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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. 16, 1945 (It was Friday) Miss Nina Tuttle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Tuttle, Valley View dr., first applicant for Victory Queen contest sponsored by American Legion.

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 16, 1935 (It was Saturday) Dr. A. N. Johnson, county health officer, reports fifth polio victim in five days.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 16, 1925 (It was Monday) City Attorney John H. Carkin says insurance rates west of tracks will increase if Sixth st. crossing not completed soon.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 16, 1915 (It was Tuesday) W. L. Alexander, Portland landscape artist, says Medford's shade trees need repairing.

What's the Answer?

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

1. Mrs. Roosevelt is for Stevenson, Harriman, Truman, Acheson, Lausche or her son James for the 1956 Democratic nomination, or says she has no choice?

2. About half, or fewer or more than half of all Americans over 21 have attended high school?

3. Which college football team is called the Spartans?

4. A rich oil producing area centers around Ploesti, which is in Venezuela, East Texas, south Russia, Rumania or the Middle East?

5. Which member of the Eisenhower Cabinet is a Catholic?

6. T. V. sets are now to be found in about one-half, two-thirds, or 85 per cent of all U.S. homes?

7. The late "Jimmy" Walker resigned as mayor of New York, or filled out his term, or was removed by impeachment?

The Answers: 1. Is for Stevenson; 2. More than half; 3. Michigan State; 4. Rumania; 5. Secretary of Labor Mitchell; 6. About two-thirds; 7. Resigned.

FANCY MEETING YOU

Minden, Neb.—U.P.—John L. Sullivan, en route to his San Francisco home after a recent visit in Lincoln, stopped off at Pioneer Village here and met an old friend, cable car No. 47. He was an operator of the car when it traveled up and down San Francisco's steep hills. Both car and operator have been retired.

Tax Inquiry

What is the function of a chamber of commerce? Well, there are a lot of answers. One of the best would seem to be to fill a need for service or information on the part of its members. This week we will see the start of just such an undertaking when the local chamber's legislative committee starts a study of local taxation.

A LARGE howl has gone up in property taxpaying circles since the bills were mailed out this year. Whether the increases are, or are not, justified is a question which the average taxpayer is not equipped to determine.

The chamber committee, however, provides a means whereby an impartial group can conduct a study of the situation with the cooperation of representatives of the taxing bodies—who should welcome such an inquiry.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Frank Van Dyke, plans no "crusade," no "inquisition," no putting of anyone "on the spot." What it will seek is a balanced, rational and factual examination of taxing problems and procedures.

A STEP in this direction was taken recently when the citizens budget committee of Medford began monthly meetings, to keep a running tab on the needs and expenses of city departments.

The chamber study will supplement this with conferences and discussions on other levels of government.

Taxes are high. Are they too high? If so, what is the reason? Are we getting our money's worth for our tax dollar? Where, if anywhere, can taxes be cut? It is to questions such as these the chamber study can hope to find answers.—E.A.

Stop for School Buses

A law was passed in Oregon several years ago requiring that cars must stop when a school bus stopped. The idea behind the law was the protection of children getting on and off the bus.

Except on divided four-lane or wider highways, the law requires cars going in both directions to stop. The buses are equipped with red "stop" signs, which are plain to see.

WE ARE informed by the traffic safety division, and by school bus drivers themselves, that this law is honored as much in the breach as in the observance.

This is not good. One driver called to report that just since school started this year he has observed several "close calls" involving youngsters running for the bus, or getting off of it. He is on a route which runs through the center of the city, and he's worried.

WHAT is the answer?

As in most other safety matters, about the only thing that can be done is to call on drivers, repeatedly, to use their heads, to obey the law, to keep uppermost in their minds the fact that a ton of machinery, engineered for speed, comfort, and trigger-like responses, can be a deadly weapon.

If this fails, and indications are that it has failed so far, arrests should follow.—E. A.

Non-Human Minds

What sort of mentality would deliberately and in cold blood construct a bomb for the destruction of his mother? And what sort of mentality would place that bomb on an airplane loaded with other people, knowing full well that they would die too?

The sheer horror of these ideas repels most people to an extent where understanding is impossible.

THE young man who harbored these thoughts which we cannot understand must be mad.

Somewhere, deep in his warped and twisted mind, he must have felt a justification for his action. As a result, 44 people died. And in the mind of a Hitler or a Stalin, just as warped and twisted, must also have been a feeling of justification.

We have still far to go to learn the skills of preventing or healing minds not entirely human.—E.A.

Editorial Comment

Some days ago we commented that a student in high school should keep his sights high, lest he find to his sorrow that he had sold himself short. We recommended that every student take courses and otherwise conduct himself as if he were going to the finest college in the world and then into a professional career. We find support for this idea in the New York Times Magazine.

Seat Ejection Saves Life of Jet Pilot

Ramstein, Germany—(U.P.)—An American F86 fighter plane crashed in a field near here Tuesday night but its seat ejection mechanism enabled the pilot to parachute to safety.

The plane, piloted by 1st Lt. Daniel J. Mourey of Fort Wayne, Ind., was on a routine training flight from the Landstuhl Air Base.

When the plane got into trouble, Mourey triggered his seat ejection mechanism, opened his parachute and drifted down onto the roof of the city hospital at Kaiserslautern.

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 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.

No Gold But Nice Time

To the Editor: Some 40 or more years ago, a prospecting friend heard of the rich gold finds being made over on the coast anywhere from Hoopa Indian reservation in northern Humboldt county, California, to Curry county, Oregon. It made him pull up stakes in Jackson county with a pack animal and head west over the coast range.

Not having heard from him after several months, we were surprised to meet him one day again, saying he had too many callers. Asking him how come, he said he invited the natives over to camp and if it was raining they would stay until the storm was over, it might be a few days or last a week.

Anyway it was raining most of the time. And for the half breeds, they always had plenty of time to plan out the price of a pair of blue jeans, a supply of tobacco, or a new phonograph record, every now and then. As for their secret of the gold diggings, it still remains a mystery.

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman St., Medford, Ore.

Wants Questions Answered

To the Editor: The answers to three questions regarding the proposed hospital in this valley, would be of interest to this writer and many of your readers.

1. If I or any other resident should be admitted to the hospital, emergency or otherwise, would my family doctor, an osteopathic physician licensed to practice in Oregon, be permitted the use of the hospital facilities?

2. Will the present practice of demanding payment in advance of entry of a patient, or immediately thereafter, be put on a humanitarian basis?

3. If any doctor, M.D. or D.O., would decide to become humanitarian and make a reasonable charge for an office call, would he still be permitted equality with other doctors in the use of the hospital facilities?

Doublets many hundreds of your readers would be very interested in a reply to the above questions, and, an affirmative public answer, through the columns of your paper, would mean that we are not being presented with false statements in the use of the words Charitable, Humanitarian, Community and Public.

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

Taxes Higher

To the Editor: In May of this year nice cards arrived in the mail telling everyone of the revaluation of their property, with a note saying "This does not necessarily mean that your taxes will be increased" as the tax base will be broader; signed, County Assessor. Ha! Who got took? Everyone that I have talked to, so they hope when next election rolls around they will be able to vote in a new group of people. All the taxpayers are beginning to realize that if they expect to live they are going to have some replacement in county, state and federal offices. They surely are being taxed to death.

Our taxes have been increased every year that we have owned property. There are people in the valley who get blind assistance and welfare, and they manage to save up the money to pay their taxes out of their pitiful allowances.

When taxes arrive, they, like everyone else, find their savings will cover a half or maybe a third.

So I am asking this: Is the county going to own all property? Is Medford Irrigation company trying to get control of all the irrigation ditches so they can have every ditch under their control? Looks that way from recent elections held.

Maybe the people who vote had better do some thinking on their own and not be so easily influenced by a smooth talker. Gladys Hamilton, Route 2, Box 468, Medford, Ore.

A PRINCIPLE Waterbury, Conn.—(U.P.)—Told by a pair of armed bandits to hand over her money, Mrs. Max Fischer replied: "Shut up!" The bandits fled. Later she disclosed she wasn't carrying any money but balked because of the "principal of the thing."

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Russia Seen Thinking Is That So? Of Future in Claim Of Mongolia in UN

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

Soviet Russia probably is thinking of the future in insisting that Outer Mongolia be admitted to the United Nations.

There is no good reason why this ill-defined area of grazing lands in Eastern Asia should be given U. N. membership.

But Russia is obviously eager to get the "People's Republic of Mongolia" recognized by the world as a sovereign nation.

One reason is that Outer Mongolia one day may be the cause of a clash of interests between Russia and Communist China.

For Outer Mongolia really is a part of China, even though Chinese rule over it always was loose.

Outer Mongolia is closely tied to the Soviet Union now, as a member of the U.N. it would, of course, vote with the Soviet bloc.

But the Chinese Communists have shown increasing determination to extend their rule, in time, to all the lands once ruled by the old Manchu emperors.

The Chinese Reds invaded Tibet, over which China claimed sovereignty, in 1950.

It has been reported frequently since then that the Peiping government was looking forward to the day when it also would claim Outer Mongolia.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS The news as this is written is a good deal like a mulligan stew. It has a little of everything in it. If you don't happen to like mulligan stew, you'll add that what it has in it is mostly bad.

So you'll like the simile even better. FIRST, there's the weather. The weather over the weekend contained a little of everything—snow, rain, sunshine, cold spots, warm spots. And, a few minutes ago, the teletype spit out a story to the effect that another storm is on the way down from the Arctic regions.

It followed the pattern of a little of everything—announcing that maybe the storm will bend off and miss us but also maybe it will hit us right on the nose. t.d.ksdale.

HO! HUM!

For weeks, the weather has been irreproachably wonderful. But, as summer wanes and winter waxes, we forget all the good and complain bitterly about the bad. Life is like that.

OVER the week-end two prominent Americans—Robert Sherwood, playwright, and Bernard DeVoto, novelist and historian—are victims of heart attacks.

Both were useful citizens. We can ill spare them. Both are THINKERS. Sherwood was 59. DeVoto was 58. If spared, both could have gone on thinking for a long, long time.

A San Francisco woman was savagely beaten in a quarrel with her landlord, who wanted to fix a broken window in her apartment in the early morning hours when she wanted to sleep. Fixing broken windows—es-

pecially here at the beginning of winter—is a good thing. Sleep is a good thing. If the two of them could have GOT TOGETHER, THE WORLD WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF ALL AROUND.

But they couldn't get together. So MUCH evil results because people can't get together in the common cause of human betterment.

In New Orleans, a 62-year-old machinist is fatally shot by three juveniles whom he surprised while they were ransacking his house.

That is doubly bad. The world can ill afford to lose a good honest machinist in these days when our lives are so dominated by machines.

There is no greater tragedy than JUVENILES GONE WRONG.

WORST of all is the case of the student who has just been arrested and charged with responsibility for the crash of the airliner north of Denver a couple of weeks ago following a bomb-like blast in a baggage compartment.

The young man's mother was aboard the plane. He had just taken out \$37,500 worth of insurance on her life. He is one of the heirs of her estate, whose value is estimated at \$150,000. He had been in trouble before, and always his mother had helped him out.

The whole affair gives one the shivers. IS the world getting steadily worse?

It sounds like it. I know—but I still think our modern communications are so super-perfect that we hear everything that happens almost as soon as it happens. In the olden golden days,

To a thoughtful person every creature in nature and every part of that creature is a matter of astonishment. But every so often, nature seems to produce a super-astorisher. Let's consider some of them.

To enable the frog to protrude its tongue an extra length for nabbing its prey, it's rooted at the front of the mouth. The gecko lizard's tongue is long enough to enable its owner to wash its eyes with it. The cha-



meleon's is almost as long as its body. But to accommodate the ant-eater, nature has rooted its tongue not in the mouth or the throat of its long head but fastened it securely to its breastbone! Thus, the tremendously long tongue can reach deep into the anthills.

In perfection, the human eye of all organs seems perhaps the most "impossible." But an even more unusual eye is possessed by a tropical American fish, the anableps. It swims with the top half of each of its eyes above water and the lower half under the water. And for a good reason: it is bifocal, with two pupils in each eye. The upper pair scan the scene above the surface while at the same time the lower pupils which are adjusted to a different angle, study the underwater depths.

Running in pursuit of prey or

to avoid being eaten is an amazing process—but look at what speedsters exist: a lumbering black bear can hit 30; a gawky giraffe, 32; a mule deer, 35; a lion, 40; a jackrabbit, 45; a black-buck, 50; a pronghorn antelope, 60. But there is one even faster—the lean, sleek cheetah, a hunting leopard of Asia. With an acceleration of 45 miles an hour within two seconds, this animal is nature's ultimate in speed for land-based mammals. It can race at 70 miles an hour.

Birds Much Faster Airborne birds, of course, are much faster. Perhaps the fastest in a straight-away flight is the Indian swift which has been timed at the incredible speed of 200 miles an hour over a two-mile course. In dives, the duck hawk may exceed it—that's problematical and virtually impossible to measure accurately.

Several land-based birds that have lost the power of flight are no slow pokes. Our wild turkey can run 20 miles an hour; our roadrunners of the southwest, 26; and the ostrich has been clocked at over 28 miles an hour.

The sea contains many quick change artists. As the squid swims its body shows wavering stripes of horizontal light and dark—matching the effect of streaks of water in motion. But once at rest, it immediately changes these horizontal streaks to shimmering vertical bands. So now the motionless squid has become a bed of gently waving seaweeds. Matching the squid, a flounder who has learned to migrate on his side (his eyes must migrate to accommodate the change), can even simulate a black and white checkered background!

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Disillusioned Japan Marine Hangs Self

Manila—(U.P.)—Suicide today ended World War II for an emaciated Japanese marine who evaded capture in the Philippines jungles for 11 years, convinced that Japan would win the war and he would return home in triumph.

Marine Cpl. Noboru Kinoshita strangled himself in a prison stockade because he felt he had disgraced himself and Japan by being taken prisoner two weeks ago.

After 11 years of jungle life Kinoshita finally was taken prisoner Nov. 2. He thought the war was still going on and refused to believe it when told that the battles had ended almost 11 years ago.

Daily, he begged Filipino police to kill him. He grew almost hysterical in demands to die "honorably" and finally resolved his problem with a rope.

It was different. We then heard little beyond our own immediate neighborhood.

And—We're inclined to pay more attention to the BAD than to the GOOD. We read so many of the bad headlines and skip so many of the good ones. That is unfortunate.

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