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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 Sept. 21, 1945 (It was Friday) County assistance to aged, needy totals \$8,097 for August, including help for 204 persons.

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1935 (It was Saturday) Tests conducted in city schools cut out waste time in spelling lessons.

30 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1925 (It was Monday) Legal battle raging over dismantling of Jacksonville-Medford railroad.

40 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1915 (It was Tuesday) First district's Federation of Women's club to meet at Presbyterian church Wednesday.

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

1. A defeated candidate for President has been renominated in the past by the Republicans, the Democrats, both or neither?

2. Maximum retirement annuity for one person under social security is now more or less than \$100 a month?

3. There was no joy in Muddville because of the result of a football match, gold tournament, horse race, baseball game or prize fight?

4. The Moral Rearmament Movement (M.R.A.) was inspired by Mary Baker Eddy, Cardinal Spellman, Billy Graham, Albert Einstein, or Dr. Frank Buchman?

5. Which one of these has its capital on the Mississippi River: Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana?

6. For every person killed in auto accidents today about 10, 25, 40, 55 or 70 persons are injured?

7. Former Vice President Alben W. Barkley is a federal judge, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, state governor, in private law practice, or in retirement.

The answers: 1. By both (Cleveland and Bryan by the Democrats, Dewey of the Republicans.) 2. More. 3. Baseball game ("Casey at the Bat.") 4. Dr. Buchman. 5. Louisiana. 6. About 40. 7. U.S. Senator.

MILL WORKER KILLED Stayton, Ore. — (U.P.) — Mill worker George William Bracher, 24, Scio, was fatally injured yesterday when his clothing caught in a planer at an Aumsville mill. He was dead on arrival at Santiam memorial hospital.

New Schools Soon

It won't be long before we're going to have to build another school building (or buildings) in Medford.

Members of the school board haven't said so yet—out loud, anyway. But a casual glance at the Mail Tribune's story on Monday, which recorded the fact that school population was up by 13.3 per cent over last year, makes the conclusion inevitable.

"BUT," you might say, "we just got through building two new buildings! How long is this going to go on?"

To which we could reply, "Quite a while, friend—quite a while." Medford is growing fast, and the end is not yet in sight. Population forecasts all predict that the growth of the Pacific Coast, which got such an impetus during World War II, will continue at a rapid rate.

This includes Medford. We can't help it.

SCHOOL authorities, in commenting on this year's primary school registration, pointed out that the sixth grade of last year, which now is in junior high school, is smaller than this year's first grade—and the difference is the equivalent to six full classrooms.

There have been increases in other grades, too. Not only are people moving into the area, but those already here are contributing to the increase in population.

THE conclusion is obvious. If we want to have our children well-housed in schools, and not crowded up into unmanageably large classes, we'll simply have to provide more classrooms—and more teachers.

Medford has never stinted its schools, and we don't think it will begin now. Most of us realize that our best hope for a solid future for the community and the nation is education.—E.A.

What Kind of State?

This business of population increase has other ramifications besides increasing school needs.

The Eugene Register-Guard, in a thoughtful editorial, points out that there is a basic dilemma in watching the growth of the state. On the one hand, we need more industry to support larger payrolls. On the other hand, we face the possible loss of some of our recreational and esthetic values if this is done.

"What do we want?" the R-G asks. "Do we want to be like Maine—a consciously 'backward' area, the hunting and fishing preserve of an immense industrial hinterland. . . ?" Some people, the Guard adds, want the beauties of the state kept as they are.

But, it adds, "the prospect of 'development' is appealing too," with bigger payrolls, increased land values, social and cultural advantages and other attractions.

THE Guard concludes that it may be possible to "split the difference," and line out a balanced future for ourselves—a plan of development carrying with it a plan for the preservation of our present values; a plan for conservation carrying with it a plan for use.

And these plans should be carried out in the light of what Oregon is likely to be like 100 years from now. We mustn't plan too small. And we mustn't keep our wilderness so wild that only a privileged few of our citizens can enjoy it.

WE think the Guard has something there. We too have been torn between our desires for increased economic wealth for the region and the state and our love for Oregon as it is and as it has been.

"Splitting the difference" will not be an easy job to do. It will take the best and most far-sighted legislators we can elect; it will require a certain yielding and compromise on the part of various interest groups; it will take an understanding on the part of the people as a whole as to what is needed.

The only thing certain about the future is that changes are coming. If we want to badly enough, we can see that the changes are to the good rather than to the bad.—E.A.

Wouldn't Be The Same

Speaking of change, we note with mixed feelings that a serious proposal has been made to admit peers of Great Britain to the House of Lords.

Our feelings are mixed because, while we have every confidence in the world in the ability and rights of women in general, we have a sneaking worry about what is probably one of the few remaining exclusively men's organizations in the world. (Did you notice where a woman was admitted to a Veterans Administration domiciliary home in the East recently?)

THE United States Senate, sometimes called with justice the most exclusive club in the world, has had a number of women members. Most of mankind's parliaments have also had women in their ranks. But the House of Lords? It just wouldn't be the same.—E.A.

NO INTERRUPTION

Elizabethtown, Ill. — (U.P.) — A high wind blew down an old maple tree here recently, blocking a street. When workmen started clearing the street, they found a nest of young woodpeckers in one of the limbs. The workmen tied the piece onto another tree and the parent woodpeckers resumed rearing their brood.

LAKE PEAK

Grand Haven, Mich. — (U.P.) — The level of Lake Michigan is expected to reach a peak of about 581.8 feet in July, U. S. Army Engineers report. The level will be about an inch higher than last year's peak and nine inches below the modern high of 582.69 feet in 1952. The all-time high level of 583.68 feet was set in June, 1886.

Is That So?

Regarding snakes, did you know . . . there are some 3,000 species, some of which are found in most parts of the world where the subsoil is not permanently frozen, even within the Arctic circle where a viper inhabits the Scandinavian Peninsula.

All snakes are carnivorous. To accommodate the elongated, narrow body, snake's internal organs have made strange adaptations: while a mammal's heart has four chambers, that of the snake has only three; its two lungs are extremely elongated—

In the Day's News

Stark tragedy in the news: Mrs. Donald Pullen (aged 28) of Portland was killed the other night on the upper Columbia highway when a rock plunged down a hillside and was struck by the car in which she was riding with her husband and two children.

The husband—who escaped, along with the children, with bad bruises—said he and his wife were singing happily as they rode along the highway to the Pendleton Round-up. The children were asleep in the back seat. He saw the shadow of the rock coming down the hillside. Before he could check his speed his car hit the rock, which was nearly two feet in diameter.

It rolled three or four times. When it came to rest, life with all its joys and sorrows was over for the young mother.

THERE is probably no way to avoid such hazards of the road.

But there are so MANY hazards that COULD be guarded against by BETTER DRIVING.

Because they could be guarded against, they are perhaps more tragic than this one.

THE Free Europe Bulletin in Vienna says guns and ammunition are being sent by munitions plants in Communist Czechoslovakia to rebel tribes in French North Africa, where the natives are engaged in a bitter and bloody ruckus with the French.

It adds that pistols are being sold to the tribesmen at sharply reduced prices.

PASTE this in your hat: Wherever there is trouble in the world, you will find the commies stirring the pot and putting fuel on the fire.

SPEAKING of pots, there's always a dash of politics (in these days when another big political campaign is getting underway) in the mulligan stew that we call the news.

Speaking at a \$100-a-plate Democratic party fund-raising dinner in San Francisco the other night, Pennsylvania's Democratic Governor leader said the Democrats will be VERY HAPPY to take on President Eisenhower in 1956.

He added: "President Eisenhower is NOT the best man for the country. "He is NOT the best man to seek and keep the peace. "He is NOT a great President. "He is NOT a leader."

ONE can't help being reminded of the fall of 1935, when the GOP politicians—who were OUT and wanted very much to get back IN—were laying plans to take FDR to the cleaners in 1936.

History tells us they didn't get very far. LET'S close this hodgepodge with a tale about a boy and his dog and a porcupine. The boy and his dog were enjoying an autumn ramble in the wooded hills near his home town. Suddenly a porcupine appeared in the trail ahead, waddling along in the what-the-heck manner that porcupines have.

BEING a very small boy, and having been well brought up as to guns in the immediate vicinity of towns, he didn't have a .22 along. But he had been hearing about Porky's depre-dations in the growing timber that will some day provide raw material for great pulp and paper factories in Southern Oregon (along with large and very acceptable payrolls), and he felt that something ought to be done. Lacking other weapons, he picked up a rock and bounced it off Porky's frame. But porcupines are durable. This one waddled right on. Another rock brought no better results.

THAT nettled our hero. He was wearing a pair of heavy new boots, with stocky soles studded with hobnails, and he waded in to kick the stuffing out of Porky. The result? The net of it was that he RUINED a pair of new boots. The porcupine's quills penetrated the heavy leather, leaving the inside of them feeling just like interior of a well-stocked pin-cushion.

AT that moment, the dog waded in. You know the rest. The upshot of the affair was a pair of ruined boots and a practically ruined dog. The porcupine waddled off. Porky is a rugged character.



By EUGENE BURNS Ranger-Naturalist

the right one being much more developed than the left.

All snakes lack movable eyelids, external ear openings, and breast bones. Some have up to 435 vertebrae.

A snake's teeth are not for chewing. They swallow their food whole. The teeth are used primarily for catching their prey and for pushing it into the stomach which can be greatly distended to meet the occasions.

Snakes may be born either alive or hatch from eggs. In the great majority of species, the mother take no interest whatever in her offspring.

A snake lives a comparatively short life: in captivity, only one snake has been known to live more than 29 years—that was an anaconda. Others have lived 20 years or slightly longer. In the wild, it is highly improbable that they live that long—what with predatory by birds, animals and diseases.

One snake—a relative of the Cobra and highly venomous—has adopted itself to a marine life. To facilitate its progress in water its body is compressed from side to side and the tail is flattened to form a most efficient oar-like appendage. Valves close throat and nostrils completely for submersion.

These sea snakes, which are confined to the Pacific and Indian oceans, go ashore only for egg laying, managing to climb about on slippery rocks. As soon as the baby snakes are hatched, they drop into the sea to begin their marine existence—feeding entirely on fish.

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Letter Said Unfair

To the Editor: It all depends what we are used to. That letter in the Mail Tribune by a tourist from Illinois condemning logging truck drivers is most unfair. It is true they drive hard and load all the law allows. But that is necessary if the loggers are to have any take-home pay to maintain their way of life. In my six years covering the logging and sawmill scene over the six western states, only one log-trucker was found who had his truck and trailer paid for and still in shape to haul logs. Farther south and earliest logging was down old Santa Cruz way where logs were skidded to the ocean by ox-team and boomed onto sailing vessels for delivery to the Golden Gate for '49 gold rushers.

No drivers on our highways are more conscious of other drivers than the log-trucker. Often they will drive dangerously near the shoulder to wave following cars by. One went too far over at the Butte Falls intersection when an elderly couple came wheeling into Crater Lake highway, right in front of the speeding log truck. Its driver did the usual thing, went way out, too far out and over the grade, saving the elderly couple from injury or loss of life. He survived and his rig was not too badly damaged. The telephone people had a new pole to install and a picture I got proves it all. People may not realize it but such action of log-truckers is common. I know it to be a fact, seen too much of it.

Also, we must remember that logging in Oregon is a vital mainstay to our economy and the day is not too far distant when these loads of the "big sticks" will be but a memory.

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BLEMISHED RECORD

Toledo, O. — (U.P.) — Cars operated by David Sipple, 72, and Clinton Watts, 73, collided here, ending a total of 90 years of accident-free driving between them.

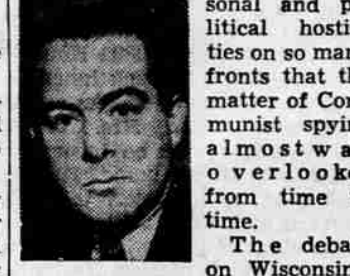
STEADY WORK

Elisworth, Mich. — (U.P.) — Tracy E. (Ben) Boss, 76, is serving his 47th term as treasurer of Banks Township. Boss was first elected in 1905 and has held the job continuously since then except for a four-year period when he took time out to operate a farm.

McCarthy Debate Almost Turned Attention From Communist Spies

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Correspondent

Washington — (U.P.) — The nation's debate on Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy aroused so many personal and political hostilities on so many fronts that the matter of Communist spying almost was overlooked from time to time.



The debate on Wisconsin's junior Republican senator has subsided. The Republican Party benched him as an undesirable in the 1954 congressional campaign. That pleased, if it did not entirely content, McCarthy's angry opponents. The senator's friends may find some comfort in the fact that with McCarthy on the

bench, the Republicans lost a congressional election.

However that may be, very recent developments in Great Britain, Australia and the United States strongly support suspicion that Communist spies are as aggressively active today as they ever were in the days of Alger Hiss.

British newspapers suddenly are scolding the Foreign Office, the security set-up and officialdom, in general, for permitting Guy Burgess and Donald MacLean to skip the country during investigation of evidence that both foreign service officers were Soviet agents.

British editors turned Red-baiters and on their own officials when the evidence of a Soviet master spy, Vladimir M. Petrov, revealed the opportunities which MacLean and Burgess had and still have to weaken free world defenses.

Petrov was the Russian MVD (Internal Affairs Department) espionage chief in Australia for some years until April 3, 1954, when he changed sides and began confessing all. His all-revealed penetration of the Australian foreign office and contained particular details of MacLean's and Burgess' activities, the latter as a member of the British Embassy in Washington, as well as the Foreign Office. Burgess was secretary in Washington of a committee of diplomats dealing with atomic energy, possessed a pass to the United States Atomic Energy Commission office.

This pair's activities as spies ceased in 1951 when, it now is established, they fled to the Soviet Union. But Petrov's general information was more up to date. An Australian royal commission was set up last year to investigate Petrov's documents and his story. The commission now has reported: 1. From about 1943 until at least February, 1953, the Soviet Union was operating from its embassy in Australia an espionage organization to collect military information. 2. From 1943 until Petrov deserted in April, 1954, political espionage was separately being conducted from the embassy under auspices of Moscow's MVD. 3. The Soviet also sought to organize spy rings to operate independently of the embassy.

Russia Not Expected To Weaken Western Europe Defense Setup

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

It looks as if Russia will not get far in its new attempt to weaken the Western defense system in Europe.

On the contrary, there is every indication that the United States and its allies will continue to strengthen their position. Chancelor Konrad Adenauer announced emphatically yesterday that despite the agreements he made in Moscow, he will proceed with the formation of a 500,000-man West German fighting force.

The Kremlin's smiling "new look," he said, is just a phase of the cold war, and its aim still is to conquer the world for Communism.

In Madrid, Air Force Secretary Donald Quarles made it known that the United States not only will continue building its bases in Spain but may amplify its program. In announcing their intention to give up the Porkkala military base which they compelled little Finland to lease to them, the Russians invited the United States to abandon its foreign bases.

Quarles' disclosure seems to constitute at least an interim reply to that invitation. The United States program in Spain is little publicized. But it is important. For one thing, Spain's situation, at the southwest corner of the Pyrenees Mountains, is strategically strong.

For another, while Communism might still become a threat in France and Italy, there is no Communist problem in Spain.

Generalissimo Francisco Franco agreed in 1953 to give the United States facilities for an extensive system of air and naval bases dotted all around the Spanish Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts.

There was considerable coldness between the United States and Spain after World War II, in which Franco remained neutral. The United Nations maintained a diplomatic boycott against him for a time.

But Franco never was a threat to any other nation, and the dire threat of Russian aggression altered the situation radically.

Franco may be a dictator but he is considered a valuable ally. Because there is no bombast about him, he gets little publicity. It is little known that the short, plump, mild-looking Spanish leader, now 62, had a long and brilliant military career. Nor that at a time when there was widespread corruption and inefficiency in the army, he was known nationally as a man of incorruptible honesty and efficiency.

Franco was made a captain in the army at 20 for heroism in action against rebels in Spanish Morocco. He rose to be chief of staff.

An unusual compliment was paid to him last week: A French

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