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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 5, 1946
(it was Tuesday)
West coast newsmen and lumber and industry representatives tour valley plants to obtain picture of valley's economic future.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The Older Girls have started predicting spring will be late. It will eventually get here if it takes all summer.

20 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1926
(it was Thursday)
J. A. Ward, president of Republic Electric company, announces construction plans for new Southern Oregon Gas corporation building at corner of Main and Holly sts.

William M. McAllister, Medford attorney, files for state representative from this district; Attorney Frank J. Newman, announces intention to run for county district attorney.

30 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1926
(it was Friday)
State National Guard officials confer with local officials to prepare Camp Jackson for annual Guard encampment.

Larry Mann is named for exalted ruler of Medford Elks lodge.

40 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1916
(it was Sunday)
Lead paragraph of sports story: In one of the fastest and most exciting games ever witnessed on the local floor, the Medford basketball team lost to Ashland by the heartbreaking score of 7-6.

From Local and Personal column: N. S. Bennett and A. C. Burgess have donated two fine deer heads to the local Elks clubhouse.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7?
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

- 1. Dr. Paul White, medical consultant to the President, says that golfing probably did or didn't weaken his heart?
2. Deluxe models on the whole depreciate in value at a faster or slower rate than standard models of the same car, or at about the same rate?
3. First U.S. President to speak over the radio was Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge or Hoover?
4. Moscow has been the capital of Russia for the past 13, 38, 63, 163, or 631 years?
5. The District of Columbia is larger than the city of Washington, or Washington is larger, or have they the same boundaries?
6. The U.S. has more shoe repair shops, laundries, movie theaters, barber shops or beauty parlors?
7. Charles R. Sligh Jr., is an outstanding labor leader, industrialist, state governor, or college president?

The answers: 1. Probably did not. 2. At a little slower rate, on the whole. 3. Harding. 4. 38 years. 5. Same boundaries. 6. Beauty parlors. 7. Industrialist.
Fabricated metal products are made by at least 16,000 U.S. factories.

Spring?

Despite (or, perhaps, because of) the week end snow, we have decided it is time to note the imminence of spring.

The calendar says it is a week and a half away, still. But who pays attention to the calendars in gauging important things of the spirit like the change of the seasons?

THE birds have been making cheerful noises in the branches on recent mornings. The fat, sassy quail are making their morning and evening pilgrimages through the neighborhood. An acquaintance exclaimed about an ambitious crocus poking its head above the ground.

And, most important, it is beginning to smell like spring.

Autumn heralds its arrival with a feeling in the bones; spring does so with a freshness in the breeze, a barely detectable tang in the air, a softness and a lightness which, though tentative, marks a major demarkation.

OH, we'll have more rain. But it will be warmer and gentler. We may even have some more snow—although it is unlikely to be heavy, or last very long. And we'll have that long, bright cold spell which orchardists and housewives dread for its effect on fruit and curtains.

But the important thing, friends, is that spring is on its way. The old will feel younger, and the young foolish.

Soon we can be concerned with mowing the grass and watching the leaves flower the trees—instead of worrying our winter-bound souls with such man-made cares as taxes and business conditions and fluoridation and annexation and sewage disposal and who's-going-to-run-for-what.

It won't last. It never does. We might as well enjoy it while it's here.—E.A.

About Communications

Whenever a matter of interest to many people arises, the number of letters to the editor increases along with the interest. Almost always just preceding an election this is true. It is true in the current disagreement about the proposal to add fluorides to the city water supply.

This newspaper has long had a "wide-open" policy on letters to the editor. That is to say, it probably prints as high a proportion of them as any paper of its size anywhere. In general, the decision to print letters is based on whether or not they are within the limits of space and good taste, or whether or not they are potentially libelous.

OUR length limit is 400 words—an arbitrary limit, but one designed to give everyone a fair chance to participate in the paper's "public forum" column. It is enforced rigidly as a matter of fairness to all.

Ordinarily, the only editing which is done on letters is to make sure they do not go over the 400 word limit, or for clarification, or to eliminate words or phrases which the editors feel to be questionable or objectionable.

BUT it must be remembered that the communications column, like all the rest of the paper, is the ultimate responsibility of the editorial staff, even though they may disagree violently with what the correspondent may say.

The fact that they disagree has no bearing on whether or not a letter is printed. Their responsibility for the integrity of the column, however, does.

It is obviously impossible to check the accuracy of each statement in each letter printed, and ordinarily no attempt is made to do so.

THE point to which this discussion is leading is that it must, in the final analysis, be the responsibility of the editorial staff to decide which letters are printed and which are not. Ordinarily letters are printed, in full or in substantial part, without question.

But if the editorial staff has what they honestly consider good and sufficient reasons for not publishing a letter, it will not appear.

We hope that these instances will be as rare in the future as they have been in the past.—E.A.

Post Script (Fluoridation)

As a post script to the above, for a time we considered withholding from publication a letter which appeared in Sunday's paper from a Texas physician, in opposition to fluoridation.

We finally decided to publish it, however, in the interests of full discussion on a subject of interest, even though we believed it to be misleading and unfactual, and question the doctor's status as an "authority." We much prefer to take the word of local doctors and dentists, and those researchers who have made original and thorough studies of the matter.

THE doctor claims, as though it were bad, that 65 per cent of the children in a town where there is fluoridation had cavities. That sounds pretty good in Medford where children without cavities are few and far between.

The good doctor's interest in Medford's problems is somewhat obscure, but may stem from the fact that he is president of the Natural Foods associates, among which are leaders of the anti-fluoridation organization.—E.A.

Minnesotans Dodge Nixon Endorsement

Northfield, Minn.—(U.P.)—The Minnesota Federation of College Republican clubs, representing 10 colleges, endorsed President Eisenhower for a second term yesterday but refused to do the same for Vice-President Richard M. Nixon.

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

THE REAL NIXON STORY
Washington—The people who are saying that President Eisenhower "is getting ready to dump Nixon" are even more wrong than the people who are saying that the President is far too fond of Nixon to tolerate any other Vice-Presidential nominee.



Joseph Alsop is a lot more complicated than that. It is true that the President has a warm affection for the Vice-President.



It is also true that the President, being a kind man and grateful to Nixon for his loyal service, would much prefer to make no change in the Republican ticket this year. Thus those who are betting that Dick Nixon will get the nod again have by far the best of the bargain, as of now.

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 a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

We're All Human

To the Editor: In regards to this fluoridation business, I would like to speak as a mother. I am not concerned about myself—I am concerned about my children's health and welfare—and like every mother, I do not wish my children to suffer dental caries if it is at all within my power—nor do I wish to burden my husband with dental bills. However, I do not feel that artificial fluoridation is the answer to my problem. With a little common sense and the factual information that is available to practically anyone, I think we should weigh the good against the bad and then decide if this artificial fluoridation is all for the best. I have put together certain things you may or may not wish to consider.

(1) According to factual information 33 U.S. cities adopted artificial fluoridation, then after a short time, they turned right around and voted to have it removed. Why? (Medford would greatly benefit by inquiring of these cities as to their reasons for changing their mind—benefit financially maybe).

(2) My husband, who has lived in Medford all of his life, and always drank an abundance of Medford water—has perfect teeth. Now, I am sure there are other exceptions like my husband and there will continue to be exceptions. Why should these individuals be subjected to fluoridation?

(3) People are inclined to compare chlorination with artificial fluoridation—chlorine can be easily removed from the water but fluoride can not. (If you boil fluoride, it becomes more concentrated).

(4) Some are inclined to put certain influential people on a pedestal thinking they could do no wrong—but I think we should remember that we are all human beings and capable of making mistakes.

(5) No doctor in his right mind says: "Here's some medicine, take as much as you like—you are bound to get the right dosage." That to me is a good example of what fluoridation of water would be like whether 1 ppm or not.

I sincerely hope and pray that we are not letting ourselves be talked into something that we may regret later.

Mrs. R. E. Miller, 728 Newtown St., Medford, Ore.

Old Time Prospector

To the Editor: One of the apparent reasons the old packhorse prospector had more or less "lucky breaks" on his trips was, when he went four or five miles from headquarters, he always went prepared with a light camping equipment, along with a mortar and pestle to sample his discoveries. He had no jeep or gas wagon to run out for a day or so. Consequently he did a thorough job with his pan, pick and shovel over a radius of his temporary camp.

He really saved time by that as one trip to a certain designation would really give a clue, providing he was in the area of mineralized formations. The various formations are important to the experienced prospector, depending upon what he is more familiar with. Anyway using a medium-size gold pan and being near panning water is a time saver and good indicator.

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman st. Apt. 1, Medford, Ore.

U.P. Correspondents Predict Headline-Making News To Come

United Press Correspondents around the world look ahead at the news that will make the headlines.

Polio Shots
Look for a new company to start producing Salk polio vaccine shortly. Sharp and Dohme of Marietta, Pa., was one of the original firms licensed to make the vaccine a year ago. But it never distributed a shot. Now insiders say it is preparing to submit its first lots for government approval. It's another sign pointing to more vaccine for the 1956 polio season.

Campaign Photo
The picture snapped of President and Mrs. Eisenhower just before the second-term broadcast may blossom into a major GOP campaign photo. Both Mrs. Eisenhower and the Republican National Committee are delighted with it. It may become a campaign symbol.

Eden In Trouble Again
Watch for a reappearance of "dithering" charges against Prime Minister Anthony Eden. Britain's latest setback in the Middle East—the abrupt dismissal of Lt. Gen John Bagot Glubb, British commander of Jordan's Arab Legion—hit Conservatives hard. Britain's pride has seldom been so hurt. There are signs already of underground rumbling against Eden by some members of his own party. They blame Jordan's ac-

tion on Eden's leadership, or lack of it. Eden took office just 11 months ago today. The honeymoon is definitely over.
Adenauer's Heir
Mystery over the heir to 80-year-old West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer may end soon. He has told aides that he finally will designate his successor as party chief—and thus his heir as chancellor—at the annual Christian Democratic Convention next month. But the wily old man is keeping political guesses. He told one group last week that Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard, architect of Germany's remarkable post-war recovery, is "the only possible choice." But he hinted to others that his man is Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano.

Congress Planning Reviews of Procedures of Hush-Hush CIA.

By WILLIAM T. STONE
Washington—Operations of the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency, hitherto largely exempt from public surveillance and normal congressional review, are now facing intensive scrutiny by Congress and the Executive Branch of the government.

President Eisenhower, following a recommendation of the Hoover commission, recently created an independent board of review composed of eight private citizens to make periodic checks on CIA and other government agencies that collect foreign intelligence. The board will report only to the chief executive, but Congress is preparing to act on proposals, also urged by the Hoover commission, calling for a congressional watchdog committee to oversee "hush-hush" intelligence activities.

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Watchdogs Planned

No less than 25 resolutions providing for some kind of congressional watchdog group are pending in Senate or House. The Senate Rules committee on Feb. 23 reported a measure, sponsored by Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont), and 34 other senators, to set up a watchdog committee. The group would be composed of six senators and an

Pope Pius Warns On Communist Peace

Vatican City—(U.P.)—Pope Pius XII warned diplomats Sunday that a Communist "peace" is only a "precarious truce during which they await the social and economic collapse of the other peoples."

The Pope addressed diplomats from 42 nations in a mass audience at which they paid tribute to his life-long efforts for peace and congratulated him on his 80th birthday and the 17th anniversary of his reign. The pope did not mention Communism by name in his French language address but he made a brief and clear reference to the Communist "peace offensive."

"Such formulas as 'national unity' or 'social progress' should not deceive us," he said. "For militant materialism, 'peace-time' represents but a truce, a very precarious truce, during which it awaits the social and economic collapse of the other peoples."

Cyprus Situation Threatens To Get More Serious Soon

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent
The situation in Cyprus threatens to get even more dangerous soon.

British Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd went there to negotiate with orthodox Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Nationalists who want the Eastern Mediterranean island handed over to Greece.

Lennox-Boyd's mission, to which great importance had been attached, ended in failure.

He has returned to London. The British government plans to make a formal statement on the breakdown this week.

Kremlin Hot Rods

Moscow reports that Russian hot-rodgers may soon be scooting along the Moscow, Minsky, Warsaw highway in the first Soviet sports cars. It's said that Soviet engineers are testing the first Russian sports car—with a plastic body only one-third as heavy as any metal body. This is the first time the Russians have shown interest in producing sports cars, which even in western countries are strictly a luxury item.

Electronic Evangelism

The nation's largest Protestant church organization is preparing to lay out a record sum for electronic evangelism. The National Council of Churches spent \$1,400,000 for religious radio, television and film production in 1955. A major increase is in prospect for 1956.

Peace In Malaya?

Look for Communist Ch. Chin Peng to approach Malayan Chief Minister Tengku Abdul Rahman to end the eight-year jungle war. Chin pledged in recent peace talks to stop fighting if Rahman won control of Malaya's defense and security from Britain. Rahman has just done that. Singapore expects Chin as the resu to make new feelers. To save face, he probably will make them through Burmese or Indonesian circles.

The Quality of Intelligence Output

The quality of intelligence output. The 1955 task force under Gen. Mark Clark said the agency deserved the full confidence of the American people; however, its report pointed to certain "flaws" in need of correction. The task force showed particular concern over what it regarded as lack of adequate data from behind the Iron Curtain.

Power By Prayer

GEORGE M. TAYLOR
The director of the work here in America and over seas sat by the fire with his head bowed in silent prayer.

For what did the man pray? The weeks passed and there came word that told it. He would go across to a mission field in Africa and start a work there.

So he took a plane and on the field he met with the directors of a dozen missions. They agreed that the time had come to adopt the move that the man from America had outlined. They adopted it and secured a director to organize and handle it.

Thousands of native Christians had already been lifted out of their old ways of sin but they needed further Bible knowledge. Now they, by Bible study, are getting it and the work is spreading. So we see the part that the director in Chicago is having. Christ said to ask God for whatever is needed to forward His work and here we have it.—John 16:23.

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