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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
Dec. 5, 1945
(Jit was Wednesday)
Judge James Alger Fee arrives to preside over two-day session of federal grand jury.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Things are dull these short winter days down on the farm. There is nothing to do but the chores before dark, eat supper, wait for the 9 o'clock news, hit the hay, and sleep straight through till 4:45 a.m., farmers boast.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 5, 1935
(Jit was Thursday)
T. Slater Johnson elected president of Medford's University club.

Medford Concrete Construction company awarded bid to construct Talent disposal plant, subject to approval by WPA.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 5, 1925
(Jit was Saturday)
Klamath Falls High enters Southern Oregon basketball league for first time in school's history.

From Local and Personal column: Twelve mules are hard at work hauling gravel to fill in the lot, recently given to the forest service for a warehouse site on East Jackson street. Building activities are scheduled to commence, it is understood, next spring.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 5, 1915
(Jit was Sunday)
From Ashland news: On Wednesday the city council went over the budget and pared down the estimates. The levy is to be 18.2 mills instead of a trifle over 20 mills, as originally made.

Alex Nibley of Oregon-Utah sugar beet company announces that firm has not obtained 5,000 acres necessary for building plant in O'Valley.

What's the Answer?
Can You Get 4 of the 7?
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

1. No President of this century so far has refused to run for a second term; right or wrong?
2. Outer Mongolia is a Communist or non-Communist state in Asia?
3. U.S. farms as a whole have many more horses than mules, or many more mules, or about the same number of each?
4. Adlai E. Stevenson once served as vice president of the United States; right or wrong?
5. The Cotton Doll is in Miami, New Orleans, Dallas, Pasadena, or Tulsa?
6. More fractional voting (less than one full vote for a delegate) will be recorded at the 1956 Republican or Democratic national convention?
7. Harlowe H. Curtice is president of U. S. Steel, General Motors, Dupont, Standard Oil of N.J., Chrysler, or Sears, Roebuck?
The Answers: 1. Right. 2. Communist. 3. Many more horses than mules. 4. Right (grandfather of present Democratic leader). 5. Dallas. 6. At the Democratic. 7. General Motors.
A 3 1/2-ounce portion of boiled potatoes contains only 83 calories while the same amount of French fried potatoes contains 333 calories.

How To Give?

The United Medford Crusade, which raises funds for more than two dozen agencies that contribute to the welfare of the community, is just on the verge of success (which may have been announced by the time this is printed).

The drive for Muscular Dystrophy, a mysterious and as-yet unconquered disease, was concluded recently with results not yet announced. The TB Christmas Seal sale is underway. The annual March of Dimes drive, to "finish off" polio, will start soon.

In recent months, and in the months to come, there have been and will be a wide variety of other types of appeal. Many of them will be to raise money to combat diseases, or to help the victims of disease. All of them, to a greater or lesser extent, are worthy of support.

MOST of these fund drives are pretty well organized, with executive secretaries and other paid personnel, although each depends to a large degree on the unpaid services of volunteers who feel the causes are important.

It is a logical and perfectly admissible question when one asks: Why aren't all these lumped into one drive? Isn't that what the United Medford Crusade is for?

It is impossible for people of average means to contribute to all of them in significant amounts, no matter how worth while the endeavor. Would it not be better to "force" them to join the UMC, so that when we give to that we can feel that we are doing our bit all at one time, with our gift to be apportioned where there is the greatest need?

THAT, of course, is the theory behind the unified drives, which started a number of years ago with the Community Chests, and has progressed to the United Funds, which now include most of the major welfare and character-building groups. Even the Red Cross, for a long time a hold-out against the unification attempt, now joins community fund endeavors.

But a large number of the specialized drives—the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which conducts the March of Dimes, is the most notable example—still insist on conducting their own fund raising campaigns.

They believe, and apparently with some justification, that they do better financially that way, and in addition retain their individuality which might otherwise be lost in the anonymity of a united drive. There is more emotional impact in a one-purpose drive than is ordinarily possible in a consolidated fund-raising effort.

IT IS obvious that it would, indeed, be more "convenient" for everyone to have one, big, single drive for funds, once a year.

But this is still a free country. If anyone wants to get out and beat the drums and ring doorbells on behalf of the Fund for Impoverished Newspapermen, that is his, or her, privilege.

Conversely, if the person asked for a donation wishes to refuse, that is his or her privilege. Nobody is forcing anybody to give to anything—although some pretty high pressures can be generated in some instances.

THE community chests, and now the united drives, have ways in which they can entice, or encourage, fund-raising groups to enter the fold. They can withhold approval of some independent drives, and thereby create a type of economic-threat-through-influence. But they can't force them.

This can be, and has been, a sore point for organizations which feel they are entitled to public aid and financial assistance, and in some cases has reacted against the united fund efforts.

But the fact remains that the united drives in general, and the United Medford Crusade in particular, do offer us an easy way to give to a great many worthwhile groups. As to the other appeals, it is strictly up to the individual to decide whether or not it is worthy of support. And it is up to them and their sponsors to decide whether their interests would be best served by joining, or going it alone.

THIS discussion has been limited to the recurring annual appeals, but there are many others, too, such as the current drive in Medford to raise funds for construction of a new hospital, a single and concentrated effort. There are also school carnivals, parties and a host of other fund-raising attempts of an endless array of organizations and groups, including school and college alumni organizations.

It is probable that all of them will continue to receive support from the American people, who are the wealthiest and very possibly the most generous in the world. It's a fine thing, too. Each of the appeals, except for a tiny minority which actually are rackets, accomplishes some good. But nobody can force you to give to any one of them, or prevent you from giving, if you want to. —E.A.

Fisherman's Body Found Along Beach

Seattle — (U.P.) — The body of one of two men aboard the 47-foot fishboat "Wilma S" which has been missing since Nov. 26 was found washed up on the beach near Ocean City, Wash., yesterday, the Coast Guard reported today. The Coast Guard identified the body as that of Alex Pepin of Westport, owner of the craft. The other person aboard the Wilma S. when it left Blaine Nov. 26 en route to Westport was Arbid Fakari, address unknown, the Coast Guard added. A search is continuing for the missing craft and Fakari.

Playboy To Face Charge of Swindling

New York — (U.P.) — Millionaire playboy Robert Schlesinger returned here voluntarily from Canada today to face charges he swindled three men of \$330,000. Schlesinger, who allegedly used \$100,000 of the bilked money to buy jewels for movie actress Linda Christian, arrived by plane from Montreal and met immediately with an attorney. The lawyer, Harris Steinberg, who once served as an assistant district attorney here, said Schlesinger would "do whatever is right" at his arraignment on the swindling charges later today. There are 13 rivers or river systems that are 1,000 miles or more in length in the United States.

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

KEFLAVIK AND DAHRAN Washington — Not one American in a thousand knows how to spell the name of the place, but the fact is on the consciousness of most Americans, are what makes it possible for us still to retain our dwindling margin of superiority in the air-atomic race. This is why Keflavik, Thule base in Greenland, Keflavik is rated the second most essential of all this country's network of forward bases. Bases like Thule, Keflavik, and Dahran in Saudi Arabia, little as they impinge that our air base at Keflavik, in Iceland, is a vital element in our national security. The further the fact is that we are in serious danger of losing the Keflavik base. After the is important, and why the danger that Keflavik may be lost must be taken very seriously indeed.

The situation is simple enough. Iceland is a chilly land of 160,000 proudly independent people, with a long tradition of isolation from the rest of the world. The few thousand American troops there, plus the heavy spending required for the construction and maintenance of the base, have had a tremendous impact on the little country. By and large the troops are well, even harshly, disciplined (Keflavik is considered far from a desirable assignment in the Air Force). But there are inevitable small incidents. More important, spending on the base has led to inflation and a shortage of labor. At the same time, exports of fish, Iceland's most important product, to the United States have dropped sharply, while Russian orders have markedly increased.

All these factors together have led to a great outcry to "kick the Americans out." Three of Iceland's five major parties have made the cry their own—the Socialists, the National Defense Party, and, mostly stridently of all, Iceland's strong Communist party, which has polled up to 20 per cent of the vote. To make matters worse, the two conservative parties making up the present governing coalition, have fallen to squabbling with each other.

THUS there is a good chance that an election will be held, perhaps next spring. The central issue will certainly be the Keflavik base. And, although the conservative coalition polled a lead of about 9 per cent in the last election, the anti-American parties might well win this round. In this case, short of the use of force, the Keflavik base would almost certainly be lost since this country's treaty with Iceland provides for cancellation of base rights whenever Iceland so wishes.

Nor is Keflavik our only endangered base. The perilous situation in Morocco threatens our bases there. And the vital forward base in Saudi Arabia is by no means secure for the long pull. Since the death of Saudi Arabia's magnificent old monarch, Ibn Saud, the Saudi Arabian government is sunk in a welter of luxury and corruption. Like such shaky regimes everywhere, the government has curried popularity by badgering the foreigner—in this case the Americans. It is not at all difficult to imagine a situation—like renewed fighting between the Arab states and Israel—which would lead to the loss of the Dahran base. But the loss of Keflavik alone would be enough to highlight the appalling problem which increasingly confronts our Strategic Air Command. The fact is that the Strategic Air Command is entering a period when it will be almost wholly dependent on the medium range B-47 bomber. The big lumbering old B-36 has already been rendered virtually obsolete by the Soviet Union's new "Flashlight" and "Farmer" fighter planes. Production on the long range jet bomber, the B-52, is still insignificant, and—for the usual budgetary reasons—it is likely to remain so for years.

THAT leaves only the B-47, to do SAC's absolutely essential job. And the range of the B-47 is such that overseas bases are vital to its effectiveness. To be sure, the B-47 can reach about two thirds of the most important Soviet targets from United States bases, if it is refueled coming and going. But for this purpose, the force of refueling tankers is desperately inadequate. For this and other reasons it is officially estimated that the loss of overseas bases

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Aftermath of S-D Day: Thursday's Safe-Driving campaign across the country was from the statistical standpoint—less effective than the one a year ago. All the figures are not yet in (as this is written) but the 1955 traffic death toll is at least 65—more than 25 per cent higher than on S-D Day in 1954. But—Almost half the states observed Safe Driving Day without ANY highway fatalities. And such major cities as New York, Chicago and Detroit kept a clean slate.

A GOOD example of the all-over problem of safe driving was provided by Defense Secretary Wilson and Admiral Radford, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff. They drove from Washington to Gettysburg over snow-slicked highways for a conference with President Eisenhower. The distance is 80 miles. They took two hours and 15 minutes for the trip, which is an average of 35 1/2 miles per hour. They narrowly missed a serious accident when a car ahead of them skidded off the road. Another car, swerving to miss the skidder, also left the road and crashed into a fence.

THAT is to say: Safe driving is a TWO WAY STREET. You must guard not only against your own driving errors but against the driving errors of others. The driver who skidded was going too fast for the condition of the road. By doing so, he ENDANGERED EVERY OTHER DRIVER. But you are SAFER FROM OTHERS if your own driving is above reproach.

SPEAKING in Rangoon, Burma, Soviet Premier Bulganin asserted that ALL NATIONS SHOULD PLEDGE THEMSELVES NOT TO BE THE FIRST TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

IT SOUNDS good, doesn't it? BUT—A PLEDGE IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE MAN WHO MAKES IT. UNFORTUNATELY, nobody can believe a Communist. A basic tenet of the Communist doctrine is that the END justifies the MEANS. That is to say: If a Communist pledges himself never to be the first to use an atom bomb and then launches an atomic attack on his enemy at the first favorable opportunity, he is regarded among Communists as a GREAT MAN. That makes it very difficult to deal with Communists.

THIS fundamental difficulty in dealing with Communists is a potential source of great danger in this cold war period. Communist inconsistency and double dealing MAKE US MAD. They put in our minds the thought that the only way to deal with them is to DESTROY THEM BEFORE THEY CAN DESTROY US. That is called "preventive war." Preventive war could destroy the world.

Dealing with the Communists during this period is going to call for great patience and almost superhuman wisdom.

Khrushchev Calls Newsmen To Hear Attack on Britain

Rangoon, Burma — (U.P.) — Soviet Communist party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev overruled his Burmese hosts last night and called in Western newsmen to hear him accuse Great Britain of "robbing the Burmese people of their last piece of bread." The pudgy Communist leader spoke at a banquet at Taunggyi in Burma's Shan State. Burmese officials, anxious to prevent new clashes between the talkative Russian and the Western press, kept newsmen at a distance from Khrushchev and Premier Nikolai Bulganin. Calls for Newsmen But Khrushchev rose to his feet at a banquet given by Shan Premier Sao Hkun Hkio and called for the newsmen before he launched into the latest of the anti-Western speeches he has made throughout Burma. "There are some correspondents here who are not quite satisfied with what I had to say yesterday," Khrushchev said. This was a reference to a clash he had with the newsmen Friday while touring Buddhist shrines in Rangoon. "I am making this speech for their satisfaction. Why are they not satisfied? Because I am going to say that the English were sitting here on your necks and were robbing your peoples and because it was done not for your benefit or for raising your standard of living but in order to bring their civilization into backward countries. Last Piece of Bread "But we say differently. They are sitting in these countries to rob people and that's what they (gesturing toward the correspondents) don't like because the truth hurts." Khrushchev tangled with Western correspondents Friday while he and Bulganin were being shown around the famed Shwe Dagon pagoda. He told the newsmen that Burmese temples were a thousand years older than British shrines yet the "British call the Burmese barbarians."

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SUGGESTED BIBLE READING VERSES

The Medford Council of Church Women each year between Thanksgiving and Christmas sponsors a program of daily Bible reading, recommending a different verse of the Bible for each day during that period, in cooperation with the American Bible association, the Medford Ministerial association and the National Council of Church Women. Following are the passages recommended for today: Matthew 25:1-30.

Tough Talk by Reds In Berlin Receiving Headlines in News

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The tough talk of the Communists in Berlin is getting the headlines in news from Germany in many these days. That is quite natural. The Communist blustering brings with it the threat of new blockade of Berlin. But some tough talk is coming also from West Germany's leaders about the German situation in general. Russia has been told firmly within the last few days that normal relations with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government will be impossible as long as the Kremlin obstructs German unification. Spokesmen of opposition parties have backed Adenauer's stand that unification must continue to be the No. 1 goal of the West German Republic. Bundestag Backs Adenauer Adenauer has won the overwhelming approval of Bundestag.

Like Adenauer, Brentano has come into international prominence only in the last few years. He and Adenauer were the co-founders of the post-war Christian Democratic party. Brentano is an exceedingly keen-looking, smartly dressed bachelor. Trained as a lawyer, he is quick-witted in debate. At 51, he seems to have a long political career ahead of him. The Russians seem to have the whip hand in their ability to keep Germany divided. But they insist on the division only because they fear unification. It was announced in Bonn, the West German capital, last Thursday that 206,000 East Germans fled to the West in the first 10 months of 1955. The East German government is strengthening its secret police because it fears unrest. With singular frankness, the East Germans announced they might have to introduce a draft law because they can not raise volunteers for their police army. In all the position of the West in Germany is not as bad as it may seem.

HARVEY NOT CANDIDATES Portland — (U.P.) — Joseph E. Harvey, a Republican, who represented Multnomah county in the state Legislature for six sessions before losing in 1954, said today he would not be a candidate next year because pay is not enough to pay the expense of serving in the Legislature.

Morse Sees Road Plan 'Giveaway'

Portland — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse yesterday described the Eisenhower Administration's highway bond program as "another giveaway to big business." The Oregon Democrat said the program would provide for 55 per cent interest on the \$21,000,000 in bonds over 30 years. He said "that's nice business if the bankers can get by with it." Morse spoke at a meeting of Inland Motor Freight and Pacific Highway transport lines honoring the safe driving records of 49 drivers. Sen. Morse predicted that the Eisenhower highway bill would be defeated during the next session of Congress, and praised the \$25,000,000,000 road program of Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), which would be financed by taxes.

On Saturday, Sen. Morse told a meeting of Railroad workers in Portland that he planned to introduce a federal aid to education bill in January when Congress reconvenes.

Neuberger Calls for Albany Plant Opening

Portland — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) today called for reactivation of the Bureau of Mines zirconium plant at Albany, Ore. Neuberger wrote Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission: "I should like to know why the plans for new production do not include reactivating the existing plant in Albany which cost the federal government more than \$2,000,000." Neuberger said the AEC was inviting bids for additional zirconium production of 400,000 pounds annually for the next five years.

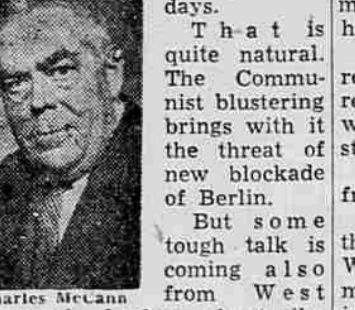
Woman Shot in Foot While Fighting Fire

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Mrs. Phillip Saner, 52, was shot in the foot last night when the family home at Greenberry, 10 miles south of Corvallis, burned to the ground. Mrs. Saner was helping fight the blaze when a bullet exploded near her, striking her in the left ankle. The attending physician said the bullet's metal casing was lodged in Mrs. Saner's foot. He did not know if the woman was injured by the slug also.

stag, the dominant lower house of Parliament, for his pro-Western policy. It must be remembered also that any Communist threat to Berlin is a threat to West Germany and will serve to intensify hostility to the Communists. Adenauer demonstrated his remarkable recovery from his recent attack of pneumonia when he addressed the Bundestag. That was good news for the free world. Good news also was the fact that Heinrich Von Brentano, West Germany's new foreign minister, took the leading part in the debate and showed plainly that he is a man of strength. When Brentano told the Bundestag on Thursday that normal relations with West Germany and Russia will be impossible until the Kremlin agrees to reunification he was making his debut in debate as foreign minister. Brentano No. 2 Man Brentano seemed then to be emerging more clearly as West Germany's No. 2 man, and as the probable chancellor if anything happens to 79-year-old Adenauer. Like Adenauer, Brentano has come into international prominence only in the last few years. He and Adenauer were the co-founders of the post-war Christian Democratic party. Brentano is an exceedingly keen-looking, smartly dressed bachelor. Trained as a lawyer, he is quick-witted in debate. At 51, he seems to have a long political career ahead of him. The Russians seem to have the whip hand in their ability to keep Germany divided. But they insist on the division only because they fear unification. It was announced in Bonn, the West German capital, last Thursday that 206,000 East Germans fled to the West in the first 10 months of 1955. The East German government is strengthening its secret police because it fears unrest. With singular frankness, the East Germans announced they might have to introduce a draft law because they can not raise volunteers for their police army. In all the position of the West in Germany is not as bad as it may seem.

Wild Man In Tomb GEO. N. TAYLOR He lived in an empty tomb up above the lake. His shrieking was hideous day and night. Men tried to bind him but he snapped off the chains, for many demons dwelt in him. Jesus passed that way and cast out the demons. Next, you see the man sitting at Jesus feet and in his right mind. Jesus now tells the man to go home and tell the people what the Lord had done for him. So the man did, over the city and all about.—Mark 5th. And you who believe? Tell men that God put your sins on Christ who then died for you. You received Christ into your heart as Lord and Saviour and God gave you eternal life. Never argue religion. Just tell them. Then pray to God to convict them of to whom you talked. Most saved souls are prayed-for souls. This Message sponsored by a Scappoose dairyman. —adv.

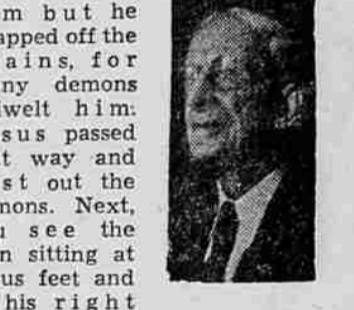
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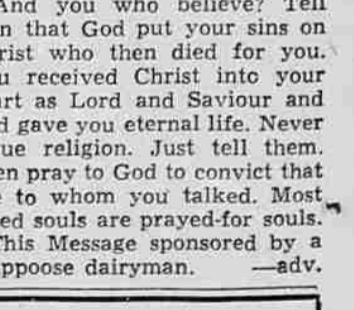
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