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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. Oct. 16, 1945. (It was Tuesday).

Grace Holms, Florence Bolton, Irene Grigsby, and Effie Kurtz return from Portland where they attended district conference of Zonta International.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The first country sausage of the autumnal season has shown up.

20 YEARS AGO. Oct. 16, 1935. (It was Wednesday).

Jackson county budget committee approves \$526,050 budget, levy of \$355,940; set hearing Nov. 6.

Jackson county Parent Teacher association issues plea for new members.

30 YEARS AGO. Oct. 16, 1925. (It was Friday).

Public Service commission holds hearing on W. S. Barnum's request to tear up Jacksonville-Medford railroad tracks; delegation wants line continued to Copper.

From Foothills Creek items: Preliminary work at the Black Channel gold mine is now under way to prepare dwellings for the men.

40 YEARS AGO. Oct. 16, 1915. (It was Saturday).

F. S. Bramwell, field manager for Utah-Oregon Sugar company, announces \$500,000 available for sugar beet industry development in Rogue valley.

From Sams Valley news: The Sams Valley Telephone company is procuring some fine new posts for the telephone line.

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

1. Most 1956 cars are expected to have altogether different engines from their '55 counterparts; right or wrong?

2. Most miscarriages occur in the first or the second half of pregnancy, or is it 50-50?

3. There is less or more buying of stocks fully for cash today than some months back, or about the same?

4. Which of these British Labor Party leaders have been prime ministers: Attlee, Bevan, Bevin, Gaitskell, MacDonald?

5. Average social security payments to retired elderly couples are now considerably less or more than \$100 a month, or about \$100?

6. Most pepper used in the U. S. is grown here, or comes from South America, India-Indonesia, Italy, or Spain-Portugal?

7. In Washington Marion B. Folsom is a Senator, Cabinet member, diplomat from Britain, coach of the Redskins, or social secretary to Mrs. Eisenhower? The answers: 1. Wrong. 2. Most in first half. 3. More now. 4. Attlee and MacDonald. 5. About \$100 as average. 6. Most from India-Indonesia. 7. Cabinet member (health, education and welfare).

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Oct. 14—With the mercury at 82 everyone here it the hotel is remarking that it is too hot "for this time of the year." We can't claim to be a San Francisco pioneer but we have been here frequently enough since 1910 to know that 82 is not unusual for "this time of year."

Very sorry to hear that Ralph Sweeney has had to retire from the post of county treasurer. He has been on the job there for many years, and as far as the voters are concerned could have remained there indefinitely.

We can't figure out how the San Francisco area gets along with so little rain. For a month now there hasn't been a drop and "fair and warmer" is the week-end prediction.

Had an unexpected meeting with another "Old Grad" yesterday and we agreed on athletics if not on politics. The decline of amateurism in college athletics and especially football was the chief topic.

But this Ronnie Knox case at UCLA really got busy on our respective blood pressures. This is the young man who first went to Berkeley but when Papa Waldorf didn't come through with various and sundry emoluments, Ronnie's fast working father-in-law stepped in, and ordered his athletic prodigy to Los Angeles.

We note from the MT that Frank Jenkins, Klamath Falls editor, told a luncheon meeting of Republican women at the Hotel Jackson that, quote:

"I am sure they (Senators Neuberger and Morse) would rather see Southern Oregon a desert than allow development of private power."

Surprised that our courteous and considerate colleague should repeat this mendacious and malicious accusation originally coined by one of the rabid up-state partisans of private power.

As has often been remarked in this department we have never been able to understand why this highly complicated and controversial issue can't be argued by both sides without indulging in name-calling, irrelevant personalities or intemperate language.

The complete absurdity of such a charge becomes immediately apparent to anyone familiar with the situation in Southern Oregon. For here the California Oregon Power company, a private corporation, has operated for several generations, and has steadily extended its field of operations and control, with no effective competition from any federal project in the picture at all.

Washington. By Roscoe Drummond. HOGS, PRICES AND POLITICS. Washington—The Eisenhower administration is today faced with an acute political problem because of a moderate but politically exploitable decline in farm prices.

Actually the Administration faced the same kind of acute problem in 1954 because of a moderate but politically exploitable unemployment.

In last year's "unemployment crisis"—which was purposely exaggerated by some—the Administration stood by its principles. Despite political pressure and temptation, despite the oncoming Congressional election, the Administration did not rush precipitously into a large program of made work and mass scale deficit spending.

And that is perfectly true. He won't—not any more than the President did in dealing with the decline of employment in 1954. He holds that a government-managed farm economy is no more possible in its competitive enterprise system than a government managed industrial economy and that steps which lead continuously away from bringing farm production into balance with consumption will end by hurting the American farmer, not benefitting him.

SECRETARY Benson has faced a revolt in the Republican party ranks before and with the backing of the President, won out. When beef prices were off, some time back, the Republican farm-bloc Congressmen took out after Benson. Their cry was: "Benson must go." Mr. Eisenhower decided otherwise and cattle raisers are doing very well today.

Now the same issues arises over hog prices. The drum-beats of another "get-Benson" crusade by some panicky Republican Senate and House farm politicians can now be heard in the distance and they are going to get louder before they get quieter.

There are two reasons why Vice-President Nixon is trying to resolve or compromise the Cabinet division as quickly as possible. Sherman Adams feels that a divided, controversial Cabinet paper should not be put to President Eisenhower at this

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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Demand of Government

To the Editor: The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is a voluntary organization of men who have honorably served outside the United States in the armed forces of our country during time of war and uprising when the lives and property of Americans were in peril.

We, as an organization, have no political aspirations nor do we endorse any political party or candidates thereof. We lay no claim to being better morally than any other group of like size of good Americans. However we do share, through our order and service to our country, a great love for the United States of America, its laws and institutions.

We believe the Constitution of the United States is a good and just document and that it, together with its various amendments, should be the guide for all Americans. It guarantees to us certain rights and privileges but also imposes responsibilities upon us.

We can enjoy our freedoms and liberties only so long as we protect them and must be constantly alert since we have enemies boring from within as well as the threats to our liberties from outside sources. The politico who uses his influence for the benefit of a few is just as much an enemy to our way of life as the foreign power that tries to conquer us, and the office holder who puts his political party above the best interests of all the people is no better.

There are three things we demand from our local government—COMPETENCE, HONESTY AND IMPARTIALITY.

Dan F. Krotz II, Chairman for Community Service, Steelhead Post, VFW, Shady Cove, Ore.

Dreary Sameness. To the Editor: There is a rapidly growing number of people who, like myself, are becoming very concerned with the regularity of labor union's demands for higher and still higher rates of pay, fringed with longer paid vacation and other benefits. Now the union leaders must know, and the rank and file also, that as their demands increase the cost product of the labor, so too must the price be increased to the consumer.

THE connecting link between Soviet arms for Egypt and Jordan river water is the mood of the Israeli leaders. They will be importantly reassured if the water agreement receives Arab approval.

At present, however, the tension in Tel Aviv is stated to be extreme. The reason for the tension is the Israeli government's passionate belief that the Egyptians quite certainly, and the Syrians and Saudi Arabians quite possibly, mean to use their new Soviet arms against the Jewish state in Palestine.

At present, Israel's armed strength appears to be greater than the strength of Israel's hostile neighbors. But if the Egyptian Army is to be massively strengthened with Soviet MIG-15s, medium bombers and other arms, the balance between Israel and her neighbors will be proportionally altered.

There is a reason for it all. My personal observation says it is loss of pride of accomplishment. The union steward told me, when, sourly viewing my own devised double-cut tool that reduced the roughing out of a 600 lb. slug of steel for the valve carrier in the triple-expansion engines we were building for Liberty ships, from a full eight hours to three hours and twenty minutes, "Pop, we don't want any speed-up here, put in your time at what's to be done. When the whistle blows, that's it."

No lift for the worker in happy eagerness to better quality and quantity of his day's product. Same old dreary sameness day after day till the employee is ready for a strike or anything to break the deadly monotony of dreary sameness of waiting for the whistle to blow. It is not a question of wages that are ample now for a good way of life, far better than most of the world's people. Powerful labor leaders should heed what happened to our railroads in

stage of his recuperation. Secondly, if Mr. Benson cannot soon affirm a clear and strong White House position, the initiative will be grabbed by every vote-scared farm-bloc Republican Congressman, support for the Administration's program will be dropped piecemeal off the rear of the political train and the Republican party will be a house divided against itself on one of the basic policies for which it has stood since Mr. Eisenhower's election.

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Matter of Fact

RUSSIANS BEARING GIFTS. Washington—Assistant Secretary of State George Allen has returned from his hasty trip to Egypt with the report to the State Department that there is serious danger of a full-scale renewal of the Arab-Israeli war.



Stewart Alsop

when the Kremlin offered surplus Soviet arms to the Egyptian, Syrian and Saudi Arabian governments.

It can further be stated on undoubted authority that comparable Soviet arms offers have now been made to Peru and Ecuador. Hints of a possible arms deal have been dropped in Mexico City. An there is a good possibility of a future Soviet

offer to Brazil, where a left-wing government headed by Juscelino Kubitschek seems to be coming to power.

The Soviet arms offers in South America have caused the extreme disquiet among the Eisenhower Administration policy-makers. But they represent nothing like the immediate threat of the Soviet arms deals in the Middle East.

Assistant Secretary of State Allen was sent hurrying to Cairo in the hope of preventing the Egyptian-Soviet deal, which is by far the most important. The hope proved vain, and Allen returned with his report of war danger, which has, until now, been closely guarded by the State Department.

What is expected to be a major test of the acuteness of the danger will occur within a day or two. The Arab states are then due to give their verdict on the deal for sharing Jordan river water with Israel, which Eric Johnston has been trying to negotiate as President Eisenhower's representative.

If the Johnston proposal is accepted by the Arabs, the war danger will be considerably down-graded. But if the Jordan river water agreement is again rejected, as it has been once already, it is thought that the situation may move toward the crisis stage.

Even after Chinese and other satellite requirements have been met, the supply of Soviet arms obviously exceeds the demand, for the Soviets manufactured no less than 15,000 MIG-15s, for instance, before beginning to replace the MIG-15s with better models.

The huge resulting stocks of unwanted aircraft, and indeed of tanks and guns too, have now been turned to account in a most astute manner. There has been no pressing or over-eagerness on the part of the Soviets. In the case of Egypt, for example, the first overture was made by the editor of "Pravda," Dmitri T. Shepilov, in the course of his interview with Colonel Nasser.

EGYPT and the Soviet Union, said Shepilov, ought to have closer relations on all fronts. Even military relations of a kind were not impossible. Why should not the Egyptians buy Soviet arms on credit, paying off over a long term with Egyptian cotton, for example? This seemingly casual and unofficial beginning, the Egyptian deal grew from a seemingly routine diplomatic call by the Soviet Ambassador to Teheran on King Saud, when the Arabian ruler was visiting the Shah of Iran.

The Soviets have been careful to avoid putting any strings on the arms they offer. Substantial credits are being extended—in the case of Egypt as high as \$75,000,000. The Czechoslovaks are being used as ostensible intermediaries; and in South America the arms offers seem actually to have been made by Czechs. Finally, the local Communist parties have been ordered to reduce their activities to the point of invisibility, in order to lull the possible fears of Soviet intervention among the prospective recipients of Soviet arms.

Altogether, there has been no finer manifestation of the Geneva spirit. (Copyright, 1955, New York Herald Tribune Inc.)

Fire Debris Cleared At Hansen Building. Debris from a fire in the Will Hansen building, Bartlett and Sixth sts., was being cleaned up late last week, but plans for future building are pending, Hansen said.

The building was gutted by fire last July with damage estimated at more than \$100,000. The building housed Medford Furniture company and Walkefield Drapery company, which have since moved to temporary locations.

Hansen said plans have not been completed for restoration of the building.

Staff member's definition of a pear: A banana with its girdle off.

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POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

Now this is real complicated, so read carefully. It involves three different newspapers, three newspapermen and at least two babies.

Not long ago, Bob Chandler, editor of the Bend Bulletin, became a father, and commented (anonymously) on the fact in his editorial column. His comment was picked up by the Albany Democrat-Herald and reprinted by Editorial Writer George Turnbull, with appropriate comment. In turn, the D-H's comment was reprinted by the Coos Bay Times. Here it is as it appeared in the latter two papers:

"A new-born baby we know (weight 5 1/2 pounds) has the other five members of her family (collective eight 47 1/2 pounds) hopping at her every sneeze, cry and burp." This is the way Robert W. Chandler... announces a fourth child in the family. He is discovering again what parents get forgetting, that the smug dictatorship of the recently born is, roughly, in inverse proportion to their weight."

As printed in the C-B Times, the item was headed, "Yes, We Know, Grandfather," which is confusing until one realizes that Kenneth E. Johnson, managing editor of the C-B Times, is the son-in-law of Albany Editorialist Turnbull, and recently went through a similar experience.

Wayne Morse, senior United States senator from Oregon, is known to political friends and foe alike as a fiery orator.

Which may or may not have anything to do with the fact that during a talk at St. Mary's school last week, the fire alarm sounded for a routine drill and the students dutifully filed out of the auditorium, leaving the senator temporarily without an audience.

Mrs. D. Kirkland West, who spent many years in China with her missionary husband and family, was an interested listener last week as Dr. Walter Judd, himself a former China medical missionary, spoke here. During his talk he mentioned how his growing daughters at one point objected to their "fuddy-duddy missionary father," but how as the years passed they came to appreciate him more.

After the meeting Mrs. West related that her son, Bruce, was sitting with her during the talk. At that point in the speech, she said, she reached back to pinch his leg to call his attention to the speaker's point about children of missionaries.

"But in the darkness I think I pinched the wrong leg," she said. "Then I didn't dare look around to see who it was."

Chuck Risse, who operates a downtown service station, was taking care of somebody's English-made, hand-braked bicycle the other day, and was to put it in the back of a station wagon. He decided to ride it across the station lot, rather than push it, and as he approached the car, was seen pedalling madly backwards, yelling, "How do you stop this darn thing?!"

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A week from today Marie Myers (Mrs. H. P.) Bosworth is to help officiate at a tree-planting ceremony at E. H. Hedrick Junior High school in observance of United Nations week.

A contributor is amused by the fact that, some 40 years ago, Mrs. Bosworth (then Miss Myers) helped out at a tree-planting at the then-new public library.

In the first ceremony, Miss Myers danced a highland fling; during the second, Scotch bagpipes are to be heard, which, proves, our contributor declares, that history DOES repeat itself.

Q. The firm where we are employed has a lower wage scale for women than men because it claims women are off work more. Is this a fair reason?

A. The extent of absences from work has been shown to vary with individual workers, not necessarily differing between men and women. Most employees must be on the job regularly to hold their jobs. Excessive absence may affect any individual's right to the job or opportunities for promotion. It does not justify discriminatory wage rates between men and women holding comparable jobs.

Q. We employ a man and a woman on the same type of job. The man consistently produces more than the woman. Can't he be paid more?

A. Yes, higher wages may be paid on the basis of production records. They may be based on piecework, an incentive system, bonus plan or merit system. Equal rates of pay must be paid, however, irrespective of sex.

A. Does equal pay allow a difference in wages because of seniority of service?

A. The law permits a differential in wages based on the length of service as long as it applies equally to men and women employees.

If you have a question you may write Commissioner Norman O. Nilson, State Bureau of Labor, Salem, Ore.

La Grande Fire Chief Resigns; 'Needs Rest' La Grande — (J.P.) — Fire Chief Harley Hutchison said yesterday he was resigning from the department effective Nov. 1. Hutchison has been a member of the department for 33 years.

Hutchison said, "I feel like a rest." A successor probably will be named within the next week, according to City Manager Jess Parker.

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