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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 16, 1946 (It was Thursday) First cutting of alfalfa under way in some valley sections, reports indicate a light crop, according to county agent.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Snudge Pot column: The overall teenage clique are wearing "jeans" they would have the general public know, and refer to them as such.

20 YEARS AGO

May 16, 1936 (It was Saturday) Dr. Alfred Cookman, naturalist and lecturer for CCC, arrives in Medford to address boy and girl scouts of the district.

The seventh annual Medford Mail Tribune trapshooting tournament, sponsored by Medford Gun Club, will be held Sunday, May 24.

30 YEARS AGO

May 16, 1926 There will be no drop in tire prices because of the general strike in England, according to C. L. Wolff, of the Army service station.

An innovation in broadcasting was staged in Medford last night when Warner brothers picture studios portable station sent out a local program over the air.

40 YEARS AGO

May 16, 1916 (It was Tuesday) Women of Medford of all classes will meet at the public library Wednesday.

The Medford Printing company turns over to the county clerk about 39,000 official and sample ballots.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get it of the 77 Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

- 1. About one million, many more than one million, or many fewer than one million Americans are severe chronic alcoholics?
2. To serve on the U.S. Supreme Court a man must have had previous experience as a judge; right or wrong?
3. Brittany is or isn't part of Great Britain?
4. Jim Thorpe, great U.S. all-around athlete of the past, was of Negro, Italian, Mexican, Indian, Spanish or Anglo-Saxon blood?
5. Defense Secretary Wilson says that the U.S. is now building more big H-bomb carrying planes than Russia, or Russia is building more, or is it 50-50?
6. Xenophobia is hatred of foreigners, cats, Jews, Catholics, narrow spaces, crowds, or women?
7. Which two present U.S. Senators were once major-party nominees for Vice President?
The answers: 1. About one million. 2. Wrong. 3. Isn't; it's part of France. 4. Indian. 5. Says Russia is building more now. 6. Hatred of foreigners. 7. Sens. Sparkman (Ala.) and Bricker (O).
Average number of cars in a U. S. railway freight train during 1954 was 65, setting a new high record.

Pears vs. People?

We find the reasoning of four members of the city planning commission rather difficult to fathom. The commission is appointed by the city, to make studies for the future growth and well-being of the city.

Monday night a majority of the commission voted to recommend to the city council that it, in turn, recommend to the highway commission that a 300-foot-wide gash be sliced through the middle of an old established residential district, and a growing business district.

The minority resisted, because the highway commission has given inadequate information on which to base a decision (particularly regarding a possible west side route), and because taking a big slice out of the city would damage forever its chance for orderly, attractive growth.

FIFTY-EIGHT homes would be removed by a 150-foot right of way, as first proposed. The 300-foot gash probably would double this figure. If the national average of 3.4 persons per home applied here, that means more than 340 persons would be displaced. Possibly two or three thousand more would be in the area affected by the inevitable noise and dislocation of the freeway.

We have said it before and say it again—some people will be hurt no matter where it goes. But the fewer the people, and the smaller the hurt, the better, we say.

The decision between the in-town and out-town routes seems to boil down to Pears vs. People.—E.A.

Shortages

Literate people today are fully aware that there is a crucial shortage of teachers. The lack has been widely publicized, and attempts are being made to induce more able young people to enter the teaching profession.

The same situation applies to the number of people entering engineering as a career. We have seen well-documented statements which show that the U.S. is falling behind Russia in the production of trained engineers.

We know, both from personal experience and from the statistics available, that the supply of well-qualified and experienced newspaper reporters is below the demand for them.

To a lesser extent, perhaps, the same situation applies to the supply of doctors, dentists, nurses, technicians.

MAYBE, we conclude, there is a shortage of people. Actually, that's not as absurd as it may sound in the light of the rapidly rising population.

There are two reasons why total population is increasing by leaps and bounds. The first is the rapid surge in the birth-rate in the past 10 years. The other is a longer life expectancy.

So the two major influences tending to increase the number of people are at opposite ends of the life-span, and the supply of workers has not increased much if at all. Additionally, the people now arriving at the productive age are the babies of the low-birth rate depression years. There just aren't enough of them to fill the demand.

WHAT will happen when the youngsters who are now crowding the schools, the product of the high-birth rate postwar years, reach maturity and become available for employment in the fields where they are now so badly needed?

Will there be more of them than can be absorbed? Will there be widespread unemployment?

Will automation—the use of machines to do many things now done by humans—cause widespread technological unemployment to coincide with an increased labor supply?

THEY BELIEVE, to the contrary, that the shortage of trained workers in many fields will continue, even with a greater supply.

There are several reasons for this belief. Probably the most significant is the almost explosive rise in the standard of living. People want more things. This demand creates an expanded industrial plant, which in turn calls for more and more workers.

The technological advances which have created these staples of a high standard of living is another reason for their optimism. There is no reason to think that technology will be any less productive in the foreseeable future than it has been in the past three decades.

STILL ANOTHER reason is the population increase itself. More people means a need for more things.

A fourth reason is that there are some jobs which no machine, however automated, can perform. No machine yet devised can take out an appendix, or design a bridge, or write a news story, or give a patient an alcohol rub. People, in short, are not yet obsolete; not even obsolescent.

The cycle which we have described is known as an expanding economy, and, with perhaps some minor variations, seems to be pretty much inevitable—barring, of course, a major war or some other dislocation which cannot be predicted.

What happens when the economy ceases to expand is a different question and one which a glance in the crystal ball does not answer. But that, in light of what we know of the coming years, seems at worst a long way off. — E. A.

Visit of Indonesian Leader Poses Problem in Diplomacy

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The visit of President Sukarno of Indonesia to the United States has the makings of a big headache for the State Department.

It is unlikely that the visit of Brother Sukarno, as Indonesians call him, will result in any important agreements.

Nor is it likely to change the trend in the South Asia area. This trend, in which Indonesia is a leader, is toward "neutrality."

Friendship is valuable to the United States but will be watching every development during Sukarno's visit with close attention—and with suspicion.

These two countries are the Netherlands and Australia. The Netherlands is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. A small one, it is true, but an important one.

Australia is allied with the United States in the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization. It also

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Political note from Britain: It is getting close to the zero hour for British Prime Minister Eden in the house of commons.

In a couple of hours (from the time the dispatch was written in London) opposition Laborites will open their attack on his handling of the so-called "frogman" episode.

FIRST—What is a frogman? In simple language, he's a skin diver. That is to say, he goes about the business of diving without cumbersome equipment, which includes special suits, air hoses and air compressors.

So—He can go about his diving job QUICKLY. And if he's lucky he can find out what he wants to know without anyone knowing what he's up to.

THIS particular skin diver is a retired naval officer, holding the rank of commander in the British navy. That leads to the conclusion that his mission as a rather important one—and he did his diving job in the immediate vicinity of a Russian warship that had carried Russia's top leaders to Britain for their recent visit.

Something went wrong, and the Russians found out about it. They accuse him of spying! Imagine that! The Russians have spies all over the world. If the British had sent a warship carrying high British officials to a Russian port, the water around the place where it was anchored would have been full of Russian spies—frogmen and otherwise. Everyone knows that.

BUT, as previously stated, something went wrong. The skindiving British naval commander (his name is Lionel Crabbe) disappeared. It is presumed that he may have perished.

For some reason—which presumably has to do with what we call diplomacy—Eden can't come clean and tell the whole story, including whether or not the skindiver is dead.

THAT'S the story in a nutshell. The point of it is that the British Labor party, which is out of power and wants to get back in, is putting Prime Minister Eden in the pan and frying him to a crisp in the hope of bringing out something that will discredit him and his Conservative party in the eyes of the British people.

To keep the record straight, it should be added that if the situation was reversed the British Conservative party might do the same thing in the case of a Laborite prime minister.

Such is the institution of politics in a democracy.

ALONG the same line, New York's Gov. Averell Harriman, in a keynote speech to the Wyoming Democratic convention in Cody, describes President Eisenhower as a buck-passer and Vice-President Nixon as a "vicious slanderer."

He added: "Candidate Eisenhower has got to take full responsibility for Nixon and all his works."

HIS PURPOSE, of course, is to destroy confidence in the REPUBLICAN leaders of our country so that the people may be induced to throw the Republicans OUT and put the Democrats back IN.

If we are to be completely candid, we must admit that if the situation was reversed the Republicans would not be above using the same tactics. The point I'd like to make is that discrediting the ins so that the outs can GET IN is regarded as orthodox and accepted political strategy in democracies.

But it is TERRIBLE statesmanship.

is allied with this country directly in the United States-Australia-New Zealand defense treaty which was signed in San Francisco on Sept. 1, 1951.

It happens that at this time relations between Indonesia and the Netherlands, from which it won its independence in 1949, are exceedingly bad. Indonesia has broken its last political ties with the Netherlands.

One reason—among several—for these bad relations is the claim of Indonesia to Netherlands New Guinea, covering an area of 151,000 square miles.

Australia possesses the remaining 159,000 square miles of New Guinea, the world's second largest island. It owns part outright and holds the rest under a United Nations trusteeship.

The Netherlands refuses to give up its part of New Guinea. Australia refuses to entertain the idea that Netherlands New Guinea become part of Indonesia. In fact, it is very probable that if it came to a showdown, Australia would fight to keep Indonesia out.

When Secretary of State John

Foster Dulles visited Indonesia last March he commented on the similarity between the early days of the United States and the present status of Indonesia in their development from colonial status.

No Harm Intended Dulles undoubtedly intended it to be simply a diplomatically meaningless compliment.

But it roused the greatest anger in the Netherlands. And it did not go over well in Australia.

Dutch Foreign Minister Joseph Ma. H. Luns said in Parliament: "The government is shocked and disappointed that Mr. Dulles has created the impression that the United States government approves the actions of the Indonesian government against the Netherlands..."

Hence it looks as if Dulles—and President Eisenhower—will have to walk a diplomatic tightrope in any statements they may make to Sukarno. Anything that could possibly be interpreted as siding with Indonesia against the Netherlands, or in favor of Indonesia's ambitions, certainly will be interpreted that way.

Stevenson is Choice Of Demo Congressmen

Washington (CQ) — Adlai E. Stevenson is the solid choice of Democratic Senators and Representatives for the party's Presidential nomination.

The Senators and Representatives, voting anonymously, made their selections in a poll conducted by Congressional Quarterly of the 280 Members of Congress who are Democrats.

Sixty-four voted for Stevenson. Second place in the poll went to Sen. Stuart Symington, (Mo.), with 15 votes. Third place is shared by Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (Texas) and Sen. Estes Kefauver (Tenn.), with seven votes each. Gov. Frank Lausche of Ohio finished fourth with five votes, one ballot ahead of New York's Gov. Averell Harriman.

Run Behind Strung out behind the front runners were: Gov. G. Mennen Williams (Mich.), and Sen. Robert S. Kerr (Okla.), with two votes. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (Minn.), former President Harry S. Truman, Sen. Richard B. Russell (Ga.), and Rep. John W. McCormack (Mass.), with one vote each.

There are 280 Democrats in Congress—49 in the Senate, 231 in the House. Congressional Quarterly mailed each of these Democrats a form letter asking them to signify their choice for the Presidential nomination.

They were asked to designate their geographical region, but were not required to sign the questionnaire, and few did.

One hundred and thirteen responded, representing a 40 per cent answer to the poll.

Stevenson's support was 57 per cent of the total vote cast and 23 per cent of the total Democratic congressional delegation. Symington's share represented 13 per cent of those who answered. Johnson and Kefauver had 6 per cent of the total vote cast.

Strength in South The bulk of Stevenson's strength came from the South, where 23 of 45 Senators and Representatives who responded voted for the former Illinois governor. He was just as strong in the West and Southwest where 18 of 26 responses favored his candidacy. In the North and East Stevenson received 15 of 26 votes cast. He received 8 out of 11 cast by Midwest Democratic Senators and Representatives.

Symington and Johnson both showed support in the South, with the Missourian receiving eight votes and Johnson five. Governor Lausche was next in line in southern balloting with four votes. Neither Johnson nor Lausche showed any strength outside the South.

Sen. Kefauver's biggest support came from the West where he received three votes. He received single ballots from the North, East, South and Midwest.

Governor Harriman's four votes were cast by Congressmen from the North and East. He failed to receive even secondary mention outside that area. Some ballots indicated a second choice, most of these for Symington, although these were not tabulated.

Response Varies The response by geographical area also was interesting. Twenty-six of the 31 West and Southwest Senators and Representatives responded, or 84 per cent. Next best was the North and East where 26 of 65 Democrats replied, 40 per cent. Forty-five of the South's 135 Senators and Representatives, or 33 per cent, made a choice.

Only 22 per cent of the Midwest's 49 Democrats answered the poll, the lowest figure in percentage terms. Five Congressmen did not signify a geographical breakdown.

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Harriman Hits At Administration Policy on Power

Spokane (U.P.) — Gov. Averell Harriman, a "non-active" candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, today resumed a very active political tour of the power conscious Pacific Northwest.

The New York governor was to speak today at Pullman, Wash., and Idaho Falls, Ida., before moving on Thursday to Salt Lake City and Reno.

Harriman hit hard at the administration's power policy in a speech here Tuesday night charging the Republicans "have given away Hell's Canyon."

"President Eisenhower talks of prosperity but for many of our people this is a cruel myth," he said. "The farmer is having hard times and small business is growing weaker or being forced to quit."

"We Democrats want business to prosper, large and small, but prosperity is not healthy if it is not shared by all groups among our people."

Harriman said the "new type" Eisenhower money policy puts another squeeze on small business.

"The giant corporations have adequate resources whereas the small businessmen and farmers who need the credit are having difficulty getting it," he said. "So are home buyers and even school districts at a time when we need more homes and more schools."

Harriman made a plea for a "new vision" in developing the nation's resources.

Earlier at Butte, Mont., Harriman charged the Eisenhower administration with "lack of effort." He said Mr. Eisenhower and the GOP have ignored "one of the great emerging problems of our society—the need to make possible more productive and fuller and richer life for the aging."

He charged President Eisenhower had "made it clear" that the "nefarious right to work laws" to "injure labor unions have his blessing."

Falling Humidity May Close Logging

Salem (U.P.) — Falling humidity may close down some logging areas in the fir belt of western Oregon, the State Forestry Department said today.

Forestry officials said logging operations must cease when the humidity falls to 30.

Yesterday humidity dropped to 31 in the Salem and Santiam canyon areas and it was expected to help send the humidity down near Detroit despite snow which is still on the ground, foresters said.

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.

Expresser Thanks To the Editor: I wish at this time to publicly thank all those people who worked and cooperated on the mosquito control program.

The Medford Mail Tribune helped launch the campaign and a great number of people worked very hard on it.

When the people petitioned the county court, Shy Morthland investigated the situation and worked very hard to develop the control program we now have.

He was very cooperative, although he was not personally bothered by mosquitos. The personal interest work and investigation into mosquito control, taken by Shy Morthland should prove his integrity in his office for the good of the people in Jackson County.

Furthermore the results of his work with Dr. Merkel speak for themselves. The control program is very effective. The situation before hand was indeed, a serious one.

It takes a good man to remedy a situation, not just talk about it, and that's why "Shy" did.

Thanks again, Mrs. Wayne Gottfried, 1020 Mt. Pitt ave., Medford, Ore.

Oregon Myrtle To the Editor: I wish to take issue with Mr. Eugene L. Parker on his letter about the Oregon Myrtlewood trees. I am an Oregonian of 65 years continuous residence and I have seen Myrtlewood trees in different parts of Oregon and some in California, but I wish to inform Mr. Parker that I lived for 10 years in Douglas county, Oregon, in Roseburg, and in the surrounding farming country, along the banks of the South Umpqua river between Oakland and Roseburg there are a great number of Myrtle trees. On South Deer creek, six miles east of Roseburg, they grow in great abundance along the creek banks.

So I believe that Mr. Parker is mistaken in calling it a California tree. And beside, it has to my many years of reading about our Myrtle trees been common knowledge that they grow only in the Holy Land and in Oregon and California. They may be more like bushes in the Holy Land, as that is an arid land with worn-out soil, whereas here, our soil is comparatively new compared to the old country overseas.

For as long as I can remember (and I have a good memory for things in the past) our Myrtle tree has always been called Oregon Myrtle.

E. M. F. A subscriber for 31 years.

He Wonders To the Editor: After seeing picture of checks for special investigation on TV, I wonder if it would be too much for an explanation from the District Attorney?

I don't mind paying for what is necessary, but I do object to unnecessary expense. I would think, as a taxpayer, that I am entitled to an explanation and am wondering why all the secrecy about the matter since the TV show. I wonder why the District Attorney hasn't explained the matter.

R. H. Southard, Route 2, Box 569, Central Point, Ore.

Editorial Comment

NUNLEY FOR D.A. Primary contests for several county offices merit careful attention of Jackson county voters when they go to the polls this Friday.

On the Republican ticket, incumbent District Attorney Walter Nunley is opposed for the nomination by George W. Rode. Both are Medford attorneys and Mr. Nunley is completing his first term as district attorney.

Four years ago this newspaper in the GOP primary, supported Paul Haviland, then the incumbent district attorney. Mr. Nunley won the GOP nomination and was elected at the general election.

While Mr. Nunley has made some mistakes during his tenure, they have been mistakes of sincerity and he has, in general, administered his office well. He has been co-operative with other county officials and the county court in legal services. His record during the four years is such that he deserves the Republican nomination.—Ashland Tidings.

100th Anniversary To the Editor: The 100th anniversary of Brunswick, Ga., as a chartered city will be celebrated Aug. 13th to 18th.

By means of this communication, it is our hope to locate former citizens of this community now residing in other sections of the country that we may extend to them a personal invitation to come back to us during that period, renew old acquaintances, and have a whale of a good time.

If you can find it convenient to publish this request in your "Letters from Readers" columns we will appreciate it very much.

Communications should be addressed to the Brunswick-Glynn County Centennial Celebration, Box 574, Brunswick, Ga.

W. G. Bishop, Executive Director, Centennial Celebration.

Likes Senator Morse To the Editor: Friday, May 18, is the day for getting real men and women in office to take care of all Oregon's people's business. We should try and get the ones that get in the job, not for the easy money that is there, but to do something for the people at home. There is honor to be placed in a job like that besides knowing how to do the job.

Morse as I think has a good record, and as I have been voting for close to 60 years—56 years here on the coast—I do not think Oregon or any other of the three states have sent a better man for the job than Senator Morse, a man that knows law as a teacher of law, and above all a man that is one after my own heart, that holds to a principle.

That is why some of that dirty bunch in Washington, D.C., did not like him, and some here in Oregon even trying to use all manner of things to get him out.

So if the people here in Oregon know what is good for them, they better vote for me. I have never seen the r... but I have tried to learn all I could about him and the good he has done. There is plenty to be said about men we send to Washington, D.C. It is a good thing they can't steal the earth, or it would have been moved long ago.

William Ross Sharp, 26 Portland ave., Medford, Ore.

BIDS CALLED

Portland (U.P.) — The Portland District, corps of engineers, has called for bids on two dredging projects, one in Coos Bay and the other in Depoe Creek and Yaquina River.

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At the beginning of the 1955-56 fiscal year, the Jackson County Budget showed hundreds of thousands of dollars, YOUR TAX DOLLARS, lying in so-called "Sinking Funds"—funds established for NO PRE-DETERMINED NEED — FUNDS WHICH CAN BE SPENT WITHOUT THE VOTERS' CONSENT!

"Funds" of this kind can only breed the philosophy of SPEND... SPEND... SPEND... WASTE... WASTE... WASTE!

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