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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 22, 1945 (It was Friday) Small number of Jackson county voters turn out for referendum elections on tax levy for state building fund and cigarette tax to support schools.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Fall styles for males will include a one-button shirt. The laundry will get it the first trip.

20 YEARS AGO

June 22, 1935 (It was Saturday) Congress appropriates \$102,000 for repairing and additions to Medford post office.

Jackson-Josephine-Curry county planning commission recommended to work out federal development plan for Rogue valley by state development committee.

30 YEARS AGO

June 22, 1925 (It was Monday) Chief engineer for national park service inspects improvements at Crater Lake National park.

Medford water commission publishes irrigation hours, between 5 and 10 a.m. and 5 and 10 p.m.

40 YEARS AGO

June 22, 1915 (It was Tuesday) Jackson county considers placing motorcycle policeman on Pacific highway to check speeders and joyriders.

Medford merchants plan to close two days during Jackson county fair which they voted to support.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. More or fewer cases of polio were reported in April and May this year than in April and May last year, or about the same number? 2. The great N.Y. advertising agencies are clustered on Fifth Ave. Broadway, E. 57th St., Wall St., Madison Ave.?

The Answers: 1. More. 2. Madison Ave. 3. Many fewer than half. 4. All of them. 5. Flyweight. 6. Wrong; each state has two Senators. 7. Paul Muni.

Rites Scheduled For D. Worth Clark

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Rosary will be recited tonight for D. Worth Clark, 58, former U.S. Senator from Idaho who died at his home here Sunday.

School Election Danger

New members of the boards of directors of Jackson county's 23 school districts apparently were all elected without incident Monday. As usual, there wasn't a great deal of voter interest in the elections, probably because many of them were uncontested.

This was true in the three first class school districts, Medford, Ashland and 6C, which includes Central Point, Gold Hill and Sams Valley.

Only 59 voters bothered to turn out in Medford, 41 in Ashland and 22 in 6C.

SINCE there was no contest in any of the three elections, the question before the house might well be "So what?" One answer is to point out that there are circumstances under which it could be important that more voters turn out, even in an uncontested election.

For instance, if a minority of Medford residents were to become dissatisfied with school administration, their best bet at getting school board representation would not be through a regularly contested election, but rather would be to wait for an uncontested election, and then quietly organize a small group of voters for a write-in campaign.

It wouldn't have taken much of a campaign to bring out enough write-ins Monday to beat the 59 votes cast for the successful candidate.

THIS is a hypothetical situation, of course, but it has happened on some occasions, and the resulting disruption of orderly procedures can be serious—not to mention the frustration of the unspoken will of the majority which through its silence tacitly approved the single candidate.

At any rate, in this case the will of the majority seems to have been expressed, which is the way it should be.—E.A.

The Fire District Vote

There is one thing worse than apathy in causing unfortunate results in elections. That is misunderstanding.

An analysis of the situation in the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district, where a budget proposal was defeated recently, leads to the conclusion that the issues at stake in that vote were not clear in the minds of those voters who did turn out to cast ballots.

WHEN the budget was put up for approval on May 31, it was turned down by a vote of 84 to 37—a tiny percentage of the number of eligible voters in the district.

Dick Krupp, chief of the rural department, said he and the district directors feel they did an inadequate job of explaining just what was at stake in the election. Since that time another factor has entered the picture, which still further changes the situation.

FIRST of all, the proposal in question is to approve a 1955-56 budget which totals \$80,370. This is \$1,762.62 more than the budget for the current year, but is \$8,629 more than is allowed under the 6 per cent limitation on automatic increases. For this reason it had to be approved by the voters.

The directors decided to call a second election on the budget, and it will be held tomorrow, June 23, from 2 to 8 p.m., with a voting poll at the fire station south of Central Point.

The question to be decided is unchanged—the \$8,629 over the limitation, which amounts to about one mill of taxation.

BUT, since the budget was first turned down, the district has received from the White City Realty company a no-strings-attached offer of a \$21,000 fire station for that area for free—an offer the district cannot accept if it does not get approval of the budget. And it badly needs a new station in that area.

Three of the four major industrial sites in Jackson county—White City, Tolo, and the Medford-owned area west of White City—lie within the boundaries of the district, and valuations are bound to increase, with the result that a larger and larger share of the tax load will be borne by industry, and less and less by farmers and residential occupants.

But if the budget is not approved, White City may well decide to withdraw its offer and form its own fire protection organization, which would mean that those living in other parts of the district would have to bear an increased tax burden or go without fire protection.

WE FEEL that the huge, 70-square-mile area is fortunate in having men sufficiently public-spirited to volunteer their time for the big job of fire protection. Only the chief is paid—all others give their time.

If we lived in the fire protection district, we feel we would have to vote for the budget. It will increase taxes of residents only a few cents, and will offer the opportunity for fire insurance reductions. If it is defeated, insurance rates are bound to go up.

If residents get these facts clearly in mind we believe the budget is almost certain to pass tomorrow.—E.A.

Klamath Officials Head for Capital

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—County commissioners Ed Gowen and Jerry Rainus left by plane for Washington, D.C., yesterday for a series of meetings with officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to discuss the county's part in the termination of the Klamath Indian reservation.

Senator Neuberger Reports In The Day's News On His Colleagues in Senate

Washington (Special)—A program which seeks a healthier, happier and more secure life for the children of America is the objective of a resolution which I have introduced in the Senate. The resolution calls for appointment of a special committee of five Senators to study the Canadian family allowance plan and report on its feasibility for the United States.

This is the 10th anniversary of the Family Allowances program in Canada and the time seems ripe for us to carefully study Canadian experience with this great social experiment. It is a program designed to make available more clothing, better and more wholesome foods, more medical care and greater opportunities for cultural and educational advancement.

Senate Colleagues Many letters from friends in Oregon ask about my fellow Senators. What do I think of them? What are they like? Who are the great ones? Who are the ciphers? Episodes, I think, frequently speak louder than mere rhetoric.

In the extreme rear left hand corner of the Democratic side of the Senate sit three Senators—Barkley of Kentucky, McNamara of Michigan, Neuberger of Oregon. McNamara and Neuberger are newcomers but Barkley, prior to this term, had spent a total of 40 years in Congress, some of it as Vice-President and some as Senate majority leader.

Senator Harley Kilgore of West Virginia, who has a front-row seat, went to Barkley and offered to trade desks with him. Kilgore said it was inappropriate for so illustrious and experienced a Senator to sit at the back of the chamber. After a week or so, Barkley told Pat McNamara and me about the generous offer Kilgore had made. Then this great American added:

"You know, I get along so grandly with you two—we agree on just about everything and we make a kind of trio back here, that I can hardly dare to take Harley up on the kind suggestion. I'll just stay here a while longer with you 'young fellows.'"

Pat McNamara was beaming from ear to ear. But that's the kind of friendly, unassuming person that Alben W. Barkley invariably turns out to be.

Across the aisle, on the Republican side, sits William F. Knowland, the minority leader. Day after day, he often rises to ask if the government is going to do anything about the Americans still imprisoned in Red China. One has to admire Knowland for his tenacity and sincerity.

Senator Morse Due At July 4 Event

Ashland—United States Sen. Wayne Morse will speak at the day-long July 4 celebration to be held in Ashland's Lithia park.

The celebration, under the sponsorship of the Ashland Lions club, will also feature a parade at 11 a.m. and a band concert in the park.

A Lions club committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Elmo Stevenson, is calling on Ashlanders for help in organizing a full-scale parade. Indications of participation in the parade have already come from the Ashland city band, the American Legion color guard, the Ashland High school flag girls and majorettes, and the YMCA, which may enter a float. Floats are being sought by the Lions from churches, merchants, service clubs and other organizations.

In the afternoon, the Ashland Lithians will play a baseball team yet to be chosen. In the evening will be another band contest and a special hard top race at the Ashland speedway.

Revolt of Red Troops Near Hangkow Reported

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—The unofficial Chinatone News Agency said today a Red Chinese garrison stationed west of Hangkow revolted on May 26 and went over to a band of Nationalist-supported guerrillas.

Chinatone said the brigade fled after it engaged in a 24-hour battle with a Red Chinese division in Hung Chang County.

I frequently disagree with him but I think he is a sincere and courageous Senator. It probably is not easy to challenge a President of one's own party, as Knowland sometimes does with Eisenhower on foreign policy. Furthermore, it must be said for Senator Knowland that he never indulges in the character assassination or personal abuse which characterize some well-known members of the GOP.

The Salk Vaccine

Some partisan Oregon newspapers have been critical of the speech I made on the floor of the Senate some weeks ago, when I called attention to Canada's sound and orderly government program for getting the Salk anti-polio vaccine to children of that free nation.

At least, my stand is supported by the leading newspaper of the country, the New York Times, which backed President Eisenhower in the election. Here are a few excerpts from a Times editorial of June 12, 1955:

"The mystery deepens in the light of the brilliant record of Canada. There over 500,000 children have been vaccinated, so far without any mishap. . . . In Canada all vaccine has been produced in the Connaught Medical Laboratories of the University of Toronto under the strict control of the Ministry of Health. . . ."

IS THAT SO!

Copenhagen, With SAS—Regardless of where one may be, folklore born of superstition inevitably pursues one. So to combat popular beliefs with cold fact, here's another helping of facts vs. fallacies.

The belief: The giraffe is the only mammal which has no voice.

The fact: In zoos, female and especially young giraffes have been heard to make low calls, something like a calf.

The belief: Rabbits have been known to cross with cats.

The fact: From a genetic point of view, it would be just as easy to cross an elephant with a house. It cannot be done. Possibly the idea gained prevalence here in Europe because the Manx cat, from the Isle of Man, seems to have some of the characteristics of both cat and rabbit. It has high hindquarters and a short back so that it moves with a hopping action not unlike a rabbit's. But, regardless, it's a cat—not a cross with a rabbit.

The belief: A frightened ostrich, although the largest of living birds, buries its head in the sand.

The fact: So many people have believed this for so long and in so many different countries that it seems as though it simply must be true. But it isn't. On the contrary, when danger threatens, the ostrich stretches his neck out as far and high as possible to see as far as he can.

The belief: A bird sleeps with its head tucked under its wing.

The fact: The head is never tucked under the wing. A bird sleeps with its head resting on the wing and tucked under the mantle feathering of the back.

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By FRANK JENKINS

This inspection trip by Oregon officials (mentioned in this space yesterday) has two principal objectives:

- 1. State highways. 2. State parks.

It so happens that this time the state parks are getting special attention. There is a reason for that. Oregon's state parks are and always have been administered by the Oregon state highway department. But at the 1955 session of the Oregon legislature considerable sentiment developed for removing the parks from the highway department and setting up an independent state parks commission to administer them.

SEVERAL bills designed to bring that about were introduced, but failed of enactment. As an outcome of the agitation, Governor Patterson appointed a special advisory committee to study the state parks system and bring in a recommendation to the next legislature.

The legislature also directed its highway interim committee to study the parks system and bring in recommendations. Both the state parks advisory committee and the highway interim committee are represented on this tour.

OREGON has approximately 160 state parks, of which some 40 are located on Highway 101, the Oregon Coast highway. These two score parks on the scenic coast highway are undoubtedly a tremendous asset. They range all the way from the magnificent park at Coos Bay—donated by the Simpson estate and maintained by the state—and the spectacular Sam Boardman state park embracing some 40 miles of fabulously beautiful coastline at the state's southern border down to little waysides where the traveler may pull out to the side of the road for a brief rest.

They add immensely to the Coast highway's value as a tourist attraction. They include parks recently developed for overnight camping.

THESE parks where overnight parking is permitted have caretakers. Their accommodations include cooking facilities, shower baths with hot and cold water and toilet facilities. All of these improvements are new and are in spic and span condition, as over night camping is a relatively new departure in Oregon's state parks.

Some of these overnight parks are equipped with a new and durable type of electric stoves, with slot attachments providing a half hour's current for a dime. Others have outdoor open stoves, with fuel provided. It is an odd fact that these open stoves fueled with firewood appear to be more popular than the fancy electric stoves—which, by the way, are housed in open shelters. When people leave their modern homes, and take to the great outdoors, they seem to prefer to do their cooking over an open fire.

C. H. Armstrong, state parks superintendent, reports that the charge for the use of these overnight camping facilities a little more than pays the cost of the attendants at the camping parks.

HOW HAVE these parks been acquired? The answer is both by gift and by purchase. Many of them have been given to the state by public-spirited citizens. Most of them have been purchased.

What have they cost? The outlay so far (for land) has been about ten million dollars. Superintendent Armstrong estimates that if purchased NOW the land would cost about 25 million dollars. Fortunately, Oregon began the job of acquiring its state parks early enough to get in ahead of the big in-

crease in land values.

WHAT is their upkeep cost? The state highway department is spending presently on state parks about a million dollars a year. This includes both upkeep and acquisition of new areas from time to time, as attractive sites become available.

The money comes out of gasoline taxes. The use of gas tax money is justified under the theory that the state parks are an adjunct of the state system of highways, maintained for the pleasure and the convenience of

Editorial Comment

NO NEW STARTS

One of these days the U. S. army corps of engineers ought to feed into one of those super-whiz calculating machines the ingredients which would produce a balance sheet. The report should show how much the people of the United States have invested in army civil works projects, how much has been repaid and what dollar values to the economy have accrued as a result of these activities.

This may be an impossible assignment, even for Univac. But we are certain the benefits to the people of America in jobs and profits plus lives and property saved would be staggering. This is a good time to mention it, for June 16 was the 180th anniversary of adoption of a resolution in the Continental Congress providing "that there be one Chief Engineer in the Grand Army and that his pay be \$60 per month."

Here in the Northwest we think of the army engineers in relation to rivers and harbors projects, huge flood control and power dams, and shiplocks for commerce. The corps' civil works program in recent years equals, however, only about one-fourth of the world-wide construction program of the engineers.

The army engineers will dedicate three of their new dams this week—Lucky Peak on the Boise river Thursday, Albeni Falls on the Pend Oreille river Friday, and Lookout Point on the Middle Willamette river Saturday. Assistant Secretary of the Army George H. Roderick will come out for the dedications. The great Chief Joseph dam on the Columbia will be dedicated this fall, a fitting companion to Bonneville and McNary, now in service, and The Dalles dam which will be completed in 1960, two years behind Chief Joseph.

With the three to be dedicated this week, plus Chief Joseph in the fall, and a reregulating dam at Dexter below Lookout Point, already in operation, the army corps of engineers will have placed in service this year five more Northwest dams. Not bad. They would be happy to build some more for the people of this region if money were available. But congressional policy is "no new starts."—Portland Oregonian.

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the users of the roads—who are chiefly automobile owners and users.

WHAT brings us to the question raised in the legislature last winter:

Shall we leave administration of our Oregon state parks in the hands of the highway department, where it has been since the state parks system was created?

Or shall we take it out of the hands of the highway commission and turn it over to a new and independent state parks commission?

WHAT is the problem that will be studied for the next two years by the new parks advisory committee and by the legislative highway interim committee.

The answer will be provided by the 1957 Oregon legislature, which will hear the reports of both bodies.

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