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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 Feb. 1, 1946 (It was Friday)

Lester Lewis of Central Point kills cougar measuring seven feet in length in Star Gulch in the Applegate district.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Tomorrow is Groundhog day. Whether or not he comes out of his hole, there will be six weeks more of weather, of some kind.

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 1, 1936 Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Reynolds of the Applegate valley pick a bouquet of yellow daisies today on the south side of lower Table Rock.

From Side Glances: Jack Woods flaunting sartorial convention by wearing a Tyrolian hat in pork-pie fashion. The effect is somewhat startling.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 1, 1926 (It was Monday)

Attempt to rejuvenate the Ku Klux Klan at Salem Thursday fails, according to reports from north.

LeComte and Flesher's musical sensation, "My China Doll," playing one night at Hunt's Cretarian theater.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 1, 1916 County to collect \$778,778 in taxes during 1916; announces shrinkage in assessed valuation of \$5,000,000.

From Local and Personal column: The elevator in the Main street entrance to the Garnett-Cory building has been completed and is now in operation.

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

1. Listed horsepower on new U. S. cars was increased between 1948 and 1953, on the average, by about (a) 40, (b) 65, (c) 90 or (d) 115%?

2. Which present U. S. senator carried some states when he ran for president in 1948?

3. The Soviet Union now has diplomatic relations with most, about half, or only a few Latin American countries?

4. The game of hurling is most popular in Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland or Russia?

5. Curling is a game on ice especially popular in Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland or Russia?

6. Harley-Davidson was the name of an early auto; right or wrong?

7. Willie Keeler was famous long ago in pugilism, Ivy league football, baseball, bowling, wrestling, golf or tennis?

The answers: 1. By 65%, on the average. 2. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina. 3. Only a few. 4. Ireland. 5. Scotland. 6. Wrong (motorcycle). 7. Baseball.

ACCIDENTS FATAL Hermiston — (U.P.) — Howard Moses, 29, Umatilla, an employee of a contractor laying a natural gas pipeline at Portland, was killed in an accident late yesterday. He was working as a brush man in painting the pipe when a 300-foot section which had been welded together and laid on a scaffolding rolled from the timbers and fell on him.

Undreamt of Things

A new book called "The Search for Bridey Murphy" is making something of a splash in publishing circles. One Portland newspaper is serializing it—the while making it excessively clear that it is not passing final judgment on it.

The book purports to be the description, much of it in dialogue, of the experiences of a woman in a "prior life." The information was elicited, the author claims, during hypnotic trances.

THIS is one of those cases where it is difficult, if not impossible, to prove the truth one way or the other. In this it is similar to a great many other types of mental phenomena which have been explored in recent years. "Proof," in these cases, is almost always of a subjective nature.

A few years ago a book called "Dianetics" by a prominent science-fiction author created a similar stir, claiming that under proper conditions of near-hypnosis one could recall events back to the moment of conception. The theory here apparently was that each experience recorded itself in the cell tissue of the body, and could be called up to consciousness by the proper methods.

THE new book goes this theory one better, what with "memories" of a prior life, as well as experiences in the astral world between lives. As such, it gets out of the realm of the here and now, and gets over into the fields previously preempted by religion and spiritualism.

What with all this, it is the easy course, and perhaps the one of common sense, to dismiss it all as imagination, or as a fake.

BUT can we do this? Should we not acknowledge with Shakespeare's character that "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy"?

Should we not realize there ARE phenomena so far unexplained and, at present, unexplainable?

There are too many of them—"flying saucers" reported by highly reputable people; materializations of long-dead people, also reported by people of substance and intelligence; experiments in psychokinesis and clairvoyance at Duke university—to be able to wash our hands of them with a simple, off-hand denial.

There are too many examples of things undreamt of in our philosophy.—E.A.

Healthy Change

We keep harping about change.

Well, why not? The way of life of Americans has changed more in the last half-century than it has in all the other years of the nation's existence. Change is a thing we have to live with. But unless we are adjustable and understanding and receptive, it can be a hard thing to accept.

SOME changes are destructive. Others are neutral.

Some—possibly even most—are all to the good. One of the latter variety is the change in the pattern of home ownership. This was pointed out the other day in an editorial in the Daily Journal of Commerce at Portland, which recorded the fact that 36 years ago—that's 1920—about 10,900,000 families owned their own homes. In 1955, the total was about 27,000,000, an increase of 16,000,000 or about 150 per cent. This is a faster rise than that of the population as a whole.

In 1920, about 45.6 per cent of all homes were owner-occupied; the figure for 1955 was about 56.

AS with other changes, this one has had far-reaching ramifications. It has given a sense of permanence and solidity to many families, knowing their homes are their own. It has increased a sense of responsibility and the attention which occupants give their dwellings.

The do-it-yourself movement of recent years in large part reflects this situation. So does the rise in purchases of home appliances. And it may even be that it is a contributing factor to a rise in importance of the family as the basic unit of society.

It would be good to know that this is so. For as long as America's families are sound and happy and integrated, there is no need to fear a collapse of society.—E.A.

Fast Buck Artists

The business of making a fast buck on promotional schemes or in selling shoddy merchandise is not a new one.

So old is it, indeed, that the Romans coined a phrase to describe the situation—"Caveat Emptor"—let the buyer beware.

IT remains, basically, a good rule. For there are men and women about who are not above trading on the credulity and good faith of fellow human beings, and who do so, with gusto and finesse.

The warning has special force in the case of itinerant merchants, promoters and salesmen from out of town. Merchants in Medford have a stake in the community, a reputation to maintain. The itinerants, quite possibly, would not be itinerants if this were the case with them.

THIS, like all generalizations, is full of holes, for there are always exceptions.

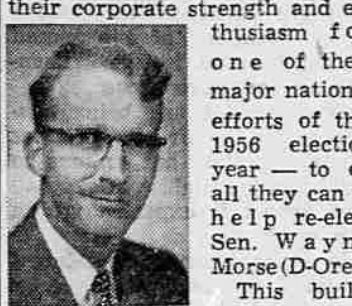
But "caveat emptor" remains sound advice to those in doubt—particularly in the case of telephone solicitation or door-to-door salesmen who are here today and gone tomorrow. The police department and chamber of commerce files are too full of the records of shady, quasi-legal or outright dishonest operations to recommend otherwise.

It's a shame. But that's the way it is.—E.A.

Organized Liberals Mustering Strength for Morse's Campaign

By A. ROBERT SMITH Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington — Organized liberals have begun to muster their corporate strength and enthusiasm for



A. Robt. Smith, Mail Tribune Correspondent, is seen here during the past week as two groups within the organized liberal movement took the

occasion of their annual ceremonial gatherings to turn the spotlight of their attention on the Oregon senator.

First, the Sidney Hillman Foundation, at its annual dinner, gave Morse its award for meritorious service and the public praise of its leadership before an audience of Washington notables. Second, the local chapter of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) made Morse the hero of its annual Roosevelt dinner. The senator was main speaker on both occasions.

"Fighting Champion" To the 1,000 personalities who joined to cheer on the senator at these gatherings, Morse has clearly become a fighting cham-

panion, one of a small handful in public life today who can be counted upon to go forth and do battle with the dragons of reaction.

Virtually all of the members of these groups are Democrats, many of them prominent in the labor movement, quite a few of them former officials of government in the Roosevelt and Truman administrations. When the senator arose to speak at the ADA meeting, it was just a few hours after he had heard the word from Oregon that Gov. Paul Patterson had announced his intent to challenge Morse for his Senate seat this fall.

Fought Everywhere After passing on this political tidbit to his audience, Morse told them that "the same fight (for liberalism) that is going to occur in Oregon is going to be fought elsewhere across this country." Calling on liberals to take the fight to the American people, Morse declared: "The great issue will be the return of the government of the United States to its federal responsibilities and bringing to an end this administration which came to power by a mistake in judgment on the part of the American people in 1952."

Generally speaking, Gov. Patterson's announcement came as no surprise in Senator Morse's camp. It had been anticipated for some time. And it came about where the senator and his strategists thought it would be in the overall time-table of this Senate campaign.

Was Expected That is, Morse was confident that Patterson would ultimately announce his candidacy. He thought it would come in this winter period when congress was moving at high speed and his duties would keep him here much of the time at his senate desk.

After having had the campaign trails of Oregon pretty much to himself last fall, when he criss-crossed the state to do a thorough pre-election campaign job, Morse figured the governor would await his return to Washington, D.C., before emerging as an announced candidate.

When he returned to the capital just before the first of the year, Morse felt that if he had stood for election at that moment he would have won. He felt that he had made solid persuasive inroads into the votes of farmers, small businessmen, the less-than-well-off white collar workers and, of course, labor.

Now, he expected, Gov. Patterson would gain an advantage during the winter months by his own campaigning around the state. By spring primary time, Patterson could well be the man to beat.

From then until November's election day, it would be a horse race all the way.

Accuses America of Increasing Propaganda Moscow — (U.P.) — Marshal Semyon K. Timoshenko Tuesday accused American and British "imperialists" of intensifying propaganda for atomic and bacteriological warfare.

Timoshenko, World War II hero and now commander of the Byelo-Russian military district, said the United States is increasing arms expenditures annually and urged that the Soviet Union "always be prepared and unrelentingly strengthen the might of the Soviet army."

The dam as proposed on Lewis creek will be just like Hoover dam. And you will not have permanent flood control, only for a few years.

However, you can have permanent flood control if only \$1,000,000 of the \$29,000,000 asked for to build Lewis dam, could be used to build permanent concrete levees, six feet wide on the bottom and three feet on the top, all the way from McCleod to the coast. All you would need to buy would be cement and labor, as sand is available all along the river and the more big boulders you use would make it much stronger than crushed stone.

If the money that has been spent to protect Yuba City had been used to build good levees, there would not have been any disaster.

The Rogue river can be protected the same way. And the Rogue would not be disturbed.

The Lewis dam will inundate many thousands acres of the finest soil in Oregon and take out a lot of tax money that will have to be assessed against other property to make up for the loss.

Another thing, no one is allowed to live within eight miles of the dam. This would take in Shady Cove and Trail. And if "Plan A" was used as planned, no one would be permitted to live as far south as Dodge bridge.

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Don't Underestimate Ivan To the Editor: Despite Mr. F. J. Clifford's usual common sense, his letter which you printed Thursday, Jan. 26, shows evidence of both hasty and prejudiced thinking.

He is "not much bothered" by Russian guided missile development. Does he know that many Britons were not much bothered by German air force development in 1937 and '38?

When Mr. Clifford speaks of Russian history, is he aware that Russian history prior to the fall of the czars is no basis for comparison with present communistic expansive philosophies? Has Mr. Clifford studied the communist literature which urges and predicts the conversion of the world to communism by any means, including force?

Mr. Clifford seems to imply a lack of courage, of intelligence, and of honesty in the average Russian. Shouldn't his common sense tell him that there are as many kinds of Russians as there are kinds of Swedes, Japanese, or Americans?

Mr. Clifford takes note of the fact that currently no Russian wrestlers are touring our country. Does he know of many American boxers now touring Russia? He seems to think that "by nature" a Russian does not take part in individual sports? Is he aware of recent Russian activities in the Olympic games? Does he know that the Russians for years have shown keen analytical minds in international chess?

Does Mr. Clifford recall a World War II Russian invention known as the Molotov cocktail, which was delivered against a heavily armed German armored tank by a lightly armed unarmored Russian foot soldier? Does Mr. Clifford not believe that to underestimate Russian intelligence, courage, guided missile development, or aggressive tendencies would be extremely dangerous to us Americans in view of the world tension today?

Mr. Clifford says the Russian has "little stomach to fight on foreign soil." Does Mr. Clifford think that Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Albania, the Baltic states, Mongolia, and Germany are Russian soil?

Does Mr. Clifford realize that the last sentence of his Thursday letter would well have been written on Dec. 6, 1941?

W. R. Johnson, 457 Fairmont St. Medford, Ore.

Flood Control Plan To the Editor: I would like to see flood control as well as any one else. But you never can have flood control by building high dams which are only a temporary flood control measure.

For example, look at Lake Meade above Hoover dam. When Hoover dam was completed you were told that the dam would be full in 56 years. And it is now about two thirds full and in another 10 years the Colorado river will be running over the spillway. And then all you will have is an elevated river. The same thing is being done to all the dams.

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Saudi Arabia Playing Big Part in Toplevel Talks in Washington

By CHARLES W. McCANN United Press Correspondent

A little Arabian kingdom is playing a big part in the talks between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Anthony Eden in Washington.

Saudi Arabia is the country, it occupies most of the Arabian peninsula.

King Saud does business with the American-owned Arabian American oil company. He gets royalties of about \$258 million a year from it.

If Britain gets the oasis, the oil will be exploited by the British-owned Iraq Petroleum company.

Britain charges that King Saud is using his oil revenues to stir up trouble all over the Middle East, primarily against Britain.

Saudi is accused of financing the recent riots in Jordan against the Baghdad Alliance of which Britain, Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Pakistan are members. He is accused of offering millions of dollars in bribes to officials of the little Arabian sheikdoms. He is accused of bribing the editors of newspapers in Jordan, Lebanon and other countries.

Eden would like President Eisenhower to step into the Saudi Arabian situation and ask King Saud to find less troublesome ways of spending his money.

But the American position is that the United States can not very well tell King Saud what to do. There is no indication that Eden will be able to get President Eisenhower to change that position.

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