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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: June 13, 1945. Six civic projects costing \$825,000 approved by Medford residents in special election.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The country is now facing inflation, experts figure, due to shortages.

20 YEARS AGO: June 13, 1935. Disposal plant bids exceed estimate and amount of funds approved by voters for improvement.

C. D. Bean opens new electric appliance and houseware store in Medford.

30 YEARS AGO: June 13, 1925. Four persons arrested for illegal possession of moonshine near Camp Jackson National Guard encampment.

William Von der Hellen's bid of \$27,250 lowest submitted for grading and surfacing portions of highway between Grants Pass and Crescent City.

40 YEARS AGO: June 13, 1915. Medford opens baseball season against Yreka; admission is 40 cents for grandstand; 25 cents bleacher seats.

From Local and Personal column: The regular mid-month meeting of the city council will be held at the city hall tomorrow night.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?) Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report. 1. Most letters to the F.C.C. on paying a fee for special T.V. programs in the home are for it or against it, or are they about 50-50?

The 'District' Plan

It was in the mind of Col. Del Harvey that the idea for a big sanitary district on the floor of the Bear creek valley came to life a year or so ago.

Harvey, a professional engineer with years of experience in many phases of his profession, is personally concerned in the matter, for he has watched the attempts of small, local sanitary districts to meet their problems—and fail, for a variety of reasons.

HARVEY brought his idea into public view about a year ago with an article in the Mail Tribune. The idea was discussed, debated, and found valid by a variety of citizens who have a stake in the problem.

The bill passed, and, early in August, will become law. It gives the people of Jackson county the organizational framework on which to build a solution to the problem of sewage disposal—which is bad, and is rapidly becoming worse.

TODAY, on Page 1 of the Mail Tribune, appears the first of a series of three articles prepared by Colonel Harvey in which he voices his view on the pros and cons of a "Metropolitan" sanitary district, or authority.

The Mail Tribune is glad to publish these articles, for, while there may be disagreement among those interested as to the best way to go about solving the problem, Colonel Harvey has probably done as much as any one man (with the possible exception of Phil Lowry) to make it possible for it to be solved.

Harvey's views, at any rate, are entitled to respectful consideration, and might well serve as the jumping-off point for organization of a sanitary authority.

At one point, Harvey discusses the proposed annexation of some 3,000 acres into the city of Medford, and how this would affect the sanitary district plan. It is a point which will need further study, before a final decision can be made.

The Mail Tribune proposes to support the annexation plan, because it believes the benefits to all would outweigh any drawbacks, and at the same time it sees in the sanitary authority proposal the outline of a solution to the sanitary problem in which we all have so vital a stake.

And the well-being of the people of Jackson county, all the people, is the thing which is important.

A Welcome Visitor

A visitor of more than usual interest, and one who was warmly welcomed here last week, was Werner Baecker, a young German radio man now on tour of the United States.

He particularly asked that Medford be included as the only small town on his itinerary because 11 years ago he was a prisoner of war at Camp White.

BAECKER talked freely of his wartime experiences—how he and his fellow POWs were at first afraid of the Americans, but later came to like and respect them—but, naturally enough, his chief interest these days is in international events and the future of his young nation.

He is confident of that future, barring a war, and if the government of that nation falls into hands such as his, and those of other young Germans we have met in recent years, we have little to fear.

Democratic ideals have a strong hold on many, probably a majority, of Germans, and in Baecker's enthusiastic discussions of how democracy is growing in Germany, despite many obstacles, one gains a renewed faith and hope.

HIS enthusiasm, too, for the exchange programs which permit peoples of different nations to become acquainted, to understand each others' motives and ideals, is one we share.

You can't very well stay mad at a person if you understand, and sympathize with, his point of view.

Bill Thomas

It was with a real sense of personal loss that we learned of the death of big Bill Thomas Saturday.

The woods boss of the Medford corporation, Bill was a fixture among men who make their living in the tall timber. He was as craggy as the knottiest pine in the hills, as tough as a lumbercamp beefsteak, and as friendly a man as you'll find.

At 56, Bill Thomas was far from an old man and for this reason it is hard to believe that a heart attack cut short his useful life. For he was one of those foresters who believe that the woods belong to the future as well as the present.

He was an up-to-date logger, who mixed the skill for cutting 'em down and dragging 'em out with the long-range view of the dedicated conservationist. And he was one of the nicest guys in the world.—E.A.

Girl Wants Long Hair; Runs Away From Home

Hempstead, N.Y. —(U.P.)—Police searched today for a 12-year-old girl who ran away from her Long Island home with her nine-year-old sister because her parents insisted her hair be cut short.

The two girls had only about \$3 between them when they disappeared Thursday morning on their way to school. They were identified as Diane Eaton, 12, and Carolyn, 9.

The older girl wanted a "sophisticated" hairdo.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 3:30 previous day.

Matter of Fact

The Censorship Syndrome Washington — In the language of the psychiatrists, the Eisenhower administration is now suffering from a severe censorship syndrome. The worst sufferers seem to be the President himself.

Not long ago, for instance, the President complained long and loudly at a National Security Council meeting because the Defense Department had published pictures of launching sites of the Nike guided missile.

Again, the President has told the able Assistant Secretary of Air Force, Trevor Gardner, to stand in a corner because of a speech about the Air Force's Falcon missile.

Or again, the Civil Defense agency was shockingly obstructed and the American people were kept in dangerous ignorance for over a year by Adm. Lewis E. Strauss' suppression of the facts concerning radioactive fall out from the H-bomb.

In a remarkable piece for "The New York Herald Tribune," Walter Kerr has tried hard to explain this seemingly inexplicable urge to keep from the American people even those facts that the enemy quite surely knows.

Explanations were sought from Defense Department information chief Herschel Schooley; from U.S. Information Service chief Theodore Streibert; and from R. C. Honaman, the new Assistant Secretary of Defense who has the special task of hiding the life-and-death facts of their national situation from the American people.

"The President recognizes (that) many items of military information . . . become known to the military tacticians of other countries—of Russia for example. He believes, however, that these technicians are unable to influence their country's top officials.

"Then, the reasoning goes, the same information . . . is released to the American press. It is widely published. It is commented on at length. . . soon the item which was originally technical is no longer technical. It has political significance.

In the last twenty years, all-out development of all the brilliantly successful Soviet new weapons produced in this period were quite certainly started before the readers of the American press or any other press had heard about such weapons.

On the other hand, the President's theory of Soviet behavior is highly applicable to the behavior of his own Administration. As so often happens when syndromes are serious, there has been a transference of symptoms.

THAT was most recently proven by the true story of the Moscow overflights, previously told in this space. Long before the overflights, the technicians had been warning that we were lagging behind the Soviets in air development.

Such incidents in turn reveal the roots of the censorship syndrome. It is rooted, obviously, in the Administration's eagerness to cut taxes, balance the budget and do other popular things.

Unfortunately, however, the diagnosis of the disease does not make the symptoms more attractive or the disease less dangerous.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Let's turn our eyes today toward London, where as this is written Queen Elizabeth is formally opening the British parliament with the traditional speech from the throne.

THE customary pageantry of a parliamentary opening has been influenced on this occasion by the strike that caused the law-making body to assemble five days early.

The reason for that is that the strike has stopped the suburban trains which Londoners normally use to get from their homes to their places of business in the city.

KEEP this in mind. Queen Elizabeth presented the Conservative party's program to the parliament. She didn't write her speech. It was written for her by the Conservative party.

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IS THAT SO? By Eugene Burns. London, With SAS — Sharpen your wits, time for another ranger naturalist quiz. This one deals strictly with making friends of small woods' animals.

Zaddie's Rockin' Chair. ZADDIE R. BUNKER FLYING GREAT GRANDMOTHER. PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. READY FOR SOLO FLIGHT to Havana, Cuba, Mrs. Zaddie Bunker, 67, great grandmother of Palm Springs, Cal., waves from plane in Washington before start of Women's International Air Race.

Molotov Acts Like Man Expecting To Keep Job for Awhile

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov is acting like a man who expects to keep his job for a while.

There were reports early this month, during the Russian pilgrimage to Belgrade, that the veteran Molotov was on his way out.

At the moment, Molotov is on his way to the United States to attend the 10th anniversary meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco.

There he will confer informally with the foreign ministers of the United States, Great Britain and France. The four diplomats will make preparations for the Big Four meeting "at the summit" which probably will be held in Geneva, Switzerland July 18.

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come to your tent naturally? Or, go to their natural quiet resting places? Or, go to their gathering places such as waterholes and feeding areas?

2. Let the animals get accustomed to you the day around? Or, don't press matters, meet them only occasionally? Or, go regularly each day, early morning and later afternoons?

3. When you go into the woods, stroll very slowly? Or, walk normally? Or, pretend casual indifference?

4. When you reach a rendezvous, sit down and whittle? Or, read a magazine. Or, slowly carve a figure?

5. In the animal's presence, remain silent? Or talk baby talk but make it understandable? Or, talk naturally?

Answer: 1. To tame wild animals it is best to go to their gathering places such as water holes, or a salt lick, or feeding places.

2. It is best to go regularly, each day, and preferably early morning and late afternoon when most animals are feeding.

3. It is best to stroll slowly, looking carefully. In fact, let's make it stroll very slowly.

4. Sit down and carve a figure—the flashing of a whittling blade or the turning of magazine pages may frighten them. Easy, slow movements are best.

5. Talk to the animal naturally, preferably at the animal's own tone level which sometimes may be higher than your natural voice.

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said to have called him "the best filing clerk in Russia." Stalin's Right Hand Man. But he was Stalin's right hand man, and Stalin always called upon him when there was a hard job to do.

Molotov entered the revolutionary movement when he was 15 years old. At the time of the Kerensky revolution in February, 1917, Molotov was the chief Bolshevik figure in Petrograd, then the capital. He handled things for the party until Lenin and Trotsky returned from exile. He and Stalin played the chief part in organizing the November, 1917, Bolshevik revolution.

The reports that Molotov might soon be pushed into retirement were based in part on the fact that he was not included in the Soviet delegation which visited President Tito of Yugoslavia.

But Molotov's position may have been strengthened when Nikita S. Khrushchev, the Communist party boss who led the delegation, made a spectacle of himself in Belgrade. Maybe now, Khrushchev will stay home for a while and let professionals like Molotov do the visiting.

QUICK and EASY! Use Tribune Want Ads. GEO. N. TAYLOR Hear Peter boast. Even if all the rest deserted Christ, Peter would not. Hearing his boast, Christ said that before morning, Peter would deny Him three times. And so it was. On thru the night, as the soldiers warmed themselves by the fire and as the serving maids went about their tasks, Peter denied having known Christ or that He ever had a part with Him.

After Christ arose from the grave, He sought out Peter and what He said to the man is not known. But from that hour, Peter was one of Christ's strong men. And if you would also speak for Christ who died for your sins and arose from the grave to give you new life, make Bible and Prayer, your daily diet.

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