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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 20, 1946 (It was Wednesday) Patrons of Medford school district approve \$500,000 bond issue for improvements, 368-31.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Today is officially the first day of spring. Spring? Bah! say many of the Older Girls.

20 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1926 (It was Friday) Local Red Cross chapter sets \$450 as quota for area's contribution to flood victims in eastern states.

From Side Glances by Tribune Reporters: Mrs. Clyde Fichtner, apparently firmly convinced that spring has arrived, out touching up the family baby buggy with a new coat of paint.

30 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1926 (It was Saturday) Construction work at Camp Jackson for annual National Guard encampment to start soon.

President Calvin Coolidge's father dies in Plymouth, Vt.

40 YEARS AGO

March 20, 1916 (It was Monday) Gold bearing ore in Birdseye creek near Gold Hill found; worth between \$285 and \$15,000 per ton.

Farmers and Fruitgrowers league resolves that smudge oil is best method known as a proper frost protector.

What's the Answer?

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

1. Widow of a worker under social security gets the same annuity on reaching 65 as he would have had, or three-fourths or one-half as large?

2. Available evidence indicates that more men or women vote in U.S. elections, or about the same number of each?

3. Formosa belonged on the eve of World War II to China, France, Great Britain, Japan or Russia?

4. The birth rate is higher or lower in big cities than in small towns, or about the same?

5. Senate committee recommending censure of Senator McCarthy in 1954 was headed by Senator Johnson (Tex.), Knowland (Calif.), Mase (S.D.), Watkins (Utah) or Gore (Tenn.)?

6. The Carlsbad Caverns are in Arizona, Kentucky, New Mexico, Virginia or southern France?

7. Henry Montgomery Jr. is the real name of which well known TV producer?

The Answers: 1. Three-fourths as large; 2. More men; 3. To Japan; 4. Lower; 5. Sen. Watkins; 6. New Mexico; 7. Robert Montgomery.

Smelt Run in Cowlitz; Dippers Have Fair Luck

Longview — (U.P.) — A smelt run was reported in the Cowlitz river today but bank dippers were reported to have had only fair luck because the fish stuck to deep water in the lower river. Commercial boats took about 60 boxes of 50 pounds each Sunday night. Many had almost given up hopes there would be a run this season.

What Persuaded McKay?

Who or what DID persuade Secretary of the Interior McKay to agree to resign his cabinet job and run against Senator Wayne Morse for the Upper House?

The general supposition at first was it must have been the President. But Secretary McKay has publicly denied this. He says in effect, no one persuaded him. He decided to run himself.

YET as the Mail Tribune correspondent in Washington, A. Robert Smith brought out so clearly in Sunday's paper:

On Monday, March 5th, in an hour's interview, Mr. McKay said he hoped to retire to his beloved Oregon, reiterating that he had no intention of running for Morse's senate seat, that at 62 he was too old to tackle that sort of a job, that a younger man should take over, etc., etc.

ON THE NEXT Tuesday, March 6, Secretary McKay told the same story to an Associated Press representative. He said he would not make the senate race, but unless the President wished him to remain in the cabinet he would retire.

On the day following, (Wednesday, the 7th), Secretary McKay was invited to breakfast by Leonard Hall, the dynamic G.O.P. chairman and the pressure was put on hard from the standpoint that the defeat of Wayne Morse on the Republican agenda came second only in importance to a victory for "Ike" and that the Secretary was the one man to do it, Lamar Toozoo and Phil Hitchcock, the other contenders being not well enough known in Oregon.

According to Correspondent Smith, although the pressure was considerable Secretary McKay was STILL unconvinced.

THE NEXT DAY, however, Mr. McKay was called to a conference at the White House. En route, (again according to Reporter Smith), he told an AP reporter he was still opposed to making the race against Morse. But presto, bingo! — that afternoon, only a few hours later, Secretary and Mrs. McKay were on a plane en route to Salem, Oregon, and the following day the controversial Secretary of Interior, did what he had maintained for weeks and only the day before, he would never do—entered the lists to kick his old-time enemy Wayne Morse out of the US Senate and take the seat for the next six years himself.

SECRETARY McKay still stuck to his original story however, that President Eisenhower did not ask him to run, but was immensely pleased when Oregon's former governor told him he had decided to do so.

There is no reason to doubt this.

It comes down then, largely to a matter of semantics.

No doubt the President did not put his arm around "Dear Doug's" shoulder and plead with him to make the race and thus save the GOP and the nation. But his "alter ego," Sherman Adams probably did do something of the sort, so it was in reality the realization that his boss and revered leader WANTED him to make the race, and would be sorely displeased and disappointed if he didn't, that as Reporter Smith expressed it:

"Pushed McKay into a campaign he personally did not wish to enter."

—R.W.R.

He Refuses to Quit

There was a second big surprise in this all-out GOP effort to "get" Wayne Morse—or else!

It was assumed in Washington that Messrs. Toozoo and Hitchcock would meekly acquiesce and when they got word from "On High" that Secretary McKay had been properly chosen and anointed, they would fold up their tents and quietly sneak away.

Attorney Toozoo did so. But former State Senator Hitchcock appeared to be made of sterner stuff.

AT ANY RATE, on his visit here Mr. Hitchcock assured his friends and supporters he was in the race to stay. He believed he had a better chance of beating Oregon's senior Senator than the vulnerable and reactionary Secretary of the Interior, and that in justice to those who believed as he did, he would not, regardless of what pressure might be brought, obey the command to quit and retreat, even if it were issued from GHQ or thereabouts.

WIN, LOSE or draw, candidate Hitchcock is to be commended for his spirit and independence. More than that, he will find plenty of support among Republicans for his contention that he would give Wayne Morse a harder run for his money than the Secretary of the Interior.

For all the true TR "conservationists" are not in the Democratic party by any means. Nor are all the advocates of public power over private power at Hells Canyon or at similar multiple projects. Thousands of liberal Republicans particularly here in the northwest are as critical of the Interior Department's record under McKay as any of the Democrats, and while probably few of them would like to vote for Wayne Morse, not many of them would vote for six more years of McKay "give away" doctrine in the US Senate—or anywhere else either.

So while as things now stand it isn't probable, it is POSSIBLE, that young Hitchcock may pull one of the big upsets of the campaign and thus allow Secretary McKay to do what he really wants to do—retire from public life and hand over the job of carrying the torch for the Grand Old Party to younger and more eager hands.—R.W.R.

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.

Unhappy About Roads

To the Editor: As most readers are aware there is some legislation pending in the Congress in connection with a huge multi-billion dollar road building program. Some of our crooked politicians both local and otherwise, seem to think the federal government just reaches up into their air and grabs this money. They find it very convenient to forget that the people as a whole are the ones who will ultimately have to pay for it. May I ask, what in Hades, have they squandered the public road money for since gasoline taxes came into being? Such things, I suppose, as conventions, parties, bribes, kickbacks to implement and machinery firms and/or salesmen. There is no reason for sending a representative to a Road Builders convention. Political roads are the only kind built there. Engineers and their assistants are supposed to know how to build roads when they get out of college.

How many gallons of gasoline are sold in the state of Oregon and gasoline taxes collected thereon yearly? Plenty we don't get proper benefit from—that is certain. May I ask why our county roads have big puddles of water in the middle? Simple, the center of the road is oftentimes lower than the edges.

Now may I ask why wasn't that sum of over \$800,000 paid to Jackson county over a year ago by the O&C revested lands put to use on our roads instead of being wasted on the school programs. All the schools do with a windfall like that, is spend it for so-called sports, baseball—football—basketball—tennis and other nonsensical projects of the nature.

May I remind the readers of the story of the king of old who found he wasn't getting full value from the taxes collected from his subjects. He questioned his prime minister and for answer the prime minister picked up a cube of ice at his end of the table and started passing it hand to hand to the king. When the cube of ice arrived at the king's hand it had diminished considerably in size. Thus the king understood.

Moral of the story is—reduce the number of hands the money goes through. That also goes for government bureaus.

Yours for better roads at lower cost.

Floyd R. McCabe, Butte Falls, Ore.

Answer to All Ills

To the Editor: I think there is a lot of undue fuss about the water situation. Personally I think if people would change their diets and eat the food that the Lord intended they should without ruining it in the "process," they would be better off. Even in this modern age we can still eat natural food if we want to and care to go to the extra work it takes.

I have a small hand mill with which I grind all our cereal of wheat or corn. I use the corn meal for corn bread, also and make muffins and bread of the flour. I make all of our bread, of whole wheat flour.

There are some people who will agree with me when I say that all the ills of this modern civilization are caused by wrong diet. I wish everyone could read the book I read this week entitled "The National Malnutrition" by D. T. Quigley, M.D. Edna M. McCall, Route 1, Box 413, Central Point, Ore.

Fluoride and Iodine

To the Editor: In regards to the March 18 letter by Dr. Holt, whom I admire very much. I think it was very wise for him to bring out the significant parallel between iodine and fluorine.

I agree with Dr. Holt that iodized salt is necessary in this area and for that reason I use it—but I do not feel that just because I use it that I should expect my neighbor to use it also. In fact, I know a lady who has a thyroid condition in which iodine could do her considerable harm and therefore she does not use iodized salt.

Since iodine in table salt is on an optional basis, I think the same type of thing should be done with fluorine. Let the majority, if the majority wants it—have it—but let's also respect the rights and privileges of the minority—and not force it on them if there is some other way to get it to the majority—and there certainly seems to be such a way.

Incidentally, I notice that the Roseburg Medical association is opposed to fluoridation since they say and I quote "Dental caries is not a public health, but one of personal oral hygiene." To this I agree.

Yours for taking iodine as an example and adding fluorine to something other than our public water supply.

B. A. Miller, 728 Newtown St. Medford, Ore.

Doing Things Backward

To the Editor: Aren't we doing a lot of things backward? Take our educational system for instance. Children entering school do very much as they choose as though they had the knowledge they came to acquire. What sense to that? They are treated like infants although they are physically and mentally superior to children a decade or so past who managed very nicely with much stiffer assignments and greater quantities of knowledge to devour.

In high school they are usually humored with more extra curricular activities than of subject matter needed to develop their talents and abilities in preparation for their future life. Courses are chosen which require the least effort. Grades are obtained without acquiring much knowledge. Freedom of expression quite often destroys a class period's usefulness. Ego displaces wisdom. Graduation day puts them on top of the world, or does it?

College time finds them wondering what they know and are fitted for. Counsel helps with a decision. Then they find themselves in a straight jacket. At least they are very definitely told what to do, what to learn, what the answers are. Reactions to ideas are discouraged. The student is squelched. Twelve years of delusion ends in repression of ideas, individual thinking and incentive to carry on. Research in knowledge is stopped.

No wonder we haven't put out any wonderful educators in the last decade! No wonder we're lacking in men and women of ability in all the fields of endeavor! Working backwards is getting us no place fast.

Frances Ray, Ralston, Wash.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, the wires are buzzing with reports that the communist party chief, Khrushchev, has denounced Stalin as a blundering murderer.

The dispatches report that Soviet representatives in London—including Malenkov, who is visiting there—appear to be badly shaken by the news. Malenkov was two hours late in showing up for an appointment. Soviet Ambassador to London Jakob Malik postponed a conference with the Japanese envoy at the last minute.

WHAT cooks? I wouldn't know. I doubt if anyone outside the inner and secret circles of the Kremlin knows what is in the wind.

History tells us that when an absolute dictator dies he leaves behind him in key spots a crew of his loyal henchmen. These henchmen are intent on protecting their jobs—and their necks. They want to see things go on just as they have been going on—and they are historically inclined to be suspicious and fearful of the new crew that takes over at the top.

THERE may be too many of these Stalin henchmen in the lower ranks of the present Soviet structure, and the present dictators may be denouncing Stalin as a preliminary to LIQUIDATING the Stalinists who remain in the outfit.

I don't guarantee that guess, but at least it sounds like a reasonable one.

MORE on the U. S. Senate and the farm bill (I hate to go harping on this string, but the handling of the 1956 farm bill in the congress is so typical of the politics of this particular campaign year that it deserves thoughtful attention on the part of all of us mere voters.)

Just before recessing on Friday night for the week-end, the senate approved an amendment to the farm bill providing a half billion dollars for federal purchase of beef, pork and other perishables not eligible for other types of price supports.

The obvious reason for the amendment is that there is a sizeable number of voters among the producers of beef, pork and other perishable farm products not presently eligible for price support. The senators figured it wouldn't be good politics to leave ANYBODY out.

ONE can't help being sympathetic with the farmers, whose prices are going down while more or less everybody else's prices are going up. But let's take a critical look at the situation.

Our agricultural trouble tracks us back to the fact that we have been producing more than the markets will absorb. As a result, staggering surpluses are accumulating. As long as it remains profitable—because of government subsidies—to over-produce the markets we'll go on over-producing, and the surplus-

Matter of Fact by Joe and Stewart Alsop

THE END OF STALIN Washington—In the Soviet Union, the truth about Stalin is now being told with a vengeance, and even rather vengefully.



It is difficult to imagine a more macabre scene than the special session of the Communist Party Congress at which Nikita Khrushchev made the astonishing speech that has now leaked out. Here were the heirs of Stalin, and all the higher managers of the iron system that he formed.



Here, on the platform itself, were not a few hands were deeply stained with the blood Stalin shed. Here, at the speaker's stand, was the stocky, outwardly jolly little man whom Stalin personally chose to preside over the ruthless massacres that reduced the restive Ukraine to the final subject after the war. And this little man was saying the unsayable, mentioning the unmentionable, speaking about the unspeakable—pounding out all the long tale of Stalin's purges in the army and purges in the party, of Stalin's secret assassinations and encouraged suicides, of Stalin's plots and counterplots, of Stalin's sadism and megalomania.

And he was saying, furthermore, that almost all of Stalin's victims, who were also the victims remember, of the same iron system Nikita Khrushchev now directs, had after all been innocent of any crimes. And so the memories were honored of those same "criminal beasts" whom Nikita Khrushchev and every other man on the platform and in the hall had so loudly reviled, when they fell under

the displeasure of the old dictator and were thus condemned to die.

If the reports of Khrushchev's speech are correct, in truth this scene at the Party Congress must have reached the heights of sordid drama of these scenes in the Roman Senate, after the death of one of the tyrant emperors, for which the great Tacitus always dipped his historian's pen in acid of double strength.

The magnates of the empire, living in fear no longer, were hurrying to celebrate the tyrant's passing. Days or even hours before, they had prostrated themselves before the dead man to lick the dust from his shoes, and they had hastened to obey his most sanguinary whims. But now they would draw their purple-bordered togas close about them in a brave show of righteous indignation. And one by one, they would bitterly denounce the crimes they had formerly applauded, and boldly heap blame on the dead for the crimes they had themselves committed.

Thus far back in history one must go to find an adequate parallel for the scene at the Party Congress. But the question remains just what does this scene mean to us?

A simple answer is given by George F. Kennan, the student of the Soviet Union whose judgment has most often been sustained by events. It means, he says, "That a morbid monster has now been replaced by jolly gangsters." In Kennan's opinion, Satlin was one of those whom the corruption of absolute power deprived of common humanity, without, alas, depriving him of uncommon ability. His successors are products of the Stalin system, but they are not inhuman; they are embittered by all the humiliations that Stalin made them suffer; and in a sense they mean what they are saying about him.

For the people of the Soviet Union, this new tincture of humanity among their rulers no doubt promises somewhat better days. The terror is over. It is not likely to be re-inaugurated either, although the instruments of terror still persist, because the great postwar rise of Soviet national income has now given the Soviet peoples a standard of living high enough so terror is needless.

At the same time, the true priorities in the Soviet state were strongly re-emphasized at this same Party Congress by none other than Georgi Malenkov, whose complicity in Stalin's plots is now a source of great personal danger. As Premier, Malenkov had advocated more consumer's goods to gain support for his failing power. As a beaten man in the power race, Malenkov confessed his former error. Under orders, he promulgated the still-standing rule of the Soviet Presidium, that the needs of the Russian people must be wholly subordinated to the needs of the State's heavy and military industry.

The Malenkov speech, in turn, is the real key to the riddle. It is the ugly answer to the complacency-mongers who say the

Removal of Morse From Ballot Sought

Salem — (U.P.) — A suit was filed in Circuit Court here yesterday to remove the name of Sen. Wayne Morse from the Democratic primary election ballot. The suit was filed by Woody Smith, Morse's opponent for the Democratic nomination.

Smith claimed that it is his "information and belief that Wayne Morse is not, in fact, a Democrat in good faith but is instead a Republican."

Lane County Elections Deputy Lloyd Payne said in Eugene that Morse is a registered Democrat. The senator withdrew his registration as a Republican and Feb. 17, 1955 registered as a Democrat, Payne said.

Ex-State Insurance Commissioner Dies

Portland — (U.P.) — A. H. Averill, 88, former state insurance commissioner and Portland commissioner of public docks, died Sunday. Averill was state insurance commissioner from 1931 to 1935. He served as commissioner of public docks from 1927 to 1947.

Soviet Union has changed, and so the West may now disarm, and go to sleep. It shows that the new Soviet rulers have abandoned Stalin's ways, but they have not altered Stalin's priorities or forgotten his goals.

Of course the Soviet has changed. So did Rome change when Claudius replaced the mad Caligula, and Vespasian won Nero's purple. The good emperors were certainly better than the bad emperors. But alas they were not better for Rome's neighbors. A considerable part of the "meditations" of Marcus Aurelius was written in the field, in a General's tent by night, in the c-mops of the legions, and the Romans of our own day owe the language they still speak to the philosopher-emperor's career as a stern conqueror. Khrushchev is no philosopher-ruler, but once again the parallel fits.

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