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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. 12, 1945
(Roy Parr, principal of Talent school, studies possibility of additional facilities for 40 per cent increase in enrollment.)

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: An East Oregonian boasts for the first time in 30 years, he has not hied forth to shoot a duck.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 12, 1935
(Ashland sells \$27,000 worth of bonds for sewer disposal plant to E. M. Adams and company, Portland bonding firm.)

Councilman Fred Heath Jr., says Medford almost assured of \$300,000 WPA funds for airport improvements here.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 12, 1925
(Medford officials rush supply of meningitis serum to Klamath Falls, where spinal meningitis epidemic has taken two lives.)

Coach "Prink" Callison presents 20 letters to Medford football players.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 12, 1915
(W. S. Sumner of Modoc orchards invites bids for installation of irrigation system.)

From Local and Personal column: The streets of Medford are thronged with Christmas shoppers today — and there isn't a pessimist among them.

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

- 1. Food prices next year, predicts the Agriculture Department, will be higher or lower than this year, or about the same?
2. Teachers in high schools of large cities average about \$4300, \$5000, \$5700 or \$6400 a year?
3. Ireland (the Republic of Eire) is or isn't a member of U.N.?
4. More Americans will die this year from auto accidents, cancer, polio, tuberculosis or pneumonia?
5. Which receptive candidate for a 1956 presidential nomination was once Secretary of Commerce?
6. The Sahara is the world's largest desert; right or wrong?
7. Hackmatack is a city of Michigan, saw for cutting metal, species of tree, wild animal of Africa, or a casserole dish of meat and vegetables?
The Answers: 1. About the same. 2. About \$5700. 3. Isn't. 4. Auto accidents. 5. Gov. Harriman of N.Y. 6. Right. 7. Species of tree.
Time spent in the fall to apply paint and rust preventatives to farm implements will help provide trouble-free service from the machines next season and will make the equipment last longer.

Check Your Mantel?

If there's a big stack of mail sitting untidily on your mantel (as there is on ours), why not check it to make sure you haven't overlooked the TB Christmas seals sent out this year?
If anyone does not want to contribute to this cause, which is gradually eliminating tuberculosis as a threat to the American people, that's his business. But for those who approve the work, don't let it go by the boards because of forgetfulness, only to find, ruefully, that the stamps are still there, unused and unacknowledged, sometime in February.—E.A.

Watching Cars Go By

Through the office windows it is possible to see a great cluster of cars parked in a parking lot. And during these Christmas shopping days, the streets are jammed.
On Sixth street, for instance, it is not unusual for cars to be backed up and stopped well west of Fir street from the red light at the Front and Sixth intersection.

LAST year the state highway commission estimated there were about 9,000 cars in the Medford vicinity. It predicted this would double within the next 15 years. It is possible the total will double sooner, what with the increase in population and the trend toward two cars per family.

Watching the cars go by, creeping slowly and in line, gives one to wonder what the outcome will be. Off-street parking and an arterial system of streets appear to be a minimum—things toward which the wheels of government are now slowly, very slowly, grinding.

Otherwise it may be impossible to get around town at all, and all the motorists will set in their cars and wait for St. Bernard dogs to rescue them.—E.A.

Do It Now

We are informed that supplies of polio vaccine, which were a "drug on the market" hereabouts a week or so ago, are vanishing rapidly.
That's good. That means it's being used. That means that more and more children are acquiring immunity to infantile paralysis, and will have that protection when the period of high incidence comes along.

A FAINT suspicion of the vaccine remains in some people's minds after the hullabaloo and hoarow of last spring and summer, coupled with the undeniable fact that some of the vaccine produced by one laboratory was faulty.

But Oregon's experience this summer looks conclusive. In a year when polio came fairly close to reaching epidemic proportions in the state, not one child who had been vaccinated came down with the disease.

IT IS easy to say "let's wait until a better vaccine has been developed," as it undoubtedly will be. That's all right if parents wish to assume that risk.
But the memory of the death from polio recently of a little Central Point boy is a good argument to get our children protected, and to do it now.—E.A.

Taxes on Churches

We have always taken for granted the idea that churches should be free from property taxes. Not so, apparently, some church leaders, who believe churches should pay property taxes.

The theory, it seems, is that since churches do not pay taxes, the total amount of taxes needed must be borne by other property taxpayers, who, in effect, are then paying the churches' share and so indirectly supporting them.

THE Oregon City Enterprise-Courier quotes at length an editorial from a Concord, N.H., paper. The key paragraphs from that article follow:

Each organized church should be supported only by its own members, or others who may care to contribute to its support voluntarily. When one is taxed and thus made to support all organized churches there is nothing voluntary about the process and freedom of religion is not realized to this extent. Each church should pay its own bills without the help of money collected for it through the force of law.
In this country a man may, if he so wishes, have no religious convictions. Yet any who are atheists (we doubt there are very many genuine atheists in this country) are compelled to help support church organizations, and the religious convictions they espouse, through the prevalent property tax exemption practice.
This is one point at which the guarantees of freedom of religion have not yet been thought through clearly in this country. It is a vestigial remnant of colonial times, and the fact that there existed in those days in some colonies the English concept of a State church.

We do not necessarily subscribe to this thesis, but it is an interesting concept, and one new to us, in these days of super consciousness about taxation of all types.—E.A.

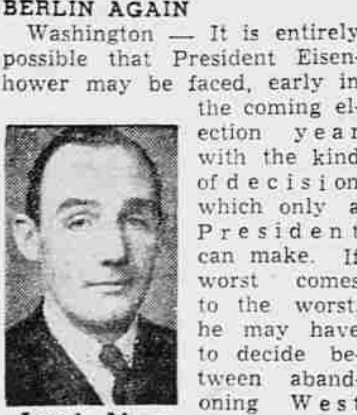
Three Bedroom House Stolen by Burglars

Pittsburg, Calif.—(U.P.)—Police were at a loss today to explain one of the "biggest robberies" in the history of the San Francisco Bay area.
A three bedroom prefabricated house was taken sometime during the day Friday.
Detectives said it would have taken at least two men with a large truck to dismantle and move the building, but no one in the area remembered seeing it go.
Calves usually are the least risk for feeding, as they grow and fatten at the same time.

Jet Stratoliners Will Cut Flying Time

New York—(U.P.)—Continental Air Lines today announced the purchase of four jet stratoliners which will cut the Denver to Chicago flying time by more than one hour.
Robert F. Six, Continental president, said four Boeing 707 jet Stratoliners purchased by his company will be put into operation on routes between Chicago, Denver and Los Angeles and Chicago, Kansas City and Los Angeles by 1959.
Continental will be the first company to establish regularly scheduled jet transport service over the route, Six said.

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop



Joseph Alsop

BERLIN AGAIN
Washington—It is entirely possible that President Eisenhower may be faced, early in the coming election year with the kind of decision which only a President can make.
If worst comes to the worst, he may have to decide between abandoning West Berlin or adopting the course which President Truman once seriously considered—ordering an armored convoy to Berlin, with instructions to shoot if necessary.

Most of the experts in the State Department, it should be said, hopefully believe that the Soviets will not dare risk a second blockade of Berlin. But they do not exclude it a priori.

And what is now going on in Berlin looks suspiciously like the preliminary stage-setting for a blockade.

The stage-setting began with the obviously planned arrest of two American congressmen. It continued with the rejection of the resulting American protest by the Soviet Commander, on

the grounds that East Germany was now a sovereign power. It has continued further with hints in the Communist press that the "sovereignty" of the East German puppet government extends to all Berlin; and with threats to stop the barges which bring essential supplies to West Berlin.

Months ago, former Ambassador to Moscow George Kennan publicly predicted that just this sort of thing would happen, and the Soviet response to the adherence of West Germany to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Soviets would confer a phony sovereignty on East Germany, Kennan predicted. Then the East Germans would put pressure on West Berlin, for two purposes.

First, the Western Allies would be forced to protest to the Soviets, and these protests would be rejected on grounds that East Germany was a sovereign state. The West would be humiliated, and Soviet power in Germany demonstrated for all Germans to see.

Second, the East Germans would use West Berlin as a hostage, to force West Germany to negotiate directly with the Communist puppet regime. Thus the stage would be set for what Europeans call "the dialogue Bonn-Pankov"—the direct negotiations on unification between the two Germans, on an equal basis, which the Soviets have long been maneuvering for.

KENNAN begins to look like a better than average prophet.

The State Department experts also, of course, foresaw that the Soviets might react in some such way. The question now is how far the East German puppets and their Soviet masters are prepared to go.
Most State Department experts believe that the Communists will adopt a policy of "maximum harassment." They will subject West Berlin to a series of pin-pricks, or even needle-pricks, holding up traffic, demanding excessive tolls, and so on. But they will not plunge in the dagger—they will not stop all traffic into Berlin, and thus impose a total blockade.

If the East Germans get too tough, it is pointed out, the West Germans can also get tough. East Germany is still heavily dependent on West German coal and steel. Last spring the East Germans threatened punitive tolls on traffic to West Berlin. The Bonn government estentiously reduced shipment of coal and steel to East Germany. And suddenly the East Germans began to sing a far milder tune.

But that is not the only reason for the diluted optimism in the State Department. Too much toughness could unite all West Germany, which the Soviets have been at pains to woo, firmly behind the policies of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. It could revive the faltering fortunes of NATO. Finally, a total blockade of Berlin involves a clear risk of war. And despite the recent hardening of the Soviet line, the American experts remain convinced that the Kremlin does not want to risk war.

THE risk of war would be greater than in 1948. After the first blockade, the three Western Allies pledged their national honor to the defense of Berlin. Even the instinctive appeasers in Paris, London—and Washington for that matter—are fully aware that to abandon Berlin would be Munich a thousand times over.

Yet the airlift, which saved Berlin last time, may provide no way out now. East German radar-jamming facilities have been greatly expanded, and they would presumably be used. An airlift cannot operate without radar. Moreover, although the airlift was an adequate response to the first blockade, it would surely seem a weak response to a second blockade.

Short of abandoning the city, the only alternative to an airlift is direct force. This is why it is worth offering a passing prayer that the State Department experts are right, and that the worst will not come to the worst. But even the optimists agree that the worst might happen, especially in view of the amazing, sudden truculence of the impulsive and powerful soviet boss, Nikita Khrushchev.
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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:
Luke 10:23-42.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
This modern world note:
In Cleveland, they're starting off a new kind of convention. It will be known as the 1955 Nuclear Congress and Atomic Exposition. One of the exhibits will be a cigarette-making machine equipped with a new electronic-neutronic control designed to insure complete uniformity of tobacco in every cigarette coming off a production line.
The device will reject from the line any cigarette not meeting the established quality standard.

FRIVOLOUS thought:
Do you reckon we could utilize this jigger to REJECT THE COMMUNISTS who seek constantly to infiltrate our government so that when THE DAY comes they can TAKE OVER?

MORE on this modern world:
The head of the Iowa State College equipment department (her name is Elizabeth Beveridge) gets into the news with a description of a fascinating new electric dishwashing compound.
The stuff, she says, is based upon a triple action formula. It uses a special rinsing agent to insure that dishes, glasses and silverware are not spotted when they come out of the machine. It provides added cleaning power for removing stubborn spots and grease.
The final touch is a finisher-offer compound that offers added protection against hard water deposits and film.

WHAT I'd REALLY like is an electric dishwasher with a satellite robot that would pick up the dirty dishes, scrape 'em off, put 'em in the machine, turn it on, clear off the table, sweep up the crumbs, wash up the nice white stove, tidy up the drainboards and then mop the kitchen floor.
An attachment like that would be worth while.

IN THIS modern quiz-program age, everybody secretly hopes to set himself up in business by breaking the jackpot for a tidy sum, here's a good question for the quizzers:
Who were the first men to fly around the world, and how long did it take them?
Here's the answer—vouched for by the National Geographic Society:
The men were Richard E. Byrd (better known as Commander Byrd) and Floyd Bennett. It took them just TEN MINUTES. They did it on May 9, 1926.

HERE'S the catch:
They flew around the world AT THE NORTH POLE. They crossed all the meridians of longitude in one full turn, which constitutes flying around the world.
If you'll get out your globe and take a look at the upper (north) end of it, the whole thing will be clear to you. If you could pin-point the pole accurately enough and had solid enough ice to tread on, you could WALK around the world in five minutes.

ALL of which can't help reminding us of the methods of the demagog politicians who are always trying to convince us that if we'll only VOTE FOR THEM we can do it with mirrors instead of working like the chickens and saving up our money.

Paint Causes Fire In Residence Today

Fire spread to the entire kitchen and into the attic this morning when paint thinner exploded in a residence at 1410 Flower way about 8:30 a.m. today, firemen reported.
Heat damage resulted throughout the house.
Firemen said that the vacant house, owned by William L. Adams, 109 Waverly ave., was being painted. They stated that the paint was being mixed next to the kitchen stove.

AWAY FROM IT ALL

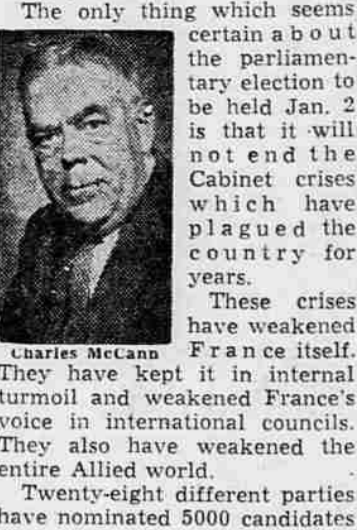
Marion, Mass.—(U.P.)—Three times, hurricane-spawned tidal waves battered Russell Makepiece's ocean-front home. So he's moving the residence to a new location far from the sea. The move will cost him \$15,000.



ADMITTING he was in Lake Geneva, Wis., when bank was robbed of \$74,293, Donald J. Kramer, ex-convict, is being questioned by Chicago police. He denies crime (International)

Election in France On Jan. 2 Probably Won't End Troubles

By CHARLES McCANN
United Press Correspondent
France's politicians have managed to get themselves into a notable muddle.



Charles McCann

The only thing which seems certain about the parliamentary election to be held Jan. 2 is that it will not end the Cabinet crises which have plagued the country for years.
These crises have weakened Charles McCann France itself. They have kept it in internal turmoil and weakened France's voice in international councils. They also have weakened the entire Allied world.

Twenty-eight different parties have nominated 5000 candidates

Stevenson Petitions Circulate in Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson for president petitions were being circulated in the Portland area today by a Stevenson-for-President committee headed by two Reed college students.

John Ramsay-Hill, Los Angeles, Calif., and Sheldon Lynn, Hammond, Ind., said that they thought their committee to put Stevenson on the Oregon primary ballot in 1956 was the first movement of its kind in the country.

However, they said they would not file the petitions unless Stevenson declared an intention to run in the Oregon primary. In Oregon, 1000 names are required to place a candidate's name on the ballot. His permission is not needed.
Lynn and Ramsay-Hill said they had the support of Oregon Democrats.

Picket Ban Asked At Portland Airport

Portland—(U.P.)—A temporary restraining order against mass picketing of United Air Lines operations at the Portland International airport was sought today as the airline continued to report reduced operations here.

There was no resumption of mass picketing during the week end but there were a few pickets on hand yesterday and United reported flights were reduced from a normal 41 to 26. Twelve flights were rerouted and three were canceled.
AFL-CIO flight engineers are on strike against United. They received support from other union members here, resulting in mass picketing last Friday.

Evangelist Schedules Special Services Here

Evangelist Arthur Arnold, a converted Jew and noted camp meeting speaker, will conduct special services at the Medford Assembly of God, 1108 West Main st., beginning Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. Meetings will continue through Thursday night, according to the Rev. F. Wildon Colbaugh, pastor.
The Rev. Mr. Arnold has had extensive ministry throughout the United States. He is serving at present as a member of the national evangelism committee of the Assemblies of God.
The Rev. Mr. Arnold recently concluded a five-week series in Eugene at the First Assembly of God.

for the 527 seats in the National Assembly, which like the British House of Commons is the dominant chamber of Parliament.
Typical of the confusion is the state of the Radical Socialist party.

Party Leans to Right
It is one of the singularities of French politics that this party, long stable and powerful, is neither radical nor socialist. It leans toward the right wing. Now it has come to pieces.

Pierre Mendes-France, who recently won control of the party, has thrown Premier Edgar Faure his years-long friend, out of it.

Mendes-France has taken the lead of one faction and has turned it into a mildly left wing group. For the election, he has allied himself with the left-wing socialist party.

Faure leads the other faction. This one has allied itself with the rally of the Republican Left. This group of parties, which calls itself left, actually is right wing.

In this situation, it will be interesting to see what happens to the Communist party in the election. If it can offer voters nothing else, it can say truly that it knows where it is heading.

Red Strength Ebbing

Communist strength has been ebbing in France, as in Italy, for several years. Party membership has dropped from a high of 850,000 to about 300,000. The Communists held 98 seats in the last Parliament. Five years ago they held 181.

But the Communists nevertheless polled nearly 5,000,000 votes in the last election in 1951—26.5 per cent of the total.

If the Jan. 2 election promotes political instability instead of lessening it, France will be brought closer to a decision on its future.

There is increasing talk of making the president of France an executive, with powers similar to those of an American president. Now he is merely a figure-head.

There also is talk of the possibility that France may be tending toward a "strong man" system of government, with a really dominant leader who could be either a president or a premier.

The only man in sight in that connection is Gen. Charles De Gaulle. He is sitting back awaiting developments. But he is all ready to step in if his chance comes.

Done In Africa

GEO. N. TAYLOR
Dr. Clark, English M.D., slipped up to the African chief to whisper—"God had a Son who died for your sins." But the chief went on with his dance around the pyramid of skulls, still dripping with fresh blood.
Later, the chief came to Dr. Clark to hear more as to God's Son who died for his sins.

The two visited often and many a moon passed, says the doctor. Then the chief went back to the valley where he used to capture the men whom he was to behead. Now he went to win souls. He showed Dr. Clark his necklace with many a knot and every knot, a soul won for God. Also he brought back converts. So the chief came into new birth and that part of Africa into peace. And it all began with these nine words—"God had a Son who died for your sins. And when your heart grows heavy, repeat over and over—"God has a Son who died for my sins."

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