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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.

FLIGHT O TIME STDG HED 10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1946 (It was Wednesday)

County Judge J. B. Coleman announces that county road and bridge construction program will start as soon as materials and funds are available.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot Column: Farmers have finished plowing—through their Jan. 15 income tax report.

20 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1926 (It was Thursday)

Karl Janouch, supervisor of Rogue River National forest, discusses possibilities of annexing Diamond lake into Crater Lake National park with Active club members.

Postmaster Frank DeSouze announces record high sale of stamps at local post office during 1935.

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1926 (It was Saturday)

Playing at Rialto theater tonight is Tom Mix and horse, Tony, in "The Best Bad Man."

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1916 (It was Sunday)

From Jacksonville Items: The snow has afforded much amusement the past week, coasting parties being held every evening on Tuesday a large crowd came over from Medford to take advantage of the sport.

From Local and Personal column: The season for general work on the farms will soon open in this valley. That fact suggests that a few chronic idlers about town would better look for a job or a more congenial climate for loafers.

What's the Answer?

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

1. The Government now owns enough wheat to meet domestic needs for about (a) 6, (b) 12, (c) 18, or (d) 24 months?

2. Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, U. S. ambassador to Italy, is also U. S. representative at the Vatican; right or wrong?

3. Did the Communists or the Socialists poll a greater vote in the recent French elections, or was it 50-50?

4. The race horse Nashua, recently bought for more than a million dollars, is two, three or four years old, or older than four?

5. Youngest Eisenhower Cabinet member is Secretary of Labor Mitchell, Attorney General Brownell, or Secretary of Agriculture Benson?

6. In computing par at golf two putts are always allowed for each green, regardless of distance from tee; right or wrong?

7. Movie star Grace Kelly is betrothed to a prince of a small European country: Andorra, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco or San Marino?

The Answers: 1. 24 months; 2. Wrong; 3. Communists polled much more; 4. Four years old; 5. Brownell; 6. Right; 7. Monaco.

Long Step Forward

It is with a feeling of real satisfaction that we learn the Talent project, after a long wait and a hard fight, has finally been granted \$2,400,000 of construction funds in the 1957 federal budget.

While the Talent project has been the subject of political controversy from time to time, essentially it is a non-political project, and one which has received enthusiastic bi-partisan support.

Allocation of construction funds, almost certain to be passed by Congress with unified support from the entire Oregon delegation, means that it is now on solid footing, and that we can look forward confidently to work starting soon.

In the ordinary course of events, it would be some time in late summer before work can start, due to the fact that the appropriation is for the fiscal year 1957, which begins next July 1.

Another element will be necessary—the approval of the landowners in the Talent district. In an election to be held as soon as the details can be worked out, they will have an opportunity to approve the necessary repayment contract with the bureau of reclamation.

It is scarcely conceivable they would vote down the proposal.

The property owners of the Talent district must be too well aware that in this project they have one of the best guarantees ever presented for future economic stability and developing prosperity for the entire community—farming and non-farming alike—not to take advantage of this golden opportunity.

Banana Belt

A trip across the Green Springs highway to Klamath Falls last week serves as reinforcement to our long-held belief that the Rogue valley has it all over practically anywhere you can name.

The staunch advocates of the "high desert" of the Klamath Basin, of whom there are several, can have it—bleak, barren hills, treeless prairies, snow, and all.

Yes, it rains and snows in Jackson county. But it rains less here than it does in the Willamette valley to the north. And it snows less than it does in the Klamath country to the east.

As we wound down the tortuous curves of the highway en route home, we left the snow above and came into a sprinkling of California mist (which someone said missed California and hit Oregon), and into the lush greenery of the Siskiyou foothills.

Another Preachment

The Oregon game commission has announced the melancholy fact that 10 persons were killed by gunfire during the hunting seasons last year.

The total of dead was three less than the year previous, but the total of wounded climbed from 37 the year before, bringing the number of serious accidents to 56, compared to 50 in 1954.

There must be a moral here somewhere. Maybe it is that hunting is a dangerous sport. Maybe it is that carelessness with deadly weapons can be deadly.

It is for certain that some hunters pay no attention to loud and repeated advice to be careful.

For the game commission points out that the causes of all the accidents were among the "same old bugaboos" of the past—accidental discharge, mistaken line of fire, loaded gun in car, improper loading or unloading weapon—all in direct violation of rules of gun safety.

Preachments, in hunting safety as in traffic safety and any other kind of safety, get awfully monotonous. And those of us who put out these tedious preachments get to wondering, sometimes, whether they do any good at all.

On the other hand, maybe they do, once in a while, save a life that no one knows about. If they do, they're worth it.—E.A.

Grange

Griffin Creek Grange met Jan. 12 with Master Isabelle Le Vander presiding. Our past secretary, Jack Bierma, was honored with a handkerchief shower.

Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the hall honoring the Slyters. Ladies are to bring sandwiches or cookies. Saturday, Jan. 21, there will be a square dance at the Grange.

Matter of Fact

By Joe and Stewart Alsop

THE MISERABLE ISLANDS

Washington — Behind the smooth facade of public optimism, the Eisenhower administration is currently driven by a grave and decidedly pessimistic debate about Far Eastern policy.

The question is how to deal with a Chinese Communist attack on Quemoy and the Matsus, the little islands that Chiang Kai-shek still holds in the Formosa Strait.

This inconvenient question has been put off for many months, while the Communists built up their military power and pushed forward their logistical preparations in the Formosa Strait area.

A minority of policy makers always contend that the Chinese Communists would not miss the smallest chance to realize a territorial claim in order to gain membership in the heavenly choir itself.

WHERE we came in before, of course, was last year's Formosa crisis, culminating in the evacuation of Chiang's forces from the Tachin islands.

All the little warning flags have already been raised. Communist reconnaissance planes have flown over the Matsus. There has been a short but sharp action between Communist and Nationalist PT boats in the neighborhood of the Matsus.

In addition, the official Chinese Communist news agency has bitterly accused the United States of stalling in the interminable negotiations that have just been resumed in Geneva.

Peking wants voluntary cession of the offshore islands, suspension of the trade embargo against Communist China, agreement on admission of China to the U.N., and a lot of other things President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles are unwilling to concede.

THE second stage of the pressure on the Tachin islands was the invasion of Ichang, a small island within artillery range of the main Tachin positions, followed by a preliminary blockade of the Tachins.

Kaoteng, another little island that is rather lightly held, has almost exactly the same relation to the Matsus islands that Ichang had to the Tachins.

After that will come heavy artillery fire on the defenses of both Quemoy and the Matsus, combined with a Communist air blockade that will cut off the Quemoy and Matsus garrisons—120,000 troops, the core and flower of Chiang Kai-shek's forces—from all contact with Formosa.

THE question the Administration policy makers are debating is what to do about this prospect that looms ahead. The official American policy concerning an attack on Quemoy and the Matsus is to meet force with force, if the attack on the offshore islands is clearly preparatory to an attack on Formosa.

Furthermore, the Chinese Communists are now locally stronger than all the air squadrons of the Pacific fleet, plus all the units of the U.S. Air Force in the Pacific, plus the Chinese Nationalists.

On the ground, therefore, that it is always better to get out voluntarily than to be thrown out physically, one faction of American policy makers is now arguing for maximum pressure on Chiang Kai-shek to start voluntary evacuation of Quemoy and the Matsus.

Today, at the end of the three years, the Army took the first step toward making good its promise.

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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.

More On Mrs. Lyman

To the Editor: It is difficult to explain the complicated structures within a welfare set-up, or to defend actions, because of the confidential nature of the work, technicalities involved, and the variations in cases and workers.

Welfare work, at best, is a difficult, trying, demanding, often thankless job. Federal, state and local agencies all dictate policies which are overwhelming, and often contradictory.

Editorial Comment

JUSTIFIED FORFEITURE

Public sentiment seems to be pretty strongly behind Al Lightner, the basketball referee from Salem who forfeited a University of California basketball game to USC because the fans at Berkeley were throwing pennies at him and presumably at the players too.

Many basketball decisions are hairline affairs. It is easy for partisan fans to become overheated when they see decisions going against the home team, particularly in a close game.

I'M SORRY SIGN

Something sorely needed in these times of traffic mistakes and motorists' frayed tempers is some way to signal, visually, "I'm sorry."

Judgment is often termed "bad" only in retrospect. We would not expect a bank president to be fired because he hired an employee who later embezzled funds, would we?

I am sure most of us who know her would say that Mrs. Lyman's fairness, administrative ability, intelligence, judgment, and integrity are, beyond question, superior to many administrators.

Mudslide Covers Street in Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—A big earth slide rumbled down onto NW Barnes road near Burnside street late last night, covering a block-long area with mud and timber.

PERON'S GIRL HELD

Formosa, Argentina—(U.P.)—Nella Rivas, the teen-age girl friend of former President Juan D. Peron, is being held with her parents, police disclosed today.

New Constitution Marks New Chapter in Egyptian History

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

Egypt started a new chapter in its long, loggy history today with the proclamation of a republican constitution. King Farouk, the portly playboy who had ruled it for 15 years, was forced off his throne by the Army on July 26, 1952.

On Jan. 16, 1953, the Army's Revolutionary Command Council which took charge announced that it planned a three-year period of transition.

This period, the Army promised, would be followed by the establishment of constitutional, democratic rule.

It fell to handsome, popular Gamal Abdel Nasser, president and prime minister, to proclaim the new Egyptian constitution.

He happens to be the day before Nasser's 38th birthday.

The government plans to hold a national referendum to seek popular approval of the constitution.

It also intends to organize a constituent Assembly, for which Egyptians will vote.

This will be a semi-parliamentary institution, with largely consultative powers, leading to full parliamentary rule later.

But Egypt is still a backward country politically. The Army may well argue that if it let loose its hold on the govern-

ment, chaos might result. The prospect would be for the revival of the old political parties, most of them corrupt, and for unstable government.

In proclaiming the new constitution, Nasser is opening a new stage in the history of a country so old that nobody knows its origins.

It is known that Egypt was highly civilized nearly 7000 years ago—Egypt adopted the calendar in 4241 B.C. It reached the height of its glory 3000 years before Christ.

Now Egypt has emerged as one of the world's new countries, along with its neighbors, Libya and the Sudan, at the northeast corner of Africa.

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Highway Interim Witnesses Under Oath At Hearing

Salem—(U.P.)—Charges that a weighmaster had refused to go to the aid of a log truck driver whose load had slipped and who had been struck by a log were dismissed Friday when the Legislative Highway Interim committee held its first session of putting witnesses under oath.

Testimony at the afternoon session brought out that Weighmaster James F. Downer of Coos Bay dispatched a man to a nearby house to phone for state police and an ambulance after a log slipped off a truck and struck Eugene Creamer of Myrtle Point at the Coaledo weigh station.

Creamer's load was found to be 49 pounds over the legal limit and he was "legalizing" his load when the log slipped.

Creamer and his wife, Sharon, said they thought Downer ignored their plea for help. But Downer and others testified that Downer had dispatched the man to make the phone call, had sent another driver to Coquille in case the phone call did not get through, and then had directed traffic around the scene of the mishap.

State Policeman Wayne Tucker of Coquille confirmed Downer's testimony that he had helped place Creamer on a stretcher as soon as the ambulance arrived.

Testimony also brought out that Creamer, after being observed at a Coquille hospital, was released the same day, last July 12, and was back at work later that week.

The testimony was an incident in a dispute whether the weighmasters should remain in the Highway Department or be put in the state police. One group whose representatives had brought the original charges against Downer, would like to see the transfer. Other groups say they are satisfied with the operation of the weighmasters under the Highway Department.

Miss California Weds Childhood Sweetheart

Santa Ana, Calif.—(U.P.)—Miss California of 1955, who married for "love and protection," postponed her honeymoon today to try to see that the man who allegedly raped her twice went to prison.

Donna Schurr, 19-year-old Miss Universe contestant, said she eloped with Lloyd Brett, 24, a college student, less than 48 hours after she allegedly was attacked the second time because, "I didn't want to be alone any more."

The childhood sweethearts were married Thursday at the home of friends in Las Vegas, Nev. They returned home Saturday to set up housekeeping in the home of Brett's parents.

"I married for protection and also love," the slender brunette said. "Now I have a husband on my side and I have no fear of the future."

Miss Schurr told reporters she read that James Jack Walker, 25, automobile upholsterer, has denied raping her twice within a year. "I've heard the horrible things he's said about knowing me and they aren't true," she coed said.

But what does one do when making a mistake in traffic? Shaking the head in sorrow may only infuriate the other driver into thinking the gesture is aimed at his supposed mistake.

Smiling may elicit a dirty look for not only erring but also grinning about it. A honk of the horn is out of the question for soothing ruffled nerves.

Some Detroit automotive genius ought to put his mind to work inventing some type of "I'm sorry" signal. It should be worth the price in cutting down traffic-caused ulcers, both for the aggrieved and grieving.

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War I Enlistment Opponent Succumbs

Minneapolis, Minn.—(U.P.)—Funeral services were pending today for Joseph Gilbert, the London-born attorney who once was jailed on charges of discouraging enlistment during World War I.

Gilbert died here Saturday at the age of 90. He had been a pioneer in the Nonpartisan League, was active in the Socialist Party for a time, and helped organize the International Workers of the World.

In 1917, Gilbert was charged with "interfering with and discouraging enlistment" in a speech at Kenyon, Minn.

He was convicted in 1918 and appealed the conviction all the way to the Supreme Court. The conviction was upheld and Gilbert was fined \$500 and served a year in jail.

SHAKE-UP

Broadcasts cause removal of Polish police officials

MUNICH—A series of broadcasts by Radio Free Europe have caused great upheaval and embarrassment in Poland.

They were based on highly inflammatory information about corrupt Polish police operations obtained from Josef Swiatlo, Polish Security Ministry official who had defected to the West.

As a result of the broadcasts, the Reds were forced to dismiss four of Swiatlo's former chiefs and reorganize the ministry.

This is just a single example of the influence of Radio Free Europe's words of truth. Up to 20 hours of truth a day are broadcast to five key satellite countries—Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary.

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