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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 30, 1945. (It was Wednesday) Rogue Valley hay and grain slightly damaged from wind and rain storm.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Voters will have a chance to line up on the river banks at two special elections the coming month.

20 YEARS AGO: May 30, 1935. (It was Thursday) Memorial Day parade on Main st. in unseasonably cold weather.

The annual McLeod Strawberry Festival to be held June 1.

30 YEARS AGO: May 30, 1925. (It was Saturday) Ashland High school wins state debating championship at Eugene.

From Local and Personal column: While many local residents left town yesterday and this morning to enjoy the double holiday the threatening weather caused quite a number of others to change their minds and remain at home.

40 YEARS AGO: May 30, 1915. (It was Sunday) Medford pays tribute to Civil War heroes following a parade and ceremonies at Page theatre.

From the Local and Personal column: The schools of the city closed Friday for the year, and a number of families are making preparation for the annual migration to the hills.

What's the Answer?

- (Can You Get 4 of the 7?) Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report 1. When Eisenhower carried Ohio by a wide margin in 1952, Democrat Frank J. Lausche was or wasn't reelected governor?

The answers: 1. Was. 2. About six per cent. 3. Commons has many more. 4. Name for New York City. 5. Wyoming. 6. Wrong. 7. Protect the head from the sun.

Burma Envoy Expresses Best Wishes to Israel

Tel Aviv, Israel, (U.P.)—Premier U Nu of Burma expressed his country's "best wishes" to Israel for its past help when he arrived here for a week-long goodwill visit today.

Good News and Bad

We had the pleasure of printing a Page 1 picture of an Eagle Scout ceremony last week. It was a real news event. Five boys received this highest Scouting award all at the same time.

ALL this made the story and the picture "Page 1." It also gave us a chance to reflect back to the time not long ago when we got into a discussion with Cliff Hanson, our Scout executive, about his question: "Why do you put stories about juvenile delinquents on Page 1 and put GOOD news about young men somewhere else?"

Cliff's question was a perfectly legitimate one, and it's always just a little of a poser. The fact is, of course that we do, often, put good news on Page 1.

BUT reflect on this for a moment: Decent and honorable people are doing decent and honorable things every day. There's nothing unusual nor "news-worthy" about most of this, because it is the way that most people live their lives.

IT is a fact that people are interested in reading "bad" news — murders, accidents, tornadoes. They also have a claim to news that is neither good nor bad; only interesting. And when "good" news comes along that is interesting enough and important enough to merit equal or better play than the "bad" news, no one is happier than the M.T.

Thanks, and Good Luck: We have watched with considerable interest the reactions of the state's editorial writers to the news last week that Gordon A. Sabine, dean of the school of journalism at the University of Oregon, is to go to the University of Michigan to head a large school of "communications arts."

THESE editorials have also raised the question of how Oregon is to attract and keep top men. Another dean at the university, Eldon Johnson, of the college of liberal arts, last week also announced his resignation to become president of a small college in the east.

AND, as we say "so long" to Deans Sabine and Johnson, we can also give them our thanks for jobs well done. They have brought honor to the university, and left a legacy of their talents in their graduates who remain.—E.A.

Professional Men Found Frustrated: Chicago—(U.P.)—Professional men in industry — engineers, chemists, physicists—are chronically frustrated and dissatisfied, a university of Chicago research team has reported.

ON THIS SCORE, Stevenson himself tells all comers that it is "absurd" to suppose that the President is unbeatable. His friends echo this view. They point to certain advantages which Stevenson would enjoy against Eisenhower in 1956

Matter of Fact

THE STEVENSON DILEMMA: Washington — Since Adlai Stevenson's return from Africa he has been flooded with advice from his immense collection of brain-trusters, admirers, intimates, and would-be intimates.



Stewart Alsop: He has not even whispered that he will be a candidate, the underlying assumption of all the advice he has been getting is that he already is one.

IN ACTUAL seats in the house of commons, their victory is even more decisive. In the recent house (total membership 630) they held a slim lead of only 17.

LET'S PUT it another way. After a trial of socialism, followed by a return to free enterprise, the people of Britain have decided that free enterprise is better for them than socialism.

THESE IS another interesting point: This is the first time in 90 YEARS that a majority British party has increased its membership in the house of commons in a national election.

Among other things, the socialist regime in Britain (which came after the war) involved RATIONING. Rationing is logical socialist doctrine. It is based upon the premise that rationing is necessary in order to make a LIMITED SUPPLY of the good things of life go around.

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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.

Wants to See Medford: To the Editor: Sometime during the last of June, my husband and I, along with our two youngest children (ages 11 and 12), will be on our way to Medford from Tucson. We hope to find a place to camp out near the Rogue River; it has been a dream of ours for years.

IS THAT SO?: By Eugene Butera, Editor-Medford

Oslo, with SAS — Delayed—Whether you are in Oslo, London, Calgary or Santa Barbara, the favorite topic of conversation is... you've guessed it, the weather.

And there is one thing you can be pretty sure of that the weather is no respecter of months (or forecasters) and upon the slightest occasion will shuffle May weather with July's; or August's with November.

As a result, winter thaws may occur in midwinter, followed by freezing nights and succeeding ice-cold days with devastating effects upon wild life. With such melting-freezing weather, usually a solid crust of snow forms and presto the heavy wolf is supported and can outrun an elk which may break through; or, if the crust is harder, a reindeer may not be able to paw through the crust to get at the lichen and moss, and starve.

Two years ago in Greenland the musk ox population was reduced by almost one-half with hardly a single calf remaining alive — all due to the vagaries of weather, even in this cold-winter island. Unfortunately, the winter had unseasonably warm weather with thaws attending, followed by the customary freezing weather. For days, and days, and even weeks, food was denied these hardy creatures of the north and they died miserably. Particularly the weaker young ones.

Snow Can Be Saver: But snow can be a saver of life too. Snow is warm — one of the best insulating materials in the world, thanks to the air it holds. Falling snow seldom contains less than 10 parts of air to one part of ice, and may contain as many as 35 parts to one. Even when old and packed, it is still over 50 per cent air.

Thanks to snow, a difference of 51 degrees can actually exist between the top and bottom of a 7-inch snow blanket. During a cold snap, these readings have been taken: at the surface of the snow it was 27 degrees below zero; seven inches below the surface, the reading was only 24 degrees above zero! That's a greater difference than between the average summer and winter temperatures of such weather-beaten cities as New York and Chicago.

As a result, animals can often survive in snow and there are instances of sheep being buried for days in deep snow drifts and remaining alive.

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NEWSBOYS TO COMPETE: Springfield, Ill. — (U.P.) — A national newsboys newspaper throwing contest will be held at the Illinois State Fair Aug. 12.

Helen Keller Received By Emperor Hirohito: Tokyo — (U.P.) — Helen Keller, American leader of the blind, was received in audience by Emperor Hirohito and the Empress at the Imperial Palace today.

Miss Keller, travelling for the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, was accompanied to the 15-minute audience by U.S. Ambassador John Allison.

Later in the day, she was to be honored at a reception given by the Japanese welfare minister at the prime minister's official residence.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

ELECTION AFTERMATH: Now that the British elections are over, an American may say that during the past year there has been a great change for the better in the relations of the British, the Canadian and the American peoples.

YET it is only by such liberal measures as these that a wider European economic unity can be brought about. There are, I know, good Europeans like M. Jean Monnet, who deeply believe that there is no good future for Europe except by the founding of federal institutions which are above the national sovereignties of these separate nations. M. Monnet, and those who think as he does, may in the end be proved to have been true prophets as they are already proved to have been good citizens of Europe.

But the fact of the matter today is that Western Europe must include Great Britain, it must include Scandinavia, it must include Switzerland. These nations are not ready to be federated. Yet Western Europe is not too far away from the convertibility of currencies which is the equivalent of a common currency.

During this past year the British under Eden have played a leading role both in France and in Asia. They invented and they brought into being the Paris Accords. Thus they led Western Europe out of the mess and muddle of the insoluble conflict over the European Defense Community.

In the Far East, first in Indochina and then in the Formosa area, Eden has performed a mighty work of mediation. These diplomatic initiatives and these highly constructive actions have been the fruits of the restoration of British independence within the Atlantic Alliance.

THERE has been a corresponding development in this country. The alliance has been made stronger and more effective because, curiously enough, President Eisenhower has gained independence since the Republicans lost control of Congress. The reason for this is, of course, that almost all the Republican committee chairmen, who were in control of Congress during his first two years, had belonged to the anti-Eisenhower faction of the party. In the field of foreign affairs the Democratic chairmen are much closer to Eisenhower. As a result, the President has not in this Congress had to appease his Republican opponents.

This has made it possible for the Administration to support the mediation which British diplomacy has been providing. Many Americans who never have their speeches or their articles printed in the newspapers are grateful for this. They think that a good ally not only should stand by you when you are in trouble but should hold on to you when you are stumbling into trouble.

AMONG the commentators in Britain there have been differences of opinion as to whether in economic policy there was a big issue between the two parties. Mr. Atlee and Mr. Gaitskell, it was said, were not in any particular hurry to transform Britain into a Socialist state. Nor were Sir Anthony Eden and Mr. Butler going to dismantle the welfare state.

At this distance, however, it did appear that the two parties really differed on the role that Britain can and should play in the economic organization of Europe. The general doctrine and preconceptions of the Labor Party in favor of a planned and directed economy do not favor a wider European unity. A planned and directed economy is in fact, and necessarily, an enclosed economy. It is one with sharply marked national frontiers because if you are going to plan and direct you must have all relevant economic factors under your sovereign control. By its very nature a planned economy

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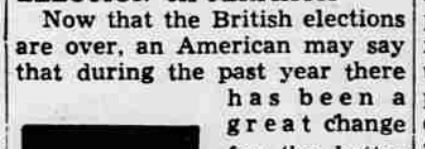
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