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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
Nov. 7, 1945
(Mrs. Fred Rankin, executive secretary of local Red Cross, and Mrs. A. Orin Schenck speak at Butte Falls high school.)

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 7, 1935
(County Assessor J. B. Coleman estimates tax levy for new year to be "a few mills higher.")

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 7, 1925
(Medford city council adopts ordinance purchasing Jacksonville-Medford railroad from W. S. Barnum for \$11,000.)

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 7, 1915
(Sugar beet committee announces that half necessary acreage obtained for bringing industry into valley.)

What's the Answer?
Can You Get 4 of the 7?
Cypus lies closest to the mainland of Greece, mainland of Turkey, Greek island of Crete, British island of Malta or Suez Canal?

1. Cyprus lies closest to the mainland of Greece, mainland of Turkey, Greek island of Crete, British island of Malta or Suez Canal?

2. Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey is about the same age as President Eisenhower, or 2 years older, or 5 years younger?

3. The U.S. has voted in UN for or against Greece on annexing the island of Cyprus?

4. Power steering was on about 5, 15, 25, or 35 per cent of all U.S. cars made in the last two years?

5. Under the federal-aid-to-highways program the Government pays half, more or less than half the cost of a bypass around a city?

6. Vice-President Nixon gets a higher or a lower salary than Speaker of the House Rayburn, or the same?

7. Dave Beck is a powerful labor leader: of the steel workers, coal miners, auto workers, teamsters, longshoremen, or ladies' garment workers?

The answers: 1. Mainland of Turkey. 2. About the same age. 3. Against Greece. 4. About 15 per cent. 5. More than half. 6. The same \$35,000. 7. Teamsters.

OLDFIELD WIDOW DIES
Santa Monica, Calif. — (U.P.) — Rosary will be recited tomorrow for Mrs. Bessie Oldfield, widow of famed auto racer Barney Oldfield. Mrs. Oldfield died at St. John's Hospital here Saturday after suffering a stroke a week ago.

The TID Election

If anybody were to ask us (and one or two have) who to vote for in the Talent Irrigation district election for a director tomorrow, we would reply David Holmes.

And don't tell us it's none of our business. Actually, it is the business of everyone in Jackson county, for the implications of the Talent project go far beyond the borders of the Talent Irrigation district. The project offers us our best hope of an increased agricultural income, a greater crop diversity, a more stable and healthier economy all around.

SO the citizens of Jackson county are in the position of being dependent for a possible great good on the wisdom and ability of the directors of the TID, who must bear the responsibility of carrying on the negotiations with the federal government, which can ultimately lead to the construction of this vitally-needed, \$22,000,000 project.

We feel that David Holmes is the better-equipped of the two candidates to carry out this responsibility.

IT MAY fairly be asked what are the reasons behind our preference.

Joe Meyer, we are informed, is a good citizen, a nice person, a raiser of tomatoes, onions, cantaloupes and other truck crops. Other than this, frankly, we know little else. He has made no other mark in the community. And while this is certainly nothing against him, it hardly constitutes a recommendation for this important office.

We question, reluctantly, his part in the recent proposed "deal" between the secretary-manager of the district and two of the board members. It very likely was done in innocent ignorance. That is the reason for our question. Innocent ignorance of the law governing an irrigation district ill becomes an official of an irrigation district.

For a position as important as this, we have the strong feeling that other qualifications are important—a knowledge of the basic problems of all segments of agriculture, an acquaintance with the relationships of the various levels of government, a keen mind, an aggressive determination to get the job done, and experience with business practices.

THE residents of Jackson county have worked long and hard for authorization of the Talent project. There have been claims and counterclaims as to which political party is responsible for its success so far. With these we are not at the moment concerned, except to point out that it has the official and enthusiastic support of both political parties.

The point we wish to make, and make with emphasis, is that at this stage in the game we need the best possible individuals to carry the work forward.

For the reasons we have listed, we hope, and hope fervently, the voters of the Talent Irrigation district on Tuesday will cast their ballots for Dave Holmes.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Nov. 5.—It seems to rain, snow and blow everywhere else in the world including certain parts of California, but not here. We have been here since September 15th and haven't worn a raincoat yet. (There will probably be a cloudburst tomorrow and all the football games snafued as a result.)

The Girl Scouts are holding a convention here now and they look very smart in their dark (Robin Hood) green uniforms and jaunty caps. Too bad they couldn't have timed their convention to fit with the American Legion convention schedule. For the American Legion some months ago branded the Girl Scouts as a subversive organization. These Girl Scout officials—the little girls are not included—look quite capable of disposing of such childish nonsense either in debate or by direct action.

If this shooting of husbands keeps on the perfect present for Pater Familias this Christmas will be a sawed-off shotgun, a bullet-proof vest and a pair of running shoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hubbard are here at the Clift, probably on their way to Tibet or some such distant land, but we couldn't get the information, though we tried to. The Leonard Carpenters are due here tomorrow after their boat and plane trip to Japan, China and Siam. We will be glad to see them and hear all about what is happening the other side of the world (but will call a halt on travel movies or post-card albums).

Some of our contemporaries in Oregon fear Sheldon Sackett of the Coos Bay Times and various radio stations in Oregon and California will carry out his promise to start a daily tabloid in Portland, which will be pro-Liberal, pro-labor and give a square deal to Wayne Morse. We can't share their alarm, our fear is the WONT!

There was a time some years ago when the Portland Journal was editorially as partial to the Democratic party as the old reliable Oregonian was to the GOP—both parties in other words were given a break. But in recent years it has been difficult to distinguish between the two metropolitan papers politically—and at times the Journal has appeared to be more rabidly opposed to liberal political principles than the Oregonian—which while congenitally conservative has had its moments of political enlightenment and aversion to bigotry and reaction.

The dynamic, romantic, gifted and unconventional Coos Bay editor will put a stop to that one-sided one ring circus business in short order if—and when—he operates a tabloid in the Greater Portland field. We have known Sheldon Sackett for many years, and been dazzled by his versatility, enterprise, self-assurance and brilliance—but when we have met him he has had so many irons in the fire and so many high power secretaries around him that we have never been able to get down to brass tacks, so to speak. For years his obliteration (financially speaking) in a cloud of atomic dust has been predicted, but he always bobs up again, as ebullient and enterprising as ever, usually with even more irons in the fire, albeit often different ones.

Well anyway Sheldon Sackett is a fabulous character and an inexhaustible one, and we can imagine no field better adapted to his special journalistic and promotional abilities than that somewhat somnolent but populous and growing area of Oregon known as Multnomah County.

Not only will the Democrats be given a mouthpiece for the first time in many years, but all the residents of the state metropolis and environs will be given a readable and highly informative newspaper, refusing to follow the SP, UP or PG&E line and refusing also to take orders—or its opinions—from the luncheon table at the Arlington club!

Win, lose or draw, the journalistic battle will be something to see and our only fear is that something will come up between now and the starting date to prevent this great venture—and adventure. Plenty of the Big Boys in Portland have already started, no doubt, to do JUST that, and they may have the power, pull and money to do it.—R.W.R.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

AGONIZING MIDDLE EASTERN REAPPRAISAL

Although it has been known since June that Egypt was talking with the Soviets, the deal itself has in fact proved to be a surprise with which Britain and the United States are unprepared to deal. What has surprised us is not so much the purchase of arms as the sudden appearance of the Soviet Union as a great power in the Middle East. This is a part of the world which the Russian empire, Czarist or Communist, has never before been able to enter.

After all that has been done to "contain" the Soviet Union by the series of pacts set up on its southern flank, the Soviet Union has jumped right over the whole containing structure and has landed behind it, has landed at the strategic center of the Mediterranean and the Middle East. She has entered Egypt just as the British are leaving it.

THE heavy arms shipments to Egypt have undoubtedly aggravated the danger of an Egyptian-Israeli war. But there is no reason to think that the Soviet Union wants such a war, or that it could afford to let such a war happen.

For no matter what Mr. MacMillan and Mr. Dulles think it expedient to say now about a guarantee, the fact of the matter is that Britain and the United States, and indeed the great majority of the United Nations, simply could not stand by and let Egypt and its allies, armed by the Soviet Union, crush Israel. The Western powers have no choice about intervening to stop such an aggression. The Soviet Union would then be faced with the necessity of deciding whether to abandon its new ally, Egypt, or to risk an incalculable conflict with the West.

THE real problem is not this threatened war, which the great powers must and which they can prevent. The real problem is that the Soviet Union is by way of acquiring a diplomatic base in Egypt. The political effect of the arms shipments is to buy the influence of the Egyptian army, which controls the Egyptian government. Beyond the arms deal lies the project—not as yet consummated it would appear—of massive Soviet economic assistance to build the great dams on the Nile River. If this project goes through, there will be no doubt at all that Egypt has been drawn into the Soviet orbit.

WHETHER we like it or not—and of course we do not like it—the Soviet Union will now be present and participating on equal terms in the diplomacy of the Middle East. She has very strong cards. She is able to incite and support nationalist passions which are predominantly anti-Western. She has a reserve of obsolescent arms with which to win over the local army leaders. She is ready to take the agricultural surpluses of these primitive economies in payment on easy terms for industrial equipment. And being herself the shining example of an underdeveloped country which has developed itself quickly, she knows how to talk the language of the politicians, the intellectuals and the technicians of the underdeveloped nations.

What is about to happen in Egypt should cause us to make an agonizing reappraisal of our own policy. For the Soviet incursion into Egypt may prove to be a set-back for the influence of the West second only to what happened on the mainland of China a few years ago.

THE agonizing reappraisal can begin, it seems to me, by noting that the Soviet Union has landed in Egypt just as Mr. Dulles and Mr. MacMillan were completing their pacts to contain the Soviet Union. These pacts run from Yugoslavia through Greece to Turkey and from Turkey and Iraq through Iran to Pakistan. In the last analysis these pacts are based on the notion that the Red Army will try to march out of its own territory in order to invade and occupy and Bolshevize its nearest neighbors. The pacts are defensive military arrangements designed to hold back, to "contain," the supposed march of the Red infantry.

We have now seen that the Soviet Union is not contained by such pacts because it moves forward not by marching its army but by carefully conceived political and economic and ideological campaigns. The containing pacts do not stop the Soviets, and when countries like Iran are included in these pacts, the effect is to provoke, or at least to give pretext to, Soviet reprisal.

WHY has Mr. Dulles rushed around the world making these pacts? Because, I venture

to say, he is unwilling to ask and unable to get from Congress the money to conduct the kind of realistic diplomacy which the Soviets are conducting in Egypt and elsewhere. The pacts do little good. But they make the headlines. And they cost little money. The money they cost is the kind of money that Congress, when no one leads it to greater wisdom, is most willing to appropriate.

We must not fool ourselves. The underdeveloped countries among which Egypt is a key country, are determined to develop themselves. There is the Western way to develop a country and there is the Communist way. The Western way requires the investment, with no great prospect of a quick or large return, of big capital funds. The Communist way is to use force and is less humane. But for that very reason it is cheaper. Nevertheless, it too requires capital funds. But the Soviet Union can trade these funds against the agricultural surpluses of cotton and rice which the underdeveloped countries cannot sell in the Western world.

All this seems to have escaped the attention of Mr. John B. Hollister who is in charge of our Foreign Economic Air program. For at the very moment when the Soviet Union is advancing in the Middle East, Mr. Hollister has turned up with a public declaration of his hope that he may be able to help Secretary Humphrey do some cheese-paring on foreign economic aid.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Today's news—as it starts off early in the morning:

There is a bus crash in North Carolina. One person—a 19-year-old student nurse was killed and 32 others were injured—many of them seriously. The bus, traveling at average highway speed, hit a slowly moving truck from the rear. The truck was crippled and was just starting to pull off the highway. Bus crashes have been quite rare in the news.

NOTE: Reports from the secretary of state's office in Salem indicate that the number of rear-end collisions on Oregon highways is increasing. That suggests that drivers are not paying enough attention to what is ahead of them on the road.

THERE is a blast furnace explosion at a steel plant in Alabama. Three were killed and three injured. The cause of the blast is not yet known.

THERE is an explosion at a refinery plant in Alabama. Two persons are missing—presumably dead. The fire would have been much worse but for the heroism of three men who risked their lives to turn off valves leading into huge gasoline storage tanks. These men had courage. They also had quick wits.

IS THE modern world getting to be a more dangerous place to live in? Or are our modern communications so perfect that we hear about EVERYTHING almost as soon as it happens?

I wouldn't know, but I suspect the latter may be true. When prehistoric man ventured out of his cave and was gobbled by a saber-tooth tiger, the news didn't spread very far. But a lot of these early ancestors of ours must have been gobbled by tigers and such.

THE stock market this morning is sharply higher at the opening, with gains running as much as two points in favored issues.

Is that good? Or is it bad? It's good if the rise is the result of INVESTMENT buying, reflecting added confidence in the future of our country. It's BAD if it is the result of SPECULATIVE buying, reflecting belief in coming inflation.

THE hog market broke again, dropping as much as 75 cents per hundredweight at Midwest markets.

Why? The answer is simple. Supply far exceeded demand. Close to 122,000 hogs went on sale today at 12 terminal markets in the Middle West. That total represents the biggest receipts for any day this year and the largest for a Thursday since 1952.

WHY so many hogs? Again the answer is simple. A year and a half ago, pork prices were high. In the hope of cashing in on the high prices, too many pigs were farrowed the next spring.

QUESTION? If the government buys up the hogs at high guaranteed prices, won't too many pigs be farrowed every year?

Magsaysay To Face Test of Strength In Philippine Vote

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent
One of the best friends of the United States has will face a test of his strength tomorrow.

He is big, hearty, corruption-hating President Ramon Magsaysay of the Philippines. In a mid-term election, Filipinos will be voting for nine of their country's 24 senators and for thousands of provincial governors, mayors and city councilors.

The two men who were mainly responsible for Magsaysay's election in November, 1953, are among those who are campaigning against him.

Magsaysay Pro-American
Though few of the election contests are of national importance, Magsaysay's opponents are looking forward to the next presidential election, to be held in November, 1957. Magsaysay's enemies have been able to find but one big accusation to make against him—that he is too pro-American.

His two most bitter opponents are Claro M. Recto and Jose P. Laurel. They, as Nationalist party leaders, picked Magsaysay as the man might defeat Liberal President Elpidio Quirino for re-election in 1953.

Magsaysay had served brilliantly as Quirino's defense minister. But he resigned from the cabinet, and from the Liberal party, because he said the administration was ridden by corruption. The biggest contest tomorrow is one for the senate. Broke With Backer Recto is running for reelection as senator. Though he says he is still a Nationalist, he is running as a "guest" candidate of the Liberal party. Laurel, also still in the Nationalist party officially, is backing him.

Magsaysay broke with Recto last July when Recto said, in a Senate speech, that he was "an American puppet." Recto announced he planned to run for the presidency in 1957 in order to keep Magsaysay from getting a second term. "Let him run," Magsaysay said. "He can run as a candidate of the Chinese Communists. I will run as an enemy of Communism and a friend of the United States."

Did you know that??? The tower of the winds at Athens built a century or so before the Christian era originally bore a weathervane at its summit? The extinct moa, a bird of New Zealand, is believed to have weighed as much as 500 pounds, far larger than today's largest bird, the ostrich.

About two-and-a-half tons of diamonds are mined each year—a fifth of which are of gem quality, the remainder being used for industry. The badger, like the well-known skunk, has a scent gland that can be fired by raising its tail, but the odor is not nearly as offensive. Usually the odor is used by the badger for courtship.

For a long time it was believed that the swift was the only bird which moved its wings alternately in flight. Not so. A high-speed camera shows that the swift moves its wings in unison but that bird tilts its body from side to side as it flies. There was a time when it was considered next to impossible to split human hairs. Today the instrument makers not only can drill holes through human hair but also thread them with fine wire! The drill is one thousandths of an inch in diameter. To thread the hole requires a microscope and a steady hand. Lightens Load In a long chase, a mother kangaroo lightens her load by flinging the infant out of her pouch. This improves the mother's chances of escaping a predator then perhaps returning to the infant. Or if she is killed, the youngster may still have a chance to live.

A grain of ragweed pollen is 800-millionths of an inch through and contains dozens of tiny spikes that stick outward in every direction from its spherical form. Although every horse, mule, donkey and zebra had its origin in America millions of years ago, they all became extinct in this country and the horse did not return until Cortez who conquered Mexico brought it back in 1519. (DeSoto, likewise, brought horses to Florida in 1539.) Great ranches were soon established in Mexico from which horses inevitably escaped, multiplied rapidly, and spread north where they again roamed the great plains whence their ancestors of bygone ages had come. Offspring of these and other imported horses became the mustang, broncho and steed of the Indian.

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Threat Carried Out?
To the Editor: The orchardists are not alone.

I have a little old house, 60 years or better, with single wall construction, floor joists rotted, floor uneven, no foundation, no modern wiring, no bath tub—it's hardly worth repairs of any kind, yet the taxes this year are over 83 per cent above last year's.

The assessed value of this house was increased, while that of the lot on which it sits was decreased.

Taxes on my home, over 40 years old, were increased over 64 per cent above last year.

Could this be taxation without representation, or is it the carrying out of a threat that came from Salem prior to election day not so long ago? "Vote in a sales tax, OR ELSE!"

L. B. Pierce, 516 West Jackson St., Medford, Ore.

ALL-AROUND CHAMPION
San Francisco — (U.P.) — Barney Willis, of Visalia, Calif., was chosen all-around champion of this year's Grand National Livestock Exposition, Horse Show and Rodeo.

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GEO. N. TAYLOR
When King David saw the beautiful Beth-Sheba, Uriah's wife, taking a bath on the flat house-top, David had the woman brought to the palace. Out of that hour with David, the woman became an expectant mother. To wed Beth-Sheba, King David had Uriah, her husband slain. 2nd Samuel 11th.

And murder both pleased and displeased God. You hear David's repentance in Psalm 51st—in part you have—"Against Thee; There only have I sinned and done this evil in thy sight." But before God could forgive David's sin or ours, a death must take place, for the wages of sin is death—BIBLE. So God gave Christ to die for David's sin and yours and mine. Receive Christ as the Son of God who died for you and God blots out your sin and gives you eternal life. Make Christ your Lord and Savior and stand on it that you have eternal life. Then by Bible and prayer, grow up.—Adv.

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