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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: Jan. 30, 1946. (It was Wednesday) Growth of city results in change of rural delivery service; houses on rural routes, and routes revamped.

20 YEARS AGO: Jan. 30, 1936. (It was Thursday) Fruit tree census of orchards in Jackson county under way for department of agriculture with WPA funds.

30 YEARS AGO: Jan. 30, 1926. (It was Saturday) January building permits total \$54,101 compared to \$12,715 for the same month in 1925.

40 YEARS AGO: Jan. 30, 1916. (It was Sunday) From Eagle Point Eaglets: On account of the continuous rain and snow, the roads have become so bad that two of our star route mail carriers have put their rigs under shelter and are using pack animals to carry the mail and the other two are leaving their backs and using pack horses. The roads are simply awful.

Asland records lowest temperature of season, 9 above zero.

What's the Answer?: 1. Largest share of the proposed \$250,000,000 federal school-building funds for the first year would go to New York, Illinois, California, Texas or Pennsylvania?

2. If Franklin D. Roosevelt were alive today, he would be the same age as President Eisenhower, or 4, 9 or 14 years older?

3. Germany invaded Russia in World War II before or after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, or at the same time?

4. Bobby Jones was or wasn't the only amateur to win the U.S. Open golf championship?

5. The U.S. House of Representatives now has one, three, five or seven Negro members?

6. The Dodge car is or isn't made by General Motors?

7. Which of these cities gets more snow in a typical year: Boston, Burlington, Vt., Denver, Minneapolis, Rochester, N.Y.?

The answers: 1. Texas. 2. Nine years old. 3. Some months before. 4. Wasn't. 5. Three. 6. Isn't (by Chrysler). 7. Rochester.

PCSTMEN STAY WELL: Omaha—(U.P.)—Twelve Omaha postal employees retired from service recently with a total of 1,489 days of unused sick leave.

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Party Line

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company recently completed a job of modernizing its facilities in the area to the west of Jacksonville.

In the mail the other day we got a nostalgic bit of writing from a modest woman who wishes her name not to be used, quoting an unnamed "Old Timer" reminiscing about the old days of the party line.

The Old Timer, our correspondent maintains, wants people to know how much the Applegate residents like the new service.

"IT'S A MIGHTY big satisfaction to step to the phone now and dial almost anywhere—your neighbor over the back fence, Gold Hill, San Francisco—and in short order you're talking like it was someone in the room," she quotes him as saying. But let him continue his story as she set it down:

"Used to be when a storm was blowing up, my wife Lizzie would get on the phone and do all her calling before the wind put the line out. Really, them was the days, when we had those old crank telephones on the wall. There were about 15 in a line, and everybody got to know everybody else's business. Sometimes of afternoons, a couple of women would be talking, and Lizzie and four or five other women would join in and really chew the fat. The modern version of this is the kids doing their algebra on the phone.

"WE GOT mail two or three times a week then, in some places, and the woman living on the daily route, with her newspaper, would relay the news to the rest of us. Even got so Lizzie could tell who was ringing.

"Some rang like a fire in town, others cranked slow and easy. "Did you ever hear of ten rings? That was like what the radio calls now a 'special news bulletin.' You rang that if your house was on fire, or there was some general emergency everyone needed to know about.

"Then there was the telephone operator. She wasn't just a voice in the receiver. She was a warm and personal friend, and the telephone office in Jacksonville was her home. It used to set on the corner where the brick dial station is now. The operator gave you the time of day, repeated your conversation if your party couldn't hear, and let you know whether John had passed through town with his load.

"AND more than that. On Nov. 11, 1918, she rang ten rings on all our party lines and said, 'The Armistice has been signed, and I've been asked to wake everybody.' Two of those old-time operators were Mrs. Aletha Cantrell and Mrs. Barbara Jennings.

"The biggest problem in those days was getting the line repaired; it was out more than it was in. Usually it had to wait 'til a farmer got his hogs butchered or his hay in before he'd hunt up the trouble. Maybe in the mean time, Martha would go out and hitch a line up off the ground with her apron strings, for temporary repairs. Of course, sometimes there would be a lineman hired, but not always.

"THAT was in the days before the dial, and you always could get through somehow. If enough people heard a tinkle on their bells, they'd relay it 'til it got through. Of course, with that first dial system, when your line went out, it was out! But it's a different story now; the Bell company owns the lines, and as soon as it is reported out of order you see their trucks on the way.

The world is changing fast. Many people have fond memories about the "old days" of the party lines, and we think the "Old Timer's" recollections are interesting. But there are lots of people still around who remember when there weren't any telephones at all.—E.A.

Surplus Food

The American Friends Service Committee is a group which, through governmental cooperation, is taking advantage of the huge supplies of surplus food in this country. It is sending it overseas to nations where, as was remarked recently, "two out of every three persons wakes up hungry."

A contribution of only \$10 will make available to the committee a full ton of surplus food, including powdered milk, cheese, butter or butter oil.

THIS IS stretching charitable dollars. The committee says:

Up to now, the distribution of food by AFSC has been carried on through centers of existing Quaker Services overseas, with careful supervision and with due regard to local economic factors. By utilizing volunteer personnel already on the spot, our costs have been held to an absolute minimum. Food is distributed in the spirit of Christian sharing, without regard to race, creed or political affiliation. It is shared with those whose hunger would otherwise be continuing.

GRAINS have been added to the dairy food surpluses available to the committee for this purpose, and are helping a bit to diminish the huge surpluses of food in this country.

Donations, which are deductible for tax purposes, may be sent to the American Friends Service Committee, 1108 S.E. Grand Ave., Portland 14, Oregon. —E.A.

Portland Readied For Natural Gas

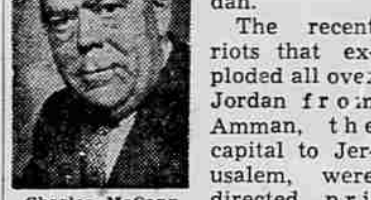
Portland—(U.P.)—A quarter mile of pipe was dragged across the Willamette river in Portland Sunday as Portland Gas and Coke Company made ready for the arrival of natural gas to the city.

The 16-inch steel pipe is encased in a two-inch thick concrete wrapper to keep it from floating. The pipe, weighing 240 tons was tugged into place spanning the river by a force of eight mighty bulldozers. The 1700-foot long pipe will be one of the major links in the company's

Glubb Pasha is Central Figure In Chaotic Jordan Situation

CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Correspondent

A slightly built, stoop-shouldered Briton who has become known as Glubb Pasha is a central figure in the chaotic situation in Jordan.



The recent riots that exploded all over Jordan from Amman, the capital to Jerusalem, were directed primarily against the United States and Great Britain.

But they were directed also against Gen. John Bagot Glubb, commander in chief of Jordan's Arab Legion.

Glubb's enemies are many and bitter. They call him "the emperor of Jordan." They say that he is the real power behind young King Hussein and that he

directs Jordan policy. Jordanian political groups, Egypt and Saudi Arabia all want to squeeze Britain out of Jordan.

In pursuit of that end, they are out to get Glubb. "Colonialism" Symbol

To his enemies, Glubb, for one thing is a symbol of British "Colonialism."

But ironically, the complaint is not simply that Glubb, a Briton, is commander in chief of the legion, by far the best fighting force in the Arab world.

Glubb's enemies say that he has been in Jordan so long, and has so extended his political influence, that he is really the country's dictator. They say that he does not just represent British interference in middle eastern affairs. For all purposes, they say, he not only acts but thinks as a Jordan leader.

Glubb's bitterest enemy in Jordan is Soleiman El Nabulsi,

leader of the opposition in parliament.

"Glubb must go," Nabulsi said recently. "He is emperor of Jordan. He is no longer British, he knows the country people better than we do ourselves."

One reason for that is that Glubb and his fellow legion leaders go out and get to know the people, seeking Jordan's best youths for military service. The great landowners, of whom Nabulsi is one, stay in Amman.

Glubb, now 58, went to the Middle East in 1920 as a lieutenant of engineers in the British army. He has remained there ever since.

He had been wounded three times in France in World War I and had won the military cross for gallantry in action.

Glubb resigned his army commission in 1926 to become an administrative official in the government of Iraq. In 1930, he went to Jordan. He organized the legion, starting with 100 men. Now he commands 20,000. He even operates two schools, which educate picked boys to become officer material.

Nabulsi admits that he helped to organize the recent riots. He says there will be more, unless the government changes its decision to cancel the elections which had been set for April—and unless King Hussein fires Glubb.

Civil Rights Measures Aim of Two From N.W.

By A. ROBERT SMITH, Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington—Two relative newcomers to Congress from the Pacific Northwest have emerged as the lawmakers from the region most actively concerned about enacting new legislation to effect civil rights progress. They are Reps. Thomas M. Pelly and Edith Green, freshman Democrat from Portland.



Congressman Pelly has been designated by a bipartisan group of his colleagues to be regional leader in efforts that are being planned to bring civil rights to the floor of the House. Leading this group are Reps. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) and Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.). In a letter to Power accepting assignment as regional leader, Pelly declared:

"As you no doubt know, I feel very strongly on this issue and will be happy to cooperate to the best of my ability in protecting the rights of the minority groups in our country that they may enjoy the liberty and freedom guaranteed our citizens under the constitution."

Anti-Poll Tax Bill After several meetings to lay down strategy on civil rights legislation, Pelly said he feels confident an anti-poll tax bill will come up for a vote this year. He is less confident of favorable action on legislation which he is co-sponsoring to outlaw certain forms of discrimination in interstate conveyances.

The civil rights issue is expected to come up sooner when the House starts debate on the aid to education bill, for a rider is to be offered to ban any federal grants to states that do not abide by the Supreme Court's anti-segregation ruling.

Pelly's inclinations is to support any such rider, which is the position being taken by House GOP leader Joe Martin. Some members consider this a dilemma, because they would have to see any civil rights rider added by the House become the signal for a Dixiecrat filibuster against the education bill in the Senate.

Congresswoman Green voted against the civil rights rider when it was first offered in the House Education Committee, believing that the bill would never have reached the floor otherwise. But she intends to support the Powell amendment on the House floor. She feels she owes it to her constituents to see their tax money is not spent to support a segregated school system.

Since returning from a trip through the South, Mrs. Green has vowed to do her best to push for anti-poll tax and anti-lynching laws. This has caused her to be criticized in some quarters for poking her nose into other people's business.

Both Mrs. Green and Pelly have something to show to such critics, for they are co-sponsoring legislation that would outlaw a brand of discrimination that has long existed in their home states and the West at large.

The Pelly-Green measure would knock out of the basic reclamation act a clause which prohibits employment of Asiatics on federal reclamation projects. The bill was passed by the House last summer and is now in the Senate.

Dates Far Back While the issue is no longer a hot one on the Pacific coast, it is a mark of discrimination that dates back to the days of severe prejudice against Chinese labor on the West coast. It is one of those discriminatory laws that has never been corrected.

So the two lawmakers from the Pacific Northwest who are trying to get favorable action in the civil rights legislative field aren't limiting themselves

to improving only some other section of the country, for they are trying to wipe out discriminatory practices on their own home grounds.

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.

For Natural Foods

To the Editor: I have had letters about the Natural Food associates, and how to obtain the Journal. One can become a member for \$4 a year, which includes Natural Food Farming Journal, Atlanta, Texas, a monthly publication. The NFA has a new 99 club for anyone or member who wants action so the American people can have better food, better health. For more information phone 2-8451 or 2-9365. The Oregon resident is Mr. J. Verne Shangle.

Julia Grissom, Route 2, Box 657, Central Point, Ore.

He Won't Give

To the Editor: In reading the Tribune last evening I came across the articles regarding the status of the osteopathic physicians designed for them by the medical fraternity in the proposed Memorial hospital.

To put it very mildly I was astounded that the medical doctors could sink to such a low, low, stand as to attempt to exclude the doctors of a healing fraternity as the osteopathic practitioners. My family doctor is, and has been, for more than 15 years, an osteopath. He has never failed to help me and mine. Could a medical doctor do any more satisfactory service?

My doctor is also an optometrist. He has fitted both me and my wife with glasses over the same period of time. All with the greatest satisfaction to both of us. Could a medically recognized oculist do any better?

My son came from the Coast Guard blind in one eye. Navy doctors could do nothing for him. Our optometrist restored his sight to normal. This, after oculists could do nothing.

How about it, doctors, is that osteopath unworthy of associating with the honorable(?) doctors of medicine? I, most emphatically, think he is; in any hospital, or any other place. As a physician, as an optometrist, as a surgeon, he is, at least equal to, if not superior, to any of them. Where do the medicals acquire right to exclude such a man from their holy midst? He, too, found it necessary to attend college to prepare himself for his selected profession. He, too, complied with the Oregon state law in order to practice that profession.

Moreover, the new hospital is being, in part, at least, built by tax money. Does not that fact carry weight? Or are the so called medical men to be put further up on the pedestal, and must the man in need of healing kowtow to a person he does not like, and take a practitioner he does not want in order to be admitted to this new hospital?

Is this hospital to be Hitlerized? Only the great poo bows to be recognized therein? I am not a rich man, neither am I broke, but, while I might have been persuaded to contribute to the hospital, now I cannot be. Nor shall I be, until the osteopathic profession have been recognized as equal to the M.Ds.

A. L. Unger, 634 Pennsylvania Ave. Medford, Ore.

(Editor's note: The statement from the osteopathic physicians and surgeons, referred to above, concluded: "... The important thing is for the community to have this hospital. Our friends and patients may rest assured that in giving to this hospital they are giving to a worthy cause and one in the interests of humanity.")

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

ANOTHER GREAT DEBATE

Washington—For the first time in the history of the Eisenhower administration the Democrats plan to make a major issue of the Administration's defense policy.

The plan now is to initiate a big Senate debate on the whole defense issue within a week or ten days.

Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington will probably lead off with a speech accusing the Administration of letting the Soviet Union gain a decisive lead in the vital field of ballistic missiles.

Sen. Stuart Symington is preparing his angriest defense speech so far, describing the Administration defense program as a fraud on the American people. Others expected to enter the debate include Senators John Kennedy of Massachusetts, Mike Mansfield of Montana and Clinton Anderson of New Mexico.

Thereafter, no less than four different committees will inquire into various phases of the Administration defense program. According to present plans, the Armed Services Committee will call Gen. Matthew Ridgway to testify on his charges that defense appropriations were established on a political basis. Ridgway may also be called before the Appropriations Committee.

BUT GEN. Ridgway will not be the only authority on the national defense to be called to testify. The preparedness subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee is headed by Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, and Johnson has been shaping plans for a serious inquiry into the status of American air power.

The papers have been devoting about half their front sections to it every day, and it has provided small talk for every gathering of every kind.

THE jury finally came in last night, and today the town is buzzing with comment. In general, the verdict is accepted as about the only one possible under the circumstances.

All I can say is that I'm glad I wasn't a member of the jury. Condemning a human being to death is serious business. Somehow it seems more serious when there is no direct evidence.

Circumstantial evidence, of course, can be damning. And it is a notorious fact that human beings can be VERY inexact in their observation. All newspaper reporters are occupationally aware of the fact that when a dozen people see something happen there are likely to be at least a dozen versions of what happened.

STILL, if one is sitting on a jury and faces the terrible responsibility of sending a human being to the gallows or the electric chair or the gas chamber it is comforting indeed to have someone step up into the witness box and testify that he saw the deed and recognizes the defendant as the one who did it.

That helps at night when the poor devil of a jurymen needs to get some sleep.

ONE of the ruggedest jobs in this Abbott case was held by a slight, quiet, scholarly-looking gentleman named Thomas. He was the alternate, the 13th juror. I hope he isn't superstitious, because in the course of the long trial there was a 13th Friday. In addition, he is the father of a 13-year-old son.

I hope no black cats ran across his path when he was out taking his exercise and I trust that he walked under no ladders. It's bad enough to be a 13th juror, serving in a month with a 13th day that falls on a Friday in a year when his son was aged 13.

PUNISHMENT of a capital crime is serious business. I suppose death is the proper penalty for brutal crimes, such as the murder of this little girl. There is certainly no place in a decent world for people who are so put together as to be capable of doing such things. But condemning a human being to die is a hard job to have to tackle as a civic duty.

GETTING back to the 13th, or alternate juror, it is a system devised to save money for the taxpayers. This trial was at least one of the longest in California history. It ran for 54 calendar days, or 47 trial days. What with hotel bills for the jurors—they were kept incommunicado at one of the Bay's best hotels—its costs ran into a lot of sales tax pennies.

The alternate sat with the jury throughout the trial. He listened to all the testimony, just as the other jurors did. But when all the evidence was in and the case was closed and the regular jurors retired to deliberate, the alternate was ISOLATED. That is to say, he was shut

eloquent believer in the life-and-death importance of air power.

And he converted Johnson to his view that a great national effort was required to retain American air supremacy.

Johnson's conversion has encouraged others to have a critical look at the Eisenhower defense program. Senator Jackson, who heads a subcommittee on military application of nuclear weapons is also planning an inquiry. He will emphasize particularly the comparative progress of this country and the Soviet Union in the missile field, and he plans to call Secretary of the Air Force Donald Quarles, Air Force Chief of Staff Nathan Twining, and many others to testify on this subject.

STILL ANOTHER committee, the special subcommittee on disarmament headed by Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, also plans an inquiry involving the defense issue. Humphrey plans to call witnesses on the comparative level of American and Soviet armaments, and with the sharp-tongued and aggressive Humphrey in the chair, frequent explosions are likely to occur.

What is in prospect, in short, is an offensive all along the line by the Democrats on the issue of national defense lasting throughout the current session and up to election day. The motives for this offensive are, of course, mixed.

In part they are political. In the past, the Administration has been doubly shielded from any prolonged and concerted criticism of its defense program. One shield has been the President's military reputation. The other has been the old cry that serious discussion of issues affecting national survival endanger security.

BUT THIS is an election year, and the Administration naturally will claim credit with the voters for a balanced budget and reduced taxes. The Democrats are eager to impress the voters with the fact that both have been achieved wholly at the expense of heavy cutbacks in the defense and security area.

But in all fairness it must be said that the motives are not wholly political. Men like Johnson and Jackson and Symington are genuinely concerned by the mounting evidence that the balance of power is shifting heavily in favor of the Soviets.

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Egypt is about the size of California, New Mexico and Arizona combined as to area, but its total populations is largely confined within the narrow limits of the Nile river valley.

If God Is God GEO. N. TAYLOR

If God is God why does He not put an end to war? And why does He let the white man's diseases spread until heathen tribes far inland are rotting under them? The answer is this is not the day of the new world order. This is the day of salvation. God is now calling out a people on whom he is to spend his Father love in the ages to come when the last soul is brought in to fill out the roll call of the saved. Christ is to return and sweep out this present world-order. He will then set up the new day wherein dwells righteousness. Turn, let your heart believe that Christ died for your every last sin from the cradle to the grave. At that God gives you eternal life. Not by works of righteousness which we have done but by his mercy he saves us.

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