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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 Feb. 7, 1946 (It was Thursday) Southern Oregon Dairy Cooperative association elects C. A. Smith of Medford president.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Two Wyoming veterans have applied for grazing rights on the planet Mars. It will be a fine place for the cows that jump over the moon made of green cheese, to land.

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 7, 1936 (It was Friday) "Sleek, powerful motor cars" on display at the annual automobile show at local armory tonight.

Ralph Billings, Ashland, files formal declaration of intention to seek Republican nomination for county commissioner.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 7, 1926 (It was Sunday) The 12th annual Lincoln Day club of Jackson County banquet will be held Feb. 12; Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Oregonian, to speak.

From Local and Personal column: City Treasurer Berrian says that no lots on paved streets are now available through the city selling agency with the exception of one or two in an unfavorable location.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 7, 1916 (It was Monday) Ashland basketball players and fans' beat up referee before rescued by Medford residents; Ashland lost to Roseburg, 21-19.

Medford school district calling for bids on 400 cords of wood of either body fir, oak or laurel for next year's heating supply.

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

1. President Eisenhower has been holding his weight down to about (a) 160, (b) 170, (c) 180, (d) 190 or (e) 200 pounds?

2. The present British foreign secretary is Eden, Macmillan, Butler, Lloyd or Gaitskell?

3. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union functions chiefly in the men's or women's clothing industry, or to a great extent in both?

4. The three Negro members of Congress all represent large-city Districts; right or wrong?

5. The Government insurance against damage to crops in general is open to farmers in more than half, about half, or less than half of all counties?

6. Thinkers to Evers to Chance in baseball was aamous combination on the N.Y. Giants, N.Y. Yankees, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, or old Baltimore Orioles?

7. A man named Strigdom is head of government in The Netherlands, East Germany, Finland, Union of South Africa or Indonesia?

The Answers: 1. To close to 170. 2. Selwyn Lloyd. 3. Chiefly in men's clothing. 4. Right (New York City, Chicago, Detroit). 5. Considerably less than half. 6. Chicago Cubs. 7. South Africa.

Risks of the Presidency

Many years ago the suggestion was made in this department that there should be two Presidents instead of one.

The idea then was there should be a chief president and an assistant,—the former would assume the demanding and important duties, the latter would be a sort of executive public-relations officer to take care of the speech-making, hand shaking, chicken stew eating and baby kissing.

The suggestion, of course, was made facetiously, with no idea of it being taken seriously and as far as we know, it never was.

BUT today that idea would not be so funny. In fact the Mail Tribune agrees completely with former President Hoover that the presidential duties and responsibilities have so sensationally increased particularly since the first World War, that there should be an Assistant President to take over the numerous routine and less vital duties, which consume so much time and energy, and thus allow the occupant of the White House, to have not only more time for the vital matters of state but more time for a desirable amount of fresh air relaxation and exercise.

According to the latest report from Washington however, this idea is not being taken seriously. With a presidential election in the offing there are so many more important matters to consider,—more important to the politicians at least, and for that matter, probably to a majority of the people.

THIS is too bad. We feel not only out of consideration for the chief executive—whoever he may be—but out of regard for the people of the country and the general welfare, the office of the presidency should be rendered less literally a "killing one" than it is.

Look at the record: For the past half century, only one President has enjoyed his normal life expectancy. That one is former President Hoover.

Former President Truman is the only "ex" who promises to make as good a record—Harry has no nerves and is hardy pioneer stock. He may live to be 100.

AS FOR the others, the presidency killed Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding and Franklin D. Roosevelt. There is no reason to doubt it shortened the lives of Theodore Roosevelt and Calvin Coolidge.

Let the life insurance actuaries figure up that casualty percentage. It is certainly a high one. But the responsibilities, the inescapable strains and stresses today are far greater than ever before, and there is every indication they will increase as time goes on.

The difficult decision facing President Eisenhower today is only added evidence. There seems no doubt on his part or that of his doctors, that the heart attack he suffered was the direct result of the punishing strain physically he had to take because of the overwhelming demands of the office.

He apparently has made a remarkable recovery and our expectation and hope is he will run again, but no informed source believes for a moment he can do this, as the presidential duties are now defined, without taking a real risk, it might properly be called a "calculated risk" but if some such change as Mr. Hoover suggested were adopted, the risk would probably be reduced to the absolute minimum.

This should be done. But our prediction is until the people of the country more clearly sense the dangers of the situation and become more demanding, while the politicians in both parties become less selfish and grasping, nothing of a constructive or beneficial nature in this direction will be done.—R.W.R.

Norblad's Speed Limit Proposal Encouraged

By A. ROBERT SMITH Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington — Citizens by the hundreds are encouraging Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) to go through with his proposal to legally limit the speed potential of automobiles to 70 MPH in the name of highway safety.

In the two weeks since A. Robt. Smith the Oregon lawmaker announced his idea, letters have been pouring into his office from all over the country—and all but two thus far have favored putting mechanical governors on cars to hold them under a national speed limit.

Disturbed By Toll Most of those who have written the congressman are distressed by the high death toll on American highways today, especially the record number of fatalities over the recent Christmas holiday week end.

The idea is catching on with other lawmakers, who have been keeping in touch with Norblad's office to see what the public reaction has been. Norblad hasn't actually introduced a bill on the issue as yet, but one is in the drafting stage. It would exclude such vehicles as ambulances and fire and police cars.

A North Carolina resident called it "one of the finest pieces of legislation to come from Washington in many moons." A New Jersey man predicted its adoption would "cut the appalling death toll in half."

Soviet Worry Apparent About U.S.-Sponsored Balloon Plan

By CHARLES M. MCCANN United Press Correspondent

Soviet Russia seems to be getting worried over the anti-Communist propaganda which is getting through its Iron Curtain.

A note of "determined protest" which the Soviet government sent to Washington over the week end mentioned big balloons, equipped with photographic and radio devices which are landing in Communist territory.

But it is evident that the protest really is aimed at the campaign conducted by American agencies against Russia's domination of Eastern Europe.

Protests Balloons The Kremlin followed up its note to the United States by protesting formally to West Germany yesterday against the launching of propaganda balloons from its territory by American agencies.

These balloons, or most of them, are being sent up by the American-financed Free Europe Press.

About 350,000 of these balloons have been sent through the Iron Curtain, when the wind was right, since April, 1954. They carry anti-Communist propaganda.

In addition, radio transmitters based in Western Germany are transmitting a anti-Communist propaganda to Iron Curtain countries 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

It is known that millions of people in satellite countries, and many in Russia itself, take the risk of listening to these programs.

Operates From Berlin The station called RIAS — Radio in the American Sector—operates from West Berlin. It celebrated its 10th anniversary in mind.

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MOREOVER, the President and Prime Minister Eden got on better together than ever before. Eden frequently remarked to his own people how vigorous the President seemed, and how well he handled the issues.

More important, the conference was a sort of visual demonstration of the continuing Anglo-American partnership, and such a demonstration from time to time is necessary and useful.

Yet the conference never did really come to grips with the kind of basic, underlying differences in British and American policy which would blow the alliance right out of the water. Take the matter of the Chinese offshore islands, Quemoy and the Matsus.

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As for what the United States would do if the Chinese Communists attacked the islands, that would have to await a decision based on the actual situation, if and when it arose.

The subject was then tactfully dropped, and it was never referred to again. Yet there is no issue which more clearly involves the danger of an open and almost irreparable break between the American and British partners. And the danger becomes more real every day.

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plained of balloons sent up by "United States military organs." Berlin's RIAS station is operated by American occupation authorities. Radio Free Europe, Radio Free Press and Radio Liberation are privately financed in the United States.

The Kremlin is not just hooding "military organ" balloons. It would like to stop the entire operation which gives hope to East Europeans of freedom.

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

EISENHOWER-EDEN: PLUS AND MINUS Washington — Two exchanges which took place during the course of the Eisenhower-Eden meeting suggest what was — and what was not — accomplished by the talks.

The first such exchange concerned the ticklish subject of trade with Red China. British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd stated the British case for relaxing the trade restrictions, centering mostly around the economic requirements of Malaya and the Asiatic commonwealth countries.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles began to make disapproving noises, when President Eisenhower intervened.

There was no reason, the President said, in effect, why the trade restrictions should be frozen in perpetuity. The benefits gained by our friends and allies by trade with Red China should be weighed in the overall balance.

And he suggested a re-study of the whole trade question with this in mind.

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Whether or not it is cause and effect, Chiang's burst of aggressiveness has followed a visit to Formosa by Adm. Arthur Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. For their part, the Chinese communists have also been acting and talking tough. A concentration of

Children Face Prospect Of Better Dental Health

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles on dental health as part of the observance of this week as National Children's Dental Health Week. The articles were prepared in cooperation with the Southern Oregon Dental Society.

For one out of every two Americans, middle age and the need for artificial dentures arrive about the same time. But there is no need for children growing up today to face the same prospect.

New methods of filling teeth and treating gum diseases, new techniques for using antibiotics, and outstanding advances in dental science such as fluoridation of water can add up to better dental health for today's children.

Disorders of the gums and other tooth-supporting tissues often have their start in childhood, the profession pointed out. One study indicated that two out of three children are afflicted with the diseases to some degree.

Lists Guide Dr. Bernard C. Kingsbury, of San Francisco, president of the American Dental Association, listed a four-point program to help parents guide children to better dental health:

1. Toothbrushing immediately after eating, before the teeth are attacked by the enamel-destroying acids which result when carbohydrates ferment in the mouth.

2. Periodic dental examinations beginning by the age of three.

3. Proper diet, which includes cutting down on the amount of between-meal sweets children eat.

4. Fluoridation of water supplies to prevent about two-thirds of dental decay.

Wyatt Sees GOP Election Sweep Lebanon, Ore. — (U.P.) — State Republican chairman Wendell Wyatt of Astoria believes the Republican party will score a clean sweep in the November elections, not only for state government posts but also by putting a Republican in the United States senate.

Wyatt, speaking at a Lincoln day dinner sponsored by the Linn county federation of Republican women, said, "I say that we can and will elect a Republican Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, a Republican Governor and Legislature, and last, but not least, a Republican United States Senator."

Wyatt began his address with an inventory and assessment of the Republican party record in Oregon. He said, "The loss of Paul Patterson has not changed any of these items."

Wyatt said he felt certain that, "The Republicans will nominate candidates who can and will win the election races."

Nuclear Reactor Most Efficient Fuel User Omaha — (U.P.) — A Nebraska manufacturer, Walter E. Behlen, an expert on fuel energy, estimates that the nuclear reactor is the most efficient user of fuel, by many million times, ever to be used in industry.

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However, uranium may be burned much more completely, although there still remains a tremendous waste. Industry has learned to burn about one-tenth of one per cent of uranium ore, which is one part of one thousand. This is about three million times more complete burnup than in the case of coal.

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Santa Fe Train Crew Absolved Of Negligence

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — A coroner's jury has ruled the Jan. 22 wreck of a Santa Fe commuter train in Los Angeles with the loss of 30 lives was an unavoidable accident without criminal negligence on the part of the crew.

The "blue ribbon" jury of nine prominent Los Angeles citizens returned the verdict yesterday after deliberating over the inquest case for an hour. Jury foreman Earl Vaughn, Bank of America vice-president, said:

"We find the deaths of the deceased accidental and no persons were criminally responsible."

Engineer Frank B. Parrish, 62, who had blamed himself "for the dead and orphans I made," was noticeably relieved when the jury's verdict came, but he stated he had nothing to say concerning the vindication.

Parrish felt he was to blame for the two-car train overturning on a curve because he had backed out moments before the accident.

Dr. Marcus Graham, a psychiatrist who examined Parrish, said the engineer over the past 10 years has variously suffered from tuberculosis, peptic ulcers, with perforation and peritonitis.

Crahan said this combination of defects could have produced unconsciousness or mental aberrations of a transient nature. The engineer, he said, could have suffered a mental lapse something like sleep walking a few moments during which the train raced out of control.

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Forest Grove Men Lose Court Case

Portland — (U.P.) — Two Forest Grove men who charged they had been defrauded in their purchase of the Kelsonian-Tribune were ruled against today by U.S. Judge Chase Clark.

The Idaho judge awarded \$6500 plus interest and attorney fees against Hans Running, owner of the newspaper engraving business and photography studio, and Philip Dana, job printing manager of the Forest Grove News-Times.

The judgment favored Wilber A. Bishop, Menlo Park, Calif., and Albert D. Nelson, San Carlos, Calif. They sold the paper to the Forest Grove men in 1953 for \$30,500.

When publication suspended a year later, the Californians sued for a \$6500 note given as part payment for the newspaper. The Forest Grove men filed a counter-claim for \$50,000 damages, claiming Bishop and Nelson had misrepresented the newspaper's paid-up circulation.

Youth Said Lacking National Background Tokyo — (U.P.) — Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, U. S. Far East commander, said Monday that the average American youth lacks the "background they require to meet and overcome the Communist ideology and techniques."

Lemnitzer told a meeting of the Far East Council of the Boy Scouts of America, that he was "deeply" concerned over the contents of a Defense Department report on prisoners of war in Korea.

He said the report reaches the "sorry conclusion that these young men were unable to reply to statements in favor of Communism with arguments in favor of their own way of life because they knew so little about their own country, its history and its political beliefs."

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