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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: March 2, 1945. (It was Saturday)

A. S. Rosenbaum, recently retired Southern Pacific freight and passenger agent here, honored at Elks dinner.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: It is now rumored common sense is appearing in Washington, D.C. affairs, but not to any alarming extent.

20 YEARS AGO: March 2, 1935. (It was Monday)

Robert W. Ruhl, publisher of the Medford Mail Tribune, named to the state board of higher education succeeding Leif Finset of The Dalles.

Eugene Thorndike becomes manager of the Medford branch of the First National Bank of Portland.

30 YEARS AGO: March 2, 1925. (It was Tuesday)

New air mail service starting April 6 will give direct routes between New York and San Francisco and northwestern cities.

O. A. Kicklein, salesman with the Mason Motor company here drives Star four-cylinder stock model to Siskiyou summit with car sealed in high gear.

40 YEARS AGO: March 2, 1915. (It was Thursday)

Rainfall since Sept. 1, 1915, measures only 9.47 inches, about half the normal amount.

Utah Sugar company indicates that sugar beet plant will be built in area within a year.

What's the Answer? Can You Get 4 of the 7?

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- 1. More than half of all U.S. families are repaying in installments some obligation they have incurred; right or wrong? 2. Pope Pius XII was born in Rome, Venice, Florence, a small town in northern Italy, or rural south Italy? 3. Texas on eve of entering the Union was part of Mexico, Spain, or France, or an independent nation? 4. Jewish population is largest in the Bronx (N.Y.), Brooklyn (N.Y.), Philadelphia, Chicago or Los Angeles? 5. Most-favored-nation clause in a treaty between two nations restricts that nations or opens them to all, reciprocally? 6. Hawaii is closer to California or Japan, or about the same distance from each? 7. Eng and Chang were better known as...? The Answers: 1. Wrong (1955 survey shows somewhat less than half). 2. Rome. 3. Independent nation. 4. Brooklyn. 5. Opens them to all, reciprocally. 6. Closer to California. 7. The Siamese Twins.

FLUFFY RAISIN FROSTING: When preparing raisins to add to frosting mix, cover them with water in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Remove from heat, cover, let stand five minutes. Drain thoroughly. Raisins will be soft and plump.

The greatest annual precipitation on record in North Dakota was 36 inches at Milnor in 1944.

Os West State Park

The Highway Commission, bless its collective heart, has granted a request to name a state park after former Gov. Oswald West, the doughty 82-year-old whose efforts preserved the beaches of Oregon for the people forever.

Now, if Governor West will just stand still long enough to accept the honor, we'll be happy. We hope, because of a sense of over-modesty, he doesn't kick over the traces. He should permit us to have the pleasure of seeing the state honor the man who did so much on its behalf.—E.A.

Quite a Year

It looks like quite a year ahead for southern Oregon.

We refer specifically to the large number of building and construction projects which are being started or are well under way in this area, and which will serve both as a "shot in the arm" to our economy, and as long-range stimulants to activity by large segments of the population.

FIRST, and probably the most notable of the lot, is the Talent project—a construction job which will total something more than \$19,000,000 in outlay before it is completed in the next four or five years.

The future importance of this project, which will greatly increase the amount of irrigated agricultural land in the county, is greater than the short range importance—although the infusion of four to five millions into the economy each year for four or five years is nothing to be sneezed at in terms of payrolls, population and general business activity.

ANOTHER major construction job which will soon get under way is the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, which when completed will have cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. Here again, the future benefits outweigh the immediate impact of the big building job.

For Medford, located as the trade center of a huge area of northern California and southern Oregon, will increasingly also become the medical center of the area. It is true already that many people come here for their medical needs, and this habit will become expanded as the greater and more modern facilities of the new hospital become known.

THE Rogue Valley Manor, a \$2,000,000 retirement home, is another major undertaking which will come to a head this year. The occupants, largely retired people of means, will come here from all over the country and will serve as a stable and well-heeled element in the economy of Jackson county.

The rehabilitation work now under way on two of the irrigation districts in the county also are significant, both in terms of what the actual construction means, and in terms of what it will mean in added irrigation water in the future.

THERE are other governmental and private building projects which are starting or presumably will start soon.

There is the \$348,000 Medford armory, a new fire station in Medford, a new \$65,000 juvenile detention home which will be built when an adequate site is located.

At least one and very likely two major new motel-apartment units are being planned in the immediate neighborhood of Medford.

One of the major lumber companies is in the beginning stages of a big expansion program. Other industrial and business building is in the works.

And, if congress succeeds in passing a federal highway bill, we have every reason to expect additional highway construction activity in Jackson county, which as Oregon's fifth most populous, would be entitled to a high priority in highway building.

Always in the offing are the rumors of major companies establishing light manufacturing or distributing facilities in this area, which because of its location has many advantages for this type of operation.

THERE are a few dim spots in the picture.

A stone wall faces a number of proposed subdivisions because of the problem of sanitation, which includes the high cost of sewers and the fact that soils hereabouts do not lend themselves to the indefinite expanse of septic tank and cess pool facilities. For this reason there are limits to the number of homes which can be constructed to accommodate the influx of people which this increased activity will inevitably attract.

And always, with growth of population and economic activity, there are questions of school construction, fire and police protection, equitable taxation, and a myriad of attendant questions.

A third major problem is transportation, which includes high freight rates and highway inadequacies.

THESE facts lead us to two conclusions.

The first is that we can be generally optimistic about the future of southern Oregon. We have the potentialities, of growth in agriculture, and of a stable light manufacturing, processing and distribution industry, based on our forests, our farms, and our strategic business location. The second is that to work for the solution of these problems we will need the ablest, most intelligent, hardest-working and most cooperative public servants we can elect. Ineffectualness and bumbling in public office could be disastrous to an orderly and progressive future.

All in all, it promises to be quite a year.—E.A.

UN Secretary Sees Danger of Middle Eastern War Lessening

By CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Correspondent. The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

The Good: 1. United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, returning from a visit to the Middle East, expressed belief that the danger of war between the Arab countries and Israel had lessened. Hammarskjold said he saw no easy way to a complete settlement of the Palestine dispute. "But I do believe in the possibility of an orderly progress toward solutions" he said.

He emphasized that he saw no reason for "panicky reactions" to the present situation. 2. The finance ministers of 17 Western European countries, meeting in Paris, approved a plan for the collective development of atomic energy for peace. A special committee was appointed to draft within three months a detailed program of cooperation. This plan would fit in with one under which six of the countries — France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg — would pool all of their nuclear resources. President Eisenhower's offer of \$500 million worth of uranium

to aid free countries in developing nuclear energy for peaceful purposes will play a big part in both plans. 3. The United States, Great Britain and France opened negotiations with West Germany for payment of the cost of maintaining armies in Germany under the North Atlantic Treaty. The present agreement for payment expires on May 5. West German Finance Minister Fritz Schaeffer insists that he cannot continue payment. But he said in a United Press interview that an agreement can be reached if negotiations are conducted in the spirit of the Western alliance.

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 initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Questions and Answers

To the Editor: Your paper has been commended for its stand on fluoridation, which is all very fine, but I do think you owe it to the public to give us more of your factual information concerning this matter. I have put together certain questions I would like answered. I am interested primarily as a parent whose chief concern is for my family's welfare. These are the questions:

- (1) Has it been proved, beyond reasonable doubt, that fluoridation is safe to everyone. (It is stated that fluoride is an accumulative poison.) (2) Isn't it true in a great many of the cities which have adopted fluoridation, that the decision was made by the City Council and not put before the people? Why? (3) Is fluoridation of public water supplies constitutionally and morally right? (Our Constitution emphasizes that an individual has certain rights so long as they do not interfere with another's. Wouldn't fluoridation deny this basic freedom?) (4) Why is chlorination compared to artificial fluoridation—when chlorine can easily be removed by boiling and fluoride can not? (5) According to Dr. Exner of Seattle, Wash. "Fluoride must be absorbed by the bloodstream and carried to the toothbuds where it acts on the enamel forming cells and these cells depend on the concentration of fluoride in the blood." Therefore explain how anyone can determine a right dosage when one child will drink more or less than another? (6) Doesn't the Public Health Service fully expect 15 to 20 per cent will develop mottling of teeth or fluorosis? Shouldn't the individual be allowed to decide if he wants to take the chance on being in that percentage? (Even a majority yes vote would deny this individual voluntary action.) (7) Aren't both sides of this issue equally trained and informed to back their statements and findings? Why then is one authority more right than another?

Thank you for answering these questions. I think every parent owes it to himself and his family to weigh both sides of this issue with equal enthusiasm—especially to consider if it is Constitutionally and morally right, if nothing more. (Name on file) Medford, Ore.

(Editor's note: Each of the above questions could be answered at great length. In an attempt to provide brief, accurate answers, a doctor, a dentist, an attorney and a public health officer were consulted. The numbered answers correspond to the numbered questions: (1) Fluoridation has been proven, beyond a reasonable doubt, to be harmless to everyone, according to the vast majority of doctors, dentists and public health officers after more than 10 years of intensive testing and research. (2) A number of city councils have approved fluoridation of water. Presumably the reasons varied somewhat, but it would be a safe generalization to state that they were acting, in their capacities as elected representatives, for the welfare of their cities, and felt no more need to refer it to a vote than they would any other routine action. In cities where it has become a controversial issue (and it has not been such everywhere) it frequently has been referred for a vote. (3) The Oregon Supreme Court recently specifically ruled unanimously that fluoridation is constitutional, and is an appropriate exercise of the authority of a city on behalf of the health and welfare of the people. The same finding has been made by more than 30 other courts, and no ruling to the contrary stands today. As to moral rights, does a minority have the right to prevent a majority from enjoying a benefit, even though the minority would be in no way harmed? (4) Both pro and anti-fluoridationists have compared chlorination to fluoridation because both are instances where chemicals

are added to water, though for different purposes. They have made the comparisons, of course, for opposite reasons. (5) The optimum dosage of one part per million has been designed to be of benefit to all children, regardless of the fact that some drink more water than others. The amount ingested varies between .5 and 1 mg daily. The recommended amounts are based on experience in areas where water is naturally fluoridated, and where it has been found beneficial and harmless in these amounts. Yet in these communities people drink varying amounts, and have suffered no ill effects, and have derived significant benefits. One of the most significant ways in which fluorides are absorbed is by the use of water in cooking, when it is ingested with foods. (6) There is evidence of a very mild degree of dental fluorosis in less than 10 per cent of children drinking treated water, but this does not cause staining. The fluorosis (tiny whitish spots on the back teeth) cannot be seen in normal inspection. Only trained observers making a careful examination can detect it. (7) Everyone is free to believe who and what he wants. It appears, however, that the overwhelming preponderance of informed and expert opinion should carry some weight. Opponents among the healing arts are in a tiny "microscopic," one physician said minority. Among the organizations endorsing fluoridation are the American Dental association, the American Medical association, the American Pharmaceutical association, the U. S. Public Health service, the National Institute of Dental Research, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Dentistry for Children, the American Public Health association, the State and Territorial Dental Directors association, the Conference of State Sanitary Engineers, the American Water Works association, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, most state departments of health, including Oregon's, the Southern Oregon Medical society, the Southern Oregon Dental association, and others.)

Proud of Phoenix Team: To the Editor: The recent Crater-Phoenix basketball game left many of the spectators with mixed emotions. It is felt that much bitterness and ill-will could be avoided by hiring referees who are not local people. We at Phoenix are proud of our boys for their fine display of team work and sportsmanship throughout the season. We feel that they have done a good job and that they should be recognized as one of the outstanding high school teams in the state of Oregon with their record of 20 wins and 4 losses. Though disappointed that our own team will not represent the southern part of District 6 A-2, we wish Crater high school the best of luck as they enter the games against Coquille. Signed by 22 residents of Phoenix.

On Prejudice: To the Editor: We live in a wonderful country. Liberty and justice for all. Well, I wonder what the rest of the world thinks of us and our racial hatred and prejudices? All this mess about the Autherine Lucy case. Also the two big white men that took that Negro boy (14 years old) out and shot him "to put him in his place."

Some of the American people had better take a good look at themselves and their consciences if they have any. The Gestapo, Jap and Russian methods and tactics, have nothing on some of our people here in the United States. Also how is it in these days of prosperity and surplus those kids in Louisiana are starving and dying from eating from garbage cans? We had better send some of our Care packages to the hungry people here in the United States as well as over seas. (Name on file) Gold Hill, Ore.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS: In these rambling sketches the other day, I offered the opinion that one needs no Spanish to get around in western Mexico. It's a good general rule. But it has its exceptions. I ran into one of them the other day in Los Mochis.

Los Mochis, a town of some 20,000, lies in the far northern edge of the state of Sinaloa. It is half a dozen kilometers off to one side of Mexico's Highway 15. That's just enough to remove it from the beaten tourist path. As a result, it is practically pure Mexican.

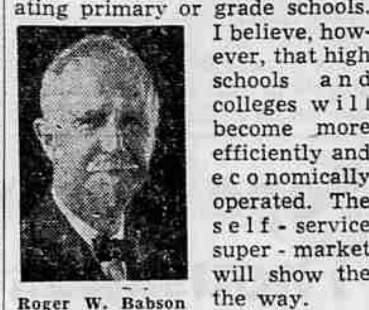
I CAME down in the morning, full of vim and vigor and ready for the road. I unlocked the door (one is cautioned to keep cars locked up tightly), turned the ignition key and stepped on the starter. Nothing happened. It just grinded—that awful, sickening grunt that betokens a dead battery. That's bad enough when it occurs in your own garage when you're hustling down to work in the morning. It's rugged in a foreign town where there is no dealer to call up with a request to send up a service car to get the darned thing going again.

It's rugged still when you realize there's nobody around who can understand a word you say and that you can't understand what anybody else says. WORSE yet, it was on Sunday morning (el domingo in Spanish) and on el domingo nothing much is open in Mexico but the eating places and the gasoline stations. The gas station boys, in addition to knowing no English, don't know how to do anything but pour in the gas.

EVENTUALLY, to make a long story shorter, I found a place that on week days would have

Reducing Educational Costs Is Discussed

By ROGER W. BABSON: Babson Park, Mass.—I now see no way to cut costs of operating primary or grade schools.



Roger W. Babson

I believe, however, that high schools and colleges will become more efficiently and economically operated. The self-service super-market will show the way. Some educational experts are urging cities and towns to spend less on buildings, libraries, and equipment and devote more of the total allotment to teachers' salaries. This may be good politics, but it is not in the students' interest. I favor building better schools with better libraries and equipment, but having fewer teachers. Then pay better salaries to these fewer teachers.

The most vital field for a "Do-It-Yourself" campaign is that of education. A parent can buy a set of encyclopedias for \$100 which contain more information

than is contained in the heads of all the teachers in your community. Moreover, the training and discipline of self-education is even more valuable than all the facts that can be learned. Hence, I forecast that the next great movement in education for those above 13 years of age will be teaching students to learn without teachers. I wish that some city would put the managers of its self-service supermarkets on their school boards. Who's On Your School Board?

To begin with, you probably don't know who are on your local school board. If not, send to your superintendent of schools and ask for a list of the members and the business in which each is engaged and the number of children which each has in the schools. You may be surprised to find how poorly chosen these men and women are for this work.

In too many cities, school board members are interested in getting income for themselves or friends as doctors, builders, insurance agents, bank officials, storekeepers, etc. These school committee members naturally take the advice of the superintendent of schools who is an honest man but is guided by the colleges which determine what shall be taught and how. The superintendent and school principals are too often judged by the number of students they pass along to the colleges, and promoted accordingly. They are fine men and women; they deserve much better pay, but they have very little freedom.

What Is Education? I have just been reading reports of the recent Conference on Education held in Washington. The great demand there was for federal aid without federal interference. Very little discussion was devoted to what should be taught our children and how. No time was given to discussing lowering the cost or raising the efficiency of schools. The great need today is to tackle the educational problem as we have T.B. and polio and cancer.

I have in mind a family of four grown-up brothers all of whom attended the same schools and had the same teachers. Yet three of the men are today useful in their communities and hold good positions. One of the boys was a "delinquent" and is now a ne'er-do-well supported by the fire three. The question the mother asks is: Did the schools have any effect on the character or "life" of these boys?

Traveling to the Moon: The books most popular with the youth of today are books on "space travel"—that is, going to other planets. It is said that Washington is having more inquiries about the earth "satellites" which are to be released than about any other subject. Why is it that young people are so much more interested in learning about their own world and how to live in it? Something is wrong somewhere. Education should teach how to live. It should help parents mold character.

Teachers should be spiritually minded in order to be efficient. Although they should be paid better salaries, yet this salary should not be based upon the degrees which they have received. Looking back over my school life, it was the teachers with the biggest hearts who won my interest and awakened a desire for knowledge and service. To get back to my main appeal: One sure way to increase the efficiency and reduce the cost of our schools and truly help our children is to teach children where to find their own answers to questions and awaken in them a desire for more knowledge. We need teachers born with a love for children and trained as helpful librarians.

Adenauer Urges Counter To Russian Cold War: Bonn, Germany—(U.P.)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer Thursday night urged the West to beef up the political side of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to counter the new Soviet "cold war" offensive. "NATO was set up for a possible hot war," he told reporters. "It should now be expanded into a political instrument of the free world in the cold war."

The MEAT CENTER advertisement featuring a cartoon pig character and prices for HAMBURGER or SAUSAGE (29c Lb.), PORK ROAST (29c Lb.), SLAB BACON (29c Lb.), and MUTTON ROAST (19c Lb.). Address: 231 EAST SIXTH ST.