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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. 14, 1945  
 (It was Friday)  
 Howard Glascock elected president of Rogue Valley Radio club; Dwight H. Albright elected vice president.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The main cause of an increase in auto accidents is speed, the National Safety Council reports. They are also due to autos and pedestrians occupying the same space at the same time.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
 Dec. 14, 1935  
 (It was Saturday)  
 Sixty men from Medford district CCC camps graduate from Camp Wimer cooking school.

From Jacksonville items: Among residences being decorated with Christmas lights is that of Judge Tou Velle, which presents a striking appearance from the highway. The judge won a prize in the annual contest last year.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
 Dec. 14, 1925  
 (It was Monday)  
 John J. McEwan, football coach at United States Military academy, appointed head football coach at University of Oregon.

Several California pear growers invited to attend Medford Chamber of Commerce banquet honoring fruit growers.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
 Dec. 14, 1915  
 (It was Tuesday)  
 W. W. Watson points out in newspaper column there are only two farm tractors in the valley, but predicts many more in a few years.

From Local and Personal column: C. G. Bullis, of the Southern Oregon Traction company, will have the municipal Christmas tree cut and transported from Jacksonville to Medford.

**What's the Answer?**

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

- Total volume of U.S. crops this year, says the Agriculture Dept., will be highest on record, second highest, about average, or a little low?
- Which of our Presidents was called "Old Rough and Ready"?
- There are an even 100 Psalms in the Bible, fewer or more?
- Pinon wood is used in fireplaces, expensive furniture, manufacture of nylon hose, church altar pieces, or sleds for children?
- A little over (a) 5, (b) 15, (c) 25, (d) 35 or (e) 45 per cent of all new car sales in the U.S. last year were Hardtops?
- A uxoricide is a man who kills his girl friend, his rival for her affections, his wife, his child, his parents, or the head of his government?
- Eliza in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" fled across the ice over the Arkansas, Mississippi, Ohio, Potomac, Rio Grande or Suwannee river?

The Answers: 1. Second highest. 2. Zachary Taylor. 3. More than 100 (150). 4. Fireplaces. 5. Little over 15 per cent. 6. His wife. 7. The Ohio.

**That Half-Billion Gift**

The Ford Foundation's gift of a half-billion dollars to colleges and hospitals is a breathtaking venture into philanthropy. It is the largest single such gift ever made, and presumably the largest gift of any kind.

There is not a community in the land that will not be affected to a greater or lesser extent. There is hardly a family that will not benefit, in one way or another, sooner or later.

**I**N Medford, the gift takes the tangible form of \$60-500 made available to the two medical hospitals. While the suddenness of the announcement, coming without warning, has left the hospital authorities understandably amazed by their "Christmas present," each can, of course, make good use of the money.

For Rogue Valley Memorial hospital it comes at a crucial time, for the hospital is seeking to raise money to construct a new building. The amount of the grant is within a few thousand dollars of the amount which the state board of health trimmed from the hospital's request for federal funds.

Sacred Heart hospital, too, is increasingly pinched for space to accommodate its patients, and has other needs.

**I**N MEDFORD, the gifts to private colleges and universities is a less tangible thing, but it has great importance, here, as elsewhere, none the less. The gifts are intended to improve faculty salaries, both by the gifts themselves and by calling attention to the fact that in buying power faculty salaries have declined where others have increased.

Higher salaries for teachers mean a higher caliber of individual will be attracted to, and kept in, the profession; a higher caliber of individual means a higher caliber of instruction, and the entire country will benefit thereby.

**H**OW can any private organization afford to pass out a half-billion dollars?

Well, the Ford Foundation has assets estimated at \$2,500,000,000. This gift will decrease that. But since its investments are at present in Ford Motor Company stock, and later will be in other types of securities which bring in good income, it hardly is a move which will liquidate the Foundation.

The foundations—Ford, Rockefeller, Carnegie and others—have come in for certain criticism in recent years, some of it justified, but it is a fair conclusion that the good they do far outweighs their deficiencies whatever they may be.

And few can quarrel with the intent of this week's gift, which will do much to improve the American level of education and of medical treatment and service throughout the land.—E.A.

**Church and State**

Freedom of religion, and the separation of church and state, are still live issues in this and in other countries.

Just the other day, comment on the question of property taxes being levied on churches was reprinted here—to the effect that tax exemption for church property boosts the property taxes of others, creating a sort of subsidy to churches, thus violating the tradition of church and state separation.

The problem of disestablishment of the church of England has become a live one again since Princess Margaret's romance ended—at least partly, presumably, because of her position as sister to the queen who is head of the church.

**S**TILL another facet of the church-state relationship showed up on Page 1 the other day in a story relating how the U. S. Supreme Court has supported a lower court in its ruling that the teaching of polygamy is both illegal and immoral, and that where religious belief conflicts with the law, the law must prevail.

In any community which calls itself civilized, such a rule of law is a necessity. Some religions, for instance, have taught that murder is an acceptable practice—as the Assassins of the Middle East—which cannot be condoned by present-day standards. Throughout history there are other examples of such religious practices, now abhorred, which once were in tune with the times, the morals and the needs of their practitioners.

**I**T CAN be argued, for instance, that in a country where the population of women is three times as great as that of men, polygamy would be a highly moral and necessary thing.

This does not mean that it is moral or necessary here and now. Western civilization accepts monogamy as the rule of law and of morals, and quite properly so.

**R**ELIGIOUS freedom is a high ideal, and a thing to be guarded jealously. But with the wide variety of religious beliefs present today, society can and must insist that when one such belief crosses the limits of freedom and steps into the area of license, then the state shall step in for the protection of the others.

There's an old saying to the effect that "Your freedom ends where my nose begins." It applies to organized religion as well as to individuals.—E.A.

**Murder Suspect Tells Reason for Jail Escape**

Taegu, South Korea—(U.P.)—Murder suspect Kang Woo Won, who escaped from jail two weeks ago, Tuesday sent a letter to the Taegu prosecutor explaining why:  
 "I wasn't feeling too well because I feared I would be executed. But I am very well now, thank you."

**Avocado Plant Growth Rivals Famed Bean Stalk**

Chicago—(U.P.)—Mrs. Maurice Schwartz has an avocado plant that grows like Jack's famous bean stalk.  
 The plant is three years old and is already nine feet tall. Mrs. Schwartz said she has to move it from pot to pot and from room to room to give it growing space. "But I like it,"

**In The Day's News**

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
 A Chattanooga newspaper says Senator Kefauver has made a firm decision to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for President. The Tennessee paper asserts that he will announce the decision late this week. It adds that Kefauver is now in California.

**I**D GUESS that the prediction is probably accurate. At any rate, in a speech today before the Commonwealth club of San Francisco, the senator CALLS FOR A FEDERAL PROGRAM TO SEEK A PRACTICAL METHOD OF REMOVING SALT FROM SEA WATER.

That's the modern political technique. Promise the voters in every section of the country that the federal government WILL PROVIDE 'EM WITH WHATEVER THEY WANT MOST. Presumably at no expense to them.

**J**UST a thought at this point: In the fiscal year 1956, Oregon paid \$429,231,000 to the U.S. Internal revenue bureau in DIRECT U.S. taxes. In case you have fallen into the habit of skipping big figures, that is 429 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS—or nearly \$300 for every man, woman and child in the state.

That is TAX money. It comes out of the pockets of the people of Oregon—because there isn't anywhere else for tax money to come from.

**T**HIS is the point: Tax money is tax money—no matter where it comes from.

**Is That So?**

Ever examined that tremendously efficient organ, your skin—one of the most extraordinary mechanisms of this world? Roughly it is a 4x5 foot blanket which covers the entire body, varying from 1/25 of an inch on the eyelids to one-fourth inch on the soles. It weighs about 9 pounds.

Despite millions of tiny holes scattered throughout, it is water-



proof thanks to its ingenious overlapping construction with fishlike scales.

Yet, the skin is much more than just a protective overcoat; it is a perfect electric blanket, keeping the body temperature on an even keel; a complex switchboard whose nerve centers warn of excessive heat or cold, touch or damage; a laboratory in which hairs and nails are manufactured; it makes and stores the pigment—along with freckles and the suntan which shields us from the sun; it constantly rebuilds worn surface layers; to a modest degree it helps eliminate waste and take in oxygen; it manufactures oil to keep hair and the horny outer layer soft; and with fats removed and salt increased in later years; it grows saggy and wrinkled. Besides, it registers emotion.

Hot or cold, your skin's sweat glands—some 2,000,000—work constantly. Below 86 degrees, they give off invisible sweat droplets; above 88, there is usually a sudden outbreak of visible fluid sweat all over the body surface.

Nearly all of the body is cov-

**La Rosa Romance May Be Rekindled**

New York—(U.P.)—Singer Dorothy McGuire may be free soon to resume her celebrated romance with an old flame, Julius La Rosa.  
 "I don't know when I expect to see her again. . . . We're both in show business, you know," said La Rosa when he was informed last night that Dorothy's husband had filed suit for divorce and she had filed a counter suit.  
 La Rosa, who is appearing here as a guest star on the Martha Raye television show, said he knew nothing of the divorce actions. They were filed in Florida.  
 He told reporters he hadn't seen Dorothy since "three days before last New Year."  
 News of the pending divorce action was disclosed by her lawyer, Charles E. Booth.

**University Students To Make Drink Test**

Chicago—(U.P.)—Three graduate psychology students at Northwestern university will make alcoholic guinea pigs of themselves Tuesday for the sake of science and \$25 each.  
 One will drink eight shots of bonded bourbon, the second six shots of the same, and the third two glasses of beer.  
 They will then undergo tests to see how well they carry their liquor.

If it is federal money, the people still pay it.  
 And—  
 When we send a tax dollar to Washington, what we get out of it in the way of local federal spending comes back to us badly shrunk by the Washington squeeze.

**B**UT the politicians who are running for federal office rely on us to FORGET that fundamental fact.

**B**UT that's enough politics for one day. Let's turn to something else.  
 In Portland the other day, a motorist named McGuckin told the police he was driving down Barbur boulevard when somebody cut in front of him and he had to swerve to avoid collision.

His car went over the curb and demolished the front porches of two homes. Then it smashed into another house, splintering the porch and breaking water pipes. Water from the broken pipes flooded the house. At that point, the engine of McGuckin's car caught fire.

He wound up in the hospital—with multiple injuries, including a possible brain concussion.  
**T**HAT'S what happens in the modern world when ONE DRIVER DOES SOMETHING WRONG. In this case, the driver who did something wrong was the one who cut in front and thus triggered off the whole series of minor disasters.  
 As too often happens—  
**HE CAME OFF SCOT FREE.**

**By EUGENE BURNS**  
 Ranger-Naturalist

ered with hair though often it is too fine to be visible. Its average life varies—four and a half months of downy hairs to three to five years for long scalp hairs. Each has its own small blood vessel to nourish it and several oil sacs to anoint it. With it goes a nerve to sound the alarm if it is pulled, and a little muscle to draw it up on end if one is chilled or frightened or angry. (In times past when humans were more hairy, this bristling doubtless helped protect the body against the cold while now it merely results in gooseflesh and a prickling of the scalp which sometimes accompanies fear or anger.)

Sometimes to our dismay, the skin may even disclose our innermost feelings: we burn bright red with embarrassment and pale with fright.  
 (Released by McClure Newspapers)

**Free:** By special arrangement with the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana, my panel of judges will award each week to the reader who sends me the best true-life nature adventure, or the best nature observation, or the best question on nature and wildlife a complete 30-volume set of this world-famous reference work in a handsome Sealcraft binding. Each week new submissions will be considered. Sorry, I simply can't answer your many friendly letters. Please address our letter to: IS THAT SO: c/o Medford Mail Tribune, Box 575, Sausalito, Calif.

**Coal Miner Wins \$32,000 on TV Show**

New York—(U.P.)—Stanley Skeens, who has worked for a West Virginia coal mine since 1949, starts digging toward daylight today.  
 Skeens, an expert on the Bible, walked away from CBS-TV's "The \$64,000 Question" last night with \$32,000 in his pocket. He indicated that his winnings might change his way of life.  
 "I kind of hope now that some time in the future I can go into a little business," said Skeens. "Maybe a garage or a filling station."  
 Skeens, Danville, W. Va., figured he might be able to salvage "about 18,000" after taxes. He's married and has one 5-year-old son.

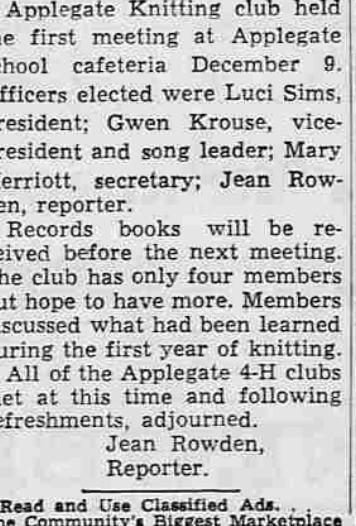
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Skeens, an ordained minister in the Free Will Baptist church, built up his stake over a five-week period on the giveaway show. He was offered a chance to double his winnings last night, but decided to quit.

**A-H Club**

Knitting Club  
 Applegate Knitting club held the first meeting at Applegate school cafeteria December 9. Officers elected were Luci Sims, president; Gwen Krouse, vice-president and song leader; Mary Herriott, secretary; Jean Rowden, reporter.  
 Records books will be received before the next meeting. The club has only four members but hope to have more. Members discussed what had been learned during the first year of knitting.  
 All of the Applegate 4-H clubs met at this time and following refreshments, adjourned.  
 Jean Rowden, Reporter.

**Business District**



**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.

**How Much is \$35 Billion?**

To the Editor: In regard to the thirty-five billion dollars we are about to spend for defense. Or offense as the case may be. The average person has no idea of what a billion dollars is. If it were broken down into figures that could be understood, thirty-five billion dollars would build:

Three million, five hundred thousand homes, at ten thousand dollars apiece.  
 Or  
 One million miles of four lane highway, or enough to cross the United States three hundred times.

Or  
 Three thousand, five hundred hospitals, at ten million dollars apiece.  
 A dam on every river in the United States that could produce a kilowatt of power, with enough left over to build the highway and aquaduct up Bear creek, as was so aptly suggested by Mr. Tucker.

It would buy:  
 Twelve million average priced automobiles.  
 Or  
 Enough rope to hang every mother's son that causes us to drain away our resources that are so badly needed for the betterment of mankind.  
 I. C. M.  
 Prospect  
 (Name on file)

**Baseball & Music**

To the Editor: The Chamber of Commerce Round Table luncheon, Monday, Dec. 12, the subject for discussion, as planned by Paul Hornbeck, program chairman, was organized baseball for Medford. Present and speaking were quite a number, who, from knowledge and experience, spoke with authority. Presiding with his customary courtesy and competence was Victor Milnes, chairman of the discussion group of the Chamber. Just before the luncheon was concluded, he asked the three women present (I was one of them), for our views on the matter. I had attended, just the day before, the concert of the Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon, and had regretted the small size of the audience, as did "OS" of this newspaper, in her coverage of the concert. Being somewhat of a musician and having the interests of the profession at heart, I answered Mr. Milnes in a manner which I believe was a disappointment and not quite understood.

In effect, my thought (perhaps unfortunately expressed because of the impulse of the moment) was that I should like to see financial support of cultural matters, as well as of athletics, that artistic attractions might be valuable assets to the community as well as those of another nature. It was not a mere personal preference, not, as Mr. Milnes expressed it, "You would rather go to a symphony concert than a baseball game."

I have lived in Medford nearly all my life, always coming back to it after absences of weeks, months, years. To me, it is now more interesting, enjoyable, more downright fun, than ever before. The new residents, industries, organizations, the zip and enthusiasm, the eager-beaverness, constitute a "many-splendored thing."

If we can have organized baseball, let's have it; but still, I wish we might have a little more appreciation of good music, too.

Jeanes (Sally) Butler  
 106 South Ivy st.  
 Medford, Ore.

**YOUNG DETERMINATION**

New Haven, Conn.—(U.P.)—Police report a 13-year-old boy apparently is determined to drive. The youngster was picked up for the third time in a stolen car. Each time, a patrolman stopped the youngster because he was hardly big enough to see over the steering wheel.

**Afghanistan Visit by Red Leaders Seen as Potentially Dangerous**

**By CHARLES M. MCCANN**  
 United Press Correspondent

The visit which the Kremlin's roving ambassadors are paying to Afghanistan is loaded with potential trouble for the Western Allies.



It could prove to be the most dangerous of their tour of Southern Asia. Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist Party Leader Nikita S. Khrushchev are due in the remote Himalayan kingdom today.

They have made their intentions plain. Afghanistan has been embroiled for more than six years in a border dispute with Pakistan, which is allied with the free world.

Bulganin and Khrushchev intend to take advantage of this feud to intensify their present campaign of penetration of Afghanistan.

In their speeches in India, the two Soviet leaders took the opportunity to denounce Pakistan entered the Baghdad alliance with Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Great Britain at the dictation of "American monopolistic circles."

**Protest Made**  
 It was disclosed at that time that Pakistan had protested to the Soviet embassy in Karachi against a visit by Bulganin and Khrushchev at this time.

"No one is going to tell us where we will go," Khrushchev said in mentioning the protest in a speech.

Afghanistan demands that about seven million turbulent Pathan tribesmen on the Pakistan side of the Afghan-Pakistan border be incorporated into a separate independent state.

Pakistan holds that all Afghanistan wants to do is to get control of this area, which includes the famous Khyber Pass through the Himalayas.

Incidentally this pass could be made an invasion route from the Soviet Union to Pakistan through Afghanistan.

**Ill-feeling between Pakistan**

and Afghanistan exploded last spring in riots. Afghan mobs attacked the Pakistan embassy in Kabul, the Afghanistan capital, and wrecked consular offices in other cities.

Russia moved swiftly to take advantage of this situation. It first negotiated an agreement by which Afghanistan, whose natural trade route is through Pakistan, could send its exports and receive its imports through the Soviet Union.

The Russian colony in Kabul started to grow amazingly. Russian technicians began moving in to aid in Arghan economic development. A United Press Kabul dispatch recently quoted reports that construction and repair work on all roads connecting Kabul with the Soviet Union would be turned over to Soviet technicians.

The visits of Bulganin and Khrushchev to India and Burma may turn out to have been largely of propaganda value. But in Afghanistan, the two ambassadors of ill will may be able to cause real trouble.

**Portland Plant Damaged by Flames**

Portland—(U.P.)—A wind-whipped two-alarm fire roared through the Collins Concrete and Steel Pipe company plant here before dawn today and damage was estimated at \$175,000.

Jack J. Collins, president of the firm, estimated the plant was about 50 per cent destroyed. He said he hoped to have it back in operation within 30 to 60 days. The company employs 212 persons.

Collins said the fire broke out about 4:30 a.m. when flames under a dipping vat containing mineral rubber were diverted by high winds toward a wooden platform and set it ablaze. Within minutes, the strong east winds had spread the fire.

The hot water heater plant, the galvanizing department, machine shop, guard rail fabricating plant, a storage shed and a yard office were destroyed.

Sixteen pieces of fire equipment went to the scene and firemen were hampered by freezing temperatures as well as the wind. Hot embers were blown more than a mile west of the blaze and some firemen were sent to put out a grass fire more than a quarter of a mile away.

**Western Oregon Farmers Complain Of Disaster Loans**

Portland—(U.P.)—Some western Oregon farmers complained today that federal disaster loans made available to the area after the November freeze were not worth the adverse publicity that came with being declared a disaster area.

Farmers said after a meeting with C. G. Hendry, loan officer with the Farmers Home Administration, that the loans offered by the federal government to pay for freeze damaged crops would be of little use to most growers.

**Must Exhaust Credit Sources**  
 Federal law requires that the grower must have suffered a 25 per cent overall loss and have exhausted all other sources of credit. A standby agreement would have to be obtained from other credit sources.

One farmer said "a fellow would really have to be flat on his back to get one of those loans."  
 Hendry said estimates of loss had ranged up to 100 per cent in cane berries with considerable damage in fruit, truck, and nursery crops. Damage estimates resulted in a declaration of disaster for several western Washington and Northwestern Oregon counties.

Farmers said they doubted that most growers could qualify for loans under present requirements.

**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 15: 11-32.

**SUCCESSFUL LIVING**

starts with savings. Have the things you want through systematic savings. Don't just dream . . . or wish, but have the things you want in life by saving for them. Start with any amount.

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