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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 29, 1945. (It was Sunday) Bilingual office to help army personnel and families find housing opened under army and civilian auspices here.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: In the rural areas some of the cornstalks are almost as tall as the weeds within a dandelion's throw of the City Hall.

20 YEARS AGO July 29, 1935. (It was Monday) New zoning system will permit chaplains to visit Medford area CCC camps more often.

The federal transient bureau shelter in Medford to close Aug. 1, according to announcement by bureau director.

30 YEARS AGO July 29, 1925. (It was Wednesday) The fourth Medford Child Welfare conference to hold examination of children under six years old.

From Local and Personal column: A party of 25 members of the Massachusetts Foresters association under the touring management of the American Express company, arrived in the city this forenoon by train to visit Crater Lake as a part of their itinerary, which includes all the scenic spots of the coast.

They arrived from Portland, where they took a trip on the Columbia highway and Mount Hood loop road. From Crater Lake they will return to Boston by way of the Grand Canyon of Colorado.

40 YEARS AGO July 29, 1915. (It was Thursday) William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, speaks in Medford.

Ford Motor Band, composed of 55 employees of Ford company at Detroit, plays concert in Medford en route to San Francisco and San Diego expositions.

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

- 1. Appendicitis is relatively rare or common among older persons?
2. Most of the 21 (now 18) U.S. Korean war prisoners who chose to stay with the Reds stood about average, or above or below average in mental tests?
3. Government price supports for the 1955 wheat crop will average around \$1.50, \$1.80, \$2.10 or \$2.40 a bushel?
4. First digging for a trans-Oceanic canal across Central America was done by the U.S., right or wrong?
5. Three, two, one or no sons of the late President F. D. Roosevelt are now in Congress?
6. About 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50,000,000 5-grain aspirin tablets are consumed in the U.S. every day?
7. The Gaza Strip is a burlesque act, border on women's slips, Egypt-Israel frontier area, or novel by Aldous Huxley?

The Answers: 1. Rare; 2. Below average; 3. Around \$2.10; 4. Wrong (by a French company); 5. One (James); 6. About 50,000,000; 7. Egypt-Israel frontier area.

Twenty Years Ago

We have often remarked about the remarkable changes which are transforming the face of southern Oregon. While the changes are rapid and visible, they are not always as apparent as it might be, for as we watch them coming about, we unconsciously adjust ourselves to them.

In a sort of experiment this week, we went back to the files of the Mail Tribune for 20 years ago, and ran through the papers for the same week—July 24 to 30. We found that there have been changes aplenty (not the least of them in the newspaper itself, incidentally), but we also found that some things remain remarkably the same.

IN 1935, America was just beginning its climb out of the depression.

The CCC (that means Civilian Conservation Corps, junior) was a big factor in the life of the valley, and one headline during that week was about the death of a CCC boy crushed by a falling tree.

The depression was reflected in prices. During one August sale, a davenport and chair combination was reduced \$5 to a sale price of \$34.95, and could be bought for \$4 down and \$5 monthly. The price of a three-piece bedroom suite was \$37.95, and occasional chairs were going for \$4.44.

Seat covers were going for 79 cents and up, and a pint of bourbon whiskey sold for 75 cents. Women's coats and suits were selling between \$4 and \$10.

WILLIAM Brady, M.D., was conducting his Personal Health Service in the columns of the Mail Tribune. Frank Jenkins was commenting on the "Days News." Other columnists included O. O. McIntyre, Paul Mallon and the late, beloved Arthur Perry, of the M-T staff.

Richard Dix was playing at the Craterian (matinees 25 cents; evenings 35 cents; kiddies 10 cents). The Roxy and the Rialto had Francis Lederer and Jack Holt as stars (and smaller admission prices).

Gluyas Williams' panel graced the top of the comic page, which also featured "Smatter Pop," "Tailspin Tommy" (who was engaged in a raging air battle between open-cockpit bi-planes), "Ben Webster's Career," "The Nebs," and "The Bungle Family."

Will Rogers' comments ran daily on Page 1, while he and Wiley Post were preparing their ill-fated trip to Alaska.

THE valley's big economic news that week was the reopening of a mill. The story was told on Page 1:

"Operation of the Owen-Oregon lumber mill starting Monday morning with a repair crew and increasing during the ensuing two weeks to employment of 200 men was announced today by James H. Owen, former manager of the Owen-Oregon Lumber Co., and present manager of the new Medford corporation.

"Owen stated that re-opening of the mill, which has been closed since last August, after a slowing down of operations for the past four years, was authorized by H. F. Chaney, Portland, vice-president of the Medford corporation. . . The Medford corporation is a newly-formed organization which has replaced the Owen-Oregon Lumber Co. . .

"One of Jackson county's main industrial payrolls will be resumed by renewed operations of the mill. . .

THE League of Nations was being called into session in Geneva to consider the complaint of Ethiopia about the invasion of Italian troops.

Postmaster Frank DeSouza was elected vice-president of the State Association of Postmasters, meeting in Coquille.

The state highway commission assigned \$125,000 for work on the highway south of Ashland.

An Associated Press story reported that during 1934, the total tax income of the United States was \$9,401,737,000, or a per capita tax load of \$74.37.

Leonard Carpenter was appointed to the state planning board.

"Ready Made Wife," a fiction story, was running as a serial in the paper.

THE major continuing local story of the day still concerned the reverberations of the "Good Government Congress" disturbance, during which Constable George Prescott was killed and L. A. Banks was sentenced to life imprisonment for his murder.

The Granges and other organizations were engaged in a discussion of the appeals made for clemency for Banks. The Pomona Grange took up the matter, but "invoked the Grange rule, not to make public whatever action taken."

The big continuing state story was political. Attempts were being made to recall Democratic Gov. Charles Martin—attempts which were getting no help from the state Republican party nor from Joe Dunne, Martin's opponent in the preceding election.

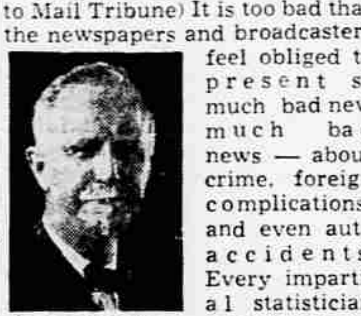
The state GOP, indeed, while condemning the "unprecedented waste" of the Roosevelt administration, also condemned the recall attempt, terming it intimidation of a public officer to "enforce selfish will."

THESE random items may mean little or nothing to those whose memories don't stretch back 20 years. But for those who lived through that odd era of depression, political hysteria and gathering warclouds, perhaps these paragraphs will evoke a few memories.

Perhaps they prove little or nothing—except, as we said, some things change but other things remain much the same.—E.A.

Babson . . . Crime, Accidents

By ROGER W. BABSON



Roger W. Babson

Babson Park, Mass. (Special to Mail Tribune) It is too bad that the newspapers and broadcasters feel obliged to present so much bad news — about crime, foreign complications, and even auto accidents. Every impartial statistician must be an optimist, to ferret out the facts.

It is true that these three unfortunate things are on the increase, and churches and schools are getting the blame for it. But when crime and accidents are reduced to a per-capita basis, the figures are not so bad. Our population is growing so fast that in reality there has been a decrease in crime and accidents when adjusted to the population growth.

Just think, since Hoover was in the White House the net population of the United States has increased over 40,000,000. This is almost equivalent to the entire population of Great Britain. In other words, if, say, the total population of Great Britain had been dumped into the United States in the last 25 years, would we not expect to have even more crime and trouble than we have now?

Automobile Nuisance One of Necessity I admit that parking problems are terrible. Unless our city fathers remedy these very soon, our merchants will suffer. When their sales decrease, manufacturers cannot sell as many goods and unemployment increases. But—considering the number of automobiles, it is remarkable that we can find any place to park our cars.

Yet, should we blame the automobile or the ignorance and short-sightedness of our municipal governments? What would any city do today without the automobile business? Close up the dealers, garages, gas stations, and repair shops, and what would we have left? A few blacksmiths would be shoeing horses and there would be dealers in hay and oats — but the life of our cities would be gone. However, we should have both the auto industry and sufficient free parking.

Bounties of Nature Makes for Blessings We not only have wonderful crops; but we have a billion bushels of grain in storage. In addition we have tons of eggs, butter, and other products in storage. No country in the world begins to have our blessings. This applies even to the wealth of the sea and the trees of the forests. Each week as I read a large Sunday paper I regret the acres of splendid woodland which were destroyed to give me the newspaper. Yet, I am assured that the growth exceeds the

destruction. When I learn of the great rivers which have not yet been harnessed, of the supplies of coal and oil which will last for centuries, and of other God-given natural resources, I am both humble and thankful. And we are just now learning about the power of uranium which may be found anywhere and a pound of which may do the work of 2,500,000 pounds of coal. It seems wicked for any of us to complain about anything. We perhaps are wasting precious time even bothering to look at stock-market operations or concerning ourselves about investigations. Speaking of "time," this is the only thing of which there is no surplus. Our TIME is the one thing which we cannot replace when it is wasted.

Freedom from War Seen Greatest Blessing Of all our blessings, perhaps the greatest is our freedom from war — and the possibility that World Wars may be at an end. Upon the highest military authority, I forecast that the hydrogen bomb may be a blessing in disguise. At any rate, we know that the draft calls are being reduced, and the orders for much military equipment are being canceled.

I grant that it makes some people pessimistic to read the newspapers; but the very fact that the newspapers publish no more about crime and accidents proves that the bad news is becoming proportionately less. Whenever I get pessimistic, which is very seldom, I read the history of England or of some other country. This shows that the world is getting better fast and that my job is to keep up with it. If you have any difficulty being optimistic, read each day one of the Psalms of David. There are 150 of these, so they will keep you busy for 5 months. They will be the best pills you can take.

Bethlehem Steel Has Record Earnings New York — (U.P.) — Bethlehem Steel Corp. had record earnings, production and shipments during the first half of 1955 and predicted the full year will bring the greatest earnings in its history.

Eugene G. Grace, chairman of the steel company, announced Thursday that a quarterly dividend of \$1.75 will be paid on the company's common stock. The last quarterly dividend was \$1.50.

Net income for the first half of 1955 was \$83,319,324, equivalent to \$8.25 a share. A year ago earnings amounted to \$55,558,350 or \$5.77 a share for the same period.

The company's sales for the first six months of \$1,002,012,434 compared with \$884,763,199 a year ago.

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LET'S look at it flatly. Under the law, before a man can serve the government of the United States he must divest himself—as did Secretary of Defense Wilson—of all his holdings in business concerns that may do business with the government.

Perhaps that is good. Possibly it is the way it should be done. Perhaps we can't trust ABLE men to serve their government honestly. It is possible that in government we must depend on the services of men of lesser caliber.

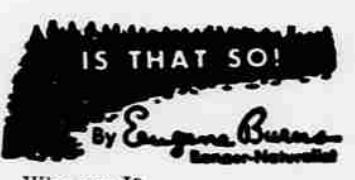
BUT— I'm happy to say— IN OREGON we have found that we don't have to do it that way.

THE membership of our state highway commission, over the nearly four decades in which we have had a highway commission, is an example.

From the very beginning, our highway commissioners have been chosen from among the ablest and best men to be found in Oregon. In a very large number of cases, they have been among the biggest and most successful businessmen in our state. During the period of their service they have handled what for Oregon have been IMMENSE sums of money and have dealt with all kinds of businesses, including those in which they have been personally interested.

AND— During all these years— THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A TAIN OF SCANDAL IN THE PERSONAL DEALINGS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE OREGON HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

PERSONALLY, I think our Oregon way has been a GOOD way.



Who am I? Where today I am found only in remote areas of India and south of the Sahara in Africa, I once ranged a large part of southeastern Europe, all of



Africa and across western Asia into India. In the main I favor open country — sandy, brush-covered plains or rocky places near streams. During the heat of the day, I take it easy doing most of my work at night.

A Samson of the animal world, I can fell an ox in a split second with one blow of my paw. My claws can rip through the hide of a rhinoceros. I have leaped 9-foot walls while carrying a half a calf in my mouth. In pursuit of my prey, I may travel 50-60 miles an hour for 100 yards.

One of the biggest of cats, I stand three feet or more at the shoulder and weigh upwards of 450 pounds — the female seldom exceeding 300. When angry, I pull down my ears, snarl ferociously exposing my formidable teeth and lash the tip of my tail which has a hook-like spur concealed in the tuft.

My majestic appearance is due in part to my strong shoulders and my thickly-furred head and luxuriant ruff. My mate has no ruff. We roar — mostly late afternoons and night.

We frequently stalk our prey — buffalo, eland, waterbuck, wildebeest, kudu or our favorite, zebra — near waterholes or grazing grounds.

Some of us pair for most of a lifetime. After a three and one-half months' gestation, a half dozen young may be born. At birth they are striped or thickly spotted but these markings fade rapidly leaving us a tawny color matching our background.

Unlike most mammals, males often bring food to the female when she is nursing but the mother takes care of intensive training the young which may last a year before they can stalk and bring down their own game.

My likeness is emblazoned on many banners and shields and I am known as the king of beasts — more for my dignified majesty than my savagery.

I am: 1. tiger; 2. puma; 3. lion; 4. wolf; 5. mountain lion. I am: 3. lion.

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Success of Geneva Conference Features Good News for Week

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst

Communications

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Claims Democrats Start Wars

To the Editor: One hundred years ago Franklin Pierce, a Democrat, was President. Since Pierce there have been six more Democratic Presidents up to now and fourteen more have been Republicans. It seems that Democrats have been a two to one favorite during the past one hundred years.

In the past forty years we have had four Republican Presidents, starting no wars, and three Democratic Presidents starting three wars.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower have all sought the sage advice and counsel of Herbert Hoover.

Perhaps if Abraham Lincoln were still alive his advice would be sought. He was the first President to be elected on the then new Republican ticket, and he carried out the mandate of that party—"To Free the Slaves."

Lawton M. Whiteley, 1022 SW Stark St., Portland 5, Portland.

How To Make RR's Pay

To the Editor: In June, I read a railroad article in "Reader's Digest" page 109, and considered writing a "letter to the editor," and to the Southern Pacific officials.

Now that Southern Pacific has announced discontinuance of what little passenger service we do have, I believe it would be a good thing to urge everyone to read how railroading CAN be made to pay. June Reader's Digest, "Two Men and the New York Central," particularly the fourth paragraph from the end.

Then, will many of you please read, "What Price Too Much Food?" in July Reader's Digest? I do realize that to discontinue the price-support program would bring hardship to many. However, isn't there a way to again let the consumer-demand determine what crops farmers will raise, instead of parity prices supported by taxpayers — the farmers themselves being among those who are paying very high taxes.

In the food article, the author states, "No one in Washington has enough public backing to dam the mounting flood (of surplus food)." Why don't we take steps to SUPPLY that "public backing."

Mrs. Wayne G. Carter, 730 Broad St., Medford, Ore.

Too Kind Hearted

To the Editor: This is a plea to all the kind-hearted folks in Medford, and I am sure every one considers himself in this group. Some are kinder than others, some are so kind they "just can't kill a little kitten." So little kitty goes for a ride to the country, where the really kind-hearted folks live, kitty is put out in the weeds and bushes and the domesticated animal has to fend for himself for days. It may find food or it may catch something as it watches the house and people where it suddenly found itself near. Its security is gone. The dogs and cats that "belong" there chase it every chance they get.

"The Black Kitty" our children tried to coax to the house finally got porcupine quills, so it had to be shot. It's no fun even when it isn't a pet.

Now we have a tiny grey kitten. Fortunately it was found within a couple of days; it's really too small to be without its mother. Its hoarse little cry led the children to it. This is the fourth cat in less than a year (some country folks could count more).

So Please, City Friends, take your unwanted animals to the Humane Society—now that you know the kitty you put out on the country road doesn't march up to a strange home and strange people and live happily ever after.

Mrs. J. W. Garris

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

THE GOOD

1. President Eisenhower and the prime ministers of Great Britain, France and the U.S. agreed that their "summit" conference in Geneva was a success. "It is my judgment that the prospects of a lasting peace with justice, well-being and broader freedom are brighter." Gen. Eisenhower said in his closing statement. Reporting later to the people of the United States in a television-radio statement, he said the "acid test" of good intentions will come when the Big Four foreign ministers enter detailed negotiations in Geneva in October. British Prime Minister Anthony Eden announced that Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist party leader Nikita S. Khrushchev had accepted an invitation to visit London next spring.

2. Hope was strengthened that 51 Americans now held in Communist China might be released. It was announced that negotiations would start in Geneva next Monday between the United States ambassador to Czechoslovakia and the Chinese Red Ambassador to Poland on the release of Americans. The State Department emphasized that no question of recognition of Red China was involved. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said the Geneva talks might lead later to a meeting between him and Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai on broader issues.

3. Austria regained its sovereignty as the result of the ratification of the recently concluded Austrian treaty. The flags of the four occupying powers—United States, Britain, France and Russia — were hauled down from their staffs on the Allied Council Building in Vienna. Austria had lost its independence when Nazi Germany seized it on March 12, 1938.

THE BAD

1. Trigger-happy Bulgarian anti-aircraft gunners shot down an Israeli air liner which inadvertently crossed a few miles into the territory of the Communist iron curtain country on a flight from London to Israel. Fifty-eight persons including 12 Americans — and five Russians — were killed. Bulgaria apologized. But the tragedy emphasized the fact that despite some relaxation of East-West tension, the situation along the Iron Curtain frontier facing Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey is still bad.

2. The armistice in Korea entered its third year, with no peace treaty in sight. The Communists have cheated ever since the truce was signed. South Korea threatened, on the anniversary day Wednesday, to throw the Polish and Czechoslovak Communist members of the truce supervisory committee out of the country.

3. The situation in Indochina continued to get more threatening. South Viet Nam forces still fighting troops of rebel political-religious sects. Viet Nam Premier Ngo Dinh Diem had resisted United States, British and French pressure to discuss with Communist northern Viet Nam the national election which, under the Indochina armistice, is supposed to be held next year to unify the country.

Portland Youngsters Saved by Lifeguards

Cannon Beach, Ore. — (U.P.) — Two Portland youngsters were rescued by lifeguards here yesterday after a strong undertow pulled them out