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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. 9, 1945
(That was Sunday)
Dr. Elmo Stephenson, who will be installed as Southern Oregon college president Jan. 1, to speak at Boy scout banquet.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The political pot has started to simmer around here. So far the simmering has been confined exclusively to young Democrats, no longer young.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 9, 1935
(That was Monday)
Fifteen-year-old Klamath Falls boy dies of cerebral hemorrhage following fist fight with schoolmate.

Postmaster Frank DeSpuza urges residents to mail packages early, predicts largest shipment of packages in history.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 9, 1925
(That was Wednesday)
Eula Benson, elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Oregon.

Jackson County Game Protective association discusses possibility of keeping open season on steelhead in Rogue river.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 9, 1915
(That was Thursday)
C. W. Whillock and Son advertise Kuppenheimer suits selling at \$16.50 and \$19.50; others range from \$8.89 to \$12.50 for all-wool blue serge suit.

From Local and Personal column: If you see ghosts walking around town tomorrow night, don't get scared. The Grizzlies and invited guests are to dance at the sheet and pillow case party at the Natatorium.

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

1. Chairman Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission says the U.S. is ahead or behind Russia in training scientists, or keeping abreast or her?

2. Credit in buying a new home has been tightened or loosened recently by federal housing authorities, or has been the same for over a year?

3. Estes Kefauver was ahead of Stevenson on the first ballot at the 1952 Democratic national convention, right or wrong?

4. About nine, 19, 90, 900, or 1900 persons are killed in the U.S. in auto accidents on an average day?

5. Robert E. Lee and U. S. Grant never fought on the same side in war, right or wrong?

6. More money is bet during the year at flat (running) horse race tracks in California, Florida, Maryland, New Jersey or New York?

7. The Plimsoll Line marks the neckline of evening dresses, Polish E. Germany boundary, safe load limit on ships, or end of state sovereignty over tideland waters?
The Answers: 1. Behind. 2. Tightened. 3. Right. 4. About 90. 5. Wrong; both were in the war against Mexico. 6. New York. 7. Safe load limit for ships.

How To Avoid Getting Killed

If you are an average sort of person, you may have a tendency to be just ever-so-slightly bored with "safety."

There are a lot of good reasons, though, why it would be a good idea to shrug off that boredom, and to pay a bit of attention. Maybe it would focus it a bit to say that safety is nothing but doing things in a way that won't kill or injure you.

A GREAT deal of progress has been made in this field in recent years. Scientific studies have revealed dangers which had been unsuspected. Methods and equipment have been designed to minimize the chances that a man on any given job will wind up in the hospital—or "where the woodbine twineth."

But the most important safety factor of all is the human factor. If a man is properly trained and indoctrinated, he's much more apt to die of old age than if he gives little thought to the subject.

ON SATURDAY, a regional conference will be held in Medford which is designed to make progress in both these fields—in wider acceptance of safety methods, and in wider acceptance of safety training.

Now why should a few hundred men take a full day away from their jobs and homes and gather to talk about safety? Because it pays off, that's why.

It pays off in dollars and cents, and this can be proven statistically, to the satisfaction of the hard-headed accountants of big companies which spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to promote safety, and figure they save money doing it.

It also pays off in the saving of human lives and elimination of human suffering.

You can take your choice as to which is more important.

IN INQUIRING among safety experts about this, we were informed that safe working conditions and habits go hand-in-hand with high production. They add:

It is now known that the firms with the very best safety records are among the very top in production. Aside from good safety being a sign of good management, accidents slow down work because they mean short-handed crews, poor morale, and it has been established that men work better under safe conditions, even though they do not consciously fear or worry about a hazardous operation. Poor handling and care of equipment is usually synonymous with a crew that is not safety-conscious.

Considerable progress has been made, and it is continuing. Safety conferences, such as the one here tomorrow, are contributing to this progress. The one here is the seventh and last in a series which has been held throughout the state in place of the regular annual statewide conference. Others so far have been held in Dallas, Roseburg, Coquille, Pendleton, Portland and Eugene. It is planned to have the regional conference on alternate years with the statewide meetings interspersed.

SINCE this is in large part a logging and lumbering area, one of the big objectives tomorrow will be to show, even though woods and sawmill work is hazardous, that it can be made much safer.

The record in other major industries, once notorious for high accident rates, have shown that great progress is possible. Some of them, such as steel plants, coal mines and others have cut their accident rates to as little as one-quarter or less of what they were 25 years ago.

"Safety" is a fight against heartache and economic loss. Let's not be bored by it.—E.A.

Oceanic Farm and Mine

What is the world's largest plant life? If you were going to say the Sequoia Gigantia, don't. It is a variety of floating kelp.

And the smallest organic living thing? It is plankton, microscopic floating plants and animals.

Both are found in vast quantities in the oceans of the world, and, together with other types of ocean growth, furnish the biggest potential reservoir of foodstuffs in the world, as yet barely tapped by man.

PLANKTON is found almost everywhere in the oceans. One form of it, reddish in color, is responsible for the name of the Red Sea. Other forms, luminous with a cold light similar to that of fireflies, make the top layers of the oceans appear to glow in the dark.

The individual organisms are so small that for many years they were thought of only as a sort of pigment, drifting in strips or patches for miles along the surface. The tiny individuals which make up the masses, drift back and forth, drawing their being from the nutrients in the ocean water and from the sun, which furnishes energy to convert carbon dioxide (an estimated 400 billion tons a year) into food.

PLANKTONBURGERS, or fillet of kelp, may not sound delectable. But with population increasing at the rate it is, before the turn of the century it may be necessary to expand our harvests from the sea.

The oceans, which also absorb the contents of the world's rivers, also are a virtually untouched source of minerals, of which only magnesium is recovered in any significant amounts at present. As our resources are depleted there probably will be far greater exploitation of the waters of the world to satisfy man's needs and desires.—E.A.

Police Ask Motorists Not To Block Drives

A large number of complaints have been received recently concerning cars parked in private driveways, Medford police announced today. Reports of cars blocking driveways have been especially numerous in the fringe area around the business district, police said, but complaints have been received from all parts of the city. The cooperation of drivers would be appreciated, police said. Use Tribune Want Ads

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

STEVENSON DECIDES
Washington—In a matter of days, if present plans hold, Adlai Stevenson means to make a bold and aggressive move.



Joseph Alsop

The move will be a public announcement of definite plans for entering "four or five" primary contests, thus challenging all comers—notably Sen. Estes Kefauver—to mortal combat.

There has been much pulling and hauling in the Stevenson camp about this decision. Some Stevenson advisers, notably campaign manager James Finnegan, have been extremely reluctant to accept the risks involved.

Right now, so the more cautious Stevenson advisers have argued, Stevenson can count on more than 80 per cent of the delegate votes needed for a first ballot win.



Stewart Alsop

Why should Stevenson risk this almost unchallengeable lead if he does not have to?

The answer is that he does have to, according to a second group of Stevenson advisers, who have consistently counseled boldness. This group includes Mayor Richard Daley, of Chicago, Bary Bingham, chief of the Citizens-for-Stevenson organization, and, on most issues, assistant campaign manager Hyman Raskin.

Public pressure and the force of circumstance, this second group has argued, will force Stevenson to enter a number of primaries—otherwise he will be accused of ducking a fight. Moreover, if public polls and private soundings mean anything at all, Stevenson has nothing to fear from any other Democrat, including Kefauver.

So Stevenson should seize the initiative and announce his primary plans, rather than wait and seem to be pushed into primaries against his will.

Bar a reversal, the counselors of boldness have apparently won the day with Stevenson. He has not, apparently, finally decided which primaries he will choose in his expected announcement. But it is not difficult to pick out four or five probable choices.

STEVENSON is already publicly committed to enter Minnesota, of course. And he is already privately committed to enter California—or so the California Democratic leaders certainly believe. Oregon is not much of a problem either. Oregon National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland and other Oregon leaders want Stevenson to enter their primary—and Stevenson could be entered anyway, without his consent.

Pennsylvania is another probable choice. Mayor David Lawrence of Pittsburgh and Mayor Richardson Dilworth, of Philadelphia (who was for Kefauver in 1952) are both accounted Stevenson men, and both reportedly favor Stevenson entering their primary. New Jersey, where the leadership also favors Stevenson, is a further possibility.

Florida is a tougher problem. Holding the South, both in the convention and the election, is an essential element in the whole Stevenson strategy. Stevenson spent a couple of days recently doing some effective politicking in Florida, and although he made no commitments, this led Florida Democratic leaders to assume that he meant to enter the primary.

On the other hand, Kefauver ran very strongly in Florida in 1952 against the South's favorite son, Sen. Richard Russell, of Georgia. And there is a danger which, although it is remote, causes visible jitters in the Stevenson camp. This is that another Southern favorite son, Sen. Lyndon Johnson, of Texas, might be entered in Florida (where consent of the candidate is not required).

Equally tough is the problem of Wisconsin. The primary there comes less than two weeks after the Minnesota primary, which would crowd the Stevenson schedule. And there is the nightmarish memory of the fate of Wendell Willkie, who also made a second try, and who was stopped cold in the 1944 Wisconsin primary.

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: Luke 14:1-14.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
If, for ANY reason, you're feeling on the glum side today, I'd like to offer a suggestion. Look at the calendar. THIS IS DEC. 7. (These words are written on Wednesday). DEC. 7 IS PEARL HARBOR DAY.

So—No matter how low you may be in your mind—You'll be feeling vastly better than you were at this hour 14 years ago.

REMEMBER this: Fourteen years ago today, we woke up AT PEACE. We went to bed that night AT WAR.

THERE are problems today. But, there are problems always. But, if we can find a way to maintain PEACE WITH HONOR, all of our troubles will be comparatively little ones.

SPEAKING of trouble—Up at Wenatchee, in Washington, a black cat named Buttons has been having it. Four days ago, Buttons took it into her head to try out her claws on a 40-foot-high power pole. So she started climbing.

It was fun. Her claws dug into the soft wood of the pole, and she went up and up, just like shooting fish. She kept at it until she got clear to the top. Then her troubles began. She was afraid to come down!

HER trouble lasted more than 100 hours. Then a warm-hearted service lineman for the electric company came to the rescue. The pole Buttons was clinging to—yowling lustily, meanwhile—carried a 110,000 volt power line. The lineman wasn't too anxious to come in contact with it.

So he rigged himself a lasso, shinned up a nearby pole and from the top of it he LASSOED Buttons. He gave a sharp yank on the rope—and Buttons dropped free of the high tension wires and fell to the ground unharmed.

So it all ended happily. Troubles can be very, very often end happily if somebody swears you many friendly letters. Please address our letter to: IS THAT SO! c/o Medford Mail Tribune, Box 575, Sausalito, Calif.

Babson and Inflation

By ROGER W. BABSON
New York City—There are many reasons for inflation. Most important has been the fact that inflation comes when the supply



Roger W. Babson

of money exceeds the supply of goods. The above can occur either by (1) an increase in government or private credit which results in higher prices and higher wages, or (2) an increase in the circulation of money, which can have the same effect as more money; this latter comes as a result of boom times such as are now being enjoyed by New York and other large cities.

Contrariwise, if unemployment increases and advertising appropriations decrease, retail trade will decline and inventories accumulate. Then the supply of goods will increase, credit and money will tighten, wages will decline, and we will have deflation. It's the old story: "We cannot have our pie and eat it too." We can choose between full employment with higher wages and higher prices, or unemployment with lower wages and lower prices.

Today's New Factor
Since World War II, another very important cause of inflation has become operative. This may be called a psychological cause; but it is really due to the talk about "Atomic Bombs," "Hydrogen Bombs," and "Guided Missiles."

To scare us into demanding greater expenditures for defense and a willingness to be taxed therefore, we are fed with this probable fact—namely: If World War III should now come, the 20 largest U. S. cities with 30,000,000 innocent U. S. people would be wiped out.

Saving Becoming a Lost Art
Constant talk of this sort in the press and over the radio is destroying the American habit of thrift, substituting therefor a spending craze. Before we heard of Atomic Bombs, people would get a mortgage for only about 60 per cent of the cost of a house. Their ambition then was to pay up this mortgage and have the house "free and clear." Furthermore, most mortgages were written for a term not exceeding five years.

Now, as a bribe to voters, the government offers or guarantees credit so that a new house can be mortgaged for 95% to 100% of the cost, with from 20 to 30 years to pay the mortgage. In

just has ingenuity enough to GET AROUND THE TROUBLE. SPEAKING still further of trouble, do you remember the tale of the frog that jumped into a milk can full of milk? The frog was in a bad way. But—It didn't give up. It started KICKING—kicking being a part of the nature of frogs. It kept on kicking. It wound up sitting on a lump of butter that its kicking had churned. The moral is obvious.

Knoxville, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Shirley Campbell Waggoner sought a divorce today because her husband, a minister, objects to her watching television, wearing "barbaric" earrings and her hairdo.

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