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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 3, 1945 (It was Tuesday)

Canning sugar quotas at local ration board exhausted and no more sugar will be issued for canning purposes.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The hills are getting brown and bare, like an outdoor girl.

20 YEARS AGO July 3, 1935 (It was Wednesday)

Medford city council orders foreclosure of delinquent assessments.

The international convention of League of Western Writers to be held in Medford soon.

30 YEARS AGO July 3, 1925 (It was Friday)

Medford residents receive letters from Santa Barbara relatives relating personal experiences in series of earthquakes which leave several buildings damaged.

Ashland Tidings publishes special edition July 1 on new Lithia Springs hotel, which was dedicated last night.

40 YEARS AGO July 3, 1915 (It was Saturday)

Jackson County Fair association votes to hold annual fair in September; dates and program will be selected at later meeting.

Fish poachers drag pools in front of Ament dam with nets; make clean sweep of fish.

What's the Answer?

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

1. Mrs. Hobby, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, favors or opposes free anti-polio vaccine for all children, or takes no stand on it?

2. When a Catholic is excommunicated, he may or may not still receive the sacrament of the Church?

3. Some one bearish on stocks expects them to go up or down, or move sideways in price?

4. Hell's Canyon, subject of a hot public vs. private power debate, is on the Colorado, Columbia, Missouri, Snake or Tennessee Rivers?

5. The average farm tractor is supposed to have a useful life of about four, six, eight, 10 or 12 years?

6. The island of Sardinia is part of France, Great Britain, Greece, Italy or Spain?

7. The witty character "Mr. Dooley" was created by Mark Twain, Finley Peter Dunne, Bud Fisher, Walt Disney or Al Capp?

The answers: 1. Opposes. 2. May not. 3. Go down. 4. Snake. 5. About 10 years. 6. Italy. 7. Finley Peter Dunne.

Governor Announces Two Appointments

Salem — (U.P.)—Gov. L. Paterson has appointed E. Stanley Goddell of Portland as a member of the Port of Portland Commission. He succeeds the late Capt. Clyde G. Raabe.

Ivan Rizouka of Portland was appointed to the Oregon State Board of Census, succeeding Lewis G. Frichard.

Annexation Criticisms Answered

We have never seen a controversial political problem where one side is all black and the other side all white. This is true with the annexation problem which will be decided in the election Tuesday.

It has never been claimed in this space that there are no flaws in the annexation plan as presented for approval of the voters of the "South Medford" area. But it has been claimed, and still is, that the proposal offers the residents and the city the best available plan to solve this and a multitude of problems which need to be solved as soon as possible.

IN REPLY to an advertisement appearing in Thursday's paper, we would like to offer these comments:

Item 1—That we failed "to do sufficient research."

Comment: The editorial did not pretend to be a complete analysis of all problems involved. We might add, however, that we did not attempt to apply PRESENT millage rates to FUTURE assessed valuation, as was done at a meeting last week, resulting in a misleading representation of what future taxes might be.

Item 2—That we fail to tell the advantages of a "package deal" in annexation.

Comment: There are several, including the elimination of many separate annexation elections which, unless the package deal passes, are inevitable; the extension of city services to a large area all at once, including zoning and planning benefits, added fire and police protection, and, important to residents of the area, a resulting increase in property resale values.

Item 3 (and also Item 6)—That residents who are not registered are being deprived of their vote because they did not have a chance to register after the election was called, and that taxpayers owning property in the area, but who do not live there, are taxed without their having a voice in the matter.

Comment: Being registered to vote is an obligation and responsibility of good citizenship. If a resident of the area has disenfranchised himself by failure to vote in past elections, or by lack of attending to the duty of registration, he has only himself to blame. As for the taxpayers who own property in the area but do not reside there, they may feel unhappy, but the interests of those who live there, and who have staked their families' futures there, are an overriding consideration.

Item 4—That we failed "to bring out the facts pertaining to the cost of this annexation which will have to be borne by the present citizens of Medford, who are simultaneously being asked to permit the city government to exceed the 6 per cent tax limitation."

Comment: It has been pointed out, time and again, that the proposed city budget increase is almost exclusively for services to the city as it is now. Considerably less than \$2,000 of the proposed \$66,510 increase—a small fraction—is for services in connection with annexation.

Item 5—That we failed "to bring out what city services are wanted or needed by the owners of property in the contemplated annexation area (with certain exceptions)..."

Comment: Sewers and streets, which can be constructed upon petition of the residents, are vital in large areas, not just the "limited area" mentioned. Also compare the city's modern, effective, trained force of almost 30 police officers, to the limited resources of the sheriff's office and state police. Compare the fire prevention and techniques of the city's topflight department available to city residents, while only the inadequate rural pumper can be sent to rural fires. Street lights are needed. So are building codes, to protect the majority of residents from someone else putting up nearby firetraps or dangerous buildings. So are zoning regulations, to prevent anyone from building a pigpen or slaughter house or auto wreckers next to someone else's new home. There are advantages as well as disadvantages to the rules and regulations of cities.

Item 6—(See answer to Item 3).

Item 7—This says, in effect, that present and potential taxpayers of Medford "are not anxious to be burdened with the cost of this large underdeveloped area..."

Comment: Who is burdened?

The residents of Medford now pay the smallest tax of citizens in any city of comparable size in Oregon. The annexation may, within the next few years, add a few cents, maybe even a dollar or so, to the individual's annual tax bill. But if orderly, progressive development, growth, increasing business activity within the city limits; if progress in sanitation, in street building, in zoning, in planning for the future; if fire and police protection; if pure, Big Butte Spring water; if a progressive and responsible representative government, responsive to the needs of the citizenry—if all these are not worth the pittance which progress costs, then America is on the wrong road. Let us not make the mistake of confusing a "White Elephant" with a chance to benefit 20,000 or more of our fellow-citizens, more than many of them realize.

Item 8—This criticizes with reluctance the "city fathers" for their proposal of annexation.

Comment: Have the authors of this advertisement sat in on the many hours of study the planning commission has given to this proposal? Have they attended the council meetings where the matter was discussed and rediscussed from many angles? Have they read the many stories about annexation which have appeared in the Mail Tribune as far back as last March? Have they helped thresh out the many problems in the best interests of Medford and its neighbors? And when the "city fathers" are accused of "taking the full responsibility of this large project without consulting the citizens of Medford and others who have a large stake in the matter," is it not fair to ask, "What is representative government for, if

not to take responsibility for governmental decisions?"

IF THE opponents to annexation are convinced that DEFEAT of this chance for progress and growth for Medford is called for in the interest of Medford that is their privilege and their responsibility.

We cannot agree. We have stated why. As always in a democracy there are differences of opinion. It is up to the people by their votes to decide.—E.A.

How Soon We Forget

It was only a few years ago—only three—that the No. 1 issue from the Republican standpoint was getting the country out of debt and balancing the national budget.

The record will show that President Eisenhower as a candidate declared many times that before anything of real importance could be accomplished, the budget would have to be balanced and Uncle Sam would have to stop spending more than he took in.

Of course, as always in a campaign, the wicked opposition was blamed for this deplorable condition of the U. S. treasury, as well as for the war in Korea and a spend-thrift philosophy that had increased the national obligations to over 200 billions. So the voters were advised to "turn the rascals out" and the new regime would not only balance the budget, but the people would enjoy an era of sound money, sound legislation, and unexampled prosperity.

WELL there is no doubt about the general prosperity, but how about the value of the dollar, budget balancing and the greatly detested "deficit financing" of the New Deal?

We hear no outcries against these heresies today from the GOP headquarters. As for budget-balancing, a new limit to the national debt has just been asked by the present administration, so the budget will undoubtedly be put even more out of balance and deficit financing presumably will continue unhindered and unchecked.

DOES this mean the GOP leaders have abandoned budget balancing and the fight against inflation entirely?

Some of them may, but not all of them.

In fact one of the most prominent of the GOP leaders and the most highly regarded, has a proposal to balance the budget, reduce if not entirely eliminate inflation and put "deficit financing" in the ash can where he believes, and always has believed, it belongs.

His name is Herbert Clark Hoover and if anyone has forgotten him he is not only a former Secretary of Commerce but was the 31st President of the United States! He was not a very popular President and he was badly defeated for a second term. But there is no member of the Republican party more highly respected today nor whose opinions particularly at convention time are given a more considerate and sympathetic consideration.

Now he has concluded his several years of conscientious investigation as to what is wrong with the country and what should be done about it. His committee has handed down its final conclusions claiming if the recommendations cited are adopted not only will the national budget be balanced, but even a greater reduction in taxes than has already been allowed will be obtained.

More than that. This modern miracle can be performed without "any cuts in military strength," no reduction in "useful public works" and no impairment of "actual federal" welfare contributions.

Exactly what the terms "useful" and "actual" mean or imply is not entirely clear, but it is clear—and as certain as sunrise—that the Eisenhower administration does not question Mr. Hoover's sincerity, his great ability or deny that his incapability of wilful deception is as great as that of the President himself.

SO WHAT?

Well how can the present administration, with any consistency, file these reports away for future reference, and pay no attention to them, when a "sure-fire" cure for the basic ills of the country under the former administration, so deplored by GOP leaders, has been offered by a member of the party in power who is so highly regarded?

Certainly to ignore these recommendations can only mean one of two things, either the Eisenhower administration is no longer interested in efficiency or balancing the budget or it thinks former President Hoover is talking through his hat.

Moreover the claim is made in this Hoover report that only 167 of the 362 recommendations require special legislation, the other 195 can be put into effect by the President at once—or government agencies over which he has control.

BUT the report from Washington is the President has departed for the weekend and his judgment of the reports can't be secured, in fact he has not as yet had time to read them.

When he does have time, it will be interesting to many of the voters we believe, to learn what he thinks of them and what he intends to do about them.

—R.W.R.

Morse Subpenes Louis E. Wolfson

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore) today subpoenaed financier Louis E. Wolfson to testify Thursday on the transit strike that has left the nation's capital without public transportation. Morse, acting chairman of a District of Columbia Subcommittee on Public Welfare, said he acted after reading news dispatches that Wolfson would not attend a conference with Dis-

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.

County Court Should Wake Up

To the Editor: When we came to Medford in 1923 the financial situation here was pitiful. A few years before Jackson County had enjoyed a wonderful period of development and the optimism of the people had been totally untrammelled. The most outstanding bit of chaos was in our city. Medford had taken in a great deal of surrounding territory, had put in a sewer, water, sidewalks and paving all of which confiscated the property and in 1927 when I first served on the City Council we had over 2,000 city lots for sale, some with houses on them, and we were so desperate to get this property back on the tax rolls that we sold several hundred lots for \$10 down and \$10 per month with no interest.

The present situation bears a great similarity to the past. In the last four years our city administration has taken in property without thought of the necessity of a regular city boundary and this should undoubtedly be corrected. But to add a large undeveloped area puts a cost on policing and street maintenance that is not wise and possibly dangerous to our financial structure.

With the state collecting a property tax from us next year it is very unwise to vote increased taxes and expense on ourselves until we know where we stand. Consequently the tax millage limitation should not be increased.

A great deal has been left unaided about the proposed sanitary district. It should not be accepted without more thought. Remember, we have a public health officer and it is the duty of the county court to see that sanitary laws are enforced. I believe the county court should take more interest in the public welfare.

J. C. Collins 104 West Main

Raises Land Prices

To the Editor: Just a true story of being annexed to another town or city. I lived in Oakland, San Francisco, and Berkeley, Calif., for 12 years. My last home was on Congress ave., East Oakland today, but when I bought my place it was Melrose, five miles to 12 and Broadway, Oakland.

After two years in my home, a movement was started to annex all of this part of the country to Oakland. That excuse my words, Hell out for recess. City fathers of Oakland and real estate guys all were for this big pie to be cut up for some good eating. Many things were a promise to all these 40,000 people living in that East End of Alameda county. In 1910 and up to that date there was no officers but county and you never saw any of them. We had electricity, sewer and water, not much, but we were going to just have everything that a city should.

But Brother we got plenty of expenses. Up went taxes and real estate sharks came out, almost double land prices. Now all these people were very common working people and most of them could hardly get along at best, big families. Every word of this is true. I lived there seven years, it was a nice place but one thing to remember, these all calls for police, fire fighting machines and 1000 and 1 things that you do not see and it is a fine thing in many ways to be in the city but to both sides of the "question of annex. both city of Medford and the territory to annex. is something to think about.

I have spent more than 50 years of my 78 in large city or cities and Medford is a very small place to take over very much, and the way Medford is doing, going around raising values on old property so they can tax people more. Something I never heard of in all my rounds, sounds to me like getting money under false pretense. I am satisfied it is wrong. I hope no one will be sorry. I was in my place in Oakland and I sold out and moved away.

William Ross Sharp 26 Portland ave., Medford

P.S. We had no fires or robberies before annex, but less than 60 days after, we had all kinds. Sure strange.

"Hoodlums" To the Editor: I believe that Medford carries the distinction of being one of the few cities in the country that permits hot-rod racing in its residential section. It would seem that they are proud of its Hoodlums and their old traps equipped to make as much noise as possible, or they would take steps to wake up their Police Department.

Complaints have gone in to them again and again, and the answer is always the same "We can't be everywhere." However, this does not appear to be true in the parking meter zones. They tell you further, that if you want this lawfulness stopped, it is your duty to get out in the streets and get it

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

Remember those ski poles a ride. During the course of the trip, they happened to drive by the home of our friend's employer, which is a substantial and imposing edifice.

"Who lives THERE?" inquired the six year old son of the family.

"My Boss," replied our friend. Six-year-old remained silent for a moment, then commented decisively, "Daddy, you'd better ask your boss for a bigger allowance."

A witness reports seeing a man obviously a bit the worse for alcoholic wear and tear come into a bar and approach two young women sitting on adjacent bar stools. He put his arms across their shoulders and blearily inquired, "Are you married?" "Not to each other," was the tart reply.

A week or so ago we reported the unhappiness of a tall farmer we know who had the misfortune to run over a skunk with his station wagon. In the mail last week we received the following card: Dear Potluck Editor: That station wagon ain't the only thing that smells on our farm! You'd know that if you'd ever heard one of my tall husband's tall tales.—Or if you'd ever eaten on our patio when the wind's from the west!

Sincerely, ATallFarmer'sTallWife. Ar'ybody know what she's driving at?

Clarence Lamp served as candlelighter at the recent wedding of his sister, Joy Lamp.

Our Society Editor today begins a several day trek into the Hart Mountain country on a camping trip. Our Society Editor's husband had some tall talking to do to persuade her to go, but finally she got enthusiastic about the whole thing.

The following is respectfully dedicated to them both, and is designed to be sung to the tune of "Davy Crockett": Hailed for a mountain-top in Lake county, Fearful of cold and an arthritic knee, Bound and determined her mate to please, She shucks off her luxury and life of ease.

Olive—Olive Starcher, Queen of the Wild Frontier.

Mounted in a station wagon full of dust, Bound to see an antelope, or tryin'—bust, Off on a stint of sleeping-bag sleep, Thinkin' of her downy bed until she could weep.

(Refrain)

Off to the hinterland of snakes and bugs, Away from the safety of chairs and rugs, She'll kill mosquitoes, some two or three, Then brag of her courage in the wild country.

(Refrain).

13 Oregon Cities List Census Boosts

Salem — (U.P.)—Thirteen Oregon cities have recorded increases in population since the 1950 federal census was taken, according to a count reported by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry.

The state census, taken at the request of the cities and at their expense, will enable the growing communities to claim larger shares of highway and liquor revenues.

Towns showing population growths during the five-year period were Toledo, from 2223 to 2749; Coquille, 3523 and 4616; North Bend, 6099 and 7200; Newport, 3241 and 4422; Oakridge, 1562 and 2035; Creswell, 662 and 768; Sutherlin, 2330 and 2737; Canby, 1671 and 2035; Cornelius, 998 and 1145; Stayton, 1507 and 2041; Hines, 918 and 1088; Eastside, 890 and 1277; and Oceanlake, 700 and 731, not counting a recent 500-person annexation.

Potato Container Standards Repealed

Salem — (U.P.)—All Oregon standards for potato containers have been repealed, the State Department of Agriculture said Saturday.

This means potatoes may be sold in any type and size container but the state labeling requirements must be fulfilled.

Bags, boxes, cartons or other potato containers must still be labeled with the grade and net weight and the name and address of either the grower, packer or shipper.