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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. 23, 1945. (It was Sunday) Walter H. Leverette of Medford announces plans to construct an 800-seat theater in Central Point.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The eclipse of moon Tues. started exactly on time as advertised, 4:28 p.m. No parade ever held in this burg, has been as prompt.

20 YEARS AGO: Dec. 23, 1935. (It was Monday) Rain is forecast for Medford and area for Christmas day.

Charles A. Lindbergh, his wife and son, Jon, leave for England because of increase in threats and dread of kidnapers.

30 YEARS AGO: Dec. 23, 1925. (It was Wednesday) Jackson county grand jury returns six indictments ranging from arson to auto theft.

From Local and Personal column: Christmas programs will be presented at the majority of the rural schools in the county this evening, marking the close for school sessions in 1925.

40 YEARS AGO: Dec. 23, 1915. (It was Thursday) John Stevens and J. B. Platt, digging artesian water well, find indications of oil in sand removed from 850 feet down; well is six miles southeast of Medford.

From Willow Springs items: The annual telephone meeting of lines 14 and 18 will be held at the schoolhouse December 31, 1915, at 2 o'clock sharp.

What's the Answer?

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

1. Most of the Ford Motor Co. stock owned by the Ford Foundation is of the voting or non-voting category?

2. In very much less or more than half of all fatal auto accidents, or about half, the driver at fault was under the influence of liquor?

3. The actual cost of a good pair of men's shoes for a U. S. visitor in Moscow is about \$15, \$30, \$45, \$60, or \$75?

4. There are many more U. S. trade unionists inside or outside the new AFL-CIO?

5. As a result of the 1948-49 Israel-Arab war, Israel got more or less territory than contemplated in the 1947 U. N. partition plan?

6. Prices of old houses in most parts of the country are expected to go lower or higher next year or to stay about the same?

7. James B. Conant is president of Harvard, ambassador to Moscow, Presidential advisor on disarmament, or ambassador to the West Berlin Republic?

The Answers: 1. Non-voting; 2. Much less than half; 3. About \$75; 4. Many more inside; 5. About one-third more; 6. To go lower, generally; 7. Ambassador to West Germany.

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Christmas Letter From Germany

(Note: As it did last year, the Mail Tribune is pleased to publish a Christmas letter from Germany, written by Dr. Franz Oexle, a young editor on the newspaper, The Konstanz Suedkurier, who makes his home across the Lake of Konstanz in Switzerland.)

Dear Eric:

When you wrote to me your last Christmas letter from Oregon, the congressional elections in your country were just over. At that time I worked on local news here, and thought how glad I was to have nothing to do with politics, as far as election campaigns are concerned.

But last Sunday, on my desk in my office waited several manuscripts of campaign speeches, to be rewritten, put together and made up for Pages 1 or 2. I like the job, though it can happen that somebody calls you up the next morning to say: "My dear man, you didn't print all that I said..." We are now preparing to elect a new state parliament for Baden-Wuerttemberg.

MAYBE you have heard about the trouble Western Germany's Chancellor Adenauer has with the coalition out of which he builds up his cabinet. The Bonn government is run by the biggest party of the country, the Christian Democrats, together with the Free Democrats—successor to the old liberal party. As you know, the Social Democrats are in opposition to Adenauer.

Therefore the chancellor wants to hold at least the members of his coalition close to his foreign policy: No separate talks with the Soviets.

The leader of the Free Democrats asks, "Why not talk with the Soviets if we can get reunification of our country easier that way?" But the Old Man answers: "If the Free Democrats don't want to follow the chancellor, and the biggest party, they had better leave the coalition and the government right now."

THE leader of the "rebels," Thomas Dehler, declared that "I have never intended to talk with the Soviets." But the 80-year-old chancellor hasn't yet forgiven him for his disloyalty.

Some commentators have added that if the Free Democrats don't make the turn back to Adenauer, they will disappear. In 1957, after the next parliamentary elections, it could be that Germany will become a two-party state, like the U.S. or Great Britain.

MEANWHILE, it's Christmas time again, although there is no snow around the Bodensee. Only if the weather is clear can we see the white-capped Swiss Alps south of the lake. On the Market—the oldest place in Konstanz—glare each night the electric lights of a 60-foot high Christmas tree.

In the evening the narrow streets between the Rathous (city hall) and the port are crowded with people who do their Christmas shopping. The shop windows are no more empty, like ten years ago, and sometimes it seems this economical recovery has come almost too fast. Even on Sundays the stores are open. The Bundestag—our federal parliament—decided so. There was quite a fight whether or not the stores should be open on the three Sundays before Christmas.

SOME residents of Konstanz go across the border to Zurich, Switzerland, to look for Christmas gifts, and some Swiss go the other way. The Swiss buy Christmas trees over here because they are less expensive in Germany, and because they come from the Black Forest. The Germans buy chocolate and coffee in Switzerland because of the same reason: It's better and less expensive on the other side of the red and white border posts.

Recently I was the guest of a nearby high school. Hundreds of young fellows wanted to see my American color slides. How often have you been with me when I shot them—in Eugene, Salem, Astoria, Portland, San Francisco—particularly that New Year's eve on San Francisco's Market Street I'll never forget. Sometimes slide-picture speeches are tiring. But this one was different.

I never had more attentive listeners. I also could not complain about lacking applause. Once more I noticed that our youngsters are really interested in details about your country, and then they wonder that many things I show them are not the same as they see in the movies. At first they would not believe me when I told them about Christmas trees in the windows of houses in the Far West, and about the Christmas song which sounds like one of ours.

THERE is an old church in the Konstanz neighborhood. It is placed on a hill that rises right up from the lake. In the Holy Night, many hundreds of people—Catholics as well as Protestants—come to that church in order to attend the midnight mass. It's a solemn picture to see the churchgoers at night, some with candle-lights. For me it is always a memorable moment—to listen to the bells and the organ on that day, after the minister reads the Evangelium.

Eric, I hope you will have a beautiful Christmas, too. I send you and your family my best wishes, and so does Margrit. We both wish the day is not so far when we can meet again.

As ever, Franz.

Onion Growers Favor Abolishing Trade

Ontario—(U.P.)—Onion growers and shippers in eastern Oregon and southwest Idaho have gone on record in favor of abolishing the trading of onions on the Futures Board. A resolution passed by the Malheur County, Ore., Onion Growers Association, as well as the Idaho Shippers Association, asked for immediate national legislation to abolish the commodity from futures trading. Association members yesterday pointed out that onions to be delivered to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange were traded five months ahead of planting and 11 months ahead of delivery date. Members claimed that early trading tended to increase planting, which led to increased production and depressed prices at harvest time.



MEASURING 5 1/2 BY 6 1/2 INCHES, this is Christmas card being sent out by President and Mrs. Eisenhower. It is blue, with presidential seal, greetings in gold letters. (International)

Babson on Southern Crops

Richmond, Va.—Southern agriculture has come a long way since the days when Dixie was largely a two-crop country. Besides cotton and tobacco, she now raises a wide variety of valuable farm products, the sale of which greatly enhances the nation's total farm income. The bulk of the domestic cotton crop is grown in the South. This year's indicated large U.S. output is surprisingly large in view of the sharp cut in plantings last spring. Were it not for the government loan, this ability of southern farmers to get more out of less would wreak havoc with cotton prices this season. However, with prices supported at a good average level, the white staple will add materially to Dixie's farm income during 1955-1956.

Tobacco has long been a major crop in the South. Millions of Americans smoke, and now with women unfortunately smoking, the number is bound to increase. As the scare over possible lung malignancy from smoking appears to have subsided, this year's above-average U.S. tobacco crop should have no difficulty moving into consuming channels at a fair price. Incidentally, I am told that increased use of filter-tip cigarettes should sharply boost demand for low-grade tobacco. However, I am not an expert on smoking problems.

Sugar, Sweet Potatoes, And Rice: A sizeable amount of sugar cane is grown in the South, principally in Louisiana and Florida. This year's indicated crop of 7,056,000 tons is well above average, but is by no means excessive. The sweet potato crop also is mostly southern-grown. The 1955 estimated U.S. crop of 36,100,000 bushels is 21 per cent above the short crop of last year, but is 23 per cent below the 1944-5 average. I forecast a good demand at satisfactory prices. Rice is a fairly important crop in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Although the 1955 crop is well above the ten-year average it will by no means prove burdensome, since the outlook for U.S. consumption and exports is excellent. Prices, in fact, are likely to average somewhat higher over the longer term.

Golden Harvest: Your morning glass of orange juice or grapefruit juice probably originates in Florida, Texas, or Arizona. Pending a sudden freeze, I expect an early and mid-season orange crop for 1955-56 of around 67,000,000 boxes—down about 3 per cent from the year-earlier output. Florida's Valencia crop should be in the vicinity of 39,000,000 boxes—up 7 per cent from a year ago. Arizona and Texas should produce an additional 1,000,000 boxes. Florida tangerines should be around 4,600,000 boxes—down 10 per cent from last year. A good total outturn of grapefruit is indicated in Florida, Texas, and Arizona; but at a wickedly low price. The processing end of the citrus industry has forged ahead rapidly. Demand for canned and frozen products this season undoubtedly will be heavy—a fact favorable to prices of fresh fruit. I forecast further growth for the processing division of the South's citrus business, but I urge that quality be maintained at a high level. Other Products: The South is a major producer of fruits and vegetables for winter consumption. Given favorable weather, the outlook for the season ahead is good. I must also mention peanuts, pecans, and tung nuts, which contribute to southern prosperity. The peanut crop this year is short, but the peanut crop is close to average. The South's teeming forests are a major source of raw materials for the naval stores, the lumber, and the booming paper and pulp industries. I expect a continued good demand for these products, allowing for the usual seasonal variations. Although Dixie is not without its agricultural problems—particularly cotton—research, know-how, and patience should solve most of them over the longer term. The progress already made augurs well for the future. The South has also made great strides on the industrial front. A strong agriculture, plus booming factories, will be a combination hard to beat.

KILLED IN FALL: Sweet Home—(U.P.)—Archie Durks, 46, was killed yesterday when he toppled into a sawdust conveyor at a mill here. Durks fell some 30 feet into the conveyor at the Santiam Lumber Company mill. Survivors include eight small children.

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 a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

"Thou Shalt Not...": To the Editor: The rain came down with unabated fury upon highway and byway Sunday afternoon. Deep in the forest it was quiet as it always is on a rainy day. Along the back roads cars slipped into the forest with an almost furtive air. The people in the cars were of all ages and many had been to church this day. You could tell. To the man and the deer that watched, it was easy to see that something was wrong as it always was this time of year. They had come into the forest again... they always did. This year it was no different. This day was different. This was the Sunday before Christmas.

Christmas, the birthday of our Lord, Saviour of Mankind. The Christ child who was born so long ago. He who had said so many things that man should remember. But man did not. He who wrote only once, in the sand to have it wash away, as His words have for so many. This season heralded the birth of Him who said, "Thou shalt not steal..." They had come again, the man thought, as he watched from high above where the stream was born that fed the valley far below. They came like a swarm of hungry locusts. With axes, knives, hatchets. They climbed the fences and cut the trees that God had planted. The trees that grew on land that someone else had under his care, for the brief span that he is here. When the fallen tree did not have the beauty it had while yet alive, they cut again, with complete disregard for the man who cared for the land and the tree, and for Him who had planted it.

To steal a tree is a strange way to celebrate the birth of Him who said... "Love thy neighbor..." "Thou shalt not steal..." Pete Logan, Dark Hollow rd., Medford, Ore.

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Strengthening Unity in Europe Said Best Good News of Week

By CHARLES J. McCANN United Press Correspondent

This week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

The Good: 1. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles returning from a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Council in Paris, said that European nations feel "more than ever free—more than ever secure." The increasing strength of the 15-nation alliance was demonstrated in two countries. The West German parliament gave final approval to an agreement for U.S. military assistance for the new German army. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, supreme allied commander, announced he would set up a new tactical air force in Italy. It will include both American and Italian planes. 2. The United Nations ended a long and serious deadlock on a seat in its Security Council. The Philippines supported by the United States, and Yugoslavia, supported by Great Britain, were rivals for the seat. By a compromise, Yugoslavia was selected on the 36th ballot. Yugoslavia promised to give up the seat after one year and let the Philippines hold it for the second year. However, some delegates were unhappy. They said the compromise violated the spirit of the U.N. charter. 3. The famous siren which for years had signaled the arrival of big news shrilled again from the building of the great independent newspaper La Prensa of Buenos Aires. Seized and

prostituted by Argentine Dictator Juan D. Peron, La Prensa was turned back to Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, its editor and publisher.

The Bad: 1. Serious riots broke out in Jordan against a decision by young King Hussein and his government to join the Middle Eastern Treaty Organization, which corresponds to the North Atlantic Alliance in Europe. An official announcement said that 41 persons were killed in 150 injured in Amman, the capital, alone. No mention was made of the casualties in other cities, including the Jordan section of Jerusalem. 2. The East German Communists became increasingly belligerent. The Communists threatened to try Americans who are accused of offenses in East Berlin. They were enraged because two American soldiers, accused of assaulting a Communist cabaret comedian, were acquitted by a U.S. Army court martial. It is customary for the Russians to turn over to the U.S. Army any Americans arrested in East Berlin. 3. Campaigning for the French parliamentary election to be held Jan. 2 became steadily more confused and more riotous.

Gangs of the supporters of anti-tax crusader Pierre Poujade broke up election meetings. There were three chief contesting groups. They were Premier Edgar Faure's right-of-center coalition and Maurice Thorez's Communists. It was forecast that neither Faure nor Mendes-France would get a majority and that Thorez would gain. The prospect was for continued French government bickering and indecision.

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INCLUDING PRESCRIPTION: Providence, R.I.—(U.P.)—Judge Eugene L. Jalbert has a suggestion for doctors. After trying unsuccessfully to decipher a medical excuse written by a doctor for a potential witness, he commented: "I think doctors ought to be compelled to use a typewriting machine for everything."

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: Isaiah 53:1-12.

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