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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 29, 1945
(It was Tuesday)
Elaine Walker and David Chirgwin named valedictorian and salutatorian respectively, of Medford High school.

20 YEARS AGO
May 29, 1933
(It was Wednesday)
Soil Erosion service of United States orders 50,000 pounds of Rogue valley winter blunders seed to experiment on prevention of soil erosion in middle western states.

30 YEARS AGO
May 29, 1925
(It was Friday)
Secretary of Agriculture Jardine to stop in Medford for National Guard encampment.

40 YEARS AGO
May 29, 1915
(It was Saturday)
Pacific highway over Siskiyou completed and will open in few days.

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

- 1. Air conditioning will be on about 1, 2 1/2, 4, 5 1/2 or 7 per cent of all new cars sold this year?
2. State liquor stores, in the 16 states having them, show as a whole a profit or a loss, or do they about break even?
3. More women than men live in U.S. cities. Is that true also of U.S. farms as a whole?
4. The divorce rate in the U.S. is higher for whites than for non-whites, higher for non-whites, or about the same for each?
5. Lined oil comes from flax, cottonseed, or cattle hoofs?
6. A large U.S. city with the same name as the capital of Italy is in California, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, or New York?
7. Maj. S. Salem is a power in the British, Canadian, Egyptian, Israeli, Mexican, or Soviet government?

WILL HE CLAIM IT?
Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) — William M. Maltbie, retired chief justice of the state Supreme Court who ruled raffish illegal while in office, learned he won a new automobile on a ticket he bought to a Yale club gathering.

TONGUE LEADS TO JAIL
Carlsbad, N. M. — (U.P.) — A district judge sentenced Mrs. Myrtle McCool, a witness in a land partition suit, to 48 hours in jail Friday for sticking her tongue out at an attorney during the hearing.

Floyd Hart

The sudden and unexpected death of Floyd Hart came as a stunning shock not only to his family and friends but to the entire community.

For as age is considered today he was at 57 in the very prime of life, and although he had suffered a heart attack last year, it was the first one, he had apparently fully recovered and was engaging in his many activities with his usual buoyancy, bounce and drive, when the end without warning, came.

FLOYD HART was a rare combination—a shrewd and realistic business executive, a tough competitor, yet personally friendly, considerate and extremely public-spirited, giving his time and vital energies unstintingly to many worthy local causes and taking a prominent part on a national scale, in the effort to advance the interests of the timber industry in every legitimate way, on one hand, without yielding to the forces of 100% commercialism and greed on the other.

THE president and manager of Timber Products was one of the first of the younger executives in that field, to realize that a system of "sustained yield," instead of uncontrolled and selfish exploitation was not only in the people's and the state's interest, but in the interest of the industry, and for years he worked in the direction of a "true conservation," which would make one of Oregon's greatest material assets, a permanent crop, instead of a temporary one—providing income and employment not only for this generation, but for generations to come.

Floyd Hart's war-record was outstanding, but it is so well known, detailed comment seems hardly necessary. When a boy in school he volunteered for air service abroad and served with distinction as a combat flier until the end of World War I, shooting down several German planes.

He also served in the same air service in World War II, more in an executive and administrative capacity but characteristically without regard for his personal safety at any time or the financial sacrifices involved.

Medford has never followed the custom of naming first citizens of the year, as some other municipalities have done; had the practice been followed here it is probable Floyd Hart would not only have been named but have been on the repeater list, as many times as the rules allowed.—R.W.R.

What About the Facts?

A great many people are more confused than enlightened by the long winded arguments between those who believe in public power AND those who don't. They are not greatly impressed by the claims and clinches of either side, but would like to get at the facts—the truth—if such can be obtained.

WELL as a step in that direction we would highly recommend a study of the decision by William J. Costello, examiner of the Federal Power commission in the controversial Hells Canyon case.

The F.P.C. has been favorable to the Idaho Power company project and Examiner Costello surprised no one when he ruled against public power with one high-dam on the Snake river, and in favor of one private low-dam on what is known as the Brownlee site, to be constructed by the Idaho concern.

BUT the reasons given for this ruling are what should interest the truth-seeker.

For in effect, Examiner Costello admits that one high multi-purpose dam built by the government, would give greater benefits at less cost to the people of the area served than either this one low dam or the three low dams desired by the Boston-Idaho corporation. But he considers the former action purely academic because the present administration will never sanction such a project, and he thinks there is slight reason to believe the present congress would ever vote the funds necessary for construction. So why consider it?

IN OTHER words the worthy "Examiner" is not judging the proposals on their merits, or from the standpoint of the public welfare and admits it, but first and foremost on purely political grounds and he is assuming the role not of a construction engineer but of an infallible political prophet, who knows not only what the Eisenhower administration wants to do but what the Democratic congress will do.

The U.S. Senate with the approval of the present administration recently passed the Upper Colorado public-power project, two or three times as costly as Hells Canyon, and not half as desirable from the standpoint of furnishing power at a low cost. But it will be "thumbs down" when the Snake River bill comes up, and Mr. Costello claims to know this.

How does he know it?
What secret information does he possess?
Who gave him that crystal ball? And for that matter who gave him authority to give official rulings based not on the facts but on purely political considerations?

WE AGREE with the partisans of private power on ONE point: the Costello report which recommended only one small dam instead of three, should be reexamined by both the Federal Power Commission and the congress.

But not because the ruling failed to ok the Idaho Power company proposal on two counts, but because it was based primarily not upon the facts but upon one individual's political guess.

THE private vs public power issue we admit is all mixed up with partisan politics, but the Federal Power Commission should not be, and its official

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

THE KNOW-HOW MYTH

Washington — At his press conference a few days ago, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson administered the expected large dose of soothing syrup when he was asked about the status of American and Soviet air power. Technological know-how, he said, is the real key to superiority in the air, and Secretary Wilson made plain his conviction that American know-how is somehow inherently and unquestionably superior.



Stewart Alsop

Not doubt this conviction is entirely sincere. It is difficult for Americans, especially Americans with Secretary Wilson's background, to believe that the backward Russians really are capable of surpassing this country in technological achievement. Yet the cold, hard facts suggest that the Russians have done just that—and the British too, for that matter.

Take jet engines. The power of a jet engine, which largely determines the quality of a jet plane, is measured in thousands of pounds of thrust. Our best operational jet engine, designed and produced by Pratt and Whitney, develops a claimed thrust of 10,000 pounds. It is a fine engine. Yet there are at least two and probably three British engines which develop more thrust than any operational engine produced in this country.

Indeed, although the aircraft industry does not shout the fact from the house tops, American air power is dependent to a remarkable degree on British-designed engines manufactured here on license from Britain. The most important single contribution to American air power of Secretary Wilson's old company, General Motors, is probably the production of British-designed Sapphire engines. American naval air is particularly dependent on British engine design. At least one authority maintains that British jet "know-how" has rescued American air power from near oblivion in the jet age.

IT SHOULD be a shock to most people's complacency that the British, with a defense budget a tiny fraction of our own, should have moved so far ahead of us in jet technology. But it really ought to shock even Secretary Wilson's complacency that the Soviets in turn are unquestionably ahead of the British. Consider the story of the Bison, the new Soviet heavy bomber. The Bison has four engines, as compared with eight engines on its American equivalent, the B-52. A single Bison was flown low over the American Embassy on May Day, 1954. When pictures and performance data on this nose-thumbing gesture reached the Pentagon, the experts figured on their slide rules that each of the Bison's four engines must deliver a thrust of 18,000 to 20,000 pounds.

This meant almost double the thrust delivered by any American jet engine and well above the thrust of any British engine. It meant a genuinely frightening technological lead for the Soviets. Rather than accept this meaning, with all its expensive implications, the Pentagon powers-that-be developed the "Potemkin Village Theory" to explain the new bomber. Prince Potemkin was, of course, the favorite of Queen Catherine II of Russia. He erected fake villages along the Queen's route in order to delude and please her.

Suppose, the Pentagon powers-that-be said, the Russians had made a fake heavy bomber with outward characteristics like the Bison, but capable only of short hauls with no payload, to delude and frighten us. The experts obligingly figured that a fake Bison could be powered with engines of less than 8,000 pounds thrust, and thereafter the Potemkin Village Theory to explain the Bison was happily put about.

The recent flights over Moscow of formations of operational Bisons knocked the Potemkin Village Theory into smithereens. A feeble echo of the theory appeared in Secretary Wilson's wistful press conference remark, to the effect that the planes might be handmade prototypes. But this notion flies in the face of all the evidence, and if Secretary Wilson really believes it, he is the last man in the Pentagon who does.

IN SHORT, hard as it is to credit, the Soviets have achieved a commanding technological lead over us in the key field of jet engine design. This is, of course, no cause for despair. In other important fields, American technology

maintains a real advantage. Moreover, thanks above all to our force of well over a thousand B-47 medium bombers, we still probably enjoy a superior long range striking power, despite our much weaker air defenses.

Indeed, if Secretary Wilson had chosen to say what was really in the minds of most informed Air Force men, he could have done so very briefly—"Thank God for the B-47." But even in this field of the medium bomber, where our superiority is still real, the Soviets are pushing hard with their equivalent aircraft, the Badger, which also has superior engines. And surely the above facts suggest that self-deceiving complacency about "American know-how" is as dangerous as the Bison and the Badger put together. There is plenty of evidence that Secretary Wilson and his associates are not only deceiving the people about the seriousness of the Soviet air power threat—they are also deceiving themselves.

Jacksonville Fire Season Start Set

Jacksonville — Fire Chief Louis Applebaker had set June 1 as the start of fire season in Jacksonville. After that burning permits will be necessary. They may be obtained at Chris Drug store in Jacksonville.

Applebaker said the minimum requirements for burning include having sufficient garden hose available and building no large fires. Persons obtaining permits will be responsible for fire damage should fire spread to surrounding areas.

Burning will be permitted only between 8 a.m. and noon unless supervised by the fire department.

Permits will be issued for the season for burning in incinerators only. Those for burning rubbish are good only on the day issued.

Baccalaureate Set For Jacksonville

Jacksonville — Baccalaureate exercises will be held at Jacksonville High school at 8 o'clock tonight at the Presbyterial church here with the Rev. Kenneth F. Korby delivering the message, "Under This Sign You Will Conquer."

Mrs. Anita Niedermeyer will play the processional and recessional.

Commencement exercises will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at the Jacksonville High school auditorium with Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, as principal speaker. He will talk on "Your Value."

Sydney Sutherland will give the valedictory and Doris Wall the salutatory. Clyde F. Sutherland will present school honors, and Floyd Wyatt, chairman of Jacksonville school board, will present diplomas.

Rogue River Academy Graduation Date Set

Graduation for Rogue River Academy students will be June 3 and 4 at the Valley View Seventh-day Adventist church.

On Friday evening the Consecration service will take place with Elder Duane Corwin of Madras as speaker. On Saturday morning the Baccalaureate sermon will be given by Elder O. E. Schnepfer, former pastor here, now of Portland.

On Saturday evening commencement will be held with Elder W. O. Baldwin, Portland, educational director of Seventh-day Adventists for the state of Oregon, as speaker.

Miss Carol Hansen is president of the class, Kathleen McCarty is the vice-president and Avis Bissegger is secretary-treasurer. Miss Sally Jo Lindgren is the valedictorian and Patty Kennedy is the salutatorian. The class includes Ruby Arnold, Rose Marie Beltz, Avis Bissegger, Norma Brainerd, Carol Hansen, Patty Kennedy, Sally Jo Lindgren, Kathleen McCarty, and Delores Shollenberg. Mrs. H. C. Chilson was the class advisor.

M-T Managing Editor Has Surgery Saturday

Portland — (U.P.) — E. C. Ferguson, managing editor of the Mail Tribune, Medford, underwent surgery at Good Samaritan hospital Saturday, and hospital attendants reported he came through the operation satisfactorily. His condition Saturday afternoon was listed as "good."

Mrs. Ferguson has informed friends in Medford that her husband would be glad to receive notes from those wishing to write to him at the hospital, but that his condition will not permit him to have flowers in his room.

examiner above all else, should base his decisions upon what is true, from an objective engineering and public welfare standpoint, not what he guesses may happen or not happen politically either today, tomorrow, next year or the year after.—R.W.R.

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.

Comment Dealers

To the Editor: We wish to express our appreciation to the American News company and the Rogue Valley News agency for voluntarily removing objectionable comics from our local news stands. We wish, also, to thank our merchants of Medford for their splendid cooperation.

Investigation has proven that much of our juvenile delinquency problem stems from a few of the objectionable comics. Recently in the East, four youngsters knocked down an old man and kicked him to death. When asked why, they replied that they had seen it in a comic book.

Because 500,000,000 comics are sold annually, and because we believe the youth of America is our valuable possession and the source of our nation's future, strength and leadership, we condemn the display and sale of approximately 5 per cent of reading matter now being offered in the guise of illustrated stories. We have gone on record as unanimously requesting all vendors of magazines to refrain from displaying or selling any picture or reading materials of any nature which might incite crime, lust or baser instincts of human nature in our youth.

The comic book industry has secured the services of Judge Charles F. Murray, former Chief Magistrate of New York, to assist in the improvement of the comic book industry. Out of 27 publishers in the United States 24 have signed to issue only approved comics.

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary have endeavored to find a constructive approach for elimination of crime, horror and sex comics. Locally, we find there are no objectionable comics being distributed. It has been said that "Old comics never die, they just trade away." For this reason we urge all parents and second hand dealers to destroy the objectionable comics still in being. Medford Unit No. 15, American Legion Auxiliary Mrs. H. W. Gifford, Pres. Mrs. Earl B. Bigalow, Child Welfare Ch.

Plan To Prevent Strikes

To the Editor: While the country is torn by unrest, dissent and strikes throwing thousands out of work and causing needless suffering, I would like to offer what I think is a sensible solution to prevent strikes and make satisfied workers in all industries whether large or small.

My suggestion is this: let every industry put into effect a bonus system by giving every employee who has worked a year or more 10 per cent of the net profit divided equally among them. This plan would give each employee something to look forward to and also an incentive to do more and better work at the same time it would boost his morale and good will which would be a big asset to any company.

Every employee under this plan would be working not only for his or her own interest but to each other's mutual interest and welfare. It would, in my opinion, eliminate all disputes and misunderstandings and work out to everyone's mutual satisfaction.

If any dispute should arise it could be settled by a committee of arbitration appointed by labor and management. I am strongly in favor of doing away with any union or disunion that does not work for the interest and welfare of the country which is all the people. I am in favor of organization and unity and harmony, for it has been said, and justly so, a house divided against itself cannot stand.

John A. Dickinson 816 South Central Ave. Medford

Protect the Children

To the Editor: This is my first time to "write a letter to the paper", although many times I have been entertained, interested (and amused) by the letters of others.

The pros and cons of keeping dogs tied up or letting them run loose—the privilege or non-privileges of various groups to hold meetings in the school house, etc. I had been hoping someone would bring up at this time the very serious subject of uncovered and unguarded water pools, with a view of bettering that situation, and that there might not be a repetition of last week's tragedy when a little boy drowned in a deep uncovered pond at Four Corners.

I am not conversant with the laws on the subject (if any) but it seems to me little children should be protected from the danger of an open 15-ft. deep pool especially when it is established in a thickly settled neighborhood.

Remember little Kathy Fiscus, who, running in play, fell into a narrow abandoned well? She lived for some time, answering bravely to calls from

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

A few weeks ago, this column recorded how a newly-rural couple went to a livestock auction and came home with nothing but a pair of ski poles, although neither one skis.

They've found a use for them, though. They finally got around to buying a few head of cattle, and happily report that the ski poles can be used to prod the cattle into moving where they should go. Work fine, too.

Dr. Abner Clark, Medford dentist, recently flew to Louisiana, taking along his 18-month-old son. He said he acted as "father, mother and baby-sitter" for the youngster. "He calls me 'Mommy' now," Dr. Clark reported.

A Phoenix housewife last week drove to Ashland and left the family's new car at a firm there for a 1,000-mile checkup. While the car was being tuned, the company loaned her a 1947 Chevrolet to drive. She drove to Medford for a beauty shop appointment and while she was there, her husband dropped in to get the car keys. He went to the parking lot where she left the car, found one answering her description, got in, and drove to Ashland, later returning to pick up his wife. Then they both went home.

The next morning the lady returned the car to the firm and started to pick up her own. As the employees at the firm checked in the "borrowed" car, however, they found it was the wrong one. It was registered to a Medford man who'd parked it at the same parking lot as the borrowed car, and who had reported it stolen.

The Phoenix woman, somewhat embarrassed, told police

the top from parents but when at last they reached her the little girl was dead—and a whole nation mourned her and vowed it would not happen again. Legislation was started to guard against another such occurrence, it was said, but still this carelessness of abandoned wells, uncovered pools, etc., goes on.

And while I'm on the subject of protection of our innocents it seems to me that sex crimes against our little ones are on the increase.

Hardly a day goes by that some little child is not molested and perhaps beaten or murdered by some monster.

We can safeguard our children to a certain extent by warning them not to ride with strangers, to never accept candy from anyone, and by telling them that although most people are good there are also evil ones, etc., etc.

Yes, you try to prepare them for the evil in the streets and highways and yet how far along these lines can you go without creating in them distrust and suspicion that will spoil their happy, trusting childhood faith and unfit them for their measure of love and happiness later? "Another Reader" (Name on file)

How About Those Who Gave Their All?

To the Editor: Memorial Day, May 30, is a national holiday. Schools and offices are to be closed as we Americans observe a day of remembrance. This year Memorial Day comes on Monday, which means a long week end for many of us. How will we observe this day? First of all we'll sleep a little longer in the morning. If the weather remains fine as it is today, (Saturday) there will be picnics, or golf games or a drive into the country. Thousands will take advantage of the three-day week end for excursions to visit friends or families away from home. Near some of our larger cities the flow of traffic will be so dense that helicopters will hover over the crowded highways to observe and make radio reports on which routes are least crowded.

What of the men who gave their lives in America's wars, in whose memory this day is set aside, and who are not here to join the holiday crowds? I don't think they would disapprove of our picnics, golf, and motor trips for after all, they gave their lives to make this way of life of ours possible for generations to come. I think they would be happy to see that the helicopters poised above our highways are there to help us safely to our destination, and not swooping down to bomb our cities, and strafe the procession of automobiles with bullets.

I do believe, however, that they would like to remind us that although we celebrate this day in many pleasurable ways, we should remember solemnly on this and every other day the men who died to make it possible, and those who gave a part of their health, their well-being and in many cases parts of their bodies, that we might be free to observe Memorial Day.

We can do little more than set aside a day of recognition for those who never came back. But, there are thousands who have come back ill, maimed and burdened with hurts from which they will never recover. For these, the disabled, we can show that we mean our annual tribute. We can, if we will, make

an effort to understand their her husband apparently picked the wrong car, which was the same year, model and color. The keys fit, too.

They got it all straightened out, finally.

United Press copy received here a few days ago referred to an "all-leather jet interceptor plane."

Put together, we assume, with brass studs.

Glenn Klein and Jean Brooks, county agents for 4-H club work, were cleaning up their section of the county vaults last week when they ran across what appeared to be a tramp's pack. Its origin and history are totally unknown to them.

It contained a bedroll, a pair of overalls, several varieties of canned food, and a jacket "with detachable sleeves," all looking considerably the worse for wear. As it was in the 4-H section, at last report they were considering sending it (collect) to Rufus Cate Jr., former county 4-H club agent now serving in a similar capacity on the Oregon coast, with a note saying, "You forgot your camping equipment."

We are indebted to the Salem Statesman for the information that editors of the South Salem High school humor book have taken to writing titles for songs. Here are some of them: "Davy, Croak II!" "Slime On My Hands," "Butcher Arms Around Me," "Among My Seven Ears," "There's a Cavern in Your Crown," "Oh, What a Beautiful Mourning," "Curdle Up a Little Closer," "Holiday for Things."

problems, and offer them opportunity to earn decent livings and take their proper place in the society of their community. If we fail in this small obligation we strip Memorial day of its meaning.

Pat Graham, Adjutant and Service Officer Jackson County Chapter 8, DAV 1515 N. Riverside Ave. Medford, Oregon.

Who is Right in Dam Debate?

To the Editor: How can the excess individual and corporate greed of man be expunged or even mellowed in controversial issues enough so that people's welfare, the nation's best interests be served? How may the "dear public" know the true facts? Newspapers, magazines, radio, TV; the U.S. mails are filled and the public flooded with pros and cons until the truth is smothered in a maze of arguments, resulting in total confusion as one tries to comprehend.

Presently before us is the Echo Park dam controversy, "Dust to Water" in the May Readers Digest, and plenty of other articles show conclusively the selfish efforts of some special interest promoters, and a few big-land holders to irrigate thousands of acres of desert land to produce more farm crops of which our country is now burdened, and stored at terrible cost to taxpayers. Private power plant promoters made no protest to federal construction to an Echo Park dam; but they do when such private interests could get the profits. Promoters of the dam cry it must be done or, the land will not be "developed." — Yes, America's forests were "developed" by such "businessmen" promoters, and now America is in a timber famine, — a crisis. Mills are closing for want of logs, mountains near and far are being scalped of about every tree that can be turned into immediate dollar profit; the soil, if any, left to erode away or bake so rains and melting snow may run off as from a tin roof.

Who's right in this dam controversy? What is right for the greatest good to the largest number for the longest time? Are these factors ever considered by the promoters, — or some law-making Congressmen? Some promoters would plow the last virgin soil furrow, destroy the last timbered watershed, — even National Parks tap the last oil and gas deposit, kill the last buffalo, seal, tuna, swan, egret, for immediate dollar profit.

Are coming generations to be robbed of these God-given resources, labors, beauties, pleasures? Must each succeeding generation increasingly suffer because of such greed by a few who would control America's Congressional and other lawmakers? Patrick Henry said that in a last analysis, — "It's up to the people."

John E. Gribble Medford, Oregon

SLOAN SIMPSON IN PLAY

Cincinnati, O. — (U.P.) — Sloan Simpson, ex-wife of William O'Dwyer, former ambassador to Mexico and former mayor of New York, has been signed for the production of the opening production of the Summer Playhouse in Cincinnati. The play is a comedy entitled "The Fifth Season" and will open June 14.