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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

May 4, 1946
(It was Saturday)
First division ratings awarded Medford High school band and Robert Miller, soloist, at national music contest in Eugene.

From Arthur Perry's "The Smudge Pot column: Cultivating is the order of the day in the rural regions. Many farmers are putting words into action, and their oldest boy doing it."

20 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1926
(It was Monday)
Senator Frank Arbuckle, member of the national Townsend board, and western manager, speaks at the Medford armory.

Fishing conditions over the week end were extremely spotty, sports goods houses report.

30 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1926
(It was Tuesday)
Rainfall last night and today, and promise of more rain satisfactory to residents of area.

Major T. E. Rilea, here from Salem, completes arrangements for Camp Jackson.

40 YEARS AGO

May 4, 1916
(It was Thursday)
Work expected to start on the Ashland hill grade on Pacific highway this month.

The city council street committee considering changing the name of Roosevelt avenue to Crater Lake highway; petition submitted to council Tuesday night.

What's the Answer?

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

1. Which member of the present U.S. Supreme Court was once his party's nominee for Vice-President?
2. The Kentucky Derby is restricted to 2-year olds, 3-year old colts, 3-year old fillies, or 3-year old and older horses?
3. More ship tonnage passes each year through the Panama Canal, Suez Canal or Sault Ste. Marie locks on the Great Lakes?
4. More Republican than Democratic nominees always run for Congress, or more Democratic, or about the same number of each?
5. Which South American country has a larger area than the United States?
6. The Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) has about (a) 20,000, (b) 200,000, (c) 1,200,000, (d) 2,000,000 or (e) 12,000,000 members?
7. Germanium is something pertinent, a flower, a metal, a race of northern Europe, or a germ-killer?

The Answers: 1. Chief Justice Warren. 2. 3-year old colts and fillies. 3. Sault Ste. Marie locks. 4. More Democrats (no Republicans in some Southern Districts). 5. Brazil. 6. Almost 200,000. 7. A metal.

GET IT UP

Waterbury, Conn. (U.P.)—The Naval Reserve Training Center, after being sent a bill for two years' back rent due the city, insisted the bill be made out in quadruplicate for the period. The annual rental is \$1.

Anything Wrong?

We have been asked several times in recent days if there's anything wrong in the Medford police department.

Sure there is.

At least one traffic ticket has been "fixed" in recent months. The officer responsible was disciplined by a 30-day lay-off without pay.

There has been some grumbling and griping by a few members of the department about various things, many of which are not within the power of the department's administration to change.

THE department has been criticized for (1) not devoting enough time to enforcing traffic regulations, (2) not devoting enough time to criminal investigations, (3) not devoting enough time to parking meter enforcement, and (4) for asking for too large a budget to provide more men and better conditions of employment.

Over the past several months, a number of officers have quit the department. Some of them have gone on to other jobs, to continue schooling, or for personal reasons. Some of them didn't like police work. A few quite possibly did not like their superiors, or their colleagues, or some phase of the administration. One or two left by request.

There have been dissensions between members of the department, some of them personal, some of them about the work.

There is nothing unusual about this. The unusual thing is that during the years 1954 and 1955, the percentage of turnover—that is of men leaving—was the lowest it had been in a number of years.

GILBERT and Sullivan declared that "A policeman's lot is not a happy one."

They said a mouthful.

Is is a continual source of wonderment to us how police work can, and does, attract men who are willing to serve a demanding and querulous public for pay which, while better than it used to be, still gives no promise of winters in Las Vegas, or summers at the beach.

We have a high regard for a number of individual members of the police department, and a respect for many others. A few, we believe with some reluctance, should, for their own good and that of the department, be in other lines of work.

WE FIND it a bit strange to discover ourself believing—as we do—that the department is doing a remarkably good job under difficult circumstances.

For it wasn't too long ago, in this space, that some highly uncomplimentary things were said about the department, and its responsibility to the public and the way it was being shirked.

Things have changed.

At that time no officers were required to have had first aid training. Now all must be, or become, qualified first aid men. At that time firearms training was sporadic at best. Now it is conducted once or twice a year, with an FBI man in charge. At that time the on-the-job training required of a recruit was informal, to say the least. Now it is routine and, from what we can gather, fairly effective. Rates of pay have been increased.

OFFICE routines have been improved, and the reporting systems modernized and made more businesslike. Plans for further changes—such as the "non-fixable" four-copy traffic citation—have long been in the works, and are only awaiting action by the city to place in effect.

Some of the things which have caused unhappiness among the officers will be corrected as soon as the city employs a full-time city attorney, which is scheduled in the near future, and is provided for in the proposed 1956-57 budget.

NO—things aren't perfect at the police department. In the nature of things they never will be, for in any group of 25 or 30 men there will be problems of personnel and administration. (Ask any former platoon sergeant or first sergeant or company commander.)

But as for serious imperfections, we have found none. Nor have the few telephone calls we have received (some of them anonymous), asking why we're "covering up" for the department, revealed any solid evidence of anything really wrong.

No one has offered to stand up and be counted, or put his name to rumors and allegations which have been going around—and around.

UNTIL and unless this is done, we shall continue to hold for the department and the majority of its officers the respect we have come to feel over the past two years—a respect which we believe they have earned.

On the other hand, if there is evidence, other than the possibly disgruntled statements of a few, that something is wrong, it most certainly should go to a grand jury, where it belongs, and not be bandied about via anonymous insinuations.

Meanwhile, we shall continue to declare—as we have all along—that effective police work is a two-headed coin; that the public gets about what it pays for, and must insist that the department receive what it needs to do a good job—and then insist that it be done.

In large measure we believe this has been, and is being, done in Medford.—E.A.

Underwriters Group Elects Officers

Officers were elected for the coming year at the regular meeting of the Rogue Valley Life Underwriter's association Monday.

Elected were Donald L. Arant, Mutual of New York, president; Arvid Althens, Prudential, vice-

Stock Splits, Government Bonds, Talked by Babson

By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass.—So much appears in the newspapers today about stock splits-ups, I believe readers will be interested to know why they occur.



Most of the split-ups are due to the fact that some very large stockholder has died and his stock must be sold to help the executor pay the estate taxes, which may approximate 50 per cent. As investors are much more willing to buy stocks at a low price, the brokers strongly advise split-ups in such cases to help the marketing of the stock. There is nothing unethical about this. No stockholder should be harmed or helped by such action. If it's a "two for one" split-up, and if you have ten shares of stock, you are sent, without cost, ten shares more. The capitalization is doubled, but the assets are the same. Hence, theoretically the value of your shares after the split-up should be only one half what it was before.

However, owing to the gullibility of investors and to their desire for low-priced stocks, the sum total of the "split-up" stock for a while is usually worth more than before there was any talk of a split. In addition, new investors in a split-up stock may be misled by the price of the shares. For instance, just before General Electric was split, it sold at about 125. It is now quoted at a price of around 60, which looks lower to most people. However, because the stock was split 3-for-1, this really represents a price of 180. The new lower price misleads investors who did not know of the split-up.

What Stocks Have Done
Without taking any position as to whether you should now buy stocks—or put your money into government bonds and await much lower stock prices—I submit the following interesting table, using stocks which have not been split since 1929, so as not to mislead you.

Company	1929	1932	Present
Am. Radiator	55 1/2	3 1/2	22
Am. Sugar Ref.	94 1/2	12	100
Anaconda	174 1/2	3	76
Curtis-Wright	30 1/2	3 1/2	33
Elec. Storage Bat.	104 1/2	12 1/2	37
New York Central	256 1/2	8 1/2	43
R.C.A.	114 1/2	2 1/2	46
So. Cal. Edison	93 1/2	15 1/2	49

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I'd like to deal today with a tribe known as the Gate-crashers. For reasons that are obvious, it has no members in the smaller towns. With the possible exception of Los Angeles, it is scantily represented in the West. Its happy hunting ground is New York City.

THERE are good reasons why this is true. One reason is that New York is so big that nobody can know anybody else. Another is that our biggest conventions are held in New York. These huge affairs are attended by thousands of people from all over the country. Their sessions are liberally sprinkled with receptions and cocktail parties at which good food and the best of liquid refreshment are served in fabulous abundance. For the most part, these creature comforts are provided by "suppliers"—that is to say, firms that have things to sell to those who are in attendance at the convention.

And—Credentialed at the door are not scrutinized TOO meticulously because it would be easy to miff a prospective customer who had forgotten to wear his badge or bring his admission card along.

AT ONE of these affairs held in connection with the recent session of the American Newspaper Publishers association a group of duly accredited members was sitting at a table at which there was a vacant seat. The seat was spotted by a member of the tribe, and she sat down and joined happily in the festivities, explaining that her husband had got lost in the crowd and she was tired of standing up.

THE conversation turned on foreign affairs and she entered it with the statement that her grandfather, who owned a big estate near Berlin in the pre-Hitler days, had been a distinguished patron of the newspaper profession and since she had lived much with him she felt at home always with journalists.

Perhaps it was the word "journalists" that rasped. We Americans insist that we are NEWSPAPER people. We look upon journalists as wearers of spats and maybe monocles. At any rate, a member of our party remarked a bit drily: "Ah, sie sind Deutsch, nicht wahr?" (Oh, you are German, I take it?) Her face went blank and she turned her deaf ear. A few minutes later, however, she was chatting cheerfully about the times she and her husband had spent in Paris and the good times they had with the French journalist crowd.

Proposed Broadening of NATO's Base Tops Good News of Week

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent
The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:
The Good
1. The foreign ministers of the 15 countries which belong to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization held what promised to be a historic conference in Paris. They proposed to broaden the basis of their alliance to cover economic and social co-

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.

Informing Voters
To the Editor: Unless the members of a political party are prepared to let any particular office go by default to the opposition in the November general election, it is essential that such political party nominate the strongest and best candidate available.

The only method by which this can be accomplished is through party member participation in the May primary elections, and therefore individual participation of each party member is important to his party and to himself.

Candidates are like any other job seekers, and they should not be selected on blind faith. The individual voter should examine each candidate for public office with the same care that would be exercised in selecting an employee in the voter's own private business.

The League of Women Voters at its "Meet Your Candidate" night today at 8 p.m. at the Hedrick Junior High school in Medford offers the voters of both parties the opportunity to meet the candidates who are seeking the nominations of each party.

Each candidate will be given an opportunity to state his views. The audience will be given an opportunity to put questions to each candidate.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan group, and endorses no candidates. The League's purpose in Friday night's meeting is to get out an informed vote.

Vivian S. Collins, 40 Glenn Oak Court, Medford, Oregon.

Humane Methods Bill

To the Editor: A bill introduced in the United States Senate by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey has made humane history. It is a bill "to require the use of humane methods in the slaughter of livestock and poultry in interstate or foreign commerce."

There is now great interest throughout the United States in this bill, and you can do your part by writing to your Senator and Representative to ask his support for it.

The counterpart of Senator Humphrey's bill is introduced in the House of Representatives by a California representative, Edgar W. Hiestand. The technique of introducing similar bills in both houses of Congress is employed to save time and move a bill more quickly through both the Senate and House of Representatives to a point where it can be jointly considered. In any case, any piece of legislation must be acceptable to both houses before it can go to the President for his final approval or rejection.

When you write to your United States Senator urge his support of S-1638 and when you write to your Representative urge his support of H-9063.

Address your Senator c/o U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.
Address your Representative c/o House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Southern Oregon Humane Society, P.O. Box 935, Medford, Ore. Phone 2-8222

Principles and Politics

To the Editor: High principles in politics would be fine if all politicians had high principles. However, when Senator Morse donates Oregon's hypothetical offshore oil to the federal treasury while the unprincipled Senators from Texas keep their oil for the state coffers—it seems Oregon is going to come out on the short end.

Each of the 48 states has its share of resources, be it oil, timber, minerals, Florida sunshine or Nevada's roulette wheels. If all of the states would pool their resources, then have congress dole out the revenue

A—No. The only previous attempt to over-ride an Eisenhower veto—in May 1955—also failed when the Senate upheld the President's veto of a bill raising postal workers' pay.

Q—The Clayton Act relates to what field? (a) labor relations; (b) civil rights; (c) antitrust; (d) agriculture.

A—(c) Antitrust. The Clayton Antitrust Act, passed in 1914, supplemented and strengthened the Sherman Act by naming illegal business practices and extending antitrust provisions to labor and agricultural organizations.

Q—The Constitution provides that a vetoed bill shall return for reconsideration to: (a) the chamber where the measure originated; (b) the chamber that last acted on it and sent it to the President; (c) the House of Representatives.

A—The chamber in which the measure originated. The provision is observed only when there is a move to defeat the veto.

from these resources on a basis of need and equality, everyone should be satisfied.

But since there is a shortage of politicians with Senator Morse's high principles, this plan would result in a contest to see which state has the most flood, school, and farm surplus emergencies, thus deserving the largest portion of the resource pool.

This discussion of a centrally controlled economy, principles in politics and hypothetical oil fields will get us nowhere. It's better we get back to shouting "creeping socialism" from one side and "Big Business, 'give-away' and 'reactionary' from the other.

John O. Rector, 214 West Jackson st. Medford, Ore.

Year-Long Day

To the Editor: No doubt you will receive many queries about Mr. Zawislak's year-long day. Perhaps his attitude concerning daylight saving time is as correct as his ideas concerning the various movements of the earth.

Max Wimmer, 1115 West Second st. Medford, Ore.

Adlai Impresses

To the Editor: This is our impression after listening to the speech of Adlai Stevenson Tuesday.

A commoner of all the people, like William Jennings Bryan, with the wisdom of a Woodrow Wilson, and the qualities of leadership, like Teddy Roosevelt.

In his own words, he intimated he was no politician in the usual sense of the word. We think Adlai has the foresight and statesmanship of a coming winner of the high office of the presidency he aspires to.

Only on rare occasions do the grass roots citizens get to interview great personages like Adlai Stevenson, candidate for the highest office in the land.

More power and momentum to him.

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

M-T Appreciated

To the Editor: The Jackson County Mental Health committee wants to take the occasion of National Mental Health week, April 29-May 5, to commend you and the staff of the Mail Tribune for your splendid support not only of our organization and its purposes but of the many community services which are basic to a sound mental health program.

The mental health committee is composed of representatives of official and voluntary agencies and interested citizens. It serves as a coordinating group of many community mental health activities. It is also concerned with study and planning for more adequate services.

It is the feeling of the committee that the mental health of the individual is influenced not only by the family but by the community, of which the newspaper is an important instrument. Socially acceptable behavior builds on the following foundations: the individual's striving for love, recognition, a sense of belonging, security, and adventure. Positive recognition by the newspaper of constructive family and group activities certainly adds to mental health in the community. Discriminate reporting of names and sensational events which occur in every community is also favorable to the promotion of mental health.

As a group we appreciate the leadership and support the Mail Tribune is giving to help us in our work to build a better community.

Allen H. Hatch, Chairman Jackson County Mental Health Committee, 308 Levelette Building, Medford, Ore.

FFA Star Farmer Award Presented

Eagle Point — Wayne Marshall, Eagle Point Future Farmer of America, received the chapter Star Farmer award before 160 parents, chapter members, faculty and school board members recently at the annual FFA Parent and Son banquet.

Other chapter members receiving awards were Ron Hanson, chapter public speaking award, and Monte Axtell, chapter farm mechanics award.

Glen D. Hale, superintendent of Eagle Point schools, and Earle Jossey, county agent, became chapter honorary members. Nat Etzel, vocational agriculture instructor, announced appointments to the department advisory boards. They are John Osterhout, Darrel Stanley, Don Geren and Merton Bradshaw.

The MEAT CENTER

PORK LIVER 19 ^c Lb.	EAST PURE LARD 25 ^c Lbs.	SIXTH PORK SAUSAGE 29 ^c Lb.	ST. BEEF ROAST 33 ^c Lb.
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