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Flight of Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO Jan. 27, 1946

Sound recording equipment installed at Crater Lake to help determine if there is a recurrence of volcanic activity.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Next Saturday is Ground Hog Day. It is not a national holiday, so the banks and barbershops will not close up, nor a record number of auto accidents occur.

20 YEARS AGO Jan. 27, 1936

From Side Glances: J. H. Fletcher, Kiwanis president, after political discussion at meeting: "Well, I feel sure that none of you know how to vote after that."

January rain total of 6.67 inches thus far sets new record here, 4.29 inches above normal.

30 YEARS AGO Jan. 27, 1926

Oregon National Guard announces that infantry troops will hold summer training at Camp Jackson, near Medford, this year.

Advance publicity agent for San Carlo Opera company arrives in Medford to make arrangements for performance here March 1.

40 YEARS AGO Jan. 27, 1916

Medford High school has best chance it has ever had for the state basketball championship; meet Roseburg next week end.

From Local and Personal column: County Judge Tou Velle has recovered from an attack of appendicitis sufficiently to break the doctor's orders and attend to business.

STILL ON JOB Hartford, Conn. (U.P.)—Arthur Lathrop still commutes daily to a bank where he started working at the age of 53. He's now 88.

What's the Answer?

- 1. "Interposition" is a movement in the South for better football teams, more winter tourists, the open shop, less cotton growing or keeping public schools segregated?
2. About 40%, 55%, 70% or 85% of the nation's farms have automobiles?
3. The European leader due in Washington about Feb. 1 is Eden of Britain, Mendes-France of France, Khrushchev of Russia, Adenauer of W. Germany or Franco of Spain?
4. A girl of 18 needs her parents' consent to marry in most states; right or wrong?
5. The Railway Express is owned by U.S. railroads, the American Express Co., private stockholders, or the U. S. Post Office?
6. A silver oak leaf on an Army uniform signifies a captain, major, lieutenant colonel, colonel or major general?
7. Which member of President Eisenhower's original Cabinet of 1953 died several months ago?
The answers: 1. Keeping schools segregated. 2. About 70%. 3. Eden. 4. Wrong. 5. U. S. railroads. 6. Lieutenant colonel. 7. Martin P. Durkin, once Secretary of Labor.

Random Thoughts

The Portland police chief has equipped a squad of men with sawed-off shotguns and other weapons in an attempt to put an end to a number of recent armed robberies. Albany and Corvallis have had several recent crimes of violence, and hardly a day goes by but what we read of new ones. Is this a "crime wave"? Or is it simply a statistical rise in crime resulting from the fact that there are more people about? We suspect the latter.

(Interesting note: In 1915 or thereabouts, the Mail Tribune had a "standing head" it used frequently on Page 1 which said "Today's Robbery.")

It was recorded here recently that there is a movement under way to obtain approval for the naming of a state park after Ex-Gov. Os West, who, more than any other man, is responsible for the fact that Oregon beaches are forever public property. The Oregonian, the Oregon Statesman in Salem, the Eugene Register-Guard, the Salem Capitol-Journal, the Albany Democrat-Herald, and the Astorian-Budget so far have indicated their approval of the idea.

The Astoria paper goes further, making the definite suggestion that the newly formed Fort Stevens-Coffenbury lake park, near Os' old home town of Warrenton in Clatsop county, bear Governor West's name. It says:

It was acquired by the state only last year and has as one of its main assets a long stretch of the same beach which Ex-Gov. West obtained for permanent enjoyment. Why not name it after a distinguished citizen whose family has lived nearby for many years?

All it would take would be a simple vote of the highway commission, and, precedent or no, this would appear to be a special case where the action is not only justified but most appropriate.

Every once in a while we run across something in one of the other Oregon newspapers which gives us pause, and a chance to be thankful to some far-sighted Medford citizens of some years ago. The one that caught our eye this week was a headline in a Salem paper which said:

"Bigger Salem Water Supply Recommended; Engineers' Report Places Cost at \$3.7 Million."

Medford, with what is probably the best water supply in the state, also has an ample one, sufficient to serve all foreseeable needs for years to come.

How many of use know what a nutrimo is? Not too many, we'll wager. Yet we are informed by men who presumably do know that thousands of them are constantly shooting through (that's right — through) us each day. The nutrimo is the theoretical offshoot of nuclear processes we don't understand. But the nuclear physicists do, or think they do.

This isolated tidbit of information is only one of thousands which pop up constantly to remind us of the gap between the knowledge and understanding of the layman and the highly specialized scientist.

We are indebted to an upstate paper for a quotation from Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the missionary-philosopher-physician-musician who, the paper declares, many people insist is the greatest man now alive.

The quotation: "At 20 you have the face which God gave you; at 40 the face life gave you; at 60 the face you deserve."

A cheering report comes from the headquarters of the Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital fund drive campaign, to the effect that it is hoped the job of raising money for the hospital can be completed in another week or ten days.

This doesn't mean that the job is done. But it does mean that it can be done, and soon, provided those who plan to contribute do so when called upon, and those who by inadvertence are missed by the drive's workers will let their desires be known.

It would be good news to hear by the first week in February that the necessary funds are on hand.

Those who have been studying the situation regarding property taxes in Jackson county are coming closer and closer to the conclusion that what is needed is a completely new look at the tax structure, with the legislature doing the looking.

The fact is that a whale of a lot of things enter the picture, making it excessively complicated. These include market value, true cash value, normal conditions, assessment, appraisal, ratios as applied to real, personal and utility properties at both the state and county levels, budgets, overlapping of taxing districts, and a hatful of other factors — all of which have bearing on how big our tax bills are.

Because of this, very few people can figure out what their taxes are, or what they should be, without devoting long hours to personal investigation.

The thought comes to mind — "Need it be that complicated?"

Our desultory campaign against new cars that are longer, lower and more powerful is getting nowhere. Pretty soon, we fear, the driver will have to lie down to get into 'em.—E.A.

Benson Asks for Time To Reply To Murrow

Johnstown, Pa.—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said today he would ask the Columbia Broadcasting System for television time to correct an "overall erroneous impression" of farm problems presented on the Edward R. Murrow program.

A spokesman for the agriculture secretary said Benson criticized films on Murrow's nationwide telecast from Johnstown Thursday night as "not giving a clear picture" of the American farm problem. He said Benson would ask CBS for time to reply.

Murrow presented a series of films on farmers' woes throughout the nation. Murrow said "there is not a whole problem— but rather whole lot of them."

Evidence of 'Return to Spirit Of Geneva' Tops Weeks' News

By CHARLES M. MCCANN UNITED PRESS CORRESPONDENT The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

THE GOOD 1. Russia's two top leaders indicated that the Kremlin might be seeking a return to the "Geneva spirit" of relaxed tension between West and East. Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin sent what the White House called a friendly personal letter to President Eisenhower. It was reported that Bulganin suggested new negotiations on such issues as disarmament and German unification. Communist Party Leader Nikita S. Khrushchev told

a visiting American in Moscow that he and other top Russians "are convinced the American leaders, among them President Eisenhower, basically strive for peace and do not want war."

2. Washington reported that the United States would submit new disarmament proposals to the United Nations Disarmament Commission. But President Eisenhower, at the same time he received the Bulganin letter, said at a news conference that the United States must remain strong while it tries to reduce international tension through negotiations.

3. Both Egypt and Israel accepted proposals by United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold to ease the situation in the demilitarized zone of El Auja on their frontiers. El Auja is the chief danger spot in Palestine. Military forces will be withdrawn from the zone. The border of the zone will be more plainly marked.

THE BAD 1. A meeting of Russia's East European military bloc opened in Prague. East Germany, which has turned its militarized police force into an army, was present. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, supreme Allied commander in Europe, warned against complacency regarding the threat of the new Red German forces. Gruenther tempered his warning by saying that the outlook for an effective West German army was much better than that for a strong East German army.

2. The threat that France faces months of political instability intensified. The Communists emerged from the recent election with the strongest representation in the National Assembly, 151 seats out of 626. They launched a vigorous drive to force the coalition forces of Pierre Mendes-France and Socialist leader Guy Mollet into a "popular front" in which Communists would take part. Mendes-France and Mollet insisted that they would have to rely on the Reds for support.

3. The negotiations between the United States and Communist China, which have been dragging on in Geneva, Switzerland, ever since last Aug. 1, were threatened with collapse. The chief concern of the United States in the talk is to win the release of at least 13 Americans still held in Red Chinese prisons. The Reds are trying to get their foot in the door toward diplomatic recognition. Each side, in an exchange of statements, is accusing the other of bad faith. It was believed possible that the Reds might break off the negotiations and then renew their threats to attack the Chinese Nationalist stronghold of Formosa.

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.

Os West Park To the Editor: Your editorial recently proposing to name a state park "Osward West Park" was indeed timely.

Os West, Democrat, was elected governor of Oregon Nov. 8, 1910 over his nearest opponent Jay Bowerman, Republican, by a majority of 6,102 votes. West received 54,853 and Bowerman 48,751 votes. West was never defeated for public office.

Os carried Jackson county by an even 1,300 votes, receiving 2,556 to Jay's 1256.

Governor West was born in Canada May 20, 1873, and will soon be 83 years of age. He has been a resident of Oregon since he was four years old.

The former Governor has been prominent in Oregon's public and political life for so many years that a younger generation has come to believe that he never had any youth at all. He knows all about the huts where poor men lie, and the chores that poor men do—in short, he knows Oregon.

He was a butcher's boy when other boys were at play, and he was a banker's messenger when other lads were at school.

West was state land agent and Oregon Railroad Commissioner prior to becoming Governor.

West was a foremost conservationist and modernizer of state government. He sponsored the state game and fish commission, the highway commission, the workmen's compensation act, started the state library, reformed the state prison into a reform institution and many other innovations.

By force of a strong personality, integrity of purpose, honesty and capability he won his way to a first place in everything he attempted to do, and it is high time that a state park some place in Oregon be named "Os West Park," to honor this great Oregon Governor while he is here to appreciate it.

Linn W. Nesmith Camp White, Ore.

Question About Hospital To the Editor: I would like to find out if possible if chiropractors and osteopaths will be allowed to use or treat their patients in the proposed new hospital. If not, why not?

I have asked and asked but I can't get a straight "yes" or "no" answer.

Name on file Gold Hill, Ore.

(Editor's note: Elsewhere in today's Mail Tribune appears a statement which answers this correspondent's questions as far as the osteopathic physicians and surgeons are involved. They will not practice in the new hospital, which will have a staff of medical doctors only, "but believe that the hospital project is an imperative one to the welfare of the area.")

Painless Tax Sought For Highway Program

Washington—(U.P.)—Republican and Democratic congressional leaders today searched for a painless tax to pay for a \$51,000,000,000 highway program.

The proposed 13-year national highway program would be financed by the federal government and the states. The states would pay \$14,000,000,000. The government \$37,000,000,000.

Both Democrats and Republicans says a big highway building program is needed. But Speaker Sam Rayburn has insisted that any big highway program must be put on a pay-as-you-go basis through some form of tax increase.

Editorial Comment

SURVIVAL It happened again, as it happens with distressing regularity. A 14-year-old boy, unskilled in the art of survival and untrained for a day in the big woods, lost his life in the Larch Mountain area east of Portland. He and his companion, who survived, had neither the equipment nor the know-how to undertake such an adventure. Under essential equipment, include:

Adequate clothing. One of the boys was wearing low-cut shoes in the snow country!

Dry matches, either in one of those waterproof cylinders or coated with a waterproof substance.

A strong knife, built for service under the worst of conditions. Sharp.

Map and compass. And under know-how include: Ability to make a fire in the drenched forest. Otherwise stay home.

An understanding of "how to be lost." Sit down and build a big white-man's fire and wait to be rescued. Don't run around. Don't let yourself get panicky. Probably panic and fear were as responsible as "exposure" for the death of the one boy.

The big woods are lovely at their best. They are death-dealing traps at their worst, and in January in the snow and wet and cold they can be at their worst. They do not welcome the novice who does not understand elementary survival techniques.

The Boy Scout organization teaches elementary survival lessons early in the program. Boys who want to go into the woods (and what boy doesn't?) should avail themselves of such training. It may mean the difference between a wonderful experience in the wilderness and death in the big woods.—Eugene Register-Guard.

Blood On Saturday

To the Editor: I see in today's Tribune that we are out of blood in Jackson county. I have donated one gallon of blood myself and time after time I see the same faces at the blood bank.

Now I have a suggestion that would enable us to get some of the finest blood obtainable from our sawmill and woods workers. Why not have the blood bank here on Saturday once in a while and give the boys a chance to give?

V. M. A. Name on File

FISH AND DAMS

Out of the dam versus fish controversy may come some tangible results toward a goal which many people still believe attainable: that of having both dams and fish.

One project involved in the fish versus dam dispute is Tacoma City Light's Mayfield dam. Out of this have come many studies pertaining to fish passageways, and Tacoma City Light engineers and state and federal specialists have cooperated in extensive studies which may go a long way toward preserving our fishing industry and our booming sports fishery business.

Tacoma City Light says it is ready to spend \$7 million to provide fish-protection facilities. After studies and tests, said to be "highly successful," Engineers have come up with a two-fold plan.

First, to get fish upriver, a short ladder would be installed. This would lead to a "waiting room" pool, after which the fish would be moved to a pool with a movable screen. This screen would ease the fish into hoppers and transport them over the dam, then release them in the lake.

To get fish downstream safely, a "skimmer" device is planned. By means of a large volume of floating water, fish would be drawn to the skimmer, then be carried down by an "easeway," avoiding the turbines.

We like to get out as well as the next person and cast a bit of orange yarn in the river in the winter, or a fly in the summer. We are very sorry to see the change from the time when one could find an isolated stretch of water to pursue this sport. However, facing the facts of life, we know that more people have come to the area, and with them has come a new industrialization. Rather than fight for retention of the past, it seems much better to preserve those things which can be preserved. By co-

Speech Conference At SOC Under Way

Ashland—Ten Oregon high schools will be represented in the statewide speech conference at Southern Oregon college today and Saturday with a total attendance of about 120 students and advisers, according to Leon Mulling, director of the college speech clinic.

Schools participating are Ashland, Talent, Medford, Illinois Valley, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Eugene, North Bend, and Crater.

Art Schmidt, president of Sigma Alpha Sigma, SOC speech honorary fraternity, said the conference was to prepare students for state competition held annually at Linfield college.

Registration will be held in the library lobby from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. Friday. Participants will be housed in Susanne Homes hall and in various motels and hotels in the vicinity. There will be a luncheon at 12:00 noon and a banquet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday for participants.

Mulling said certificate awards will be mailed to outstanding participants.

Concession Request Denied in Japan

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama today denied press reports that he had called for concessions on the part of Japan to speed an end to the state of war with Soviet Russia.

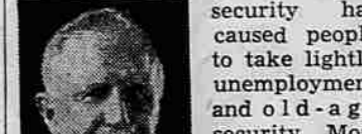
Hatoyama reassured Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu that he still adheres to the government's basic policy in the London peace talks with Russia.

The Japanese government has insisted on the settlement of such questions as the repatriation of Japanese nationals and the return of the Habomai and South Kurile Islands before the signing of a peace treaty.

operation there is hope we can have both fish and dams, although we may never again have the isolation which was one of the things that made fishing enjoyable.—Daily Journal of Commerce, Portland.

Babson Gives Advice On Financial Planning

By ROGER W. BABSON Babson Park — Most people seem content to live from day to day irrespective of their pocket-books. Governmental "womb-to-tomb" social security has caused people to take lightly unemployment and old-age security. Most young people give little or no sound thought to their financial futures. They, therefore, never get even the few dollars necessary to get themselves started on the road to successful investments. Surely, the birds who build their nests (homes) before they raise their young set us a good example.



Roger W. Babson

My father used to tell me that a man who systematically spends less than he gets, automatically becomes an employer; while a man who spends all he earns, automatically remains a wage earner. Father insisted that the business of saving had nothing to do with how much money a person had, or the amount of his salary. "Some people with very large incomes never save anything," he used to say.

It has been my own observation that partners in business and partners in marriage tend to get along well as long as there is plenty of cash in the bank. It is when the bills come in, and there is no money with which to pay them, that trouble begins. The only way to assure financial or marriage success is to tell your dollar where to go instead of asking where it went.

Main Investment Problem Your first step in an investment program is to save some of your income each week. The next step is to make your savings produce some more income. I am a firm believer, however, that it is cheaper to pay the grocer than the doctor; hence a budget should be drawn up which puts things really first. Many of my clients tell me that they are handicapped by spending too much on rent, or its equivalent in taxes, repairs, insurance, etc., on property owned. The best thing that could happen in many households today would be to cut down household labor costs by getting the children to help more with household chores.

To start a budget, one ought to determine from experience and from old bank statements and cancelled checks what his probable expenses will be for the year ahead. My observations through the years are that a man with a family of four who has a net income of \$4,000 (after income and social security taxes) ought to hold his living expenses to about 75 percent of the \$4,000. About 42 percent of this would go for food and clothing; 33 percent for housing and transportation.

Right here I think many families, especially in the lower-income brackets, will find that they are paying altogether too much for their transportation in the form of a new automobile which they cannot afford. If they want to get started on a sound investment program, they better pay more cash, and less credit. Six percent is budgeted for benevolence and the church; 6 percent for personal and miscellaneous items. This leaves about 13 percent or \$545, for insurance, savings accounts, and investments. Let us hope that \$220 dollars of this will go for life insurance premiums. This would leave \$325 a year to save and invest otherwise.

Plan For Saving A study of the average man's financial independence is generally shocking to most people. About 30 percent of the men 55 years of age are not self-supporting. The real tragedy of this situation, as I have seen it, is that the average man made enough money between the ages of 30 and 50 to keep himself and his family in comparative ease for the rest of his life. He just never got around to a definite plan of saving and investing. Does it not seem senseless for you to work hard the best part of your life to get a few dollars if those dollars earn nothing for you after you get them? It is highly important to learn early

in life how to budget, save, and invest. Important capital is created only by labor and saving; those who consume less than they produce turn their surplus back in productive channels to increase the nation's store. Investments, plus bank deposit, are the way in which capital is increased. Increased capital means increased production. Greater production means more wealth. More wealth means more to be distributed among those who take part in production. Greater production means more consumable goods and services at lower prices for all of us. This is the democratic way of raising our standard of living.

Flu Virus Overdue For Science Battle

By ROBERT MUSEL United Press Correspondent London—(U.P.)—Consider that most uncooperative organism, the influenza virus.

There are apparently no lengths to which it will not go to discomfort the human race. Early every winter, regularly, it used to visit Britain to water the eyes, stuff the noses and tickle the sneezing membranes of its human hosts.

Epidemic Overdue But this year, when scientists backed by 27,000 vaccine-injected volunteers are anxiously waiting for it, the annual influenza epidemic is long overdue.

At the World Influenza Center headquarters here, scientists are beginning to wonder if all their preparations have been wasted. It would be just like that irritating little 1-10,000th of a millimeter monster not to show up at all.

Actually, said a spokesman for the center which is sponsored by the World Health Organization, this is the second straight year the virus has ducked a decisive battle. But last year it did drop up in some areas although not on epidemic scale.

The tools of the battle against influenza are vaccines. Last year 12,000 volunteers were injected. This year another 15,000 volunteers (including American servicemen) have been inoculated against all known strains, including one isolated last year known as "Camartham '55," after a town in Wales.

"Camartham '55" has now been reported from several countries, including India, Ireland and the United States. It is this ability of the main influenza viruses "A" and "B" to foster variations that make it such a tricky opponent.

Ceylon Agrees To Buy Wheat From Red China Colombo, Ceylon—(U.P.)—Ceylon has agreed to buy 35,000 tons of wheat flour from Red China to reduce the \$10,500,000 trade debt owed this country by the Red regime.

This will be Ceylon's largest purchase from Red China aside from the rubber-for-rice agreement which resulted in the large favorable balance for Ceylon. The price for the flour was expected to be about \$2,800,000.

GOOD RECORD Wakefield, R. I.—(U.P.)—A motorist arraigned in court here on a traffic charge had his case placed on file because it developed he had driven more than 1,500,000 miles without a serious mishaps in the past 50 years.

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