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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 27, 1945
(It was Sunday)
Marine band from Klamath Falls to parade here Memorial day.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The seniors of Old Medford, get their sheepskins this week, and step forth into the cold, cruel, and some say, crazy world.

20 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1935
(It was Monday)
Development of co-ordinated horticultural research and extension service planned in Jackson county.

Jackson county farmers vote continuance of wheat adjustment program.

30 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1925
(It was Wednesday)
Oregon State Motor association recommends Pacific highway along west side of Rogue River, cutting off Gold Hill.

County pathologist predicts 1500 cars of pearls will be shipped from Rogue valley in 1925.

40 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1915
(It was Thursday)
Sixteen high school seniors pull weeds as penalty for tearing down and hiding business signs here.

From Local and Personal column: Farmers of the Talent and Phoenix district report that during the last week their chicken coops have been visited by thieves, and the roosts raided. The crimes are laid to hungry tramps, who are camped in the "jungles" along the railroad tracks.

What's the Answer?

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

1. About one-fourth, one-half, or three-fourths of U. S. tariff duties have been lowered under reciprocal trade agreements?
2. More older men remarry than older women, or more older women than older men, or is it about 50-50?
3. Japan now has a peace treaty with the U.S. Does she also have one with Russia?
4. About one-fifth, one-fourth, one-third or one-half of all young persons of college age are enrolled in colleges?
5. A person who has fainted should have his head placed higher or lower than the rest of his body, or level with it?
6. One-third, one-half, two-thirds or all the British House of Commons was elected yesterday.
7. Chief Justice Earl Warren was once or never the Republican nominee for Vice President?

The Answers: 1. About three-fourth. 2. More older men remarry. 3. No. 4. About one-third. 5. Lower. 6. All of it. 7. Was (in 1948).

SHOWN TO QUARTERS

Peru, Ind. —(U.P.)—John H. Harrison, 38, found in the mayor's office at an unlikely hour, said he was trying to get to his room to go to bed. Police booked him on an intoxication charge and showed him to his quarters.

Mr. Nyun and Mr. Oo

Two pleasant and friendly Burmese gentlemen have created minor havoc in the newsroom of The Mail Tribune the past weeks. It is a matter of spelling and pronunciation.

We, who are familiar with Oriental names, have been guilty of misspelling their names (at least three different ways, we are told) in one news story or another. The matter of pronunciation applies to those of us who occasionally make radio broadcasts.

LET us hasten to assure Mr. Nyun and Mr. Oo that we are sorry if we have been thus inaccurate.

For the record, the gentlemen in question are Ko Tun Oo and Maung Thein Nyun.

They are in Jackson county visiting under the International Farm Youth Exchange Program, one of a number of exchange programs which we firmly believe are among the most effective efforts now being put forth on behalf of world peace and understanding.

MR. Oo is the older of our two guests. He is a farmer in his own country, and has a 20-acre farm, raising rice and poultry. He has been active in youth organizations, and his major hobbies include outdoor sports, among them tennis. He is a Buddhist.

Mr. Nyun is an accountant, but has had farming experience, and also has had some organizational work. He too is a Buddhist.

Both men speak English and Mr. Nyun also speaks Japanese. Both are married.

MR. NYUN is living at the home of the Don Minears and Mr. Oo with the John Ousterhouts. We have a strong suspicion that the Minears and the Ousterhouts are getting about as much fun, and as much education, out of the visit as their guests.

They have learned, for instance, that their guests do not have "family" names, but each child bears its own name which is not the same as that of its father or mother. Their titles of respect change from time to time, as their age and social status varies.

As for the visitors, they must have had many startling experiences in our young civilization. Perhaps some of our customs seem barbaric, perhaps some of them crude. Certainly the majority of them are different.

BUT it is our hope that after their extended visit to the "western world" they will have a better understanding of us and our motivations. This, after all, is what the exchange programs are for, basically. You have a hard time being mad at a person if you can understand him, and see his point of view.

We wish for Mr. Oo and Mr. Nyun a highly satisfactory and pleasant time in our country, and in their later journeys to the world Boy Scout Jamboree, which they will attend late in June.

We hope they carry back with them to Burma an impression of America which is not all gangsters and Hollywood and automobile accidents and politics.

We know that if they come to like us and respect us, for what we are and not for some distorted picture of us, the cause of world peace and understanding will be served, and served well.

We're glad to have you with us, gentlemen. —E.A.

Be Careful

Tomorrow starts the first of 1955's four "long week ends."

The Memorial day week end will offer the city-bound a chance to head for the wide open spaces, and throngs of motorists are expected on the highways.

The other long week ends are Independence day (July 4 is Monday this year), Labor day, and Christmas (which falls on Sunday so that Monday will be observed as a holiday.)

MAY those who are heading for the beaches or the mountains or away to visit friends and relatives return home safely.

Hundreds of autoists will be killed this week end. We hope it's not you. If you're careful, it probably won't be.—E.A.

Little Green Tents

The late Arthur Perry, for many years identified with The Mail Tribune, each year at this time published in his column, "Ye Smudge Pot," the famous verse commemorating Memorial day by the late Walt Mason, whose column appeared in this paper for many years. Because it tells the story so well, it is republished here without further comment.

THE LITTLE GREEN TENTS, WHERE THE SOLDIERS SLEEP; AND THE SUNBEAMS PLAY, AND THE WOMEN WEEP, ARE COVERED WITH FLOWERS TODAY; AND BETWEEN THE TENTS WALK THE WEARY FEW, WHO WERE YOUNG AND STALWART IN SIXTY-TWO, WHEN THEY WENT TO THE WAR AWAY.

THE LITTLE GREEN TENTS ARE BUILT OF SOD, AND THEY ARE NOT LONG, AND THEY ARE NOT BROAD, BUT THE SOLDIERS HAVE LOTS OF ROOM; AND THE SOD IS PART OF THE LAND THEY SAVED, WHEN THE FLAG OF THE ENEMY DARKLY WAVED, THE SYMBOL OF DOLE AND DOOM.

THE LITTLE GREEN TENT IS A THING DIVINE; THE LITTLE GREEN TENT IS A COUNTRY'S SHRINE, WHERE THE PATRIOTS KNEEL AND PRAY, AND THE BRAVE MEN LEFT, SO OLD, SO FEW, WERE YOUNG AND STALWART IN SIXTY-TWO, WHEN THEY WENT TO THE WAR AWAY.

Russian Acceptance Of Big 4 Proposal Tops News of Week

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst

The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

THE GOOD

1. Soviet Russia formally accepted the proposal of the Western Allies for a Big Four meeting "at the summit." Details of the meeting, first of its kind in 10 years, will be worked out later. The possibility was mentioned that President Eisenhower and the other Big Four chiefs of government might meet July 18. The United States will insist that the meeting be limited to a few days. The foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France and Soviet Russia will be left to negotiate on specific issues later.

2. There were strong indications that any attempt to swing Italy away from loyal cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization would fail. Considerable anxiety was felt over Italian policy after the election of leftist-tinged Giovanni Gronchi as president. Gronchi favors a policy of "co-existence" with Soviet Russia. But dispatches from Rome suggested that the danger of an Italian swing to the left was now remote. The Italian Communists continued to lose strength. They have been losing their grip on labor unions in northern and central Italy for several months. This week they lost an important union election in southern

Italy.

3. The National assembly, lower house of the French parliament, approved by a vote of 404-210 a motion to revise the constitution of the Fourth Republic. It was the first step toward strengthening the authority of French prime ministers and ending the series of cabinet crises which had weakened France ever since the end of World War II.

Babson . . . Agricultural Research

By ROGER W. BABSON
Babson Park, Mass. (Special To Mail Tribune)

Industrial and Chemical Research — not federal aid — is the farmer's best bet. Although most American farmers appear to be doing pretty well, I am keenly aware of the drop in farm income which has occurred during the past two years. Despite the best-intentioned government price-support program — or perhaps because of it — we still have a farm problem in this country which could easily erupt into a serious social cancer.

I remember well what happened to the farmer in the 30s and what happened to the rest of the economy as a result of the decline in the farmer's economic position. In those days, the farm problem was seemingly a more arresting public issue than it is today. At least, it evoked more discussion in business and political circles.

How The Chemurgic Movement Began

In an effort to improve the demand of that era, the National Farm Chemurgic Council was organized at an historic conference held in 1935 at Dearborn, Mich., under the auspices of Henry Ford and Francis P. Garvan, president of the Chemical Foundation. Another leader in the movement was Wheeler McMillen of The Farm Journal. The idea was to encourage research which would lead to an expansion of markets for American farm products to be used as industrial raw materials. From the beginning, I supported the aims of this council.

Since then, the whole movement of allying chemistry with agriculture has grown tremendously. In March of this year, the old National Farm Chemurgic Council was superseded by a new and larger organization called the Council for Agricultural and Chemical Research. The new organization will continue to encourage individual research projects looking toward the discovery of new crops and new characteristics of old crops. In addition, it will set up the machinery to co-ordinate the various agricultural-chemical research projects which are being undertaken. Farmers' sons should learn of this work before leaving the farm for the city employment.

Farmers Must Diversify Their Production

I hope that the activities of this scientific farm research will

have the wholehearted support of science, industry, and government. It takes time to expand any research facilities; it especially takes time to co-ordinate research activity in so large a field as agriculture. This wider approach to the problem is not being undertaken any too soon, for there is now a great need for American farmers to diversify their production and look more to industrial, rather than food, consumption. Such diversification should lead to more stable economic conditions.

This need for diversification of farm products is so apparent that the Council chose "New Crops" as the theme of its March meeting in Columbus, O. It may seem odd to be concentrating on new crops when we have such heavy surpluses of old crops, but such research has paid off handsomely before, as in the case of soybeans. There is every reason to believe it will again pay off. New crops now being studied include timber bamboo, a good source of paper pulp which has been grown successfully in the Southeast; dioscorea, a plant source of cortisone-like drugs; new varieties of castorbeans; canaigre, a wild root plant of high vegetable tannin; and acerola from Porto Rico or phyllanthus emblica from the Hawaiian Islands, both of which have miraculous vitamin contents.

Marine Research Is Also Needed

In addition to their work in the agricultural field, the Council could encourage further studies of the mineral and other wealth cradled in the two great oceans. These flow up to the very doorstep of our land along more than 4,800 miles of coastline. These oceans are a storehouse of organic and inorganic matter of great actual and potential importance to industry. As our soil is getting poorer with every hard rain, our oceans, into which the rivers empty, are getting richer.

For example, a large number of chemical elements are found in crab meal and fish meal. Fish products contain aluminum, barium, calcium, chromium, copper, fluorine, lead, lithium, magnesium, manganese, nickel, phosphorus, potassium, silicon, silver, sodium, strontium, and zinc! Truly the resources of the sea provide plenty of opportunity for the College of Fisheries at Gloucester Mass.

THE SHAME OF IT

Memphis, Tenn. —(U.P.)— Lee Bolen Jr., great-great grandson of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest, has been offered scholarships to attend three "Yankee" universities, Princeton, Yale and Harvard.

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.

Pheasants and Hay Making

To The Editor: Hay making time is here again which brings a serious problem to the mother pheasant and her brood of young chicks. If a hen pheasant is killed with a mower, the young have to take care of themselves and usually never reach maturity. During the hunting season last year I shot a male pheasant which had no feet and the only way I could figure out that this could have happened was by being cut with a mower in a hay field.

If the farmer would make some kind of a flusing bar, that would extend from six to eight feet ahead of the mower, this would flush the birds and save many from being killed or crippled, to later die from starvation or unable to protect themselves from their natural enemies.

Ranchers and farmers in this area who are interested in making a bar of the type mentioned, I will be glad to furnish them with needed information to build one. Sportsmen and Gun clubs in this area may be interested in building these bars and furnishing them free to farmers cutting hay.

Yours for better relations between farmers and sportsmen.
Roy N. McKee
Box 85
Eagle Point

Missing Mother, Sons Said Cause of Concern

Portland —(U.P.)—Police today expressed concern about the disappearance of Mrs. Paula Nazarian, 31, and her two sons, age 12 and 8.

They were reported missing by the husband and father, Harry Nazarian, 39, who said they failed to return from a movie at the Sellwood theater May 16. He said they had a minor argument over money matters but that he hardly felt this would be reason for her to leave.

Police were checking with authorities in Sacramento where Nazarian said there was a possibility his family might have gone.

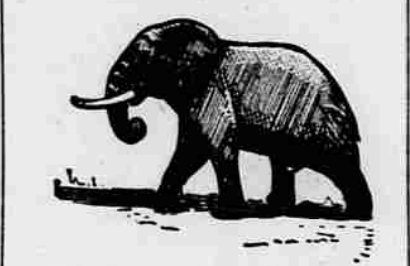
Is That So?

Stockholm, With S.A.S.—(Delayed)—Naturally when I visit a foreign city, I go to the local zoo. Stockholm's Skansen Zoo, which has 2,000,000 visitors a

sensitive. Although it can pick up a ton weight, the tip—a sort of finger—is sensitive enough to pick up a small pin.

SPEED: Despite its tremendous bulk, the animal can cover ground rapidly, trotting for long distances at five miles an hour, and when charging, at 25 miles an hour—faster than any human.

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year, was no exception. This time the discussion with the animal keepers dealt with the largest of all living animals, the elephants, which may weigh up to 12,000 pounds. And I learned plenty.

FOOD: Elephants are strictly vegetarians and in their natural state eat grass and leaves mostly, up to half a ton a day.

BRAIN: Because of their massive heads, many people conclude that an elephant's brain is large. That simply isn't so. The great size of their heads is caused largely by the thickness of the skin and the heavy skull material. Considering size, the brain is small.

LIFE SPAN: Although a few may live to be 100, the life span is about that of a human, from 60-80 years.

TEETH: During its lifetime, an elephant grows but one set of teeth—but these teeth come in early and remain late.

TUSKS: The elephant's ivory tusks—growing up to 200 pounds each in the African male—are elongated upper incisors. In the African species both males and females have tusks; in the Asiatic, only the male.

EYE, EAR AND NOSE: Elephant's eyes are small and their vision poor; their hearing is not particularly keen; but their sense of smell is extraordinary.

HIDE: Although an elephant's hide, rough, grayish hide appears tough and calloused, it is most sensitive and highly vulnerable to stinging beasts.

SWIMMERS: Despite their great weight, elephants are good swimmers, crossing deep rivers easily. Mothers carry their young on their backs or else carefully guide them across the river with their trunks.

TRUNK: Thanks to some 40,000 muscles in it, the trunk is tremendously strong and yet

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Dairy Plant Workers Turn Down Pay Offer

Portland —(U.P.)—Union dairy plant workers and drivers here have rejected an employer offer and will resume negotiations under auspices of a federal mediator next week, a union official said today.

George Park, secretary of the Dairy, Ice and Cream drivers local 305, said the union seeks 15 cents an hour pay boost and other benefits. He said the union has taken a strike vote. About 500 employees would be involved if a strike should develop.

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