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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. 19, 1945 (It was Wednesday)

Almost half of Jackson county's service men have been discharged according to local Selective Service board.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Fire chiefs of the state have started issuing their annual Yule warnings against carelessness with fire, resulting in conflagrations in the Christmas tree, and Santa Claus' cottonbatten whiskers.

20 YEARS AGO Dec. 19, 1935 (It was Thursday)

Fred Knox making arrangements for annual VFW Gold Chevron ball at Oriental Gardens.

Boys and girls leagues at Medford High school entertain grade school pupils at Christmas party.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 19, 1925 (It was Saturday)

Oregon State Horticultural society urges funds to promote pear advertising in east.

A. G. Bishop elected master of local Masonic lodge replacing Paul B. Rynning.

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 19, 1915 (It was Sunday)

Fifteenth annual meeting of State Teachers association to be held in Medford starting Monday.

From Local and Personal column: Forecaster Gentner promises Medford a white Christmas. Should it come all right, we are to remember that he told you so. Should it fail, let it be known that the weather report comes from Portland anyway.

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

1. Carmine DeSapio, head of Tammany Hall, says he'd like the Democrats to pick Harriman, Kefauver or Stevenson for President next year, or has no choice yet?

2. The average American family spends about \$1, \$3, or \$5 every year for Xmas cards?

3. The federal income tax on profits from sales of stocks takes no account of how long they were held; right or wrong?

4. Chancellor Adenauer of the West German republic will be 70, 75, 80, or 85 on his next birthday?

5. Adlai E. Stevenson was endorsed for President in 1952 by the AFL, the CIO, both or neither?

6. About half, less than half, or more than half all 16 and 17-year-olds are still in school?

7. Brandeis University, founded in 1947, is in Massachusetts, New York, Washington, D. C., Chicago or the state of Israel?

The Answers: 1. Wrong (tax is on only half of profit if stock held longer than 6 months.) 2. 80. 3. By both. 4. More than half. 5. Massachusetts.

HEAVY LOAD — Police searched today for a "strong-armed" thief who robbed a theater of \$2,500. They said \$2,300 of the stolen money was in coin.

Tragedy at Astoria

Parts of Astoria were on the move again last week. It's unfortunate that at a safe distance it can appear slightly amusing to think of part of a city sliding down hill.

At close quarters, however, it's anything but funny. The Astorian Budget, which in recent days has carried full news coverage of the event together with pictures of the sliding-hillside, had this to say:

To the people whose homes are tossed, undermined and twisted by the flow of earth, such a slide as this is tragedy. Perhaps it is a home that has sheltered a family for nearly a lifetime. Perhaps it is a new home recently finished and barely paid for at high cost.

It's worse than a fire, which strikes quickly and is over. In this sort of disaster one can see one's home gradually torn apart while one is still living in it, hoping against hope that the movement will cease before it is too late.

NO ONE knows for sure the cause of the slides. The Budget says there have been reports of some slides on the hillsides of the town since the earliest settlements. But only in the past few years have they been destructive of property and utilities.

The newspaper speculates that a severe earthquake in 1949 might have jarred loose a stratum of earth on the north side of the hill, and that since then freezing weather followed by heavy rain may have ripped the earth away from a slippery soapstone base.

CERTAINLY heavy rainfall has something to do with it, for the slides in each case have followed soaking downpours. The current slide occurred after four inches of rain fell in less than two days.

Whatever the cause, it is a tragedy to the people whose homes are involved. Many of them have lost thousands of dollars worth of property, and have become dependent on the Red Cross and other agencies for assistance.

We visited the town in 1953 when that year's slide was at its worst, and the crumpled, twisted, sliding homes presented an awesome and depressing sight. — E.A.

Intrigue

We hope that the full and true story of Dr. Otto John will be told someday.

On the surface and from the little we have been permitted to learn, it sounds like an amazing and fascinating story of international intrigue, cloak and dagger stuff to put E. Phillips Oppenheim into the bush leagues.

IT COULD turn out to be a simple and sordid tale of a traitor, or of a man drugged and abducted.

But that isn't convincing, somehow—not in view of Herr John's long record of fabulously successful espionage and intelligence work for Germany. It would satisfy our thirst for the dramatic a bit more to learn that it was all a complicated and subtle plot to learn more of the operations of the Communists in East Germany.

Whatever the upshot of the matter may be, though, it is fairly apparent that Dr. John has no future as an effective secret operator against the Reds.—E.A.

Trees

Is your Christmas tree up yet? It's a pretty thing, and it adds a great deal to making Christmas the beloved holiday it is.

And yet (and we hate to be a wet blanket) a Christmas tree is a dangerous thing. Firemen, who are nice guys mostly, get the willies when they think of all the highly inflammable greenery, surrounded by highly inflammable papers, sitting in living rooms all over town—most of them with electric lights which add to the danger by drying out the tree.

MOST of us have watched old Christmas trees burn—and burn they do, with a whoosh and a roar. Picture that in your living room, catching the draperies and the furniture and the rugs. At best, it would mean smoke and water damage.

Firemen and insurance companies, both with a stake in how you take care of your tree, suggest that extra caution will pay off until the tree is safely down and outdoors after the holiday.

DON'T put up the tree too long in advance, they suggest; do not use candles (which they say is just asking for a fire); keep inflammables away from the tree as much as possible, and the three itself away from inflammable drapes.

Keep the base of the tree in water, if possible, preferably with a diagonal cut across the base to permit it to absorb more moisture. Get it out of the house as soon as convenient, and in any case once it becomes dry and crackly.

Watch out for matches, lighters, sparks from fireplaces. And—just in case—have a fire extinguisher handy. And memorize the fire department's telephone number.—E.A.

India Will Establish Outer Mongolia Ties

New Delhi—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru said today India had decided to establish diplomatic relations with Outer Mongolia during the "next few days."

Nehru spoke in favor of admitting both Japan and Outer Mongolia to the United Nations and said, "Outer Mongolia is not so big but is an independent country and we have nearer relations with it."

Nehru also boosted Communist China for a U.N. seat.

Spectators Killed In Race Track Mishap

Barranquilla, Colombia—(U.P.) Two drivers and four spectators were killed Sunday in two crashes during the Barranquilla-to-Cartagena auto race.

Colombian driver Antonio Cure was killed when his car went out of control and careened into a group of onlookers. Four spectators were killed and several others injured.

The other accident took the life of Pancho (Pepe) Crocker of Venezuela. His steering gear apparently failed on a curve, and his car swerved into a bank.

Left, Right Wingers Have Big Role in French Vote Campaign

United Press Correspondent

A jolly-looking Communist and a belligerent tax-hating stationer are playing big parts in the French election campaign.

The communist is 55-year-old Maurice Thorez. The stationer is 35-year-old Pierre Pujade.

Thorez leads the extreme left wing of Communists and fellow travelers in the race for the 627 seats in the National Assembly in the election to be held Jan. 2.

Pujade is leader of the extreme right wing Union for the Defense of Tradesmen and Artisans which he organized two years ago to fight the tax system.

French political experts are predicting that Thorez will gain materially in the election.

Thorez five years ago was called the most powerful Communist in Europe next to Josef Stalin of Russia.

He suffered a stroke in October, 1950, and was long an invalid. Now he has come back and is campaigning vigorously.

Of friendly disposition, tall, powerfully-built, with tousled hair, he is one of the most popular men in France personally.

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Profit by Split

What Pujade, a newcomer to politics, will do remains to be seen.

But he and two small extreme right wing groups which support his party have entered 180 candidates in the campaign.

Both Thorez and Pujade are expected to profit by the deep split in the moderate parties.

Premier Edgar Faure leads the moderate right wing and former Premier Pierre Mendes-France leads the moderate left wing.

Once political allies and intimate friends, they now are enemies.

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THE Soviet Air Force is now ahead of the American Air Force in the production of advanced types in every single important category but one—the medium range jet-bomber represented in this country by our B-47s.

Even in the vital long-range jet bomber category, our output of B-52s is still lagging well behind the Soviet output of "Bisons."

Yet the appropriations in the new defense budget will actually give this country about 30 per cent fewer new aircraft than were ordered under the current budget.

Other examples could be cited at great length. For instance, there is the fairly hair-raising fact that the Soviets are now rapidly remodelling at least the core of their huge ground forces for atomic war.

But whereas the Soviets are "atomizing" some scores of divisions, the U. S. Army has only been permitted

to make this vital conversion in one division, with two more test divisions partly converted.

BUT examples do not need to be multiplied to suggest the real nature of the defense issue. Phony publicity and misleading token gestures have concealed the central fact. The Soviets have spent, are spending and clearly intend to continue to spend enough to provide an enormous, fully modern force-in-being at all times.

This country is not doing anything of the sort. Therefore, if the worst happens, American soldiers and airmen will go into combat not only heavily outnumbered by the enemy, but also with weapons far less good than the enemy's weapons.

To maintain an adequate, continuously modernized force-in-being is an enormously costly task. Maybe the budget balancers are right, that the United States cannot afford to pay the bill for survival. But if that is the settled national policy, it might at least be admitted to the country.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This modern world note: A new gadget designed to cater to the back yard back-to-nature movement combines a barbecue oven and a smokehouse and uses electricity to turn the trick. It works like this:

You barbecue your meat in an electric oven. Then—to give it that good, rich campfire smoke taste—you turn the switch on a hotplate and at the same time you push a button that releases hickory sawdust from a hopper.

The sawdust falls on the electrically heated plate and is converted into hickory smoke.

You spear your meat on a chrome-plated fork and hold it in the smoke and thus get the good old hickory flavor.

WHAT'S that earth tremor that just rattled the brick-a-brac on the shelf?

It's great-great-grandfather—who lived in a cabin that he built with his own hands and barbecued his meat in the fireplace over a fire of tough hickory wood that he cut with his own ax wielded by his own sturdy arms—TURNING OVER IN HIS GRAVE!

NOW for a glimpse of the world of the future.

One of America's top atomic scientists says this morning that the world's OCEAN WATER can become a fuel resource of top magnitude when science learns to harness the hydrogen bomb reaction for peaceful use.

He says the deuterium, or heavy hydrogen, in ordinary water packs more energy than its equivalent volume of gasoline. Use of this energy, he adds, awaits only the taming of thermonuclear reaction.

THE trouble with these scientists is that they use such big words.

What he's trying to say, I think, is that NOW the atom splits with a BANG. The problem is to get it to split with a mere WHOOSH.

BACK to this modern world.

Grain bins are now being made of huge canvas tents that cover as much ground as a football field. Under agreement with the government's Commodity Credit Corporation (the outfit that buys up the subsidized surplus grain and cotton and peanuts and tobacco and stashes the stuff away like a squirrel burying nuts that it knows it won't ever be able to find again) a Texas milling company is storing 23 million bushels of wheat under canvas at Ft. Worth. It has more than a million bushels under canvas at St. Joseph (Saint Joe to Missourians).

The system is to pile wheat on building paper laid on the ground. Then the canvas tent, already in place, is carried upward as the pile grows. Each tent holds about a million bushels.

Upper Rogue Grange held their annual Christmas party and supper in the hall Dec. 15 with 100 people attending. A Christmas program was presented by the lecturer and the new master, Caroline Harding, was introduced and gave the welcoming address, after which presents were given out by Santa and his helpers.

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: Romans 8:14-39.

A boy of school age of our circle was so injured that he died. His people were of Bible stock and long before his death, the boy had taken Christ into his heart as the Saviour who died for his sins. Now watch that mother. She knows that there will be a glad family reunion "over there." And what for you and yours? Let them have Christ down deep and eternal life is theirs. And is Christ your Lord and Saviour also?

This message sponsored by a Scappoose dairyman.—Adv.

PAGE the political farmers!

They have a great new slogan in sight. The slogan can go something like this:

"Grow more cotton to be woven into more canvas to make more tent-bins to hold more wheat so that we'll need STILL MORE cotton to make STILL MORE tents to stash away STILL MORE wheat!"

WHY, it's practically PERPETUAL MOTION!

With a slogan like that, the political farmers ought to be able to corral ALL the votes in ALL the wheat and cotton states.

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Not Socialism

To the Editor:—Mail Tribune columnist Frank Jenkins may be a good newspaper man, but if he actually believes what he preaches his knowledge of political systems could be greatly improved. In his column of Dec. 13 he refers to the British labor government under Clement Attlee as socialist. He also refers to government ownership of industry under the British labor party. Neither of these assertions is based upon fact and consequently can be reduced to propaganda and malarky.

The British labor government never owned one screw, nut, or bolt of industry, no more than it owned the money in the Bank of England which was also nationalized. All industry remained in private hands and was operated for private profit. There is absolutely no relationship whatever between privately owned property and socialism. Before socialism can exist private profit must be destroyed. Economic regimentation or nationalization for emergency does not border the remotest area of socialism.

Quite often Mr. Jenkins expresses great fear that some dark night our own country will be overcome by socialism through the building of public power projects, farm relief, etc. Allow this factor to be pointed out: As long as American business extends \$34,000,000,000 of installment credit to working people, and financial institutions are willing to finance the credit, and expect to be reimbursed from the "profits" of labor, we are a long, long ways from socialism.

Earl Allen, 176 South Stage rd., Medford, Ore.

Kiddies Grow Up

GEO. N. TAYLOR

You married and kiddies came. And they grew up. As you had Bible and prayer, day by day, you found that they liked best the parts of the Bible that had action. Did you kneel by the kitchen stove for prayer? The littlest ones stumble and stagger at first but later they will surprise you. In years to come, when the going is rough, you folks will have the faith to smile through their tears. For faith comes from the Bible. See Romans 10:17.

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