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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. 30, 1945 Highway engineers survey the land along Rogue river near Camp White as possible state park.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Halloween outbreaks are due. Let's be fair to youth, and not blame soap scribbling eight feet up, on a small boy who would have to reach three times his own length to commit the outrage.

20 YEARS AGO Oct. 30, 1925 Snow blankets Medford and Rogue valley; melts under warm sun.

Sheriff Syd I. Brown announces start of personal tax collections.

30 YEARS AGO Oct. 30, 1925 From Climax Combs: Good roads and sunshine have been welcome surprises to Climax residents this fall.

John Carle, Southern Pacific agent, transferred to Medford to become station and yard agent.

40 YEARS AGO Oct. 30, 1915 Washington grammar school chorus organized by Miss Inez Coffin practicing twice weekly.

From the Local and Personal column: At a recent meeting, the city council approved the mayor's appointment of Mrs. E. B. Warner, Mrs. F. W. Mears and M. V. Hillis as members of the library board for a period of three years.

What's the Answer?

- Can You Get 4 of the 7? Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report 1. The U.N. charter does or doesn't specify how a U.N. member may withdraw from membership?

PRESS CHIEF EN ROUTE - Rio De Janeiro - (J.P.) - Paulo Bittencourt, president of the Inter-American Press Association, and publisher of Correio da Manha, left by plane for New Orleans Wednesday night to attend a meeting of the IAPA.

Lowering Some Barriers

In terms of real agreement, the most important item on the agenda for the Big Four Foreign Ministers conference at Geneva probably will turn out to be the third and last.

The July 23 directive of the Big Four "summit" conference pledged the foreign ministers to take up "European Security and Germany" and "Disarmament," in order named. Third, they were to study measures to:

- (A) Bring about a progressive elimination of barriers which interfere with free communications and peaceful trade between people, and (B) bring about such freer contacts and exchanges as are to the mutual advantage of the countries and peoples concerned.

HAROLD McMillan, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, was speaking for informed opinion in his country and here when he told the Conservative Party Conference on Oct. 7, that it was the third item on which "I think we really should be able to make some progress."

The eliminating of East-West barriers, at least on the surface, already is well under way. The U.S.-Russian exchange of farm delegations, the visit here of Russian construction experts and Russian journalists, the freer access to Russia for Western newspapermen, all have been highly publicized.

Perhaps the first chink opened in the post-World War II cultural Iron Curtain in June 1954 when a Russian chess team defeated a U.S. team, 20 to 12, in a tournament in New York. This year, in July, the U.S. team lost a return match in Moscow, 25 to 7. But Samuel Reshevsky of New York won prestige and much acclaim from the Russians by downing their world champion, Mikhail Botvinnik.

THE first athletic competition solely between Americans and Russians since World War II was a weight-lifting match in Moscow last June 15. The match was a tie, 9 to 9, but 340-pound Paul Anderson of Tooca, Ga., became a hero to the Muscovites by setting two world records. Moreover, a Russian police band played "The Star-Spangled Banner!"

On another cultural level, East-West harmony was sounded at a 10th anniversary celebration at U.N. Headquarters in New York on Oct. 24. Leonard Bernstein, American composer, and Sir William Walton, British composer, conducted the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, and the soloist was Emil Gilels, brilliant Soviet pianist now on a U.S. tour.

PRESIDENT Eisenhower's Emergency fund for cultural exchange would be expanded and made permanent by a bill to be introduced at the next session of Congress by Rep. Frank Thompson Jr. (D.-N.J.). In each of the past two years Congress has voted \$5,000,000 for the fund at the President's request.

The fund has made possible such projects as the coming tour of Russia by an American production of "Porgy and Bess." The violinist, Yehudi Menuhin, will go to Russia next spring as a U.S. cultural representative.

Russia is reported to favor increased tourism not only to snare U.S. dollars but also to provide an outlet for the comparatively fat wallets of its privileged class of technicians and managers. And of course, at bottom of all Russian overtures is the desire for increased East-West trade. Back in 1930—three years before the U.S. recognition of the Soviet regime—the U.S.S.R. had become the sixth best foreign customer of the United States.—E.R.R.

All Hallow's Eve

Hallowe'en could be called, as some anthropologists do call it, a "degenerate" holiday. It has degenerated from the deeply religious character of All Hallows—that is, All Holies or All Saints—Day of which it is the evening or "e'en."

THE religious nature of All Hallow's Eve is still observed in much of Europe and Latin America. The "trick or treat" rites associated with the Eve in the United States derive from Celtic traditions that held on in Scotland and especially in Ireland, and that first took hold in this country with immigration from those lands.

The old Celtic year ended on the last day of October, when the crops were all in—hence the pumpkin and the corn shock as symbols. It was the time of the year when Saman (or Samhain), the Lord of the Dead, re-judged the souls of humans that had been condemned to dwell within animals, and when Druid priests passed sentences for crimes and also settled personal problems.

ALL Hallow's Eve was when sorcerers and soothsayers were especially gifted in predicting the future. Even ordinary folk could find out what lay in store for them by tossing an apple peel behind them, or roasting nuts in the fire, or burning candles to the Sun God.

On no other night of the year did witches, goblins and "the little people" (fairies) cavort so numerously or so wildly, and hence could be blamed for any mischief that a human felt called upon to perpetrate. And it was the night for repeating fervently the old Welsh litany: to be delivered from "ghoulies and ghosties, long leggedy beasties, and Things that go BUMP in the night."—E.R.R.

Starlike ascidians belong to a group of sea creatures that suggest evolution in reverse, says the National Geographic Society. They start life as tadpolelike larvae with a cartilaginous "backbone." Maturing, they lose this structure and degenerate into primitive creatures resembling fungi.

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 permitted. 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.

(Editor's note: The Mail Tribune last week received two letters on the same subject. Both were of considerable interest, but neither was signed with the name of the contributor. Anonymous letters will not be published. If the writers will identify themselves, their letters will be considered for publication.)

True Justice To the Editor: Our law enforcement officers are selected for their intelligence and physical ability to perform the duties assigned them. Much time and money is expended to make these men efficient and observant. They form our first line of defense against the lawless and inconsiderate element of our population.

A good police force, whether it be State, County or City, is effective only when they have the support of the people and of the courts before which offenders of our laws are brought. If we want a reduction in the number of offenses committed we must insist that more strict enforcement of the laws be made and that the trial judges are fully aware of their responsibility to the people.

A trial judge must consider only the evidence presented in each case and must not be swayed by the attempts of the defense to befog the issues at hand. If guilt is established the judge must impose sentence proportionate to the offense without fear or favor to any person or group.

When there is true justice for all the people we will have a new respect for the law and for those whose duty it is to dispense justice.

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

Sees Chill Shadows To the Editor: It's a crazy, illogical position we're in now; factories busy, new buildings everywhere with wages at an all time high, giving a sense of great prosperity. But over all this, chill shadows are creeping, shadows from mountainous farm surpluses government bought with tax dollars. We had a first hand look at one near Tillamook where a mountain of barley lifted it's crest toward the top of 190 foot high blimp hangar doors, barley that cannot be export-sold due to high initial costs or given away as it lessens purchasing power of people who would otherwise have to buy, or make with something cheaper. Some there are who take a dim view of government surplus giving to school lunches as it lessens local buying power just that much. Visitors three days from Iowa tell of hogs there still \$11.25 per hundred live weight, beating the low of 1942. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson at last has been boondoggled into granting some \$5,000,000 tax dollars to halt sagging hog prices. This "glad" news brought train loads of hogs to markets. Buyers became coy or plain scared, held off as if saying, "let Uncle Sam take the rap," if rap there is to be.

Reuther of CIO and some jittery high-brass in Washington are castigating Sec. Benson for his courageous statement in his Sept. 20 speech in the New Orleans Farm Equipment institute, that union labor must share some of the blame for declining farm prices. Shout as he may, Reuther must admit that high wages he wrangled are pricing farm machinery out of reach of farmers to pay, just as farmers found it impossible to stand for the shorter hours and higher pay of the one time hired man.

Those who write our sustenance from the earth's soil and waters must be regarded as a ladder to which we cling and climb to a better way of life. Parities fixed or flexible will not strengthen the ladder of farming when overloaded. There is just one way, shift some of the farm tax load to others better able to pay, then let the farmer sell on the markets of supply and demand with no chill shadows, then, of government bought surpluses threatening our economy.

F. J. Clifford, 1211 West Main Medford, Ore.

Club Expresses Thanks To the Editor: May we have the privilege through your paper of expressing our sincere appreciation to the following Medford business firms for their cooperation and assistance in making possible a fine parking lot for the Girls Community Club:

- Tru-Mix Concrete Co. for the labor of clearing, scraping and filling in the lot; Medford Concrete and Construction Co. for donating the gravel and labor for completing the parking area; California Oregon Power Co. and the Pacific Telephone Co. for moving a pole that blocked two parking spaces; and the Medford Elks Lodge for the donation of used poles for bump-

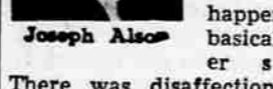
ers. We now have space for nine cars that we hope to rent for \$5 per month to individuals for private parking. This lot is only 2 1/2 blocks from Main street and 1/2 block off of Central st. We have been told there is a great need for downtown parking space and as we have a great need for some sort of income, we hope it will prove beneficial for everyone.

Because some organizations and interested individuals are making generous donations, we have been able to operate on a restricted scale. Our property at 229 North Bartlett st. is for sale. When it is sold we expect to start an immediate drive for a Medford Civic Center building. Mrs. Delph Phipps, President, Board of Directors, Girls Community Club.

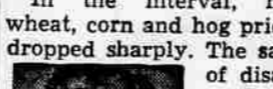
Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

EZRA'S MISFORTUNE

Washington—There is very little doubt about it any longer. During the coming session, the farm problem is going to give the Eisenhower administration about the worst Congressional trouble it has yet experienced.



What has happened is basically rather simple. There was disaffection among the farmers in 1954, but it was acute and inflamed only in states like Minnesota, where dairying is important. In most of the farm belt, the farmers stuck with the Republicans. At the last session, therefore, the Eisenhower farm program was successfully defended, although by a very narrow margin.



In the interval, however, wheat, corn and hog prices have dropped sharply. The same sort of disaffection that appeared in Minnesota in 1954 (and gave the Democrats a whopping victory there) has now spread to wheat-growing Kansas, Iowa with its corn and hogs, and even in some measure to such states as Illinois and Ohio.

Among Republican members of Congress, the reaction to this development has been mixed thus far. Some of them, like Rep. Cliff Clevenger, of Ohio, for instance, have been arguing that Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson's flexible parity payments to farmers have not yet been given a real test; and that it is necessary to wait and see what happens to farm surpluses before trying anything radically new.

But there are other stalwarts, like the House whip, Rep. Les Arends, of Illinois, who have been bombarding Washington with furious demands that the Administration do something, do almost anything, to calm the farmers' discontent. Furthermore, it seems pretty clear that the last year's narrow margin in favor of the Administration's farm program has now been changed to a margin on the other side. At least seven Republican Senators can now be counted as anti-Bensonites, and the final count may be considerably higher.

The wave of this storm in the farm belt would probably be considerably less dangerous to political navigators, if Secretary of Agriculture Benson had been a bit more eager to pour oil on the angry waters. But he has been, and he is now, the very opposite of eager.

BENSON is not only an extremely courageous and

deeply religious man. He also has an intense inner certainty that his farm program is the best farm program, and pretty nearly the only possible farm program. He has sheaves of figures to show why the farmers ought to be happy, even if they are not. He inclines to shrug off the whole attack on his program as merely "political." He has been heard to dismiss one group that has been holding protest meetings in Iowa as "leftist-dominated," although one of its flaming speakers is the arch-Republican Governor of the state, Dan Turner.

Not all the President's advisers feel as Benson does, to be sure. Vice President Richard Nixon, for instance, is known to be greatly disturbed. He requested a meeting with Benson after his return from seeing the President in Denver. At their luncheon together, Nixon strongly emphasized the point that even if the Administration does not sacrifice the central principle of its farm program, serious moves must be quickly made to convince the farmers of the Administration's interest in and concern for their plight.

The sequel of this meeting was Secretary Benson's announcement that he intended to spend \$85,000,000 on pork products for the Federal school lunch program, in order to bolster pig prices. Unfortunately, pig prices dropped to their lowest point in thirteen years the day after the harried Benson held his press conference. The farmers were not conspicuously mollified.

Nonetheless, Benson is journeying to Denver to see the President this weekend in something close to a defiant mood. He does not intend to back down in any major way. He expects the President to support him fully, and it seems virtually certain that his expectation is well founded.

WHAT then lies ahead? Secretary Benson is ready to take at least one soothing measure. He is talking of rather more than doubling the present level of soil conservation payments by adding about \$200,000,000 to the planned appropriation for the Agricultural Conservation Program.

But Benson takes an extremely dim view, to date, of the much more ambitious schemes for a "soil bank," with the Federal government directly renting farm acreage to take it out of production. He is also deeply opposed, of course, to any return to the fixed 90 per cent of parity payments that both Adlai Stevenson and Gov. Averell Harriman have now declared for.

Nonetheless, it now seems highly possible that a fixed parity bill will pass the Congress this session, thus forcing a Presidential veto that the Administration's political strategists shudder to contemplate. In any case, there is bad farm trouble ahead. C. 1955, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.

POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)

A Medford doctor we know last week went into the woods with a group of veteran bear hunters. The doctor was a novice at the sport.

Luck was with the party, and they'd not been out too long before they heard the baying of the hounds. The men tramped up and down the steep terrain and finally arrived at a tree where the dogs had cornered the bear, which was about 50 feet up. The tree was on a steep side-hill, which the doctor climbed to a point where he could practically look down the bear's throat. He fired, and down came the bear.

En route home, word preceded the physician, and the doctor's children, all excited, ran up and down the street crying, "Daddy shot a bear! Daddy shot a bear!"

The result was that when the conquering hero arrived home there were about 75 people on the reception committee. So, if you have occasion to drop into a certain clinic in town and ask for Dr. Davey Crockett, they'll know who you mean.

Speaking of hunters, J. H. von Kuhlmann, of Ashland, thinks they should be tested for color blindness before being issued a license. And he's got a good argument, too. He relates how, early in the season, he was deer hunting in the Green Springs area, and sat down for a breather on a large rock. He was suitably attired in red hat and red shirt. Visibility was good, he said. But suddenly a rifle bullet slammed into the rock he was sitting on, about six inches from him, showering him with chips. There was a second shot, too, which went wide.

Von Kuhlmann saw the man who was doing the shooting, and ran toward him, but didn't catch him. The shooter climbed into a truck and raced away, eluding von Kuhlmann after they got to the main highway.

Whether the guy was color blind and trigger-happy, or whether someone was gunning for him, he's not sure. But he still thinks color blindness tests for hunters would be a Good Idea.

Remember the man mentioned here a few weeks ago who bought two chipmunks for his youngsters, then bought a cage for them, then lost the chipmunks before he got home? Well, he's still having chipmunk troubles. A friend of his read the item, and guessed who the man was. The friend acquired two more chipmunks, and brought them as a gift. The youngest daughter

of the chipmunk man accidentally let one get away, one day, and it scampered into the crevices of a davenport. The other one got away entirely, and hasn't been seen since.

Now the one in the davenport wasn't through yet—not by a long shot. Somehow it escaped that piece of furniture and wound up in the rear of the refrigerator. Our chipmunk man got out the family vacuum cleaner, put on a lac attachment, and retrieved the chipmunk from the refrigerator, wind-blown but unharmed.

Shortly thereafter, his friend brought two MORE chipmunks, making a net total of three. The ending to the story (if, indeed, it is an end) is that a young visitor the other day let all three of the surviving chipmunks out of the cage, and they have vanished totally.

By now, the man wishes he'd never heard of a chipmunk.

Many people complain these days they can't get their cars into their garages. Maybe Junior's toys are in the way, or it could be garden tools, or packing boxes, or maybe dad's building a boat.

But a family on West Main st. has a different problem. They've got an airplane in their garage.

Not a model, either—a real, live airplane. Commuters needn't worry about sudden and unexpected take-offs, for it has neither motor nor wings. But it's a real airplane.

A recent issue of the Oregon Health Bulletin, published by the state board of health, tells a tale of devotion above and beyond the call of duty. Three sanitarians of the health department recently visited Roseburg to collect mosquito larvae in connection with research for the state mosquito-eradication project. They collected about 40 pints of stagnant water which were full of the larvae, and took them back to their motel. Then they cleaned up and headed for dinner.

Well, it was a warm August day. And they left the lid of one jar slightly loose. So, when they returned in the evening, they found the larvae had hatched out.

The Bulletin says: "There may be humans in this world to whom the sight of 400 to 500 voracious adult mosquitoes loose in a bedroom would cause instant headlong flight. Even the strongest could not be censured for at least retreating for a bug bomb. But these men were of sterner stuff. In a monumental battle which some feel may go down in public health history, the three captured every one of their prizes."

Washington By Roscoe Drummond

WATCH THIS MAN

Washington—If you want to know today what Democratic party policy and strategy are going to be tomorrow, keep an eye on Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, of Texas. He's the man to watch.

In the last session of Congress he was a valuable man to watch—but now more than ever. The reason is that during the coming months Mr. Johnson is going to be exercising an influence on Democratic affairs far more powerful than would his normal role as Majority Leader in the Senate.

IN HIS unobtrusive, let's-talk-it-over, what's-good-for-the-whole-party, quietly decisive way, Sen. Johnson is actually becoming the Majority Leader of the Democratic party in the nation. This will be more evident when Congress reconvenes in January. It is already evident to watchful political writers and to the diverse array of Democratic leaders who, one after another, have lately been dropping in at the Johnson ranch in South Texas.

Sen. Johnson's voice in Democratic matters would not be heeded the way it is now being heeded if he were primarily serving his own personal ambitions. As a by-product of what he is doing, his position as a national political figure will be enhanced, but for the present, at least, Sen. Johnson's objectives are the objectives of numerous other influential Democratic leaders. I feel sure that Sen. Johnson, though he has not lately been talking much for publication, would not deny it if I said his objectives were these:

- 1.—To keep control of Democratic party policy predominantly in the hands of the party's Congressional leadership. 2.—To make sure that Democratic policy continues to reflect the "moderate consensus" of the party and that the 1956 Democratic platform rests on and ratifies this policy. 3.—To keep the Democratic Presidential nomination open for at least another six months, and if possible right up to the national convention itself. 4.—Sen. Johnson has one other objective more particularly his own: to ensure that the Democratic South will be able to exert an influence upon the nominating convention reasonably

equal to its electoral importance to Democratic victory. These are the objectives which Sen. Johnson has been working on while he has been steadily recovering from his heart attack, objectives which he will have in an advanced stage when he returns to Washington next month.

WHAT SEN. Johnson is really getting at is this: He wants to keep the substantially conservative center of the Democratic party in command of the Democratic party.

He doesn't want any nit-picking opposition to the White House because he believes that was the fatal error of the Republican party when it was out of office so long.

He wants to reduce the danger of rival contenders for the Democratic Presidential nomination riding rough-shod over the Democratic Congressional record in bidding for fringe support within the party.

He wants the national platform and the selection of the Presidential nominee to reflect the Democratic record in Congress, not be at variance with it.

He wants to postpone until at least toward the end of the next session of Congress a coalition behind any one Presidential candidate so that the Congressional leadership will have had a further opportunity to write its record of policy into 1956 legislation.

SEN. JOHNSON'S great strength comes from the fact that he is not a lone-wolf political operator. He succeeds largely by persuasion, not by dictation. He himself is going on the premise—and will make it real—that the Solid South's pro-Republican break-away is over. But he wants to make sure that the South is not taken for granted at the 1956 convention. The plan is to get as many Southern delegations as possible pledged to Sen. Johnson or other "favorite sons" for bargaining purposes. Since Mr. Johnson does not really expect to be nominated, there will be a tendency among supporters of Stevenson, Harriman and Kefauver to go along with this plan—or not to resist it very stubbornly.

For a variety of reasons I would say, keep an eye on Lyndon Johnson. (Copyright 1955, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

Editorial Comment

LENIENCY MAY BE WRONG

Discussing the arrest of eight Corvallis High school students at Sweet Home following a football game Friday night for possession of beer the Gazette-Times editorially places major blame for such offenses on the youngsters' parents.

Says the G-T: We didn't get the names because it is against our policy to print the names of juvenile offenders unless they commit a major crime. If it were possible to print the names of the parents

without further embroiling the youngsters, however, we would gladly do so because it is they who are primarily to blame. That touches on a problem which has become moot among newspapers. Like most of them we have been following the same policy employed by the Gazette-Times, but of late even juvenile courts have been pondering the question as to whether or not this policy is due for reappraisal.

Some juvenile officers have come to the conclusion that the youngsters, particularly those just under 18, are taking advantage of their immunity from publicity. Thus, these officers believe, delinquency is being encouraged rather than retarded by the well meaning newspapers.

Parents, in most cases, to be sure, are more or less to blame for their youngsters' behavior, but equally culpable, if not more so, are the persons who sell liquor to minors. If the salesmen were punished with sufficient severity and regularity it is quite likely there would be far less drinking among juveniles. More often than not, however, the youths won't talk and the officers are rendered helpless.

Perhaps if in these cases, at least, juveniles would be more cooperative if they were not so sure their offense would be shielded by secrecy. — Albany Democratic-Herald.

Higdon Author of Cover Crop Article

R. J. Higdon, of the horticultural crops research branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture research service, Medford, is the author of an article on western cover crops appearing in the current issue of Western Fruit Grower magazine.

The article discusses the advantages and disadvantages of permanent and annual cover crops for orchards.

The lumber industry claims to be the oldest in America, since Captain John Smith brought "eight Poles and Dutchmen for the purpose of erecting sawmills" to Jamestown Colony in 1608.

Those Good Intentions To the Editor: What happened to all those good intentions regarding the name and address on the reading material of your paper?

R. C. Eastgate, Route 1, Box A, Jacksonville, Ore.

(Editor's note: Mr. Eastgate's reference is to mailing labels which occasionally get pasted over pictures or reading material on mail copies of the Mail Tribune. His complaint has been called to the attention of the circulation department, which promises to try to do better in the future.)