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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: April 13, 1946. (It was Saturday) Carroll Lewis elected commander of the newly organized Jacksonville Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column; The Sixth st. crossing is outstripping the Main Stem in popularity, as a place for autoists to scare the daylighters out of themselves, and eagles.

20 YEARS AGO: April 13, 1936. Herb Grey, advertising manager of Mail Tribune, elected president of Oregon State Editorial Association Advertising Managers at annual convention in Portland.

Safeway store to occupy building being constructed by John R. Tomlin, on East Sixth st. near Bartlett st.

30 YEARS AGO: April 13, 1926. (It was Tuesday) Massachusetts state authorities issue warrants for arrest of Babe Ruth in connection with income tax collection.

Bids for constructing hangars for air mail planes at Barber Field here awarded.

40 YEARS AGO: April 13, 1916. (It was Thursday) J. A. Westerlund of Medford and Benton Bowlers of Ashland elected delegates to state convention by Jackson County Taxpayers league.

From Applegate news: There are only seventy-five people registered in this precinct out of two hundred or more, but will probably get busy later on.

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

1. The N.A.A.C.P. is an organization to protect animals, children, Communists, Negroes, Jews or Catholics?

2. Stuart Symington is a Democratic Senator from Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi or Missouri?

3. Most of the women who take jobs on graduating from college today take teaching jobs; right or wrong?

4. There are one, two, three, four or no Fridays the 13th this year?

5. When a letter or parcel is mailed from the U.S. to a foreign country, the U.S. keeps all the postage paid, or the foreign country gets all, or is it shared 50-50?

6. The speed of light is about 186,000 miles an hour, half-hour, minute, half-minute or second?

7. Virginia Dare was a wine grower, a candy maker, the first child of English descent born in America, wife of John Smith, or heroine of a Longfellow poem?

The answers: 1. Negroes. 2. Missouri. 3. Right. 4. Three. 5. U.S. keeps all. 6. 186,000 miles a second. 7. First child of English descent born in America.

INDIAN FEAST AT MADRAS: Madras—(U.P.)—Indians from all over the Northwest will be at the Warm Springs reservation Saturday and Sunday for the annual Root Feast.

Thoughts on Music

Music is everywhere. Thanks to radio, television, phonograph and juke box, no one today can entirely miss exposure to it in one form or another.

Some people get thorough enjoyment from this musical smorgasbord; some enjoy portions of it; some are indifferent.

Not everyone enjoys music. We suspect this is because they have not been exposed to it in a propitious manner.

DR. SIGMUND SPAETH, the noted "tune detective," talked about music the other night for an Ashland Knife and Fork audience, and he did so entertainingly and interestingly.

"Music," he declared, "is the organization of sound toward beauty."

Sound which is organized can be music; sound which is disorganized is noise.

And despite the fact that some modern music sounds to us completely disorganized, by and large we agree. The delight of music is in rhythm, pattern, melody and form.

UNLESS one is completely tone-deaf, and we've known a few people who were, music can be an acquired taste. Dr. Spaeth's talk largely was designed to provide suggestions for making the acquisition of this taste a painless—even enjoyable—process.

And it can be enjoyable. The tune detective described three ways of enjoying music. The first is the most elementary, he said: rhythm.

Most of us start toe-tapping at the sound of a band playing march music. Most of us respond to other forms of musical rhythm. Savage chants, waltzes and other similar musical responses are based largely on rhythm. It's easy, it's natural, and it's universal.

THE second stage, Dr. Spaeth noted, is the enjoyment of music with the emotions, something which is difficult to describe in words, but which most of us know and acknowledge.

This type of appreciation ranges from the mooning of the puppy-love-struck swain in response to a Tin Pan Alley ballad of unrequited affection, to a martial spirit inspired by a good march, and on to practically every other type of emotion.

It is a fact that a series of musical pieces, ranging from one extreme to another, can completely change the mood of an individual sensitive to the emotional charges of music.

THE third type of intellectual response to music. This is the most rarified, certainly, and the least necessary for basic enjoyment. But it does have its place, particularly for those who take their music seriously, and find pleasure in marking the contrapuntal gyrations of Bach, as most of us find it in humming or whistling.

The intellectual stimulus, according to Dr. Spaeth, is virtually unlimited. But it is impossible without the first two.

A FINAL point he made impressed us. He said he avoids the word "classical" in describing music. He prefers the word "permanent." For only the great works of music will last, and not all these are in the "classic" definition, which, used strictly, applies to works of music of a particular period.

Some musical compositions ordinarily described as "classics" are nothing of the sort; they're just plain boring—uninspired and uninspiring. This may be heresy of a sort, but it's the plain truth.

On the other hand, there are some light, gay, tuneful and rhythmic pieces which show promise of permanence.

THE point which Dr. Spaeth was trying to make, and which we second, is that music should provide true enjoyment. If it doesn't it's no good for the individual concerned who gets no benefit. But it is equally true that this enjoyment can be stimulated and broadened by an open-minded and receptive attitude, rather than one which is an automatic and unthinking rejection.

The advice we would offer is simply this: Relax and enjoy it.—E.A.

Advice to Salesmen

Most people who are out of their teens can readily remember the days of shortages—of standing in lines for cigarettes, for nylons, for shirts.

Those were the days when salespeople could—and often did—stand around, ignoring the needs of the would-be buyers until it suited their fancy to wait on them. For the buyers, it was infuriating, but there wasn't much one could do about it.

TIMES have changed. It is more of a buyers' market now, and only in rare instances do clerks serve customers to shift for themselves and wait for service. Standards of courtesy have also improved, until now it's more of a pleasure to go into most stores than it used to be.

But there are a few steps yet to be taken before perfection is reached. That won't be until male customers are no longer referred to as "fella" or "bud," and women as "honey," "dearie," or "kid."—E.A.

Surplus Food To Be Sent Abroad

Washington — (U.P.) — The Agriculture Department donated 1,400,000,000 pounds of surplus foods worth \$414,400,000 to needy persons in the United States and abroad during the first nine months of fiscal 1956.

Donations for the July-March period were 65 per cent larger than during the same period a year ago.

Balance Sheet of International News Separates Good and Bad

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

The Good

1. Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist Party leader Nikita S. Khrushchev showed acute disappointment over the arrangements made for their visit to Great Britain next week. They complained publicly that the program laid out by Prime Minister Anthony Eden gave them no chance to meet ordinary British people. They got nowhere. It was made plain that Eden was determined to discuss cold war issues with the visitors and not let them stage another of their propaganda circuses. It was made plain also that Eden would not heed any bid to make the visit the opening wedge for a Big Four "Summit" conference. The whole visit may prove a diplomatic flop from the viewpoint of "Mr. B.

and Mr. K." insofar as propaganda is concerned. Eden wants to make it a strictly business one.

2. A bright spot appeared in the dark North African picture. Nationalist leader Habib Bourguiba agreed to take over the prime ministry of Tunisia under the agreement by which France granted independence to its former protectorate. Bourguiba is a better foe of "colonialism." But he is a moderate, and he is regarded as the most able leader in French North Africa.

3. Spanish Foreign Minister Alberto Martin Artajo arrived in Washington on an 11-day visit to the United States. He is the first high Spanish leader to come to this country since Generalissimo Francisco Franco took over power in 1939. Bitterly anti-Communist, and with a strong army, Spain is becoming increasingly linked with the Allied defense set-up in Europe. The United States is building import-

The Bad

1. The Palestine situation became more explosive day by day. Israelis were enraged over Egyptian commando raids deep inside Israel territory. The United States and Great Britain were alarmed over indications of an anti-Allied attitude by Egyptian President—Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser.

2. The Allied position in southern Asia was weakened seriously when the strongly pro-western government of Ceylon was defeated overwhelmingly by a nationalist and "neutralist" coalition led by Solomon W. R. D. Bandaranaike. There was another unfavorable development when Iran, a member of the Middle Eastern Defense Organization, made a formal demand that Britain hand over the oil-rich island of Bahrain, in the Persian Gulf. Bahrain is a British protectorate.

3. Algeria, adjoining Tunisia in North Africa, seethed with revolt. The sorely beset French government was compelled to decide to call 80,000 reservists to the colors to combat the rebels, now fighting sometimes as a disciplined army instead of a guerrilla force. The call for reservists was sure to prove unpopular in France, and to threaten the stability of Premier Guy Mollet's coalition cabinet. Disagreement also developed between Mollet and his co-leader, Pierre Mendes-France, over Algerian policy.

Importance of Books, Libraries, Emphasized

By ROGER BABSON Babson Park, Mass. — Very few people appreciate the great value of books, and our God-given privilege of being able to read.

The most valuable asset of your community is its Public Library, not its swimming pool, ball park, or

Roger W. Babson golf course. One of the first things in which I invested my savings was in books. I personally now have in my two homes a total of about 10,000 volumes. About 700 of these are reference books, including several different sets of Encyclopedias. As Thomas Dreier, board chairman of the St. Petersburg, Fla., Public Library so well says, "Public Libraries can feed one's brains as supermarkets feed the stomach; actually, they should be advertised just as food stores are advertised." This is a good thought.

You often think you would like to listen to some famous man, yet you can go to your Public Library and bring home without cost all the important things which that man has ever said or thought. It is almost as if your local banker said to you—"Come and get without interest all the money you will use properly. All I ask is that you return this money to the bank in a reasonable time." Yet a better offer is being made to you by your local librarian.

Becoming a Lost Art Northwithstanding the tremendous help your Public Library can be to people, consider seriously these five facts:

1. Five out of every ten people in your city read no book the past month.

2. Nine out of ten depend primarily upon newspapers, magazines, radio, and TV.

3. Only 25 per cent read books regularly—and these are your most successful people.

4. 35 per cent have never used your Public Library.

5. 10 per cent of your people probably cannot read intelligently.

Every week I meet many successful people—manufacturers, merchants, machinists, builders, teachers, doctors, and preachers. My stock question to them is: "How do you recharge your mental batteries?" They almost unanimously reply: "By reading constructive books,—especially biographies." I also ask the Public Librarian to please notify me whenever she sees a book which might help me in my business.

Let me again quote my friend Tom Dreier as to how Public Library books will help us:

1. Library books have been carefully selected by professional readers. They are classified so as to help us quickly get the books which we like and want.

2. To prepare us for making a living and progressing in our vocation, or to help in that process.

3. To prepare us for mature and complete living—personal and family, social and civic—in today's world, and to help develop the natural, cultural, and spiritual values which benefit both the individual and society.

4. To increase our understanding of sciences and humanities and our appreciation of our cultural heritage; also our understanding of others. This greatly helps in all walks of life. Actually, the librarian's job is the job of a teacher of adults.

5. To help us interest our children in reading good books. Every Public Library has a specialist who knows how to interest their children.

"Do-it-yourself" Education As work-hours decrease, our children will have more time

to read good books. Those young people who get their education themselves from good books, I forecast, will be the leaders when they grow up. Let us use our extra hours in helping our children to help their future by good reading now.

I even forecast that the time is coming when men and women will get college degrees by studying by themselves in Public Libraries. Therefore, when you are building yourself some furniture and other things, take some time to build yourself a college degree.

Communications

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Seeking A Friend

To the Editor: As a young man, seeking a rule of life which I believed would surely fit all situations, I met a man who seemed to have the answers—his spirituality amazed me. The depth of intelligence, poise, charm, sincere friendliness; the impression of fearlessness; and general bearing gave me the satisfying feeling that this person has lived and enjoyed life with full meaning and purpose.

During our short acquaintance I learned many wonderful secrets that make for a happier life. Of the many "Spiritual Seeds" he has sown here and there some are slowly but surely taking root.

He was noted for his expression and portrayal of natural beauty of body, mind, and accomplishments. Being an admirer of this person, it is my earnest desire to locate him. J.F.G. Cone is the man—who at that time had long natural hair and beard. He was a look-out on Mt. Redoubt, Calif., and Santiago Peak, Santa Ana, Calif.

Has lived around Klamath Falls, Ore., Medford, Ore.; Redding, Calif.; Weaverville, Calif.; also Black Rock desert, Nevada, at various times since 1925.

Anyone knowing of his whereabouts, or stories and pictures on his life, and communicating with me will make someone very happy.

James D. DeMuth 4604 36th st., Sacramento, Calif.

Subjects for Hearing

To the Editor: The public hearing on April 20 at 1:30 p.m., on the proposed Saturday closure of the Jackson county courthouse, should be of interest to every farmer in Jackson county who pays his taxes by the sweat of his face. And I am not the only one who would like to have the county court see that there is some parking space for the taxpayer to park his car for this hearing.

At this same hearing it should be settled if the county court is going to allow the courthouse personnel, who are asking the favor for Saturday closure, to keep on hogging the taxpayers' parking space.

And another issue should be brought at this same hearing. At the present and for a long time the county court has had a ban on selling crushed gravel in Jackson county to farmers. At this hearing it should be discussed and some plan arrived at whereby a farmer could buy this crushed gravel when needed for use around his farm. Some other counties in Oregon make crushed gravel available to farmers; I cannot see why Jackson county cannot do the same.

This year of 1956, makes fifty years I have paid taxes in Jackson county as a farmer.

W. N. Carl Applegate, Ore., (Route 4, Box 430, Grants Pass)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Another straw blew down the political winds the other day—the primary election in the state of Illinois. Let's take a look at it and see if we can arrive at some conclusions as to where it pointed.

ONE CONCLUSION is reasonably clear. Kefauver's star of destiny was dimmed a bit.

KEFAUVER wasn't formally entered as a candidate in Illinois. So his name wasn't on the ballot. But, encouraged by the results in New Hampshire and Minnesota, he and his backers decided to try a write-in campaign. In sanctioning such a move, Kefauver took a big gamble. The questions he faced were these:

"Shall I stay out of Illinois, which is Stevenson's home state? Or shall I go in with a write-in campaign. If, in a write-in campaign, I can make a strong showing against him in his home state, I'll be on my way. If I make a poor showing, it will be bad."

He made a rather poor showing. His backers had expressed the hope that as a write-in candidate he would receive ten per cent of the Democratic vote.

As this is Illinois, with 92 per cent of the Illinois precincts in, he has received only 3.82 per cent of the Democratic vote.

SUCH is politics. You roll the dice, and you read the spots and take what happens.

WHAT of Ike and Adlai? As this is written, with some 92 per cent of the precincts counted, 783,031 votes have been cast for Republican candidates (Eisenhower, Senator Knowland and a self-starter named Daly) and 710,127 for Democratic candidates (Stevenson and Kefauver).

Of the TOTAL vote cast and counted as this is written, Ike has received 48 per cent and Adlai (in his home state) has received 47.4 per cent. If President Eisenhower is the Republican candidate and Mr. Stevenson the Democratic candidate and if those percentages should hold good in November, it will be a tight race in Illinois.

But a lot of water will flow under the bridge between now and November.

THERE was one interesting and perhaps significant develop-

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

SOMETHING TO PONDER

London—Although very few people seem to realize it as yet, Britain has not been so near to

ruin since the dark but glorious days of 1940. The danger is long term rather than immediate. It is economic rather than military. For these very reasons, there is no widespread sense of danger in this beautiful, outwardly prosperous city, whose whole surface positively glows, nowadays, with the curiously cosy splendor that is an English specialty.

Yet the danger is no less deadly because it is all but invisible, thus far, to those who do not share the special knowledge of Britain's smaller inner circle of politicians and civil servants. What these men know can be rather simply stated.

Britain is absolutely dependent on raw material resources in the ex-colonial areas which have now become the primary targets of a brilliant Kremlin pressure campaign.

The tough and able new Chancellor of the Exchequer, Harold MacMillan, therefore has a hard task. The budget he will shortly present to Parliament is going to be extremely austere. It will also include heavy cuts in the British defense program. With such a budget, MacMillan is expected to carry Britain under the present economic collar.

But nothing MacMillan or anyone else can do will really protect Britain from a bad final outcome in the Middle East, where the crisis is already grave. It is hard to see how Britain can even be protected from a bad final outcome in Malaya. There another crisis is likely to start in a few weeks, when and if Colonial Security Lennox-Boyd refuses the Singapore government's demand for immediate local autonomy, as he is now expected to do.

IN SHORT the ferment in these ex-colonial areas has begun to threaten Britain with final bankruptcy. This menace of ruin, in turn, is the real reason for the British actions, in Cyprus for example, which the State Department has been smugly characterizing as ill judged and hysterical. Rightly or wrongly, the British cabinet is convinced that other retreat in Cyprus would render the whole Middle Eastern position finally untenable.

Cyprus, the British policymakers argue, is the only possible staging base for troops bound for the Middle East. This seems a cardinal point to the British, because they are grimly determined to hold their most valuable and easily defensible oil resources, in Kuwait, by naked force if the need arises. In British eyes, therefore, it is Cyprus versus Britain. And they choose Britain.

MAYBE the British judgment is altogether wrong. But the narrowness of the British margin is a hard, practical fact. The finality of the present danger to Britain is another hard, practical fact. The finality of the present danger to Britain is another hard, practical fact. The Kremlin understands these facts and is most astutely seeking to turn them to advantage.

Unless the Eisenhower Administration's policy makers squarely face these facts and energetically prepare to deal with their possible consequences, the present troubles can eventually produce the most shattering defeat the Western Alliance has suffered in all the ten years of the cold war.

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Congressional Quiz

(Copyright 1956 Congressional Quarterly) Q—Twelve Presidents have held the rank of Army general, but only two were graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Who were they?

A—Ulysses S. Grant and Dwight D. Eisenhower, both Republicans. Other generals were George Washington, Andrew Jackson, William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Franklin Pierce, Andrew Johnson, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester A. Arthur and Benjamin Harrison.

Q—In what city was the first national convention held to nominate Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates?

A—Baltimore, Md., on Sept. 26, 1831, by the Anti-Mason Party. The National Republicans met in December, 1831, the Democrats in May, 1832, both in Baltimore. Since 1832 all nominations for President and Vice President have been made by convention. (An earlier nominating convention held by the Federalists in New York in 1812 was secret, more regional than national.)

ment in Illinois. In the early returns last night, heavily weighted with results from Chicago and other large cities, Adlai was running FAR AHEAD of Ike.

But as the count from the RURAL areas came in Ike climbed steadily and as this is written he is a shade ahead in the total vote cast.

ILLINOIS is a big farm state. If, when all the votes are in and counted, it turns out that the rural areas didn't switch as heavily to the Democratic side as had been anticipated, it will be at least interesting.

Democratic strategy in this election year is slanted toward the objective of holding the South, picking up some large industrial states and carrying the big Midwestern farm states with the help of a high party farm bill.

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