigation, and they get a plentiful bellyfull of courting danger from riding out the North Sea storms that pound the Scottish coasts. Monotony of ship-life is relieved with an occasional cruise. Many of them stay with the sea, giving Scotland a steady supply of well trained and seasoned sailormen. And there is no gangsterism in all Scotland as we so well know here, save that by foreign born elements, mostly Reds.

F. J. Clifford, 1211 W. Main

To the Editor: The Blue Star Mothers of America wish to announce the success of the daisy sale, held on the streets of Medford May 20 and 21st. They thank the officials of the city of Medford, for making the sale possible by giving their permission to hold the sale, the Medford Mail Tribune for publicizing the sale, and the public who contributed so generously.

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