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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 12, 1946

(It was Tuesday)

Some 149 new cases of measles reported to county health department last week.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The sun shone upstate last Sat. The phenomena was photographed by the esteemed Oregonian, and knocked a ten-inch editorial out of the just as esteemed Salem Statesman.

20 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1926

(It was Thursday)

Frank Perl files declaration of intention to seek reelection as county coroner on Republican ticket.

Officers of Company A and Headquarters company of National Guard here complimented following inspection.

30 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1925

(It was Friday)

James C. Owen and W. H. Gore named to committee to represent Oregon counties at senate hearing on refunds for O and C land grants.

Six-year-old girl found sitting along creek in morning; search by 150 men continued all night.

40 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1915

(It was Sunday)

Ashland wins championship of Southern Oregon tournament by beating Medford, 18 to 16.

From Local and Personal column: The steel for the crossing of the Bullis electric line and the Southern Pacific track on Main street arrived today and will be put down at once, thus uniting the east side with the Jacksonville extension. The cars will run through to the hospital when the crossing shall have been laid.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7?

Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

1. Five, four, three, two, one or no Presidents have reached the age of 70 while still in the office?

2. If you're doing 60 on an open road, you should keep a minimum of (a) 4, (b) 6, (c) 8 or (d) 10 car lengths from the car ahead?

3. Coronation of Pope Pius XII took place in (a) 1919, (b) 1929, (c) 1939, or (d) 1949?

4. Montgomery, Ala., where race relations have been tense, has many more Negroes than Whites, about the same as each, or many more Whites than Negroes?

5. A N.Y. Stock Exchange seat was recently sold for \$25,000, \$100,000, \$250,000 or \$500,000?

6. All 16 major league baseball teams are doing their 1956 pre-season training in Florida; right or wrong?

7. Which of these is not a guided missile: Bismac, Navajo, Redstone, Regulus, Snark?

The Answers:

1. None.

2. Minimum of 6 car lengths (preferably more).

3. 1939.

4. Many more Whites.

5. For \$100,000.

6. Wrong.

7. Bismac (it's an electronic computer).

Rock Hounds

We had occasion to drop into the U. S. National bank here last week. After our business was transacted, our eye was caught by a display case in the lobby.

It was full of stones, selected, cut and polished by a local gem and mineral club, the members of which are more familiarly known as "rock hounds."

Somewhere in the back of our mind we'd always had a vague sort of interest in the processing of non-precious gem stones, and had even seen a few. But this display was an eye-opener.

THERE must be a real creative satisfaction in taking a stone—which on the outside looks completely ordinary—and through acquired knowledge and skill transform it into a thing of beauty.

These examples of the amateur stonemasons are things of beauty. There were delicate crystalline formations, heavily veined and marked formations; there were colors of the rainbow, and luminous blacks and whites; there were fairland scenes; there were flowers and trees and the kind of animal-like shapes one sometimes can see in clouds—all in solid stone.

HOBBYISTS—whether they work in wood, metal, stone, plastic or words—will yield to none in their pride of accomplishment, and all are entitled to take pleasure in their own type of creativity.

But it's refreshing sometimes to take a look at the works of others, and if you haven't happened to see these examples of artistry in stone, we commend them to you.—E.A.

Community Correspondents

Last week the Mail Tribune completed arrangements to bring to 14 the number of its "community correspondents"—the reporters who write news of many of the towns and rural and suburban areas in southern Oregon and northern California.

We are hoping to be able to add to that number as times goes on, to bring to our readers still more complete coverage of the news of our fast-growing and changing area.

THE role played by the community correspondents is an important one. They are the "town criers" of the smaller communities, who chronicle the events and happenings of their communities so that all may know.

Theirs is no light responsibility, for if a name is misspelled, a date given wrong, a situation described incorrectly, they are almost sure to hear about it. However, we are glad to report that these inadvertent slips are the exception, rather than the rule.

IF YOU live in a community served by one of our correspondents, you can help by seeing that your own news is made available to the correspondent. They are always on the lookout for news, but like reporters everywhere, a crystal ball is not part of their equipment.

The scope of the news covered by the correspondents is wide. They report visitors, parties, community gatherings; sometimes they tell of unusual weather conditions, or the activities of the city council; they report on fires, and pink-and-blue showers, and accidents. They are interested in new homes going up, roads being repaired or built, and in how the crops look this year. Anything which is of interest to their friends and neighbors is news for the correspondents' paragraphs in the paper.

OUR correspondents report from the following towns and areas:

Applegate-Jacksonville, Butte Falls, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Grandview-Lone Pine, Hilt, Hornbrook, Jacksonville, McLeod, Phoenix, Rogue River, Savage Creek-Rogue River, Shady Cove and Table Rock.

We are proud of the work they are doing. Each of them would freely acknowledge that it is impossible to report all the news of each community. But their jobs will be easier and more pleasant, and more productive for their readers, if the readers will help by reporting to them items of interest.—E.A.

Week for Girls

The week starting March 11 is being observed as the anniversary of the founding of two of the most important of the organizations devoted to the growth and development of girls. They are the Campfire Girls and the Girl Scouts.

The objectives of each group are similar—the development of wholesome, skilled, self-reliant and helpful young women. The methods are slightly different, allowing scope for varying approach and emphasis.

WE ARE pleased to salute both organizations, and wish for them continued success in their work with girls who are in the formative and impressionable period.

We believe the leaders in both groups are aware of their responsibilities, and are doing their best to live up to them.—E.A.

American Clergymen Arrive in Russia

Moscow (U.P.)—Nine prominent American clergymen representing the U.S. National Council of Churches of Christ arrived here Sunday for a months study of Soviet religious institutions.

They were welcomed at Moscow's Vnukovo Airport by leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church headed by Metropolitan Nikolai Krutitsky, second in the orthodox hierarchy after Patriarch Alexius. Krutitsky expressed hope their visit would bring closer U.S.-Soviet ties. The Rev. Dr. Eugene G. Blake of Philadelphia, president of the National Council of Churches, expressed a similar hope and said "as Christians we are all united under God."

Paris (U.P.)—The Communist Daily Humanite joined the capitalistic newspaper contest craze today and offered its readers a Red dream come true—free trips to Russia as first, second and third prizes.

Farm Groups' Amendments Hit Senate Bill; Unanimity Lacking

Washington — Farm groups those groups, the National Milk Producers Federation and the newly formed National Farmers Organization met with the Senate Agriculture committee. But still no over-all agreement on major issues was reached.

Ellender, chairman of the Senate agriculture committee, tried as early as last November to get the farm groups together on a bill. But from the first huddle of the farm organizations it was obvious that once the bill reached the senate floor, amendments pushed by farm lobbies would make Ellender look like a quarterback being tackled by his own teammates.

Sought Agreement On Nov. 23, Ellender wrote such major farm groups as the American Farm Bureau Federation, National Grange, National Farmers Union, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives and the National Milk Producers Federation, asking them to "put their heads together in the hope that agreement can be attained on some of the plans or solutions suggested to meet the present challenge to agriculture."

He asked for "unanimity" on surplus disposal, soil bank, two price plans, price supports, marketing quotas, marketing orders and dairy products. At the outset, the National Milk Producers Federation and the American Farm Bureau Federation could not even agree on a date to discuss a bill. But a meeting was held Dec. 19 without the Farm Bureau. The other major farm groups sent delegates, however, and agreement was reached on such relatively minor problems as gas tax exemption for farm vehicles and more milk for school lunches.

Second Meeting Ellender urged a second meeting of the organizations and invited them to sit down with his committee to work out an agreeable bill. On Jan. 10 the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the Milk Producers and the Grange met in Washington on their own. On Jan. 12 the Farm Bureau sponsored a third meeting attended by the National Farmers Union, National Grange, and the National Council of Farmer cooperatives. That same day

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North African Crisis Begins to Backfire Against Franco Spain

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent The crisis in North Africa is beginning to backfire against Spain. France granted virtual independence to French Morocco as part of its attempt to save its North African possessions. Now Moroccans are demanding that Spanish Morocco be given independence.



Charles M. McCann

also. And they want French and Spanish Morocco combined in one independent empire. Spain refuses to do that.

France signed an independence agreement with Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef of Morocco in Paris on March 2.

Immediately afterward, serious rioting broke out in Spanish Morocco. Spanish authorities first announced two persons were

killed then raised the figure to seven. Moroccan Nationalists say that the correct total is 32.

Spain Accused France long accused Spain of fomenting violence in the Spanish zone.

Gen. Francisco Franco has summoned Lt. Gen. Raphael Garcia Valino, his high commissioner in Spanish Morocco, to Madrid for urgent consultation. Franco also has sent France the latest of a series of notes protesting that Spain's interests in Morocco have been ignored.

Spanish Morocco is only 18,000 square miles in area. But it is strategically important. It commands the southern side of the Strait of Gibraltar, only 11 1/2 miles wide at the entrance to the Mediterranean. Further, its loss to the once-great Spanish empire would be a severe blow to Spanish pride.

Spanish Morocco was peaceful during the long campaign of terrorism in French Morocco. France complained bitterly that many of the Rif Mountain tribesmen, toughest of its Moroccan rebels, operated from the Spanish Morocco side of the frontier.

Sultan Mohammed is nominally the ruler of both French and Spanish Morocco. He makes his headquarters in French Morocco. He is represented in Spanish Morocco by a caliph, a Moslem religious leader.

Actually, the two zones are entirely separate.

Relations Endangered Returning to Rabat, his capital, in triumph after winning independence in Paris, Mohammed at once warned Spain in a broadcast that opposition to granting independence to Spanish Morocco would endanger relations between Morocco and Spain.

Spain wanted to be cut in on the French-Moroccan negotiations. It protested against any agreement that would affect its own interests.

Mohammed has formed a representative government in French Morocco, with Si Bekkai as premier. He claims authority for the government in Spanish Morocco. Franco refuses to go along with that.

Franco seems ready to grant Spanish Morocco a considerable measure of home rule. But he is determined to keep it a part of his empire.

It was made known that Franco would like the sultan to visit Madrid on his way back to Morocco from Paris to talk things over. Mohammed ignored that invitation. Franco now has invited Mohammed's caliph in Morocco to go there. He was expected last Friday or Saturday but failed to show up.

Mohammed seems to be in what diplomats call a position of strength. He may cause Spain a lot of trouble.

Survivors of Missing Ship Reach Shore

Honiara, Guadalcanal (U.P.)—Survivors of the wrecked "ghost ship" Arakarimoa said Saturday sharks probably claimed the lives of four of the passengers who leaped into the sea when other rescue methods failed.

Thirteen persons made it to shore safely in dinghies from the wrecked vessel and several were left aboard including a 66-year-old man whose body was found in the wreckage. The other six dived into the shark-infested waters and only two made it to the shore.

The Arakarimoa was termed a "ghost ship" when its wreckage was found on a Guadalcanal beach with no trace of its passengers. It had been missing for several weeks in a hurricane.

Correspondents Forecast News Headlines in Foreign Affairs

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

A smouldering scrap in the Pentagon may hit the first pages. It involves the mid-range 1,500-mile guided missile. The Army and Navy are developing one together. The Air Force is working on its own. Each of the three services wants operational control of the finished product. The argument is so heated that it was a top item on the program of the Joint Chiefs of Staff meeting in Puerto Rico last week.

Apparently no solution was reached. The odds favor an announcement from Washington soon that the production of B52 inter-continental bombers will be stepped up soon. It's agreed that the United States must get going if it wants to keep Russia from pulling away in the race for strategic air power. Air Force generals want more B52s and want them faster. But Air Secretary Donald A. Quarles and Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson must decide. The B52s cost \$8 million apiece.

Here is the hottest rumor in London financial circles: When Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist Party Chief Nikita S. Khrushchev visit Britain next month they will offer Prime Minister Anthony Eden a jumbo loan of one billion pounds (\$2,800,000,000) in gold. Russia has plenty of gold in its reserves. But there's a big string attached, London says. Britain would have to abandon its restrictions on trade in some strategic goods with Communist countries. Britain hardly could do that without American agreement.

Assassination Nightmare British security officials are seriously worried over the approaching visits of the junketing Russians—including former Premier George M. Malenkov. He's due Thursday, with Bulganin and Khrushchev to follow. The nightmare: How to guard against an assassination attempt by some of the tens of thousands of bitterly anti-Red refugees in London from a dozen countries. Incidentally, diplomats say Bulganin and Khrushchev want to visit the United States — after the election.

Hong Kong believes that before the month is out the Chinese Communists are likely to free at least one of the 13 Americans they hold. The motive would be to prevent the threatened breakdown of the United States-Red Chinese negotiations in Geneva, Switzerland. The Reds want a high-level conference between Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai. As long as the Geneva talks continue, they can keep on shooting for one.

In the Hustings Look for actress Helen Hayes to hit the campaign trail for the GOP this fall. She wowed the Republican Women's National Conference in Washington last week. Later she said she wants to do "as much as I can" to help the campaign. If the much-impressed Republican National Committee has its way, she'll do just that.

Secretary Dulles is almost certain to run into a hornet's nest when he visits Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Formosa on his current Asia tour. Chinese Nationalists are angry over United States investigations of a passport racket involving Chinese in America. They charge unfair discrimination. Chinese in the United States appealed to Chiang. He reacted quickly. He already has taken their complaint to Ambassador Karl Rankin. He'll take it up with Dulles too.

On the other hand, when Under Secretary of Agriculture True D. Moss says, as he has said, that small farms will have to go to the wall because large farms are more economically viable, he makes Secretary Benson's protestation of attachment to family-sized farms sound pretty hollow. This, clearly, is the basic thing that arouses the farmers against Benson.

In the end, no doubt, the real point will have to be recognized, that family-sized farms have a very great social value, which makes a national investment to sustain independent farming a paying proposition for the long term. When that time comes, a distinction will somehow have to be made, between the big operators who have no claim to national support, and the family-sized farmers who still constitute this nation's roots in the American soil, over-urbanized as we unfortunately are.

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THE people who are not prosperous are the folk on the family-sized farms. They are so unprosperous, in fact, that this nation is virtually beginning to be divided into two nations. A single statistic tells the story. Per capita farm income has now declined to the level of \$860 a year, whereas the per capita income of Americans off the farm

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