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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 15, 1945. (It was Friday) Workers urgently needed at Camp White because of reactivation.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A quintet of 1945 fathers met yesterday and compared babies. They all are remarkable. None of them ever cry.

20 YEARS AGO: June 15, 1935. (It was Saturday) T. E. Daniels of Medford re-elected president of the Oregon State Trapshooting association.

The fifth annual Salvation Army Young Peoples congress held in Medford today and tomorrow.

30 YEARS AGO: June 15, 1925. (It was Monday) Ten Jackson county residents arrested as authorities start campaign to stop speeding.

Oregon National Guard to parade through Medford tomorrow.

40 YEARS AGO: June 15, 1915. (It was Tuesday) Actress Maude Adams to appear in "Quality Street" at Page theater tomorrow.

From Local and Personal column: School elections will be held in the county next Monday. There is little local interest to date, there being but one candidate, B. P. Palmer.

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

1. The state with the most electoral votes after New York and Pennsylvania is: California, Illinois, or Ohio?

2. The U. S. has more churches (buildings) than 25 years ago, or fewer, or about the same number?

3. Speed laws were being violated by drivers in one, two, three, four, five or six of every 10 fatal auto accidents?

4. The U. S. had one, two, or three Presidents during World War I in 1914-1918?

5. Col. Peron, dictator in Argentina, is hostile or friendly to the Catholic church there, or neutral toward it?

6. Some children are born with defective hearts; right or wrong?

7. Chlorophyll is an anesthetic, additive for gasoline, green coloring matter in plants, the urge to steal, or a woman with dyed hair?

The Answers: 1. California. 2. More. 3. Three out of 10. 4. One (Wilson). 5. Hostile. 6. Right. 7. Green coloring matter in plants.

NOEL COWARD ILL: Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — British playwright — composer Noel Coward was expected to recover fully today from an attack of flu which sent him to bed with a temperature of 102 degrees. Coward, who has been performing here for more than a week in his American nightclub debut, was unable to appear Tuesday night at the Desert Inn hotel.

A Necessary Decision

Those Oregon cities and school districts which in the past two years have voted themselves new tax bases can breathe easier, thanks to the supreme court's recent action in clarifying an earlier decision.

That earlier opinion had been read to mean that when a taxing unit had established a new tax base by the vote of its people, then it could not take advantage of the constitutional provision which allows an increase of 6 per cent per year in budgets, to meet rising costs.

AT THE time, the Mail Tribune said, "It is to be hoped that the supreme court will make a speedy end to the confusion, for the well-being of 18 cities and many school districts depend on it. And time's getting short."

The court took cognizance of the need, held a re-hearing on the matter and last week clarified the earlier decision.

AMONG the cities affected are Jacksonville, Gold Hill and Phoenix, and on July 5 Medford voters will cast ballots on a similar proposal.

It is fortunate that the supreme court was as speedy as it was, for the end of the budgeting period is rapidly approaching. The areas affected can now make plans for current and future budgets without the fear that their income will be arbitrarily "frozen" simply because the voters approve an increase in the taxing base.—E.A.

The Voters' Job

For a combination of reasons, this spring is seeing a much larger number of elections than usual. Exceedingly important local questions will be decided at many of them.

Between April 28 and July 15 there will have been 12 elections of major consequence to a large number of people in Jackson county.

THESE INCLUDE:

School District 6C bond election, for new schools (approved).

Eagle Point school bond election, for new buildings (approved).

Phoenix sewer bond election (approved).

Medford school district budget election (approved).

Ashland school district budget election (approved).

Central Point Rural Fire Prevention district budget election (turned down).

School District 6C budget election (approved).

Elections in 23 school districts of the county, and for rural high and non-high school boards (June 20).

Central Point Rural Fire Prevention district budget election (a revote scheduled after the proposal was first turned down; June 23).

Medford city budget election, including increasing the tax limitation (July 5).

Annexation election in two areas adjacent to Medford (July 5).

Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts, election on approval of negotiations with federal government for repayment contract on rehabilitation work on canal systems of two districts (July 15).

ALL THESE elections can be viewed two ways:

1.—A waste of time for the voters.

2.—The democratic process in action.

We prefer the second view.

While the day-to-day operation of any system of free government can and should be handled by the elected representatives of the people, the people themselves quite properly reserve the right of making the final decision on many questions of importance.

This is what is happening in Jackson county this spring. For the continued effective operation of these many units of government depend on the continued understanding and support of the people living in them.

IT ALL boils down to this: The voter and taxpayer in a free society bears the ultimate responsibility for the well-being of that society.

It is not an onerous job, nor a particularly complicated one. But it does demand an informed public; a public which in large numbers will take the trouble to study issues, come to intelligent conclusions, and then make their decisions known as the polls.

As long as a goodly portion of our citizens will continue to do this, we have nothing to fear from "foreignisms" nor alien philosophies.—E.A.

Phoenix — Phoenix Neighbors of Woodcraft will meet Thursday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Mabel Bourne on Calhoun rd., for a picnic supper, with Mrs. Bourne, Mrs. Lillian Coleman and Mrs. Ora Smith serving. Members and their families attending are asked to bring a covered dish, vegetable, salad or dessert and their own table service.

Miss Isabelle Poling arrived in Phoenix Monday from Maracabo, Venezuela, South America, to visit her mother, Mrs. Ida Poling, and her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Mitchell. She is a teacher in a private school for the children of the employees and executives of an oil company in Maracabo.

The Thomas Mitchell family motored to Crescent City, Calif., and Coos Bay June 7 and came back Friday. They visited Azalea state park near Brookings, and report that the azaleas are beautiful this year and the weather was ideal on the coast.

Miss Eunice Blocker from Joliet, Mont., is visiting this week at the home of Mrs. Thomas Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Seitzinger and their four youngest sons from Arkansas are visiting at the Mark Norton home this week. Seitzinger is a brother of Mrs. Norton. They stopped on their way out west at Los Angeles and Pasadena, Cal., to visit another son, Mike, and a daughter, Anne. Anne came with her folks to see the Nortons, and she will go home the last of this week.

The Martin Seitzingers are also visiting another brother and family, W. F. Seitzinger.



ADENAUER WANTS SOLIDARITY—President Eisenhower (left) and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer shake hands following their meeting at the White House. In center are James B. Conant, U. S. ambassador to Germany (left), and Secy. of State John Foster Dulles. Adenauer pressed for a common Western lineup in the forthcoming Big Four "summit" talks with the Soviets. He also urged a bold disarmament plan to ease the cold war and help unify Germany.

Slaying of Publisher In Morocco Reveals New Terrorist Group

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst

The assassination of a French newspaper publisher in Morocco has brought into the open a new and dangerous aspect of the situation in French North Africa.

Publisher Jacques Lemaigre-Dubreuil was killed by a machine gunner last Saturday as he came out of an office building in Casablanca.

Lemaigre-Dubreuil was not murdered by native terrorists, as so many Frenchmen have been in Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria.

There seems to be no doubt that he was shot by a fellow Frenchman—an agent of those French settlers who are fighting to the bitter end against increased home rule for France's North African possessions.

Lemaigre-Dubreuil was one of the Frenchmen in North Africa who favor home rule.

These Frenchmen say that the natives must be given the greatest possible measure of self-government if Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria are not to go the way of Indochina.

Threatening Letters Lemaigre-Dubreuil, who only recently had become the principal owner of the Casablanca newspaper Maroc-Presse, had received a number of threatening letters. Other Frenchmen who favor home rule have received similar letters.

The French government now believes that the anti-home rule, or some group of them, have organized a definite terrorist group and that the machine gunner who ambushed Lemaigre-Dubreuil was a member of it.

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The French government has taken an exceedingly serious view of Lemaigre-Dubreuil's assassination.

Some people in Paris hold that, in the long run, the most serious struggle in Morocco at least will not be that between the French and the natives but between Frenchmen themselves.

As soon as the news of Lemaigre-Dubreuil's murder reached Paris, the government sent Roger Wybot, chief of the French secret service, to take charge of the investigation into it.

Wybot was ordered to investigate the French police force in Morocco as well as the murder itself.

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A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAAN W. NICHOLS United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — Some odd things about Washington. For one thing, some 2,000 rented dress suits, dinner coats, and cut-aways are in constant circulation in the capital.

This business is better in the winter. But in the summer some senators and congressmen, who are not used to dressing for an evening out, rent the summer suits. A white coat, black pants, and a soft shirt with studs, and shoes and even a phony carnation for the buttonhole if necessary. The price per coat, shoes or collar runs for whatever the traffic will bear. A coat, may be \$5 for the evening, returned in the a.m. A whole suit double that price. With flower pitched in if you return it in the morning with coat, pants and studs.

Do It Yourself Time was around town when three outfits rented evening dresses for government gals, and also the ladies of Congress.

All three went out of business. It seems that the gals would rent down to the rent people, try on the pretty gowns, and run home and think it over. A lot of them had been trained in the needle, thread and sewing machine business, and many of them went straight to a drygoods store, bought a bolt of frilly stuff and showed up at a party with a duplicate of whatever looked good at the rental.

Back to the men. One of the renters has in stock, for instance, pink shorts, like they wear in Britain, with navy blue coats to match and flashy sport shirts. All for \$13.50 for a week end. There have been no congress-

al takers on this deal so far. I got a lot of other information from Eleanor Early. The lovely Eleanor is an old hand at research on such business in the capital and other cities.

Famous Corsets One of Eleanor's favorite stories is one about the Folger Shakespearean Library, located near the Supreme Court and Library of Congress. There rest the corsets of Elizabeth I.

Miss Early dug up the fact that Henry Clay Folger, who founded the library, learned that the corsets of the Queen who served during Shakespeare's time were on sale at auction.

Folger dispatched a cable call, made a bid and before he knew it, he had a bunch of rare corsets on his hands.

And for a long time, they were right out in the open. As of now, though, they are underground, down in the basement of the library with other relics.

Every year the capital entertains some half million kids. All of them frisky, but someday to grow to voting age. There is pressure from the hill to be nice to all the young. They have pillow fights in hotels. The Willard Hotel, for one, has started using foam pillows. The same hotel has started to weld room numbers on the doors. Some kids bring along their own screwdrivers to take home a souvenir if room numbers aren't welded on.

Portland Airman Dies In Marysville Wreck Marysville, Calif. — (U.P.) — An Air Force enlisted man from Portland, Ore., was killed Monday night in a highway accident one mile south of here.

Dead was Airman I-C Delbert Bond, 23, of Portland. He was killed when the automobile in which he was riding overturned. A companion was uninjured.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Interesting note from Washington in a year when the natural rainmaking processes in this part of the world seem to be out of kilter:

If congress provides the money, the federal government will make an intensive study of rainmaking processes. (Remember the ancient gag to the effect that if we had some ham we'd have a ham and egg sandwich if we had an egg?)

WELL, the senate appropriations committee has recommended that \$80,000 be provided for such a study. If both houses of the congress concur in the committee's action and the President signs the bill and the money becomes available, the study will be made by a commerce department advisory committee on weather control.

It will be conducted from an observation point on top of Mount Washington in New Hampshire and will seek answers to these questions:

How much can rainfall be increased by seeding clouds? And under what conditions? And at how much cost?

THE senate committee that recommended the \$80,000 appropriation was influenced to do so by this statement from the department of commerce advisory committee:

"No reasonable person familiar with developments in the field can any longer doubt that under certain circumstances rainfall can be produced or increased with artificial nucleating agents."

What next?

ONE difference between the older world and the newer world is that when the older world faced a problem that was beyond its ken it shrugged its shoulders and muttered "c'est la guerre," and let it go at that. The modern world calls in the research scientists and tells them to GET BUSY.

SPEAKING of problems, Oregon blackberry growers have been worried in the past by their inability to get enough berries off an acre of ground to make the operation pay.

The researchers have just come with a new hormone spray which, they think, will produce an extra \$100 worth of berries from an acre at a cost of \$5.

California onion producers have been plagued by the fact that onions have a bad habit of arriving at maturity ALL AT THE SAME TIME. The result is a glut on the market in good onion years.

Researchers on the Davis campus of the University of California have developed a hybrid that, they claim, makes possible onions that are not only outstanding for size, color and uniformity of shape but are capable of COMING TO MATURITY AT VARYING TIMES.

I hate to suggest it, but I suppose the next problem will be how to induce people to eat more onions and blackberries, thus reducing the surplus that will accrue from the better growing methods developed by the researchers.

AND— If people are taught to eat more onions and blackberries— Will they cut down on their intake of other foods—such as Klamath potatoes and Rogue River pears?

The world, you see, is full of problems.

HERE'S another one: How to get more automobiles over our existing highways with fewer accidents?

A Boston gentleman by the name of Thibodeau, who is the general manager of the Automobile Legal association, wants MINIMUM speed laws adopted by all the states. He thinks the "loitering" motorist is as much a highway menace as the speeder and the reckless driver. He says the driver whose pace is slower than the normal traffic flow forces cars behind him to take chances out of pure frustration.

I suppose everyone who has been caught at the back end of a long string of cars piled up behind a slow-poke driver on a two-lane highway will be inclined to agree with Thibodeau.

IN conclusion: If we could solve all our problems by the simple process of PASSING A LAW, it would be wonderful, wouldn't it?

Swiss Swell Graham Crusade Facilities Zurich, Switzerland — (U.P.) — Swiss sponsors of Billy Graham's Zurich crusade said today they had underestimated public interest in the American evangelist and have been forced to rent additional facilities to accommodate the crowds expected at his Saturday revival meeting.

Methodist preacher Eduard Voellmy, president of the Zurich branch of the Graham-sponsoring "Evangelical Alliance," also disclosed that the Swiss radio had reversed itself and agreed to broadcast two hours of the Zurich meeting.

Good Chance Seen for Lower Social Security Age Limit

By RICHARD AND MAURINE NEUBERGER

Washington, D. C. (Special)— Lowering of the Social Security retirement age for women from 65 to 60, as proposed in the first bill I introduced in the Senate, may be the major social reform enacted by the 84th Congress.

Since Jan. 18, when the Neuberger bill was introduced, similar proposals have been offered by Republican Senators Wiley of Wisconsin and Potter of Michigan. The reduction in retirement age also recently was endorsed by Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Senate majority leader.

My office has received more mail approving the lower age for women's Social Security benefits than on any other proposal. The volume of this mail has been so great that there has been some delay in answering it. The change makes sense to people generally. Millions of employed women now must retire at 60 or even younger. Furthermore, the average wife is usually a few years younger than her husband. If both a man and his spouse became eligible simultaneously for Social Security, it is obvious that elderly couples would enjoy a far higher standard of living.

Many families now are forced to live on inadequate benefits for several years until the wife reaches present eligibility age. At present only about 20 per cent of married men who retire at 65 have wives immediately eligible for wives' benefits. If women could qualify at the age of 60, about 60 per cent of the families would draw benefits for both husband and wife immediately when the husband reaches the retirement age.

It is my firm belief that Congress will reduce women's qualifying age either this year or some time during the session

which starts in January, 1956. I hope it will be this year. Bipartisanship on Diamond Oregon was the only state who contributed more than one player to the Congressional Odd Sox team which lost its annual softball game to the National Press Club. This year the score was 13 to 9 for the newspapermen. The two Oregon players were Congressman Sam Coon and I. Coon caught for the Congressionals and I played first base.

In four trips to the plate, Sam struck out and flied out, got a base on balls and a single. In four trips, I walked once and singled three times. Sam made several spectacular catches of high fly balls directly in front of home plate. My unused muscles have been aching ever since the workout!

Hells Canyon Bill Moves As a sponsor of the Hells Canyon Dam bill, I rejoice that it has been reported favorably by the subcommittee.

Of course, it is regrettable that two Senators from the Rocky Mountain states, who are promoting a \$1,659,000,000 project in that region, have seen fit to oppose a \$356,000,000 undertaking in the Pacific Northwest. Is it to be the policy of these Republican Senators to insist that Federal projects shall be built in their own area but denied to the Columbia River Basin?

The Western states can progress together only as a unit. Yet Secretary of the Interior McKay, and now leading Senators from Colorado and Utah, have taken the position that the Federal treasury contains funds for development in the Rocky Mountains but not in the Pacific Northwest. We must try to save the West from such a Jekyll-and-Hyde policy.

Is That So?

By Eugene Burns Ranger-Naturalist

London, With SAS—To get the final facts about the megapode—a misrepresented bird, if ever there was one—look me on an almost halfway round the world flight by Scandinavian Airlines System to the London

zoo. And now, for the first time this newspaper's readers will get the facts in some detail about this strange bird.

Except for its disproportionately large, clawed feet—really No. 16s—the megapode looks like a small but handsome brown and yellow turkey. In fact, he may be called "brush turkey" or "mound builder."

When the male is a year old, he begins to work industriously and by himself rakes together tons of forest litter to build an enormous mound, at least five feet high and 15 feet across—a future nest for the bride he has not yet met.

After a year's work, he is joined by a female—the union lasts for life.

A week apart the four-pound female lays half-pound, pale coffee-colored eggs, a clutch of 12 to 14 eggs in a matter of about three months' laying. For each egg, the solicitous male scratches open the great mound of vegetable matter—a compost heap really—and closes it promptly so the eggs are deposited at the same level, about three feet below the surface.

Only the male takes care of the nest zealously, day and night, taking time out only to hasten off for short feedings of berries, fallen fruits, insects and small crabs.

Generates Heat Meanwhile, the rotting compost generates heat—a heat warm enough to incubate the thin shelled eggs artificially.

During the incubation, there is the ever-present danger that the rotting compost might generate too much heat. To meet this, he opens the huge nest each day to take its temperature.

Perhaps the built-in thermostat is in his nose—it is not known. At any rate, when he finds the nest too warm, he opens it and exposes it partially to the cool evening air; but when it is too cold, he leaves it open

during the day to allow the noontday sun to warm it. A constant 94 degrees is maintained.

The large eggs take some 50 days to hatch and to this must be added the three months' laying interval—making a total of almost five months' vigilant care by the male.

Comes now a yet stranger fact. When the young hatch, the father doesn't recognize them. If they get in the way of his great, raking feet, he kicks them out behind him unceremoniously. But the young are equal to the occasion. They have strength enough to work up through the three-foot thick covering. They can feed independently. And more, too. Fully feathered, they can run on their first day and if occasion calls, flutter up to a six-foot high perch.

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THE SOFTER GENERATION Hartford, Conn.—(U.P.)—Walter G. Davis said on his 100th birthday anniversary that his children don't visit him too often in his third-floor apartment. "I can climb the stairs," explained Davis, "but they can't."

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