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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 24, 1945
Medford police start check for habitual water wasters who allow water to flow in streets.

From Arthur Perry's The Yr Smudge Pot column: The Old Girls are now complaining about the heat and the flies. Between the twin evils, they are kept swatting and sweating.

20 YEARS AGO
July 24, 1935
Rogue Valley ripening pear crop escapes damage as severe thunderstorms sweeps valley leaving heavy damage to power lines from lightning.

Ashland city council passes ordinance requiring parallel parking.

80 YEARS AGO
July 24, 1925
Ashland starts summer hours or irrigation.

James Stevens of Medford makes hit in St. Louis Municipal opera as baritone singer.

40 YEARS AGO
July 24, 1915
Jackson countians read of Chicago excursion steamer Eastland turning over at dock killing estimated 1,300 picnickers.

A special session of the city council will be held next Monday night to consider the matter of the application of the Rogue River Public Service corporation for an electric franchise.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. Number of words in the Bible (both Testaments) is less or more than a million, or about a million?
2. Members elected to the new parliament of Israel will represent only two parties or many parties?
3. Many older persons who have major operations die on the operating table; right or wrong?
4. First U. S. President to ride on a railroad train was J. Q. Adams, Jackson, Van Buren, Polk, or Lincoln?
5. The family name of Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain is Hanover, Windsor, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Tudor or Edinburgh?
6. The Great Smoky Mountains are on the Pacific Coast, in the Southwest, in New England or in the Southeast?
7. A tort is a kind of cake, a civil wrong, a species of turtle, a tense frame of mind, or a prostitute?
The Answers: 1. About 200,000 less than a million; 2. Many parties; 3. Wrong; 4. Jackson; 5. Windsor; 6. Southeast (Tenn.-N.C.); 7. Civil wrong.

About \$27,000 Included For State Flood Work

Washington — (U.P.) — Some \$27,000 is included in federal allocations for flood control surveys and navigation studies in Oregon by the Army Engineers during the current fiscal year. The state breakdown: Siuslaw river and bar, \$1,000; Oregon slough, \$1,000; Dry Hollow, \$8,500; and Silves river \$16,500.

"Ike" Takes Command

Surprise is an important factor in successful diplomacy.

This element in President Eisenhower's challenge to Soviet Russia on interchange of military information, probably will prove of greater permanent value, than the substance.

For by that unexpected challenge, the United States for the first time since the cold war started, took the initiative away from Moscow, and forced the "bear who walks like a man" to look carefully at his hole card.

WE CAN'T go quite as far as the "Oregonian" which admits great excitement over this "world-shaking offer" which it believes backs Soviet Russia helplessly up against the wall.

Diplomatically, however, it was a master-stroke particularly in timing, and for the present at least not only clears the atmosphere at Geneva, but puts the United States instead of Russia in the driver's seat.

Finally it removes—or should remove—all doubt about America's peaceful intentions anywhere in the world and its willingness to join with Russia—or any other nation—in a practical and cooperative effort to move the threat of a Third World War farther and farther away from the realm of reality.

AS HAS so often been remarked in this department that is a great accomplishment.

For the longer the period of peace is extended the greater the likelihood that eventually Russia and the United States—all the world powers in fact—will come to the realization that war as a means of settling international differences is as out-of-date as the muzzle-loading musket, and along with the musket should be consigned to some convenient museum along with other useless relics of the past.—R.W.R.

Just a "Guess"

As this is written there has been no formal reply to President Eisenhower's challenge, from the Russian delegation, and the whole world is wondering what it will be.

We don't know. But we do know—or THINK we do—that it WON'T be. It won't be a stern and blunt refusal. The boys in the Kremlin may be dumb, but they can hardly be as dumb as that.

In fact our guess is, it will take the form of renewed praise for Mr. Eisenhower's forthrightness and sincerity, a willingness to join him in this mutual effort to secure a better understanding and progress along the road to world peace—but with certain conditions.

And those conditions may well be difficult to fulfill.

IN OTHER words we predict the answer will be "OK" with a BUT,—the latter a rather transparent effort to regain the initiative that has been lost, appealing not so much to public opinion in this country, as throughout the world, and especially to the prejudice against America and Americans. That prejudice is unfortunate, but no informed person can deny it exists.

However as stated that is only a "guess."

IN THE meantime it might be well to remember that whether this challenge brings immediate and desirable results or not, as far as armament reduction agreements are concerned, it is difficult to see how they can amount to much.

For the atomic age, in our judgment, has made such agreements, like war, obsolete. Even granting that the Kremlin might act in good faith—which is SOME grant—and a system of inspection acceptable to this country could be arranged—how could there be any real sense of security when enough atomic and H bombs to destroy a country could be stored in one peasant's hut in Siberia or one deserted building in the wilds of Wyoming, and the people of neither country would necessarily be aware of it.

In other words in this atomic age, and for large countries like Russia and the USA, such a thing as an air tight and therefore satisfactory inspection system regarding armaments, just isn't in the cards. The only way to assure peace, in short, is for the world to abandon war.

And our belief is it will be abandoned, not because it is wicked, but because the instincts of self-preservation and self-interest will by common consent of all nations capable of waging all-out war, eventually outlaw it.—R.W.R.

It All Depends, — —!

We have often referred to the importance of "whose ox is gored," as to the determination of opinions. It makes such a difference in this country of ours, particularly in politics.

We have no doubt for example that the newspapers up-state (not excluding the ultra-conservative and business-motivated Oregonian) would be as indignant over the abandonment of all rail passenger service in Multnomah and Marion counties as are the southern newspapers—with the single exception of the Grants Pass Courier—over the abandonment in Douglas and Jackson counties.

But as long as they have what THEY need—five or six trains a day,—Portland many more of course—they apparently can see nothing for the people of Southern Oregon to get excited about. If the SP wishes to increase its profits by providing no passenger service whatever that's ok by them. In fact it is merely the "march of progress," the same being the practice all over the country, so why should there

be any complaint in Southern Oregon? That is the up-state line.

ONE answer is it ISN'T being done "all over the country." In fact according to a reliable report, if the SP is allowed to do what it threatens to do, the highly productive and rapidly growing section of Oregon from Eugene to Ashland will be the only section of the country of its size and importance in the United States which having had rail service for so many decades, will be entirely deprived of it. It's one thing to reduce the number of trains as is being done in many instances, it is quite another to abandon them entirely.

EDITOR STANTON of the Roseburg News Review comments interestingly on this phase of the railroad controversy, quote:

"Willamette Valley towns\*\*\*\*\*haven't much sympathy for Southern Oregon which for years has suffered from a monopolistic, unsympathetic and uncooperative rail-line. For although its local officialdom is extremely "friendly" in keeping with its company's assumed title, Southern Oregon's industrial potential has been kept bottled up, the area discriminated against in the matter of short-haul freight rates, has received the short-end of previous freight-car shortages, has been bullied and threatened and pushed around at will\*\*\*Had the Southern Pacific in past years been a little more cooperative in aiding in our industrial growth, had it helped develop some of our potential areas, had it shown some inclination toward responsibility to the public it is supposed to serve, perhaps we would not now be so bitter\*\*\*\*But our long stay in the deep-freeze, the discriminating freight rate structure that so long hampered our economy, the deliberate withdrawal of even a semblance of decent passenger service, and many other abuses, have long rankled the people of this area.\*\*\*Consequently we lack the tolerant sympathy evidenced by editors in cities to the north."

—R.W.R.

Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

THE TACIT AGREEMENT

Geneva — The Big Four conference here has now reached its first, and very probably its only, important agreement. The agreement it unwritten and even unspoken. Yet it is implicit in everything that has been done and said since the conference began. The Four Powers, and above all the United States and the Soviet Union, have agreed not to have a war if they can possibly avoid it.

That is about all there is to this meeting. It is the real meaning of the mild and even cordial tone in which the spokesman of the two sides expressed their totally irreconcilable views. It is even the real meaning of the toothy, gold-plated smiles, which Soviet Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev bestows on President Eisenhower at every possible opportunity; and of the inscribed desk set which President Eisenhower gave to his old friend Marshal Zhukov to pass on to his newly-married daughter.

At the moment, it looks as though the conferees are going to be satisfied with this tacit agreement to avoid mutual destruction, if at all possible. This report is written in mid-conference, and international conferences have a tricky habit of producing some sort of seemingly important decision at the very last moment. But it is hard to see what kind of miracle is going to produce any really significant substantive agreement here.

During the debate on the problem of German reunification, Prime Minister Bulganin remarked mildly that the German problem "should be decided by time." The meaning of this remark is obvious. The Soviets did not come here seriously expecting the West to accept the Soviet plan for Germany, which would require the dismantling of the Western defenses in return for vague promises. For that matter, the Western powers did not seriously expect the Soviets suddenly to accept a plan which would tie all Germany into the Western alliance.

WITHOUT an agreement, or at least the beginnings of an agreement, on Germany, there is not much use talking about European collective security arrangements, and there can be only the most tentative sort of feeling-out process on arms reduction. Perhaps some sort of progress can be made on such secondary matters as East-West contracts, the fourth item on the agenda. But that, as it looks now, is about all that can be expected.

Yet the importance of the silent, unspoken decision not to have a war if it can possibly be avoided should not be underestimated. In the euphoria generated at first by the rather phony good-fellowship which has been the hallmark of this conference, some silly people actually began to expect peace to break out all over, as a result of a few days' chat. In fact, the purpose of this conference never was to reach substantive, meaningful agreement.

The real purpose was quite different. Both sides came to this conference with the same question in the backs of their minds: "Can we somehow manage to live with these terrible people, or must we really have a war with them?" The purpose of the conference was to find the answer to this question. Both

sides seem already to have arrived at what is at least a tentative answer — that we can rock along for a long time without a war.

President Eisenhower has assured the Russians, in so many words, that much as we detest their treatment of the satellites, we do not intend to go to war about it. The Russians have made it equally clear that, much as they detest the rearmament of West Germany, they do not intend to fight to prevent it.

Asia, where by far the greatest danger of war lies, has to be sure, only been discussed obliquely, in informal conversations. But while neither side has budged an inch from its official position, there have been well-received hints from both sides that it would be better to settle such issues as Formosa without shooting.

FOR the short-run, at least, this silent, unspoken decision to avoid war if at all possible promises a breathing spell, or rather a talking spell, for the world. But in the long-run a tacit agreement to talk rather than fight is no substitute for a real settlement. For in the long-run, the pattern of the present situation, on which the tacit agreement is based, is sure to be broken. It could even be broken in a few weeks, since shrewd observers here are beginning to suspect that the Soviets are getting ready to offer German Chancellor Adenauer the kind of deal he could hardly refuse. On the other hand the present situation could last much longer than now seems at all likely. In the meantime both sides are now convinced that the other side quite genuinely wants to avoid war and just possibly this simple conviction may provide the time to "build the bridge" that President Eisenhower wants to build, across the chasm that divides the world.

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One Killed, 10 Hurt In Four-Car Crash

Longview, Wash. — (U.P.) — One man was killed and 10 persons were injured in a four-car collision about 6 a.m. Saturday on the Pacific highway two miles north of Woodland, Wash.

The Washington state patrol identified the dead man as David A. Smart, 24, a Navy man from Bremerton.

Hospitalized in Longview were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Valburg of Vancouver, Wash., and Donald Weinrich, a Navy man from Bremerton.

Treated at the scene for cuts and bruises were Clifford McConnell, C. O. Salyard, Ralph Salyard Jr., all of Portland; Ralph Salyard Sr., Hardy, Neb.; R. D. Wall, Gresham, Ore.; James T. Gill, Beaverton, Ore.; and Joseph E. Plamondon, Vancouver.

The state patrol said it had not been definitely established just how the accident occurred.

Father of Eight Dies In Freak Accident

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Ralph Spencer, 60-year-old father of eight children, was fatally injured Friday while working at the Martin Brothers Box company at Oakland, Ore.

Spencer and another worker were opening the sliding door of a box car when it came off its top track. The door, which weighed about 500 pounds fell and Spencer's head was crushed between the door and a steel beam of a loading dock. He died two hours later in a Roseburg hospital.

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.

Neuberger Replies to Barber

To the Editor: In a letter printed on your editorial page of July 13, 1955, Mr. D. H. Barber of Trail, Oregon, accuses me of statements which he calls "ridiculous" and "false propaganda," in connection with the Eisenhower administration's position towards public works appropriations for Oregon.

I think the record speaks for itself. The Republican administration asked for no funds for Ice Harbor, Hills Creek, Green Peter, Coos Bay harbor, mouth of the Columbia dredging, and Tillamook bay. The Budget Bureau recommendations for Talent irrigation project, Cougar Dam and John Day dam were far from adequate. The Congress, due to insistence from the Senate, appropriated \$3,790,000 for these projects which included three new starts on multi-purpose dams.

Mr. Barber asked, "where is the Administration to blame? Did it veto an appropriation made by a Democratic Congress?" He should have waited a few days. On Friday, July 15, the White House announced that start of these projects was being delayed by order of the President.

If the Republican administration carries out this threat to thwart the decision of Congress to proceed with sound development of the natural resources of the Northwest, the economic future of Oregon will be faced with paralysis.

In the 1954 political campaign, the Republican party staged a great jamboree in Jackson county heralding all that the Republican party could do for the Talent irrigation project. In January, 1955, the Administration's budget submitted to Congress had not one cent for Talent construction. Appropriations for a project become doubly difficult to obtain if they have been excluded from an administration budget. Congressman Ellsworth said this was an "oversight", after I had protested it vigorously. This is the background of why Talent received only \$154,000 from this Congress.

The House, where Oregon is represented by three Republicans and one Democrat, allocated \$154,000. The Senate, where Oregon is represented by two Democrats, raised this substantially to \$500,000. The conference committee cut back the sum to \$154,000.

I plan to continue my determined efforts to secure for the Talent project the recognition and funds which it deserves.

Richard L. Neuberger, United States Senator

Information Requested

To the Editor: A roster of all Oregon family associations and reunions is being prepared by the Genealogical forum of Portland.

The list will include the names of family groups having annual meetings, picnics and reunions. Information desired includes the names of ancestors concerned, the date of arrival in Oregon, residence of family, any other data pertinent to the history of family name and address of person designated to give information about family, and date and place of annual meeting.

Persons interested in contributing to the roster are invited to send information to address below.

Thank you. Mrs. Anthony Thomas, 415 N. Baldwin st., Portland 11, Ore.

Lane, Willamette Fire Areas Closed

Salem — (U.P.) — Closure of high fire hazard areas in eastern Lane county and in all of the Willamette National Forest went into effect at midnight Friday, according to the State Forestry department.

Officials said the fire danger in most of the state was not considered high but that a few more days of dry, warm weather would result in more widespread forest closures.

Only fires reported so far this season have been in Jackson, Josephine and Coos counties.

Portland Woman Dies In Bay Bridge Crash

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Mrs. Anna Tallman, 39, of Portland, Ore., wife of a Military Sea Transport Service commander, was fatally injured on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge late Friday night when another car crossed over the center line and crashed into the Tallman vehicle head-on.

Mrs. Tallman was riding with her husband, John A. Tallman, 43, who was treated in a San Francisco hospital for head injuries and lacerations and then transferred to the Oakland Naval Hospital.

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

Vern Brophy, 749 West 14th st., who since his retirement from ranching has been an avid gardener, was disappointed recently when his magnolia tree, on which he had lavished both care and affection, bloomed with only two big white blossoms. There should be more, he mourned, and they should be pink.

The next morning, when he arose and inspected his tree, lo, it was covered with blossoms — and in all colors, red, pink, yellow, purple.

Excitedly he called his wife — "People will come from miles around!"

He later found that in the night kindly neighbors had tied on the natural-looking blossoms, which were made of paper.

We note with pleasure that the newly-formed Oregon Arms Collectors, who are crazy about all sorts of old weapons including rifles, have picked as the site of their first meeting the Oregon town of Winchester.

Like to do things in a hurry? There's one Medford mother who'll probably take a bit more time next time she goes shopping. Dashing in from a week at the lake for supplies, she went in to a grocery store, leaving a small child in the car. While mother

was out, the child wandered into the store to the candy rack. Mother finished shopping, paid for the groceries, hopped in the car and drove away.

It was only a few minutes later that she realized something was missing and telephoned the store to see if the child was there. It was.

A "paragraph filler" in the Mail Tribune last week said: Mormons settled in Utah and chose that city as their capital in 1847.

Before anybody knew anything about annexation, no doubt.

Charles Lewis, 327 North Berkeley way, is chairman for the 10th anniversary convention for former members of the 249th coast artillery band, to be held here next month. The chairman of each gathering is elected and given the title, "The Big Red Bird."

Mrs. Lewis this year did much of the work (maybe even most of it) for her husband, and the notices which went out were signed: The Big Red Bird By the Little Red Hen

We'll bet daddy (or mommy) was mad.

Two youngsters left for a few minutes in a parked car on Central ave. at about 5:30 p.m. Friday apparently had dug into glove compartment or purse, and were passing the time by throwing cigarettes at passing cars.

The Mail Tribune recently editorialized about typographical errors — the kind where letters get switched. There's another kind, too, where entire lines get transposed. They result in the kind of miserable error such as appeared in the paper last week, in an item about swimming lessons, as follows:

Children are to register this week for the lessons. The cost will be \$2 for 10 lessons. Each child is to furnish a towel and Phil Sanders of Medford and a swim suit. Instructors will be John Smock, faculty member of Crater High school.

For a correct reading, switch the lines beginning "Phil" and "a swim suit."

At Tuesday night's council meeting, Councilman John Snider entertained a motion that the frontier enthusiast Davy Crockett be made an honorary member of the Medford City council.

The council took no formal action.

Remember Sally, the sow some of those 13 progeny went out to Christmas dinner last year and New Year's dinner this year because the owners couldn't find a piglet-sitter? They were taken along, if you recall, because the mother pig couldn't handle the feeding problem for 13 piglets properly, and a bottle was used.

Well, Sally has continued to be productive, and has had a second litter, 14 this time, making a total of 27 piglets in 6½ months.

This time the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dorich, Jacksonville, haven't had to give special feedings to any of the little pigs. The weather has been better, for one thing; she is getting more used to the problems of multiple motherhood, for another. And this time nature has seen to it that her table is set for 14.

A pure white robin was reportedly sighted in the yard of the Orr home at 220 North Barneburg rd. last week.

The tourist season is here, and as a result, Jacksonville, one of the area's major attractions, is enjoying the usual influx of visitors. They walk curiously down the street, peering into the windows of the old buildings along California street.

One such building is the former Ganong home, still a residence. Last week, about dusk, some tourists came by, peered in, then knocked at the door. "Are you Mrs. Ganong?" they asked the occupant.

"If I were, I'd be about 135 years old," came the quick reply.

(Incidentally, Mrs. Ganong is best remembered for raising a petticoat on a flagpole as a protest when Jacksonville males left town in the daytime without providing protection against Indians for the women and children of the community.)

One female Medford resident (this identification will have to suffice for reasons which shall soon become obvious) recently reported to police that two pairs of unmentionables had been taken from her clothesline during daylight hours. On the police log the item was marked "no publicity, please."

Good authority reports that another woman suffered a similar theft, but was too embarrassed to report the matter.

Well, you can hardly blame her.

HERE, by the way, is a REAL feature story:

Navy Seabees training at Davisville, R. I., for the job of building Antarctic air bases plan to sail in November for the South Pole, where the temperature goes to 80 below zero. They'll take with them 379 tons of frozen food—AND HALF A DOZEN REFRIGERATORS. The refrigerators are not intended to keep the food frozen. Their purpose will be to THAW IT OUT GRADUALLY. That's one for the book.