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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. 11, 1945: Miss Nina Tuttle of Medford wins county Victory Queen contest; leaves for Portland and state contest.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: An epidemic of colds now sweeps the nation, and people are warned "not to try and wear them out."

20 YEARS AGO Dec. 11, 1935: Seely Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Court Hall, Medford, promoted to assistant vice-president of United Air lines with headquarters in Chicago.

Fred Heath Jr., Fred W. Scheffel and A. H. Banwell in Portland conferring on possibilities of getting \$400,000 from WPA for Medford airport improvements.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 11, 1925: Two Jackson county jail prisoners escape; captured by Sheriff Jennings near Gold Hill later.

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 11, 1915: From Butte Falls Bubbles: The town election was held this week. R. Baker was elected mayor, Ray Parker, recorder; H. D. Mills, R. Spencer, S. M. Clevenger, councilmen.

Rev. Harry E. Tucker presides at meeting to discuss possibilities of organizing a YMCA in Medford.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. Of all regular college graduates these days about 10, 20, 30 or 40 per cent go into teaching? 2. President Eisenhower wants the 1953 immigration act on admitting refugees made tighter, more liberal, or left alone? 3. An unmarried mother finds it easy or hard in most parts of the country to have her baby adopted without going through lengthy procedure? 4. Which one of these is not a sign of the Zodiac: Capricornus, Cassius, Leo, Libra, Taurus? 5. About 50, 60, 70, 80, or 90 per cent of all U. S. families own an automobile? 6. The Tangier area of Morocco is under French or Spanish rule, or is independent, or is under international protection? 7. Annie Oakley was famous as a social leader, advocate of votes for women, pistol shot, mistress of a French king, or dress designer?

The Answers: 1. About 20 per cent. 2. Made more liberal. 3. Easy. 4. Cassius. 5. About 70 per cent. 6. International protection. 7. Pistol shot.

CATHOLICS CELEBRATE: Buenos Aires, Argentina—(U.P.) Tens of thousands of Roman Catholics Thursday night attended a mass in honor of the Virgin Mary on the feast day of the Immaculate Conception, one of the religious holidays banned under the Peron dictatorship.

How About Our Timber?

During comparatively few years, the timber crop in Jackson county has in cash value to the community, surpassed all other crops including pears—which not so long ago led the list. In fact today the annual timber income is placed at \$32,000,000, far ahead of the total value of our horticultural and agricultural production combined—in short it is now the leader and corner stone of local prosperity.

Needless to say if this income were materially reduced, the effect on the business economy of this section of the state, would be extremely serious.

Yet according to our information from reliable sources at the present rate of consumption instead of over 30 mills being in operation 8 to 10 years hence, we will be lucky to have half as many,—there might be only half a dozen although most of them would probably be the larger ones.

In other words it would seem that timber conservation is a topic like the weather—a great deal of talk about it but very little actually done.

WHAT is the answer? Will Southern Oregon as far as timber is concerned go the way of the northwest in general, and districts that were once humming with industry become deserted ghost towns, because the crop that should be permanent, has because of greed and the lure of the almighty dollar become a transient one?

We shall have to leave the answer to those better informed about the timber problem than anyone in this department. But according to the Roseburg News-Review the problem in Douglas county is almost identical with that in this county, and Charles V. Stanton the editor of that paper believes things are not as bad or as hopeless as they appear to be to many.

Here is his conclusion, quote:

It is not a pleasant thing to have to say, but any realistic analysis of the timber industry indicates that many Oregon mills are doomed to elimination. Such has been the history of the industry in all producing centers. Only a small percentage of the mills once found in Oregon's pine belt operate today. The upper Willamette Valley has but a fraction of its original number of mills. The mortality in Lane County has been great in late years. Here in Douglas County we have dropped some 50 mills from the all-time high.

BUT the general economic outlook is not as dark as it might appear from the foregoing. A decline in primary manufacture is followed, in the normal course of events, by secondary manufacture, which brings about an increase in employment. In many sections of the Pacific Northwest, where primary manufacture is almost non-existent, payrolls from industries utilizing wood as the basic material are higher than ever before. So, we have little to fear in the matter of over-all economy, despite reduction in the total number of primary units.

HERE in Douglas County, however, we have opportunity, if we properly manage our great resource, to retain the majority of our efficient mill operations. Our present installed capacity is around one and one-half billion board feet annually. By obtaining proper balance between removal of timber from private and federal lands, doing a better job of utilization and extracting all possible values from salvage timber, by re-logging, and other processes, we can support on a sustained yield basis a capacity of at least a billion board feet annually, and probably more.

To achieve this desirable situation, however, we need a vastly improved system of access roads, realistic inventories, better balance in harvesting timber from private and public lands and closer utilization of salvage and substandard logs. Failure in any of those departments will speed mortality of mills and will push the industry toward monopoly by a comparatively few operators, as has been the history elsewhere.

—R.W.R.

What "Is" a Demagogue?

Some weeks ago Senator Morse called the administration's national highway bill a "bankers bill." He preferred the Gore bill, which, instead of being financed by the sale of bonds through the banks, would be financed by the government directly.

For taking such a stand the usually tolerant and judicious Salem Statesman calls Oregon's senior Senator a demagogue,—and a cheap one at that.

AS THIS term "demagogue" is probably going to be used more generally, promiscuously and inaccurately in the coming presidential campaign than ever before it might be a good idea to determine,—before the shooting really starts,—JUST what a demagogue is.

The Century dictionary defines the term as follows:

"An unprincipled political agitator, one who seeks to attain political power, or the furtherance of some sinister purpose, by pandering to the ignorance or prejudices of the populace."

As a perfect example of the demagogue thus defined, there was the late Senator Huey Long of Louisiana, and of today, Senator Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin.

Both these men made a business of dealing in untruths and halftruths, so they could deceive the voters, and by appealing to the latter's prejudices, fears and passions, make political profit for themselves.

NOW Senator Morse may be a number of things, and will undoubtedly be called even more by his opponents in the approaching campaign, but he is not a demagogue. The use of the term "bankers bill" regarding the Eisenhower highway proposal does not justify in any way the use of the term. Why?

Because: This bill as distinguished from the Gore bill will be handled by the private banks, give them a handsome profit—to which they would be entitled—but roads would cost the taxpayers in interest charges and principal many times as much as would be the case if a "pay-as-you-go" plan were adopted, and federal credit used.

As the "Statesman" points out the bonding bank-

Matter of Fact

By Joe and Stewart Alsop

THE ASWAN DAM AND THE KABUL STREETS

Washington — The United States, with Great Britain and Egypt, will soon embark on just about the greatest engineering project since the building of the pyramids. A firm decision has now been made to build the great Aswan high dam on the Upper Nile.

The dam is a really exciting undertaking. It will back up a huge lake three times larger than any other man-made body of water in the world. When it is completed—

which will take 15 years—the dam will irrigate more than two million acres of now arid land, and it will supply cheap power for the industrialization of Egypt. It will, in short, transform the economy of the Nile Delta.

The whole job will cost about \$1.3 billion. The Egyptians themselves will pay the labor costs in local currency, but they will need between \$400 and \$500 million in foreign exchange to buy earth-moving equipment, dynamo, and the like. The International Bank will put up some \$200 million of this sum, while the American government will pick up the tab for most of the rest, with the British supplying some needed sterling.

Thus the cost to the American taxpayer is not breathtaking. But the decision to go ahead with the project is nevertheless highly significant, in terms of Eisenhower administration policy. The decision is a direct re-

sponse to a Soviet challenge. When the Soviets made their arms deal with Egypt, they also made a vaguely worded but alluring offer to build the Aswan high dam for the Egyptians, which worried American policymakers even more than the arms deal. And although the International Bank was considering the dam project before the Soviets stepped in, there is no doubt that the decision to go ahead was spurred by the Soviet offer.

BUT the decision on the Aswan dam is also a part of a much larger decision. The dispute within the Administration between the "Four H Club" and "The Young Turks" has been well-publicized. The "Four H Club" members are the conservatives, who supposedly want to keep foreign aid at or below present levels. "The Young Turks" want to respond to the new Soviet technique of offering arms and money abroad by a new, expanded, and redesigned foreign aid program.

In principle, at least, "The Young Turks" have won the argument. The issue went to the President last week, at the National Security Council meeting. The President ruled that the new Soviet challenge must somehow be met. It remains to be seen, of course, how this presidential decision in principle will be carried out in practice. But it certainly means a hard new look at the whole foreign aid program.

It is time for such a new look. Take, for example, the sad, cautionary tale of the streets of Kabul, capital of the small, poor, but strategically important state of Afghanistan. The Afghanistan government had its collective heart set on getting the streets of the capital city paved with asphalt—dirt roads were below the dignity of the capital. But the American aid experts sternly ruled that there were no sound reasons for paving Kabul's streets, which were tra-

ing system has been used usually in extensive road construction by the states,—including Oregon,—and as the hard surfaced roads—in theory at least—are supposed to serve the people for several generations, a certain injustice WOULD be involved if the entire financial burden were to be assumed by one.

BUT that is not the point we wish to make. The administration measure may be preferable to the Gore bill—or it may not—their relative merits are not at issue.

What is at issue is the condemnation of Senator Morse as a "demagogue" in his approval of one measure and his definition of the other as a "bankers bill." Apparently that term "banker" is what aroused the ire of the Salem paper and induced its accusation.

Why should it? The administration measure IS a bankers' bill, and the Gore bill isn't,—what is wrong with pointing out the facts?

The essence of demagoguery is willful deceit and deception. Also utter lack of sincerity, and integrity. It is NOT dealing in facts, even if the speaker happens to be presenting those facts against the banking interests and in favor of the people.

But as this use of the term by the Statesman indicates, it is the prediction of this department that before the presidential campaign ends, that term "demagogue" is going to be hurled at the head of any aspirant for any office who will dare to maintain that he is fighting for the return of a government of, by and for the people, and the retirement of a government of, by and for Big Business.

He may be mistaken in his diagnosis. But if he is sincere in that belief and offers facts and figures to sustain it, he is not a demagogue and there is nothing demagogic in his approach.—R.W.R.

Senator "Know Nothing"

We are getting a little more than disgusted with some Republican politicians, especially of the ilk of Sen. William Knowland of California, who are becoming quite insistent that President Eisenhower reach a decision on whether he will seek another term.

Last weekend, after a visit with Mr. Eisenhower, Senator Knowland told reporters he felt that Mr. Eisenhower had not reached a decision, and then added that it would be "helpful" if the chief executive would do so soon.

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 initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Mathematics Problem: To the Editor: Wayne Morse has another shocking revelation of the Eisenhower giveaway policy. What about the party he embraces? We would like him to figure out this problem in mathematics, not counting giving to Russia whole nations, and North Korea to Communist China, just figuring taxpayers' money given away because of bungling mismanagement, without any tangible returns.

Figure the cost of the Korean war, in lives and money, the Berlin airlift, resulting from not providing war in and out by proper authorities. Forty cents per ton to John Lewis on top of highest wages ever paid are now pricing the industry out of business; oil and gas coming from north and south, as substitute. Bonus-causing surplus, to farmers now costing millions to taxpayers just for storage, after bluing and destroying potatoes. Reduced value of dollar, robbing old people of half their savings and insurance, living and defense. Now add up the cost to taxpayers by the Democratic administration, and subtract the amount from what Eisenhower has given away to date, after giving him credit for what he saved by not taking the Democratic President's tax schedule.

The result will demonstrate the truth about the Eisenhower policy. Please show this result to Averell Harriman. He seems to be in distress over the matter. Of course if your plan works Eisenhower's giveaway policy will be saved. If your plan fails, these three dams on the Snake river will be built without costing the taxpayer one cent, and the taxes they pay will help the

versed largely by donkeys and pedestrians. INSTEAD, they ruled, a dam should be built in the hinterland. At this point the bitterly disappointed Afghans asked the Russians if they would help pave Kabul's streets. The Russians instantly agreed, paved the streets, and threw in an asphalt factory into the bargain.

The Soviet investment in Afghanistan is a fraction of the American investment, and the dam certainly makes better economic sense than the paved streets. But the Afghans did not want the dam and they did very badly want the paved streets. And Afghanistan is in real danger of becoming a Soviet satellite.

Or take the story of a certain district in Italy, during the elections a couple of years ago. As a sort of test case, especially large amounts of American aid were poured into the district, with a maximum of hoopla. The sudden injection of money upset the economy of the area, and the hoopla was apparently resented. The Communist vote was far higher than ever before.

THIS is not to suggest that foreign aid is useless. On the contrary, the President is certainly right that the Soviet challenge must be met, and the Aswan dam is an excellent start. But the United States has got to stop acting like a stern governess, who always knows what is best for her small charges, and who expects to be thanked for telling them. The purpose of foreign aid is not sentimental, or even economic, but political.

This is a lesson the Soviets do not need to be taught. It is a lesson a lot of American administrators and experts badly need to learn, now that the Soviets have directly challenged us in an area we had always thought was an American monopoly.

Copyright 1955, New York Herald Tribune Inc. Navy Calls Off Search For Missing Aircraft: Honolulu—(U.P.)—The Navy has called off an unsuccessful search for seven fliers missing in the crash of their P2V Neptune patrol bomber.

The Navy abandoned hope of finding the men Friday and recalled two search planes which had been scanning the area west of Kauai Island. The ill-fated patrol bomber crashed Wednesday night during low altitude maneuvers with a group of submarines. Three of the 10 crewmen were saved.

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: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Christmas Verse: To the Editor: Here are some verses that I thought would fit in for Christmas for your Tribune.

Birdella Norris 145 B st. Apt. 2 Asland, Ore. FOR CHRISTMAS: I have just been wondering mother What I could get for you. I would like to give you something That you will cherish, too. Something to make you happy When the day seems long: Something to give you pleasure Since Dad is gone.

Think it over, mother, And you will let me know. I'm a little late this morning So you see that I must go. Mother did not answer. She sent a note which read: "Presents I ask from no one. Just give me your love instead."

"Love is the light which shineth "When the day is spent. "Love is a priceless treasure "And it does not cost a cent."

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

A local family drove south last week. As they crossed the state line, mother said to small daughter: "We're in California now." Small daughter looked wonderingly around and replied: "We can't be. This looks just like our country."

A reliable source informs us of a predicament a couple of city police officers found themselves in recently. It has not been reported previously, presumably due to modesty on the part of the officers.

There was a report of a possible safe-cracking under way at a local business concern. The officers dashed there in response to the alarm, and as other officers covered front and rear, these two mounted the roof to make sure the miscreant would not escape that way.

It appeared that the suspect, if any, had fled. And when the officers came to getting off the roof, they found, because of the excitement, that they couldn't remember how they got up. They were stranded.

A ladder truck from the fire department eventually came to their rescue. A staff member wrote a brief article last week concerning an increase in the number of bad checks being passed in Medford. Two days later the same staff member took a small check into a grocery store and was informed he couldn't get it cashed. Why not? The store owner had just read the article in the Mail Tribune stating that bad checks were on the increase, and he wasn't taking any chances.

The state board of health, among other things, also keeps track of all births in the state, and issues birth certificates if and when they are needed. Its duties also include issuing certificates for those whose births were not recorded at the time, and often this involves collecting evidence in support of the facts of the time and place of birth—such things as baptismal records, entries in family Bibles, and so on.

Too, they sometimes take evidence from members of the family, or even from the certificate-seeking individual himself. The staff reports that their favorite bit of supporting evidence, which sadly enough did not prove conclusive, was this statement: "I remember this birth date because mother's favorite peacock died of malnutrition."

Early this week city police received a call from someone who complained that a duck was loose in an alley between West Second and Third sts. at North Fir st., and was creating a disturbance by quacking loudly. An officer was dispatched to the alley and found a large white duck, "quacking violently." The owner of the noisy fowl was located and he promised the officer he would put an end to the quacking. The police report did not state how he intended to do it, but we have a hunch it might well have been via the dinner table.

Don't police officers live interesting lives? Ward B. Spatz, prominent Medford farmer and fruitman, is a first cousin to General "Tooney" Spatz. In their youth, the boys used to play together, and Ward tells about the time they were in a hay loft in a barn wrestling. Ward managed to get Tooney to the edge and pushed him off. The future Air Force commander fell the 8 or 10 feet to the ground, got the wind knocked out of him and, it developed later, broke an arm. But, Ward declares, he picked himself up and, broken arm or not, climbed doggedly back up into the loft with blood in his eye. Ward says he didn't wait to be pushed—he jumped.

Ward also has a theory why his cousin went into the armed forces; says he wasn't smart enough to be a farmer. Eugene Thorndike, former bank vice-president, chairman of the county Red Cross chapter, distinguished citizen and man-of-affairs, was spotted last week making a mad dash into Main st. traffic at the risk of life and limb.

He rescued an object and carried it triumphantly back to the curb, brushing it off on the front of his coat. The object? It was a Davy Crockett coonskin cap which a strong breeze had whisked from the head of a passing youngster. Gene returned it to the owner, and strolled on.

Mme. Sun Yat Sen To Visit in India: New Delhi, India—(U.P.)—Mme. Sun Yat Sen, vice president of Communist China and widow of the "father" of modern China, will arrive here Dec. 16 for a three week visit as guest of the Indian government, it was learned Saturday.