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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 25, 1946 (It was Thursday)

Both the Riverside USO and the Officer's Outpost announce closing dates.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The state legion convention here next July has been called off, due to the lack of housing. This enables the Salvation Army to continue their monopoly on bass drum beating hereabouts.

20 YEARS AGO April 25, 1936 (It was Saturday)

Strict enforcement of quarantine declared to be an absolute necessity by Dr. A. N. Johnson, county health officer as small-pox continued to spread.

National Vice Commander Oscar W. Worthwine of the American Legion will be honor guest at a meeting in Roseburg next Tuesday.

30 YEARS AGO April 25, 1926 (It was Sunday)

The announcement of a new county agent for Jackson county, which has not had such an official since last January, is expected soon.

Dr. J. Earl Else of Portland will give a lecture on goiter and its prevention April 27, at the First Methodist church.

40 YEARS AGO April 25, 1916 (It was Tuesday)

The senior class of Medford high school is rehearsing a play to be staged at the Page theatre about the middle of May.

Mary Antin will speak in the small hall of the Natatorium tonight on the subject "Preparedness.—For What?"

GOING TO KOREA Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—A Seoul newspaper said today that former U.S. ambassador to Russia William C. Bullitt may be appointed American ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

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

- 1. Stevenson says that if the South walks out on the Democratic party this year, it would hurt the party only a little, or wreck it, or really help it? 2. More synthetic or natural rubber is used in the U.S. each year, or is about 50-50? 3. Democratic national convention of 1952 did or didn't adopt a strong civil rights plank that caused some Southern delegations to walk out? 4. U.S. forces in the Philippines resisted the Japs for about four weeks, four months, or eight months after invasion in 1941. 5. Deepest canyon in the U.S. is on the Colorado, Yellowstone, Snake, Columbia or Ausable river? 6. Almost all the large states vote the same way in a close Presidential election; right or wrong? 7. Most cancers of the mouth are easy or difficult to detect in their early stages? The Answers: 1. Says it would wreck the party. 2. More synthetic. 3. Didn't (that was in 1948). 4. About four months. 5. Snake. 6. Wrong. 7. Easy.

Tomorrow Is the Day

Tomorrow is the day when southern Oregon residents can do one of two things:

- 1. They can stand up and make the Southern Pacific revise its public-be-damned attitude. Or— 2. They can forget about the whole thing, and let Southern Pacific get away with what has been called "systematic murder" of service over a period of 30 years.

OREGON'S Public Utilities Commissioner is holding hearings on SP's arbitrary cancellation of passenger service to this area. The outcome of his hearings will determine what, if anything, he will do to force the SP to provide service to this area.

The issue is NOT restoration of the ancient Night-crawler, sometimes known as the Rogue River Rock-et. The issue IS modern, rapid, clean and efficient rail service to an area of 200,000 population, which pays the SP through the nose for its highly profitable freight operation.

THE issue is NOT whether SP is losing money on passenger operation. The issue IS whether the people have anything to say about the business conduct of a monopoly public utility.

(It should be pointed out that virtually every business has some operation which is a money-loser. But they are continued because the service is an integral part of the over-all picture and a source of cultivating good will).

The issue IS NOT whether people patronized the slow, cumbersome, inconvenient trains which the SP reluctantly operated, and increasingly choked off, during the 30 years after the main line went east of the mountains.

The issue IS whether people would patronize a good service.

THE hearing begins at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the federal court rooms in the Medford post office. The public is invited, is welcome, is urged to attend.

If you've got a piece to say, you can say it without embarrassment and without fear.

Our hope is that the public will turn out and show the SP who's running this state, anyhow — the people and their elected representatives, or a board of railroad directors in San Francisco.—E.A.

Prescott State Park

It was a beautiful day last Sunday. So we packed the kids and the family secretary of health, education and welfare into the car, drove up Roxy Ann.

The view from the butte was breath-taking. To the south the summit peaks of the Siskiyoues were visible, and still had their caps of snow. To the west the multiple ranges of the coastwise mountains loomed in varying shades of green, blue and purple. Spread out below to the south, west and north was the patterned loveliness of the Rogue valley—its fields, orchards, homes, cities and industries.

TO THE northeast are the white-topped summits of the mountains which form the rim of Crater lake. Almost due east is Mt. McLoughlin, the pristine and snowy slopes of which form a picture of great beauty.

The tumbled, rugged foothills of the Cascades mount in the foreground to the east and southeast.

The city, with limited funds, has improved the roads and the picnic spots so that they are usable. The old signs, first put up years ago, are still legible. But over all there is a sadness of neglect and partial disuse.

How far a few dollars of maintenance and improvement funds would go here!!

FOR in addition to the magnificent views from our mountaintop park, the area itself is vastly attractive.

On Sunday the slopes were covered with wildflowers of every variety and hue — from the bright dabs of the Indian paint brush to the delicate colors of lambs tongue and others which took us back to the wild flower gathering days of many years ago.

Properly cared for, and properly publicized, Prescott park could well become an attraction of considerable stature, and attract people for miles around to enjoy it. What other city can boast a park on top of a mountain (except possibly Portland, where Mt. Taber can't begin to compete with what Roxy Ann has to offer)?

BUT the park, with more than 1,700 acres, is too large for the city to care for in the way it should be cared for, or publicize in the way it should be publicized.

It is for this reason we propose that the state consider Prescott park for inclusion in the state park system.

A proposal to that effect is being made to the state highway commission. If the circumstances appear to favor the proposal, the commission will authorize the parks division to conduct a survey of Prescott park to determine whether or not it can be included in the state system.

If it does, we see no reason why the city of Medford could not turn over title to the state, for the state's park maintenance facilities are far superior to those the city can support.

We hope it can be done.—E.A.

Manila, P.I.—(U.P.)—Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, chief of U.S. naval operations, arrived at the U.S. Naval station at Sangley Point Tuesday on the first stop of a lengthy tour of the Pacific area. Burke talks today with Magsaysay and leaves tonight for Djakarta, Indonesia. Well-Known Drain Landmark Destroyed Drain—(U.P.)—The Totem Inn, a well-known landmark here, burned yesterday with loss estimated at \$30,000.

May Day Not Expected To Be Very Merry Occasion for Communists

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent It looks as if this is not going to be a very merry May Day for the Communists.

Leftists all over the world are preparing to celebrate the traditional May 1 holiday next Tuesday.

In Moscow it will be one of the two big days of the year. The other is the anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik revolution.

But the downgrading of Josef Stalin will take the edge off the festivities there and other capitals this May Day.

A lot of Communist parties outside of Russia — and a lot of Communists in Russia — will not quite know what the party line is.

A lot of Communist leaders who will make the main speeches will not know quite what to say. Some of them will be somewhat subdued also because they will not know whether they are going to be caught in the Stalin debunking.

The fact that Premier Nikolai

A. Bulganin and Communist Party Chief Nikita S. Khrushchev are sounding off about "co-existence" and world friendship will wramp the style of the orators, too.

Tokyo To Be Hot Spot Tokyo promises to be the hot spot this year. Communists and Socialists plan demonstrations by 4,000,000 leftist-led labor unionists in Japanese cities.

Of these 400,000 are to demonstrate in Tokyo alone. Militant leftist leaders have demanded the right to parade past the American States embassy, to invite American troops to come home, and past the Parliament building. Police have refused. But riots are likely.

There may be trouble in Singapore, also. Two rival leftist labor union factions plan a joint demonstration there. It may break up in a private riot or turn into an anti-Western riot.

It will be interesting to see what happens in Moscow. Last year, a gigantic new artillery piece, possibly an atomic cannon, was the feature of the mammoth May Day parade. A new weapon from the Red Army's arsenal may be unveiled this year.

But the slogans proclaimed by the Communist party Central Committee, to be displayed in

parade banners, are not very exciting. Official Slogans There will be 25 official slogans in all. One hails "The friendship and cooperation of the peoples of Britain, the United States, France and the Soviet Union." Another hails "The cooperation between Communists and Socialists and all progressive forces." And, of course, there is: "Under the leadership of the Communist party, forward to the victory of Communism." None of the slogans mentions Stalin.

But May Day will still be a big one for leftists. It started back in the middle ages, when people of all classes turned out to go "a-maying" and erected maypoles around which to dance.

The Socialists took it over in 1889, when the second international in which they were united made May 1 their labor day. In the United States, workmen of all unions selected their first Monday in September as their day.

Congress made it a national holiday in 1894. Now the Reds have made May Day their own. But the shadow of old Uncle Joe Stalin will darken their celebrations this year.



Charles M. McCann

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS These words are written in Washington (DC)—where I sat in this afternoon at an utterly fascinating but utterly disillusioning show. The show was staged in the hall of representatives in the beautiful and historic Capitol of the United States of America.

The show was fascinating because in this lovely old building some of the truly GREAT history of the world has been made. It was disillusioning because it depicted sharply the depths to which American politics has presently fallen.

THE show was the last act of the tragedy that might properly be entitled The Farm Bill of 1956.

It was started off by a motion to override the Presidential veto of the farm bill. The dramatic personae were the leaders of the Democratic party and the leaders of the Republican party.

The stage setting was the Presidential campaign of 1956, in which the job of the Democrats is at the least to retain control of the congress and at the unexpected most to capture the Presidency as well as the control of both houses of the congress.

THEIR plan of campaign has been simple. In essence it is this:

- 1. To hold the South. 2. To hold the big city vote in the big industrial states. 3. To knock off enough farm votes in the big farm states to turn the trick.

THE South belongs hereditarily to the Democrats. For two decades the big cities have belonged to the Democrats. But in 1952 the big farm states went Republican. The problem this year was to devise a farm bill that would woo the farmers back.

Hence the farm bill of 1956, which was loaded with high support prices for all the basic farm crops, despite the fact that the warehouses are bulging with farm surpluses. But, to make it foolproof, it was so put together as to leave the President no choice but to veto it.

He did veto it, and today the motion to override his veto came up in the house.

FOR nearly two hours, the house of representatives echoed and reverberated with red, white and blue oratory. The Democrats were denouncing the wicked Republicans and their wicked President—who, by his veto, had taken the bread out of the mouths of American farmers.

The Republican leaders were defending the Republican President, but were restrained somewhat in their eloquence by the fact that so many farm state Republicans had DESERTED THEIR LEADER and had gone over to the other side in the hope of saving their own political skins in their own districts by voting for high parity supports.

EVENTUALLY the oratory came to an end and the vote was taken. The voting was by yeas and nays—which is to say that as each member's name was called he answered yes or no for the record.

When the votes were counted, the tally stood at 211 votes AGAINST overriding the veto to only 202 FOR overriding it. To have prevailed, the motion to override would have had to have a two-thirds majority.

ANYWAY, it was a great show. The seats were full. The galleries were packed. The oratory was fervid. At least that much can be said for it. But not much else.

Is That So?

Volcano House, Hawaii National Park—What with automation crowding in on us, we'll soon be spending fewer hours working and more hours loafing. On the strength of this impending calamity, I spent most of the day practicing leisure.

First I pushed the button for room service and before I knew it, I was breakfasting on papaya with lime and scrambled eggs served by a comely Japanese miss.

Next I visited with Nick Lycurgus, the manager of this famous hostelry. Between the two



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of us, we tried to figure out how much lava flows out of the Mauna Loa volcano in one eruption. Getting help from the park naturalist, we found that the flow of June, 1950 poured out about one billion tons of lava from a 13-mile fissure, in 23 days.

What does that figure to? Translated into things we know, let's look at it this way: Man's greatest structure today is Grand Coulee dam. It contains 10,565,000 cubic yards of concrete. Figured at 2 tons to the yard, that's around 21,000,000 tons. Now add the next three largest dams in America—Hoover with 9,000,000 tons, Shasta with 13,000,000 and Hungry Horse with 6,000,000, and you have a total of around 49,000,000 tons. Multiply this by 20—roughly the equivalent of all dams in North America—and you have an approximation of the amount of lava which flowed out of Mauna Loa's side in just 23 days!

That done, it was time for lunch—and what could be better than broiled spring chicken rubbed with fresh ginger root and basted in soy sauce—a Volcano House specialty.

Sandalwood Once Trade Spent part of the afternoon with the national park superintendent. "In olden days," he told me, "the main trade in Hawaii was sandalwood, highly esteemed in the Orient. But within a few decades, nearly all the fragrant sandalwood was cut down. Today, only a few trees remain in the islands, mostly in the park. For obvious reasons, they are not identified."

He said that the next important trade item taken from this park area was pulu. He explained: "Pulu is a soft woolly fiber plucked from the buds and stalks of the great 20-foot-high tree ferns which abound in our rain forest. It was used for stuffing mattresses and pillows. When the industry was going full tilt, more than 800,000 pounds were collected annually." Apparently the pulu trade stopped when it was found that the pulu tended to break up into powder-fine dust which got into sleeper's lungs.

At dinner, my host, "Uncle George" Lycurgus, 93, regaled me with stories of Kalakaua, last king of Hawaii, and of Robert Louis Stevenson and Jack London, who were guests in his San Souci Hotel, Waikiki. He also told me about a former grass shack Volcano House Lodging in those days—the 1850's—was a dollar a head; a roasted hen turkey dinner came to 62½ cents. And the one large room accommodated up to 23 persons a night. It measured 14 by 20 feet!

By EUGENE BURNS Ranger-Naturalist

Strange how everyday expressions based on the outdoor follow you the world around. Heard these today: "As brave as a lion." "As proud as a peacock." "As sly as a fox." "As strong as an ox." "As poor as a churchmouse." And not a one—lion, peacock, fox, ox and churchmouse—was a native to Hawaii! In fact, the largest native animal is the Nene, a goose! Apparently the Nene started as a migratory bird, found Hawaii so much to its liking that it stayed and practically lost its powers of flight. Now, thanks to man's ruthless hunting, only about 50 of these magnificent birds remain.

Steam Rising Took an evening drive to the only drive-in crater in the world, and managed to walk the 200 feet to the yawning firepit. Steam was rising from a hundred vents, but no activity tonight.

The spectacle of Kilauea in eruption affects people differently. A member of the first white party to see the crater in action (1823) wrote: (A spectacle, sublime and appalling, presented itself before us. We stopped and trembled. Astonishment and awe for some moments rendered us mute, and, like statues, we stood fixed to the spot, with our eyes riveted on the abyss below."

A recent visitor wrote in the Hawaii National Park museum guest book: "I've seen hell. Now I want to go home." Oregon, he meant.

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Eight Children Die As Home Destroyed Corner Brook, Nfld. (U.P.)—Eight children of one family burned to death Tuesday night in this city's worst fire.

The victims, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Curtis, ranged in age from infancy to 17 years. The parents and two other children escaped without serious injury.

Firmen reported that the blaze in the Curtis home started about 9 p.m. A Fire Department official said the blaze, which "almost immediately consumed" the dwelling, was believed to have originated from a light meter.

Civil Service Exams Are Announced Here The civil service commission has announced that applications are being accepted from male applicants for clerk examinations for positions in the Washington, D. C. area. Examination announcements and application forms may be obtained from Chester W. Silliman, in the Medford post office.

The department of interior northwest board of civil service examiners has announced examinations for maintenance equipment operator. Additional information is available at the post office.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS London—Soviet Communist party chief Nikita Khrushchev when jammed against a wall by a pushing crowd of 1,500 diplomats at a reception:

Washington—U.S. spy chief Allen Dulles on Khrushchev's claim that Russia will soon have an intercontinental guided missile with an H-bomb warhead: "I don't think he (Khrushchev) is given to minimizing things. I think what he had to say is a little bit on the high side."

New York—Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, publisher of the newspaper La Prensa, on suppression of speech and press freedoms by dictators: "The silence which fear imposes does not mean agreement. Actually, tragic silence announces rebellion is hatching."

New York—Richard W. Slocum, president of the American Newspaper Publishers association, on the press battle for free access to public information: "Government agencies constantly tend to act like clams."

New York—Adlai Stevenson on Russian claims of a lead in the race to develop the intercontinental guided missile: "We've been outdistanced by the Soviet union badly and have known about it for a long time."

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS United Press Feature Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—What's a man can belly up to the bar on election day. A flood of mail from the state of Wyoming did us in. The State Tribune, in Cheyenne, among others, informs us that since repeal election day is like any other day in Wyoming.

Charles Corddry, our reporter who covered the demonstration flight of the F104, the fastest fighter plane in the world, overheard this one at Palmdale, Calif. Pilot to ground: "I'm over the ocean at the controls of a combat plane with a potential of 1400 miles an hour." Man on the ground: "Which ocean?"

The American Automobile Association reports that Robert Kretschmar of its Boston office got a call not long ago for "service on an ostrich." Seems a motorist left his car unlocked and the door open. An ostrich, apparently a household pet in the neighborhood, sneaked in, somehow got the keys out of the ignition switch, and swallowed them. Rather than molest the bird, the AAA tried a lot of keys until it found one that fit.

Cosco Bays—(U.P.)—Otto Effenberger, Tillamook county judge, was elected president of the Oregon Coast association here yesterday as the group wound up its three-day conclave.

The daughters of the American Revolution own about \$10,000,000 worth of property in the District of Columbia alone. But they haven't lost sight of the penny. They sent out a plea for members around the country to mail in old sheets and pillow cases. Dust rags are needed.

This department apparently goofed a little last week in reporting that the nation's capital generally is the only place where

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