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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 July 1, 1945. Fred Barker, Medford taxi driver, kills 7 1/2-foot tall, 500-pound brown bear in Applegate area while on fishing trip.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Valley insect life, due to the warm weather, was much astir last week. The bees were ant hills of activity, and the ants were beehives of industry.

20 YEARS AGO July 1, 1935. Valley residents reminded it is illegal to shoot fireworks off in Rogue River National forest on Fourth of July.

First annual Shakespearean festival opens July 2 in Ashland's Lithia park at new Elizabethan theater.

80 YEARS AGO July 1, 1925. Quality of Rogue Valley pear crop promises to be best in valley's history, county agent reports.

New nine-story \$250,000 Lithia Springs hotel in Ashland dedicated as monument to progressiveness of Ashland residents.

40 YEARS AGO July 1, 1915. Hottest weather in Rogue Valley experienced this year as temperature rises to 101.

From Local and Personal column: For the fifth or sixth time this year complaint has been filed with the police that boys are going swimming in Bear Creek, wearing less than nothing. Women living near the creek object to their disporting in the nude.

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

- 1. Recent pacts by Ford and General Motors with the auto workers union do or don't guarantee wage payments for a year? 2. Admiral Radford, chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff, says the U.S. needs allies against Russia, or can get along all right without them? 3. The National Prohibition (18th) Amendment was in force a little less than (a) 8, (b) 11, (c) 14, (d) 17 or (e) 20 years? 4. Children of divorced parents are more or less likely to get divorced, themselves, than other children, or is it about 50-50? 5. U.S. delegate to the U.N. disarmament subcommittee is Henry C. Lodge, Mrs. Mary Lord, James J. Wadsworth, or Harold E. Stassen? 6. "Cow-pasture pool" is an epithet for polo, craps, billiards, golf, or badminton? 7. Wm. F. Cody was better known as Billy the Kid, Jesse James, Chief Rain-in-the-Face, Buffalo Bill, or Davy Crockett? The Answers: 1. Don't (for 26 weeks). 2. Needs them. 3. 14 years. 4. More likely. 5. Wadsworth. 6. Golf. 7. Buffalo Bill.

Washington — There are currently more than 4,500 persons in the United States who are 100 or more years old.

Election on Tuesday

Next Tuesday is election day in and around Medford. There are three separate measures to be decided, and there may be some understandable confusion as a result.

Perhaps it can be cleared up by pointing out that there are really three separate elections, one inside Medford, the other two for residents outside Medford.

THESE are the issues:

INSIDE MEDFORD

There are two questions to be decided, but both are included in the same ballot title. Stripped of their legal verbiage they are:

Shall the city charter be amended to increase from 12 to 15 mills the limit on taxes for general fund purposes? And, shall the city be authorized to put into effect a 1955-56 budget which is \$66,510 in excess of the 6 per cent limitation on increases in the general fund?

ONLY registered voters living in the city will be eligible to vote. The \$66,510 requested is an additional levy for one year only, and is being asked at the recommendation of the citizens' budget committee to provide services which the committee and the city council feel are desired by the residents, and which are felt necessary for a rapidly growing city.

The limitation increase is asked to permit the levying of the \$66,510.

The money will be used for airport improvements in cooperation with the Civil Aeronautics administration (\$10,400); for police department facilities (\$2,000); for extra work in the engineering department to handle current projects and, if annexation is approved, for work in that area (\$2,000); expansion and modernization of fire department facilities (\$3,300); general administration costs, including mosquito control and a raise for the city manager (\$2,600); addition to the planning commission budget to permit it to work cooperatively with the county (\$5,500); installation of traffic lights (\$2,000); radar equipment (\$1,200, divided between traffic and police); payment of state charges for information on auto licenses (\$360); sending police officer to FBI school (\$1,200); codification and modernization of the city's ordinances with the assistance of the League of Oregon Cities, which would share the expense (\$3,000), and starting an employees' life insurance plan (\$1,200).

OF THESE expenses, only a small amount could be said to be in any way connected with the annexation proposal. These are funds for police and fire department improvement (which would be utilized beneficially, annexation or no), and the amount for added engineering work, some of which would go for jobs in the annexation area if the proposal passes.

As a result, the decision on this one-year levy should be decided on its own merits, not in relation to the annexation proposal, which is a separate question and one to be decided by those living in the areas affected, not by Medford residents.

WE recommend that the levy be passed. Probably any one of the items contained in the \$66,510 proposal could be eliminated without serious injury to the city, but taken together, they constitute a program of improvements and services which Medford needs and deserves to have.

This is a growing city in a growing area. If residents are to be well served by the city government, the price must be paid. The tax increase is not large, and it is only for one year.

It may well be that the city will have to request an increase in its tax base at an election next year, but in the meantime this amount will serve to keep it operating at an efficient and stable level.

OUTSIDE MEDFORD

Question No. 1—Shall that portion of the Laurelhurst addition which is not already inside the city of Medford be annexed to the city?

Question No. 2 — Shall the 3,000-acre area known as "South Medford" be annexed to the city?

THE Laurelhurst annexation is a small area, and the residents are familiar with their problems. The decision is entirely up to them.

The "South Medford" area is a large area, and here again the decision is up to the voters within the area. The Mail Tribune favors the annexation proposal for reasons listed here previously.

Our only present comment is on the curious lack of support the proposal has had from those in favor of it—and we know there are many.

THESE, then, are the four questions to be decided Tuesday.

They are important questions, and merit the thoughtful vote of every qualified voter, for to a large extent the way they are decided will set the course of development which Medford and its surrounding area will follow in the immediate future.

Jacksonville Reservoir To Get Warning Signs

Jacksonville — "No trespassing" signs will be posted on the old Jacksonville reservoir sometime in the near future.

The move was decided upon at a recent city council meeting. Mayor John Keaveny made the suggestion, pointing out the dangerous and unsanitary practice of swimming in unsupervised waters that is being done by Jacksonville youngsters.

Although not presently used, the reservoir is an important part of the city water system. In case of a break in the water line coming from Medford, the

President's Outlook On World Peace Tops Good News for Week

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

THE GOOD

1. President Eisenhower made statements in two speeches which showed his increasing optimism regarding the world political outlook. At Skowhegan, Maine, the President said that the aspirations of the American people toward freedom, the rights of the individual man and peace "are marching toward achievement," even though slowly and tortuously. At his press conference in Washington Wednesday, the President said that he felt the chances for reducing world tensions at the Big Four "summit" meeting to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, had increased because of a changed attitude by Soviet Russia.

2. This apparently-changed attitude by the Soviet government was shown after Russian fighter planes shot down a United States Navy patrol plane in international waters off Alaska. Russian Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov, who was attending a United Nations anniversary meeting in San Francisco, at once expressed regret at the incident. He offered in behalf of the Soviet government to pay half the damage done to the American plane.

3. The troops of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem of Southern Viet Nam in Indochina drove forces of the rebel Hoa Hao sect across the border into Cambodia in one of the biggest victories of the small-scale civil war. The victory greatly strengthened the position of Diem, whom the United States supports. Diem's troops are reported now to be in control of all of Southern Viet Nam.

THE COMER Moscow—Dmitri T. Shepilov, editor and publisher of "Pravda," is regarded in Washington and London as the most probable successor to Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov. Interview by this reporter, Mr. Shepilov rather angrily branded this view of his future as "nonsense" and "irresponsible speculation."

Whether or not Mr. Shepilov is over-modest about his future, the interview seems worth describing. Everything Mr. Shepilov said was, of course, straight down the Party line. This is hardly surprising, since Mr. Shepilov, as chief of the Russian Communist party's newspaper, is in an excellent position to know the Party line.

AT ANY rate, future Foreign Minister or not, Mr. Shepilov is regarded in knowledgeable circles as a coming man in the younger generation of Soviet leaders. And the interview, straight down the line as it is, gives some insight into the state of mind of this generation of new Soviet men.

Mr. Shepilov looks and talks like a comer. He is a big, handsome man with a tired, middle-aged face, copious grey hair and an authoritative manner of speaking. He brushed off most questions about the forthcoming Four Power Conference, saying these matters were covered by Mr. Molotov's press conference in San Francisco. The interview thus became a sort of long, doctrinal debate, in which neither side could wholly understand the other. What follows does not pretend to cover all that was said, but only to give a fair sample of what it is like to talk things over with a Soviet Communist leader.

WHY was the Soviet Union always attacking the United States for a policy of "position of strength," when it was obvious that the Soviet Union itself favored a strong military position?

Mr. Shepilov: "From the very first day the main line of our policy has been peaceful co-existence with all countries in spite of differences between social systems."

How about Lenin's prediction of a "series of fearful clashes" between the capitalist and Communist system? Were not the powerful Soviet forces in preparation for just such clashes?

Mr. Shepilov: "From our point of view, it is as inevitable as night follows day that the capitalist system will be replaced by the socialist system."

But how about those "fearful clashes"? Mr. Shepilov replied firmly that there would be "no export of revolution at all." (This was only one point where both sides seemed to be talking about different things.)

Mr. Shepilov went on to say that it was "necessary to be strong to defend our country," but added with obvious conviction that this was "not a policy of strength." The distinction remained a trifle fuzzy to this reporter.

Mr. Shepilov continuing: "We have no need to use our economic strength to impose our

In the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

President Eisenhower is back in Washington—feeling fine and full of pep.

He comes back loaded down with gifts. In the six days he spent in New England, he got two heifers, a flock of chickens and so many other tokens that he suggested kiddingly on the last day that somebody ought to give him an old truck to haul it all home.

AMONG the gifts was an antique gilded eagle for his Gettysburg farm. It was presented to him by Governor Muskie of Maine. It goes without saying that it was appreciated.

It was what might be called an OFFICIAL gift. It was presented to him by a public official, who got his name and his picture in the papers and probably got himself on TV, alongside the President of the United States.

The other stuff came from the people. President Eisenhower being what he is—that is to say, being "Ike," which is an affectionate nickname bestowed upon him spontaneously and NOT built up by press agents—I'm sure it can be said that his other gifts came to him from the HEARTS of the people.

For that reason, I'll bet he values them far above gold and precious stones.

SPEAKING of presidents—There's the bank president in St. Louis, Park, Minnesota, who for years, just on the chance of a holdup, kept a rifle handy in his office.

The chance came yesterday when a bandit held up one of the tellers, grabbed \$8,000 and ran like crazy. The bank president reached for his trusty rifle and as the holdup artist went through the door pumped four shots after him.

He scored four clean misses. THE truth were told, I'll wager a fair-sized sum that he's grateful beyond the power of words to express that he missed. Shooting even a fleeing thief would be quite a burden on one's soul.

In Ely, Nevada last night a flash fire destroyed two gambling clubs and three cafes—all of which, probably, in the free and easy Nevada manner were packed with slot machines. The fire spread so fast that the game operators didn't have time to grab even the folding money off the card tables, not to mention the hard cash in the innards of the slots.

Estimated loss (probably exaggerated)—\$750,000! I KNOW, of course, that somebody WORKED to earn that money in the first place. But it seems different from burning up three-quarters of a million dollars worth of hay—which in the cattle state of Nevada would have represented R E A L WEALTH.

Gambling money isn't REAL money. If you win it today, the law of averages will see to it that you lose it tomorrow.

SPEAKING of gambling, I'd like to offer my congratulations to the members of the Jackson county court, who have refused to endorse a proposal to establish a dog racing track in the Ashland area.

Dog racing as DOG RACING wouldn't draw cash customers enough to pay the ticket takers' wages. It flourishes because of the pari-mutuel machine gambling that goes along with it.

The members of Jackson county's court, I think, displayed sound business thinking in refusing to go along with the dog track idea. From the purely business standpoint, Southern Oregon wants no truck with gambling.

Gambling creates no new wealth. It merely REDISTRIBUTES wealth that has been created by the application of human labor and ingenuity to the natural resources of our region—which is the classical economists' definition of wealth.

New Drug Successful In Treating Cramps

New York — (U.P.)—A new drug has been used successfully in treating leg cramps and other circulatory diseases of elderly persons, a team of New York doctors reported today.

In a paper published today in the journal, Angiology, the physicians reported that in a 21-month study of the effects of the drug, known as arlidin, on diabetic patients who complain of "night" leg cramps, they found a significant number got relief through increased blood flow to the affected areas.

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 initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

On Tax Equalization

To the Editor: I operate a farm on the Dark Hollow road and on account of drought am dried completely out. This year my county taxes amounted to 1% of the entire county tax collected in the Griffin Creek district. Under no stretch of imagination do I own 1/100 of the value of District No. 2. This tax statement came only a few days before the taxes were due. I tried to get relief through the assessor's office, then to the county court, with absolutely no success. I wrote to the State Tax Commission and was given consideration and promised on the new appraisal the valuation would be equalized on all property, thus giving me relief. Unless all property is appraised as to the true value the tax load on many of us can no longer be carried.

In Jackson county the real estate has already been appraised by the State Tax Commission. The actual value level obtained from appraisal represents the market value or what the property can be sold for on the open market. On real estate 70% of the market value or appraisal value is taken and called true cash value. Next the Jackson county quota of 25% or 1/4 of true cash value is taken and appears on your tax statement as assessed value.

The assessor says he hasn't time to get the orchards on the tax rolls under the new apportionment, but he sure had time to get the rest of us. If you are not sure, watch your tax statements. We are appraised at every cent our property is worth and more too.

The State Tax Commission's order to get the orchards on the tax rolls under the new apportionment must be obeyed. All property must be put on the tax rolls at the same equalized assessment. If this is not done, the State Tax Commission has authority to take over the assessor's office and straighten this tax mess out.

We can pay only our share of these taxes. Earl T. Scheble, Route 1, Box 413, Medford.

Wants An Explanation To the Editor: In a recent editorial you criticized the opponents of annexation as being emotional rather than logical in their arguments. Perhaps you were right to a certain extent. A great deal of resentment has been felt at the way in which this entire matter was handled by the city council.

For instance, why is it necessary to annex the orchards on the south side? There certainly is no sanitation problem there, additional fire and police protection is considered superfluous by the owners, and the taxes would be exorbitant.

But I am especially interested in the Laurelhurst addition. There is an irrigation ditch which runs 200 feet north of Stevens. All the property runs to that line. Why then was the boundary set at 150 feet north of Stevens leaving part of all the property lying in the county?

It not only cuts off part of the undeveloped lands but goes through at least one house. As I understand it, we will have to pay taxes to the county on that small piece of land. It seems unfair that we have to pay rural fire and other taxes on land which is practically worthless and of almost no value if we wanted to sell.

This whole plan of annexation seems hastily prepared and poorly set-up. In most of the cases where I have talked to others, that seems to be the main objection. I would like to know the "logical" explanation for some of these positions taken by the council.

Joan Sharp 1107 Stevens, Medford

Against Her Husband's Wishes

To the Editor: Against my husband's wishes, I feel I really must say as much as I can in as small a space as possible. It's so amusing to hear someone shout how wonderful it will be when we are enjoying the great "privileges" of city life.

Surely the person who uttered the word "cleanliness" has been too busy to go past the dirty taverns on the way to the show, to see traffic held up by a drunk who happened to see an old friend in the traffic, before the light turned green.

Clean, you say, when restaurants and whiskey joints are housed under the same roof. Clean they say when the Front Street of every town is only the back door of the whiskey lounge.

And we must keep our cattle 300 feet from other people's property. Listen mister! We own registered and grade cows that I don't want people to be closer to them than 500 feet.

If you want to see what it means to a child to be around animals just come and very quietly watch the darling little girl playing with the horse, colt, calves, putting the feed in the pails for the milk cows, gathering the duck and chicken eggs, making believe the young geese and ducks and rabbits are real babies. Loving the huge Doberman dog so much that he is more harmless than a poodle under her hands, making delicious mud pies, climbing on the baled hay, so high that I hold my breath for fear she will fall, and riding the gentle horse around the fenced yard and corral. Taking care of the banty as she sets on eggs slightly larger than bird eggs. But of course there's no use trying to picture the things that are so dear to the hearts of humans, real human beings.

Where will our president and his wife retire to? Sure "ain't" gonna be Front Street?

When we are city ladies, will I have to throw away my son's "old levis" and wear a moth eaten hide coat, like I saw two females in up town one day? Don't know where they belonged, don't believe they did either, but they were so pasted up that, pardon me, I had to laugh.

As I look at the view from the south window, well I just can't vision a house so close that it would shut it away.

Before the great fire in Chicago, seems there was a thing called law then, that if one's farm or house had animals before being surrounded by a "city and its filth" it could go right on as it had been. The stuff I throw out of the door in the barn looks like roses beside the dirty coffee cups and half burned cigars in a cafeteria.

This is one time when I wish I were a siamese twin, so I could vote twice, "NO." "Harriette Hagerman" (Maiden Name) 1375 South Columbus Ave. Medford, Ore.

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Astoria Man Dies As House Burns

Astoria—(U.P.)—Weikko Lindford, 60, burned to death in his home Thursday on the Old Fort Clatsop road southwest of Astoria.

Sheriff Paul Kearney said the fire apparently was started by a cigarette. Lindford lived alone in the house and his body was found still in the bed shortly after midnight. Neighbors called a nearby rural fire department but Kearney said intense flames drove back rescue attempts. The house was destroyed.

Dies in Accident

Grants Pass — (U.P.) — Reno Duke, 41-year-old Cave Junction logger, was crushed to death near here yesterday when a log being loaded on a truck swung in its bindings and struck him on the head.

Survivors include his widow and several children, according to the Josephine county coroner's office.