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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. 23, 1945 (It was Friday) Banner headline on front page: MEAT RATIONING ENDS TONIGHT.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: For two summers there has been a great civil hue and cry about 'Keeping Oregon Green.'

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 23, 1935 Medford residents paid \$14.82 each in taxes in 1935, according to figures from secretary of treasurer's office.

Jack Hueston, Rogue Valley Country club professional, announces turkey tournament.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 23, 1925 (It was Monday) Fraternity and sorority presidents at University of Oregon place ban on students dancing the Charleston.

Senator Robert N. Stanfield schedules two speeches in Medford.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 23, 1915 Loss of sugar beet factory in Rogue valley probable because of lack of necessary acreage for beets.

Interest in proposed poultry show here increases with letter from C. F. Williams, publisher of Northwest Poultry journal.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. Tax in the states for unemployment benefits is paid equally by employer and employee, all by employer, or all by employee?
2. Imports of residual oil, a competitor of coal, have increased or decreased in recent months, or stayed about the same?
3. In first half of this year about 250,000, 12,500, 25,000, 125,000 or 2,500,000 foreign cars were sold in the U.S.?
4. Which Catholic was recently suggested by two prominent Southern Democrats for the 1956 Democratic presidential nomination?
5. The game of chess has six, seven, eight, nine or ten different kinds of pieces?
6. Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef is a prominent Arab leader in Egypt, Morocco, Syria, Turkey, or Saudi Arabia?
7. The music of 'Show Boat' was written by Oscar Hammerstein, Oscar Straus, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Franz Lehár, or Victor Herbert?
The Answers: 1. All by employer. 2. Decreased. 3. About 25,000. 4. Gov. Lausche of Ohio. 5. Six. 6. Morocco (he's Sultan again). 7. Kern.

Civil Service Slates

Four Examinations Examinations for the positions of economist, medical technician, medical X-ray technician, and bindery woman, have been announced by the U. S. Civil Service commission.

All positions to be filled are in the Washington, D.C., area. No written test is required for any of these examinations. Application blanks and further information will be available at any first class post office.

The Hospital Drive

A man we know and admire has been a patient in one of Medford's hospitals for several weeks now. It was from him that we got "the word" on the need for a new hospital in this area.

He pointed out that both hospitals are filled a good bit of the time. Some days it has been necessary to set up beds in the halls or in visiting rooms. The actual physical capacities of both hospitals are already strained past comfort and convenience.

"And," he joked, "if this procession of babies keeps up, there won't be room for anyone else at all."

THE babies, of course, are only a part of the reason why a new hospital is needed.

The population is much larger than it was when the present hospitals were built, for one thing. There are now about 63,000 people in the county, and according to a survey of hospital bed needs, several hundred more are necessary if state standards of hospitalization are to be met.

Another is the increasing age of the population. The number of older people is increasing, and this means that more and more beds will be necessary to accommodate those suffering from the infirmities of age.

STILL another is the fact that many specialized forms of medical treatment are not now available in Medford. It was to meet this problem that Mercy Flights, Inc., was set up nearly six years ago. The fact that more than 400 patients have been carried by that non-profit organization is a demonstration, in itself, that we're still "isolated" from some of the services we need.

PERHAPS the most pressing reason of all, however, is the fact that Community hospital (it's technically known as Rogue Valley hospital, but few people call it that after all these years) has pretty much outgrown its usefulness in its present state.

It is located in an old building, and studies of the possibility of adding on to it have shown that not to be an adequate solution, both because the site is limited and because the old building is getting to the point where it will not be safe much longer for use as a hospital.

A replacement is needed therefore and needed badly. And the plan worked out by the men and women who have studied the matter for many months seems to be about the best one possible.

WE ARE all users, or prospective users, of hospitals. As such we are fortunate in the circumstances under which this drive is starting. First of all, several substantial contributions by a few people have already provided some \$600,000 of the total amount needed. Secondly, we are pretty well assured of a big allocation of federal money toward the project.

This leaves an estimated \$714,000, out of a total of some \$1,900,000, to be raised by public contributions. Each individual who makes a gift toward the hospital will have to make up his own mind how much it is worth to him and his family to have better hospital facilities in Medford. That decision will have to be based on how much he can afford to give, of course.

But it should also be based on his decision as to whether he and his family can much longer afford not to have adequate hospital facilities available. —E.A.

Air Travel

This is being written a day or two before the writer is scheduled to take an airline trip.

Consequently, he has taken an unusual—almost a morbid—interest in news of recent air crashes. He reads about them with a (gulp) sense of unease.

Pleasanter reading are the statistics which show that travel on scheduled airliners is one of the safest of all modes of getting from one place to another.

THE scheduled airlines, and most of the non-skids, too, have chalked up passenger-mile safety records which prove their planes are as safe, or safer, places to be than almost anywhere.

The fact remains that in an airplane the passenger is entirely dependent for his safety on the precautions taken by someone else. Which may be why so many drivers, who are largely responsible for their own safety, and who have the "it-can't-happen-to-me" feeling, wind up in the ditch or in a hospital.—E.A.

Accidental Death Insurance Case Heard

Portland — (U.P.) — Trial of a claim for \$100,000 of accidental death insurance policies opened here yesterday in the case brought by Mrs. Jane Lyons, widow of Coos Bay lumberman James Lyons.

The 49-year-old timber tycoon died in 1953 while hunting doves in the state of Baja California, Mexico. Hearing the case is U.S. District Judge of San Francisco, sitting without a jury.

Howard K. Beebe, attorney for Mrs. Lyons, told the court that Lyons died after he was struck in the face by a shotgun blast. There were no witnesses to the accident. Mrs. Lyons intends to prove by medical evidence that shock from the accidentally self-inflicted gunshot wound overstrained her husband's healthy heart and caused his death.

News Developments Must Be Embarrassing To Nehru, Russians

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and his two eminent visitors from Moscow must be embarrassed by current news developments.

Nehru, Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev are praising their own and each other's countries as lovers of peace and good will.

Nehru has emphasized that the "great cause of human progress" can not be served by violence and hatred.

"Denial of freedom and racial discrimination are not only improper, but are the seeds from which grow the evils of war," Nehru said in one speech.

Bulganin and Khrushchev are building up their country as a model for all to admire. At the same time, they are neglecting no opportunity to complain of the defects and misdoings of the Western democracies.

And while this is going on, the Indian newspapers report that 10 persons were killed in wild riots in Bombay, India's largest city—caused by what the rioters call racial discrimination.

Five County Men To Participate in Horticulture Meet

Five Jackson county men will actively participate in the 70th anniversary meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society in Corvallis, Dec. 1 and 2.

The meet will include a preview of new varieties, latest research in control of insects, plant diseases, weeds, and the use of hormone sprays to increase fruit size.

The society meeting, held at Oregon State college, will have two general assemblies and special sessions for research and industry reports on small fruits, stone fruits, apples and pear, and vegetables.

Apple and pear growers will hear a report on heating orchards with wood waste, given by Bob Root, Medford; export market prospects; and latest trends in fruit packaging.

Don Korth, Phoenix, will act as chairman for the sectional meeting on stone fruits. R. J. Higdon, Kings Hwy., will moderate a panel on plant nutrition. Ward Spatz, Medford, will participate on the panel.

Cliff B. Cordy, county agent, will moderate a panel on irrigation and draining, and give a report on observing horticulture in Florida. Don Berry, county agent, will take part in a panel discussion of what's new in stone fruit disease control.

Evans Valley 4-H Awards Presented

The Evans Valley 4-H club achievement program was held at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 21, at the Wimer Grange hall. A potluck dinner with a candle lighting ceremony was followed by games and dancing.

Presentation of pins and cards designating the number of years of 4-H work completed was made by Orth Miller, Medford Branch of the First National Bank, and Gene McCurley, agricultural field representative for the First National Bank of Portland.

Those receiving first-year pins were Roy Buck, Barbara DeRoba, Kathy Johnston, Keith Johnston, Bobby Machado, Diane Mars and Christine Penn. Those receiving second-year cards were Maryveda Frost, Karen Byers, Jeanne DeRoba, Sharon Martin, Timothy Murdoch, John Penn, and Barbara Wood.

Third-year 4-H pins were presented to John Machado, Rose Marie Machado and Terrie Roach; fourth-year cards, Charles Badcock, Barbara Headrick, Margaret Stone and Jo Ann Wood; fifth-year, Janet Erickson; sixth-year, Yvonne Erickson and Ann Buck; ninth-year, Beth Buck.

Edith Y. Ingle, 338 Bessie St., Medford, Ore.

ALFANAL FOR THE PAIN OF ARTHRITIS, RHEUMATISM, AND NEURITIS. At Your Favorite Drug Store.

The same newspapers report that in freedom-loving Russia six men were executed, after secret trials, for alleged complicity in the villainies of Lavrenti P. Beria, the secret police chief who was shot two years ago.

At least the Russians can say to themselves that the bombay riots could not have happened in their country. Russians take what they get, and praise the Kremlin. At least, when they think out loud.

Nehru can console himself with the thought that in India there are no mass executions for offenders against his regime.

No doubt Nehru, Bulganin and Khrushchev will continue to express their admiration for each other.

The Bombay outbreak, however, may well be followed by others even more violent.

Nehru's idea The reason is that one of Nehru's vast projects is to consolidate India into 16 states, and a lot of Indians do not like the idea.

India's 360,000,000 people consist of innumerable racial and religious groupings. Fourteen different languages, out of the many, are recognized by the government as official.

The trouble in Bombay was caused by Nehru's decision to cut up the Bombay area into three states.

The idea is to divide the state according to the language of its peoples.

Bombay is to be one state, a second one is to be the state of Maharashtra. But more than 40 per cent of the 3,000,000 people of Bombay City speak the Maharashtra language. They want to be incorporated in Maharashtra state.

The same problem exists in other areas, and in some of them the complaints of discrimination also may take violent form.

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.

Funerals Cost Too

To the Editor: How wonderful is the account of little Joe Willie Haynes—a true Thanksgiving story with a happy ending. The 11-year-old Negro boy who was nearly killed, had serious brain surgery and is now well, will have a joyous Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas with his family, thanks to a skilled surgeon and fine hospital care.

Here, L. B. Pierce, is the answer to your letter which appeared in the Medford Mail Tribune Nov. 16. Medicine is one of the places where idealism wins over materialism.

I am sure that nobody needing help is ever turned away from either Sacred Heart or Community hospitals, or that any doctor refuses to care for those in trouble.

In an automobile accident about three years ago, kind and efficient police officers summoned an ambulance which took me to Community hospital. Recently I have had major surgery at Sacred Heart hospital. Extensive care and great personal one, doctors, nurses and aides, were given freely. I am sure neither little Joe nor his parents were forced to pay in advance when he was admitted to Sacred Heart. County cases are given as good care as millionaires.

Carry medical insurance if possible; if you can, pay your bill in full. After all, the staff has to eat. If you can't, talk and doctors before going in, if budget your payments. If you're flat broke, say so. But be truthful and don't buy luxuries until your bills are paid.

Oregonians might get together and have a county hospital in each county as California has. Los Angeles County hospital is one of the finest in the world. But millionaire or pauper, you'll get skilled, kind care right here.

If hospital staffs, nurses and doctors resigned and went out after big money where would Jackson county be?

After all, funerals cost money, too.

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New Kind of Safe Medicine for Awful ASTHMA attacks. If you dread those awful attacks of asthma that clog up your bronchial breathing tubes so you choke, cough, pant, wheeze and gasp for air, don't wait for the next attack to hit but right now start taking the new medicine called BATOR TABLETS that work such wonderful fast. Without potassium iodide, without any of the old-fashioned drugs that irritate so many, new BATOR TABLETS work through the blood stream (1) to loosen and help get rid of the thick secretions that clog the breathing tubes (2) to counteract the spasmodic coughing, choking, wheezing and gasping before it starts (3) to ward off the allergy of asthma and thus let you breathe freer and easier again.

Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

THE STATE OF THE DEMOCRATS

Chicago—Beaming confidence with a slight underlayer of nervousness about describes the mood of the Democratic Party, to judge from the big Democratic jamboree which has just taken place here. The reasons for the confidence are obvious.

In the first place, except for the role played by Adlai Stevenson, and Stevenson's remarkable speech, the performance here in Chicago has been a pretty dull one. But it has been dull for a reason pleasing to Democrats. For they have notably failed to provide amusement to the onlookers by trying to claw each others' eyes out, after their usual fashion.

There have been groanings and mutterings, of course, but nothing like the fearful clashes that used to take place when Democrats gathered together. The reason is, of course, that the issues which tore the Democratic Party apart in 1948 and 1952—civil rights and off-shore oil—have been muted if not disposed of.

This surface display of unity has taken place, moreover, against the background of a remarkable record of success at the polls. Indeed, the consistent Democratic voting trend, in a time of prosperity and while a Republican President has enjoyed unprecedented personal popularity, has been a mysterious phenomenon.

Consider the record of the last three years. In the special election in 1953, almost before President Eisenhower had settled himself in the White House, seven out of eight House seats went to Democrats, while two districts, in Wisconsin and New Jersey, went Democratic for the first time in history.

This might have been written off as mere happenstance, if the same districts had not gone Democratic again in 1952. In that election, the Democrats won both houses, the first time in American history that a President lost both houses to the opposition two years after his election. The Democrats also grabbed a whole slew of governorships, and polled a higher proportion of the total vote than at any time since the mid-thirties.

THE off-year elections of Nov. 8, in the unanimous view of the Democrats who gathered here, strongly confirmed the trend. Some Democratic successes, they admit, were wholly local affairs. But they argue that it is silly to suppose, for example, that Democratic mayors replaced Republicans in 48 Indiana towns simply because of local conditions in all those towns.

The Democrats are sure that the Indiana vote represents a farm rebellion of serious proportions against the Administration. And they believe that the Democratic trend in certain towns in Connecticut and elsewhere represents a drift of the commuting and middle-class vote away from its normal Republican allegiance.

Finally, the Democrats are operating on the assumption that Dwight D. Eisenhower will not run again. Although it is not often acknowledged, this is the most important single reason for the Democratic confidence which has been on display here. "Won't it be nice," one Democrat remarked, "not to have to run against an American institution?"

And yet that underlayer of nervousness also exists, all the same. The Democrats, particularly those from the farm states, are sure that farm discontent presents them with an enormous effective issue, and many of them are angry with Adlai Stevenson for not exploiting the issue more aggressively. But otherwise, they have a dearth of real, emotion-stirring issues. "It's going to be tough to run against peace and prosperity," one of them remarked.

Whoever the Republican candidate may be, moreover, he will be lavishly financed and he will have at his disposal the most brilliant practitioners of the new techniques of television politics. Most important of all, as the Democrats are unhappily aware, he will have Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"YOU can just imagine it," one Democrat remarked thoughtfully. "There will be Ike, the ailing and beloved President, maybe on the back porch at Gettysburg, urging the voters to elect a Republican candidate to carry on his policies. Don't think that will be easy to beat."

And there is one more reason for the underlayer of Democratic nervousness. Some very shrewd Democrats have a nasty suspicion that the Democratic electoral successes since 1952 don't really mean what they seem to mean, as far as the Presidency is concerned. They suspect that the voters, who have increasingly shown a disconcerting tendency to split their tickets, have gotten used to having a Republican in the White House with Democrats in charge of Congress; and that the voters' like it that way, and do not mean to change.

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