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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. 24, 1945 (It was Wednesday) Plans made for Junior Chamber of Commerce board of director's convention here Saturday and Sunday.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The first snow has appeared on the summit of Mt. Ashland, just enough to leave a white fluff on the foliage. According to local tradition, this is a sign of snow on Mt. Ashland, and a hard winter.

20 YEARS AGO Oct. 24, 1935 (It was Thursday) Medford man killed in mine cave - in at Miller's Gulch.

30 YEARS AGO Oct. 24, 1925 (It was Saturday) G. O. Sanden chosen secretary and W. D. Welch elected treasurer of Presbyterian church Men's club.

From Local and Personal column: City lots, it was announced today, can be purchased only through the six members of the realty board, who have an option giving them exclusive sales rights for 60 days. The campaign which opened this week, has already figured in the sale of several lots, and it is a general expectation that the original number of 63 lots, all of which are on the pavement, will have been disposed of before the expiration of the option.

40 YEARS AGO Oct. 24, 1915 (It was Sunday) A team belonging to A. P. Whitney became frightened at a moving box car on the S.P. track at Central Point Saturday and ran away, crashing into and tearing down an electric wire pole.

Oregon Governor Withycombe and staff to be here for dedication of new armory.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. Red China's admission to UN will be decided by the present session of the UN General Assembly before it adjourns; right or wrong? 2. TV networks charge about \$65,000, \$16,500, \$65,000 or \$165,000 for an hour's time in mid-evening? 3. The Senate almost a year ago voted to censure Sen. McCarthy by a narrow margin, or by about a 3-2, 2-1, 3-1, or 4-1 vote? 4. The Elsie Dinmore books were written by Harriet B. Stowe, Lydia Pinkham, Mary Haworth, Martha F. Finley, Dorothy Dix or Charlotte Bronte. 5. The Constitution as adopted in 1789 contained seven, ten, seventeen or 22 articles? 6. The Ryder cup is contested at tennis, college football, polo, golf, or horse racing? 7. Bouillabaisse is a French work for a: Settler in Canada, ardent kiss, soup, formal evening gown, or sailors' chant? The Answers: 1. Wrong; issue has been postponed to 1956. 2. About \$65,000. 3. Vote of about 3-1. 4. Martha F. Finley. 5. Seven. 6. Golf. 7. Soup.

The New Annexation Plan

Will the new annexation proposal be rejected? As the Senior Editor of this department remarks occasionally, "We shall see what we shall see." If logic and reasonableness and good will and a sincere regard for the progress of Medford prevail, the annexation will be approved. If suspicion and bitterness and unreasoning fear prevail, it will not.

WE are willing to concede that the "mass annexation" which was so soundly defeated last July (and which, incidentally, this newspaper strongly supported), has its drawbacks. But we still maintain that, by and large, it would have been a step in the right direction. A majority of the voters in the area affected disagreed.

Now there will be a new election to permit residents of a smaller area to pass on the proposal. Why?

Are the city fathers trying to "cram something down the throats" of those living there? Are they "greedy for more tax money"? Fiddlesticks!! Of course not.

WHAT they are trying to do is solve, in an intelligent and progressive manner, the approaching crisis in sanitation; the need for zoning and proper and acceptable building standards; the vital necessity for looking ahead and providing a basis whereby adequate municipal services can be furnished to our rapidly growing population.

It is a credit to the city administration, after the sound drubbing the earlier annexation proposal received, that they are willing to make another try, on a smaller and more homogenous basis.

It takes a particular kind of courage to try again, on principle and with nothing to gain, after having been once defeated.

THERE are a number of impelling reasons why the annexation should be approved. One is the fact that the proposed new hospital site is in the area, and its construction would be threatened or hindered if it cannot have city services. Another is a subdivision planned in the area which will need city services.

The over-riding reason, however, is the need to provide a means and a pattern for growth of the city, not only in this particular area, but in others as well. That it is needed is acknowledged by many of the residents who have petitioned to come in to the city.

IT MAY be noted that there have been several small pieces of land annexed to the city since the "mass annexation" was defeated last summer. This apparently will be a part of the pattern from now on, and actually the new proposal is in line with this, although the area is bigger.

We also can foresee the time when other similar areas will be convinced that their best solution to the problems of fringe growth will be to join with Medford.

Annexation is not a cure-all. Nor is it always feasible for sections with particular problems or circumstances. But in most cases where semi-urban sections are having growing pains, it is a big step forward. —E.A.

The Lincoln Legend

We are pleased to extend the hand of welcome to Medford's newest journalistic enterprise. It is issue No. 1 of The Lincoln Legend.

It is published by the students in the language arts department of Lincoln school, and they were kind enough to mail us a copy, with the promise of future issues "if you should like."

We should. It's a good paper.

EDITORIAL writers, who sometimes tend to be verbose, could learn from Sixth Grader Maureen Schultz, who wrote an editorial entitled "Kindness To Others." Here it is, in full:

Being kind to others is a wonderful way to live. It's very easy to be kind and to say kind things. If there is a new person in your classroom at school, and you say you're glad that they are in your room, it gives them reassurance. That is kindness to others.

That's not only good editorial writing; it's good journalism, clear, concise, definite and inclusive. Johnny Cornell, correspondent for the fifth grade, reported, "A boy asked another boy what he was going to give his sister this Christmas. He said he didn't know, but last year he gave her a cold!"

IF MORE evidence is needed, we shall provide a last quotation from "Athletics," with the opinion that some of the nation's top sportswriters could learn from Jobie Kellog:

In the first game of the season, Jackson school defeated Lincoln 6 to 0. Jackson made a touchdown in the first few minutes of the game on a pass play.

Even though Lincoln made the most yardage and first downs, bad luck hurt us during the game. Mike Geary was the hardest runner of the game with his long runs around the end of the line.

Welcoming to newspaperdom, kids. You're doing fine! —E.A.

5500 Students Seen For Portland State

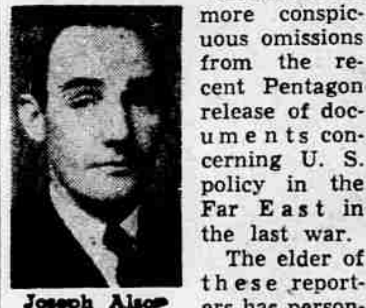
Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. John F. Cramer, inaugurated yesterday as president of Portland State college, predicted that there may be 5500 students who will select the school in 1964.

Dr. Cramer spoke at the dedication of the downtown Portland school. He said that on basis of children living in the Portland area

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

THE LEFT-OUT PROJECT

Washington—The most important American military project to aid the Chinese Communists was one of the more conspicuous omissions from the recent Pentagon release of documents concerning U. S. policy in the Far East in the last war.



The elder of these reporters has personal knowledge of this project, which constitutes one of the major unsolved mysteries of the Far Eastern war. In the summer of 1945, shortly after the Japanese surrender on Okinawa, the reporter accompanied Maj. Gen. C. L. Chennault to the China Theater headquarters of Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, at Chungking.

While there, Gen. Wedemeyer decidedly flatteringly asked the reporter's advice on a highly confidential telegram which had just been received from the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington. The telegram requested Gen. Wedemeyer's opinion of a truly extraordinary proposal.

In brief, Gen. Wedemeyer's predecessor in the China Theater, Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, then held the Okinawa command under Gen. MacArthur. Why not, asked the telegram, let Gen. Stilwell land from Okinawa on the North China coast, possibly on the Shantung peninsula? Because of the expected requirements of the invasion of Japan, Gen. Stilwell could not be allowed more than a couple of American divisions. But he could make a junction with the local Chinese resistance forces; he could strengthen them with American arms; and he could lead them against the Japanese armies in North China.

THE J.C.S. proposal, in short, was tantamount to an American declaration of war on Chiang Kai-shek. The reporter, perhaps frivolously, suggested to Gen. Wedemeyer that he answer the telegram by inquiring whether the Joint Chiefs really meant to go to war against Chiang. Gen. Wedemeyer, who concurred in the reporter's analysis, in the end wired the Joint Chiefs that such a landing in China could hardly be made without Chiang's consent, which would not be forthcoming. No more was heard of the proposal thereafter.

There is still interest in this proposal, however, in the present context of heated controversy about Gen. Douglas MacArthur's role in that difficult and distant time. Stilwell himself was then Gen. MacArthur's subordinate and the forces he was to lead into North China would have come from the divisions available to MacArthur for the Japanese landing. Stilwell's landing on the China

coast would have drawn its logistical support from MacArthur's Pacific Theater. Even after landing in China, Stilwell would have remained under MacArthur's command. The aim of the proposed landing by Stilwell, moreover, was to counter a threat which Gen. MacArthur then estimated far too highly. This is shown by the papers already published by the Pentagon, and particularly by two key memoranda of conversations with Gen. MacArthur in 1945, written by Col. Paul Freeman Jr. and Brig. Gen. George A. Lincoln.

In both these contemporary documents, Gen. MacArthur is portrayed as warmly endorsing very great concessions to the Soviets in Manchuria — such concessions, in fact, as were made at Yalta — as the worthwhile price of a Soviet offensive against the Japanese forces on the mainland. Although Gen. MacArthur has since declared that he did not want a Soviet intervention in 1945, Col. Freeman further described Gen. MacArthur as strongly urging the Soviets ought to be persuaded to move against the Japanese in Manchuria at the very first possible moment after the German surrender.

THE reason given, in both instances, was that Gen. MacArthur believed the Japanese armies on the mainland to be very powerful and thought they constituted a serious menace to the success of the landing in Japan. The Freeman-Lincoln memoranda fit, in turn, with a precisely similar account of a conversation with Gen. MacArthur by the late New York Herald Tribune correspondent, Bert Andrews, which is preserved in the Forrestal papers.

A question therefore arises about the origin of the remarkable proposal to send Gen. Stilwell and the Chinese Communists against the Japanese mainland armies that were then giving Gen. MacArthur such grave concern. Was it a mere J.C.S. pipe dream? Were the Joint Chiefs, who always hated a row with Gen. MacArthur, really proposing to divert forces under his control, at a most crucial moment and without his prior concurrence? Or had the proposal in fact originated in Gen. MacArthur's own headquarters, as seems more natural. These questions also deserve answers.

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Editorial Comment

A COMEBACK FOR YELLOW?

A year ago the state highway commission decided to change the color of the familiar center stripe on Oregon roadways from yellow to white. This was done, we were told, to bring Oregon practice into conformity with that over the rest of the nation, so that visiting motorists would not be confused by a marking system unfamiliar to them.

At the same time it was decided, the new white stripes should be broken instead of continuous. It was felt motorists on foggy nights might be able to distinguish broken stripes better than an endless white line blending into the mists ahead. Besides, it would save a lot of paint.

So all this past summer, Mr. Baldock's pavement Picasso's have been busy marking dotted lines down the middles of Oregon highways. Now that the rainy season is upon us, motorists have had a chance to test the new theories in practice. A good many have reported their personal findings to us, and we regret to inform the highway department that they are universally negative. No one seems to have a good word to say for the new white broken lines.

Even under the best conditions, we are told, the white markings seem to lack the good nighttime visibility of the old yellow. And on dark and rainy nights, the dotted lines simply disappear in the glare of oncoming headlights on the black wet pavement. And as for economy, we have noticed the new white markings already have been most effaced on heavily traveled roads in the Portland area. There will be no saving if the painting must be done twice as often as before.

One wonders if perhaps Oregon was not right in the first place in standardizing on the good old continuous yellow center line. Perhaps the other states should have been the ones to change. —Portland Oregonian.

now and if the proportion of high school seniors going on into college remained what it is now, there would be "at least" 5500 students seeking enrollment at Portland State. He said the estimate made no allowance for persons coming here from other areas and that the "total could well be greater."

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was customary to "cry havoc" or shout encouragement to the hawk when loosed upon its prey. From this we get the modern meaning, to forecast ruin.

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Free: By special arrangement with the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana, my panel of judges will award each week to the reader who sends me the best true-life nature adventure, or the best nature observation, or the best question on nature and wildlife a complete 30-volume set of this world-famous reference work in a handsome Sealcraft binding. Each week new submissions will be considered. Sorry, I simply can't answer your many friendly letters. Please address your letter to: IS THAT SO? care Medford Mail Tribune, Box 575, Sausalito, Calif.

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Judge Dobson was presiding at the new trial. The body of the 16-year-old Hank girl was found in February of 1954 near Washougal, Wash. The Fongs have steadfastly denied they killed Diane, who was a baby sitter for them. Sherry said she loved the girl "like a sister."

Australia Government Still Feeling Effect Of Petrov Revelations

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent Vladimir Petrov really started something when he decided that he was through with Communism.



He is the third secretary in the Russian embassy in Australia who turned himself over to the Australian Secret Service on April 13, 1954.

It happened in Australia, where free-swinging election campaigns are customary. For Petrov's disclosures are the No. 1 issue. He named some men closely connected with Evatt as among Australians who had been of assistance to the Soviet spy apparatus.

Evatt has denounced the Petrov disclosures as "one of the most transparent political frauds in modern history."

But an Australian royal commission, which spent 10 months investigating the documents in question, held that they are authentic.

Aides Named One of the documents named three aides of Evatt as having given information on politicians and newspaper men to agents of Petrov.

Fergus O'Sullivan, Evatt's press chief, confessed on July 14 that he had provided a Petrov agent with a detailed report on Australian newspaper men.

Evatt has made a desperate attempt to cast doubt on the authenticity of the Petrov disclosures.

He finally took the singular course of writing a letter to Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov asking him if the Petrov papers were true.

To nobody's surprise, Molotov replied that of course they were not.

Evatt's disclosure of this correspondence astounded even his fellow Labor party leaders.

Menzies decided the time had come to call an election, which normally would not have been held until August, 1957, for the House of Representatives and to advance the date of the senatorial election, which was due next June.

Shingle Weavers End Convention

Portland — (U.P.) — AFL shingle weavers of Oregon and Washington ended their three-day annual convention here Saturday by electing a five-member joint board to represent them in negotiations with employers.

Board members were Monte Ingram, Everett, and Ray Ale-shire, Grays Harbor, Wash.; Harold Martell, Wheeler, Ore.; Charles Coe, Eugene, Ore., and Lonnie Harrison, Mineral, Wash.

Delegates adopted a resolution opposing a federal policy of selling government land in large blocks, contending the policy prohibits purchase by small operators.

State Nears End In Axilrod Trial

Minneapolis, Minn. — (U.P.) — The state today went into the final stages of its attempt to prove that Dr. A. Arnold Axilrod, a married dentist, seduced and strangled a pretty 21-year-old patient.

The prosecution was expected to call its last scheduled witness, Coroner William Guthrie, after the defense winds up its cross-examination of the father of the slain woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Moonen.

Axilrod, 50, is accused of strangling Mrs. Moonen when she threatened to "tell the world" he was the father of her unborn child.

4-H Club News

Meetings Planned The combined 4-H clubs of Bellview, Valley View and Wagner Creek will hold their first regular meeting of the season at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the Bellview Grange hall.

Officers for the year will be elected. Anyone interested in 4-H work is welcome to attend.

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