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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

Nov. 6, 1946 (Wednesday) Mayor Clarence Meeker re-elected; was unopposed on the city ballot.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Shudge Pot column: From the rural regions comes word of the slaying of a deer that wore horseshoes, and will not be available for the late fall plowing.

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 6, 1926 (Friday) Forms to be filled out under the federal social security act by employers and employees being received at Medford postoffice, according to Postmaster Frank DeSouza.

The annual election for irrigation district directors will be held next Tuesday with voting hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 6, 1926 (Saturday) Official vote on county seat removal from Jacksonville to Medford shows 4,761 in favor and 1,820 opposed.

Medford post of American Legion will be host to ex-servicemen and Medford National Guardsmen for a dinner Armistice day.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 6, 1916 (Monday) Mail Tribune predicts that Wilson will get 2,000 vote majority in county.

Republican headquarters will be moved to Medford Hotel Tuesday where election returns will be received by special wire.

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 6, 1906 (Tuesday) The "Holy City" will be presented tonight in the Medford Opera house.

From Local and Personal column: Mrs. William Lewis of Central Point and Ursel Lewis, her son, were in Medford yesterday.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. The results of many of the few presidential elections have been surprises?
2. The U.S. Agriculture department does or doesn't change its figures on parity prices for crops every month?
3. More passenger cars are registered in New York, Pennsylvania, California, Michigan or Texas?
4. Rose Bowl in Pasadena has a smaller or larger seating capacity than Yankee Stadium in N.Y. or about the same?
5. More Americans will die this year of auto accidents, cancer, polio, tuberculosis or pneumonia?
6. In some western states more than half the land area is owned by the federal Government, right or wrong?
7. Harold S. Vanderbilt is noted for having practically invented what?
1. Very few. 2. Dots. 3. California. 4. Larger. 5. Auto accidents. 6. Right. 7. Contract bridge.

IKE GETS HER VOTE

Detroit (UP)—Mrs. Adell Richardson said she would go to the polls today and vote for President Eisenhower. Mrs. Richardson is 101 and has voted in every election since women were granted the right to vote.

Don't Forget to Vote!

As The Mail Tribune has declared year after year, the No. 1 duty of every citizen on election day is to vote.

"It doesn't matter how you vote, but vote!"

DURING the campaign we were surprised, and somewhat amazed, to find the highly respected Oregonian take exception to any such advice.

The Oregonian, it appears, prefers the slogan "if you don't know, don't vote."

Know WHAT? As, according to our records, the Oregonian has never supported a candidate for high office wearing the Democratic party label, is seems reasonable to assume the Oregonian would prefer that a citizen who doesn't know enough to vote the GOP ticket might better stay at home.

IT WOULD be better, no doubt, for the Republican party and its candidates but we doubt if it would be better for Democracy and the perpetuation of free democratic institutions. For the success of American democracy depends upon majority rule, and as far as humanly possible, the clear cut verdict of the majority should be obtained.

How is that to be obtained if the vote is to be restricted to those who "know," according to the Oregonian's definition of the term?

The "shivering" denunciation of the above slogan is the more surprising because the Oregonian is such an all out and devout worshipper of President Eisenhower.

Yet only a few weeks ago our President refuted the Oregonian contention in one sentence, to-wit:

"I would rather have a citizen vote against me than not vote at all."

That is this paper's creed also, and should be that of all Americans. We dislike to give the Oregonian the "shivers" again but we shall stick to the advice for this election day, that has been given so regularly in the past, namely:

The important thing today is not HOW you vote but that you DO vote.

If you haven't done so you read this, remember the polls don't close until 8 o'clock tonight—so before it is too late—

"VOTE,—VOTE—and VOTE!"—R. W. R.

Snow

Mt. McLoughlin again rises in white-topped majesty. The Siskiyou to the south last week acquired mantles of snow. Roxy Ann for a time showed a white background for its overcoat of brush and trees.

Wintertime, for all practical purposes, is here early—although we can still expect revisitations of the clear, chilly, golden weather that makes fall a time of delight in the Rogue valley.

But the snow, which closed mountain highways and gave skiers their annual foretaste of winter joys, is more than a hindrance to travel or a medium for would-be winter Olympians. It is part of our bread and butter.

A FORMER Rogue valley man, Arch Work, is one of the world's foremost experts on snowpacks. He now works out of a Portland headquarters as head of the snow survey and water supply forecast section, soil conservation service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

His years of experience, from the earliest days of attempts at scientific snow measurement to the present elaborate, but still incomplete, system of surveys and forecasts, have taught Arch just how important snow is to the economy of America—and most particularly to the semi-arid lands of the west.

Snowpacks are the chief sources of water for municipal use, for irrigation, both natural and artificial, for the sustenance of our forests and fields, for industrial use, and for a wide variety of recreational uses.

THE thing that makes the winter snowpacks of exceptional value is that they are "equalizers" of water flow. If it weren't for them, water would run downhill to the ocean as soon as it fell, and leave us without water during the long dry summer months.

As it is, the snowpacks form our greatest reservoirs, holding and keeping vast quantities of water in the hills until late spring and early summer, and then releasing them gradually so that streamflow continues through most of the summer, in average-to-good years.

Mankind's greatest irrigation dams are puny, indeed, when their contents are compared to the tremendous quantities of life-giving water held in mountain snows.

THE snow surveys over which Work presides are valuable for two principal reasons. First, they make it possible to predict with a remarkable degree of accuracy how much water will be available during the critical April-to-September period. Second, they assist in the prediction of flood potential—as was proven on the Columbia last spring.

A third value, however, is becoming more and more important. That is the role of snowpack measurement, or "inventory," to build up information which in the future will assist mankind in "water-shed management."

A number of experiments have been made along this line—notably the cloudseeding project sponsored by the California Oregon Power company each winter, to increase snowfall.

Another is the still-untested proposal of E. M. Tucker of Medford for the creation of artificial glaciers. Use of chemicals to hasten or delay snow-melt

Mindszenty Said Living Symbol Of Resistance to Communists

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

A living symbol of resistance to Communist oppression is living under the protection of the American flag in Hungary.



Charles M. McCann

Members of Hungarian "Titoist" Premier Imre Nagy's government are under arrest, victims of the treachery of their Hungarian Communist puppets.

But Cardinal Mindszenty, Roman Catholic primate of Hungary, escaped to the United States Legation when the Russians crushed the Hungarian revolt Sunday.

It looks as if the Russians will not dare to do anything about it. The only way they could get him would be to take him by force.

But as long as he remains in the embassy the Russians and

the puppets are not likely to be very happy.

The gaunt, 64-year old cardinal, was arrested by the Communists on the day after Christmas in 1948.

He had long been considered enemy No. 1 by the Hungarian Reds.

Mindszenty was sentenced to life imprisonment in February, 1949, as a traitor. He shocked those who saw him at his trial—weak, trembling, hollow-eyed. He "confessed" to the charges against him—he had been starved, kept almost without sleep, by his jailors.

Mindszenty knew months before his arrest that the Communists were out to get him. He had warned Catholics in published statements not to credit anything he might say if he were arrested.

Mindszenty was held in prison for a long time, finally removed to "house arrest" in a country home 20 miles north of

Budapest. Hungarian rebels freed him and escorted him to Budapest.

Titoists Quash Charges The "Titoist" government quashed all charges against the cardinal. They admitted his conviction had been fraudulent.

Janos Kadar, now Nagy's successor as puppet premier, made the mistake of joining in the action.

It was a tribute to the Protestant United States that the Roman Catholic cardinal sought Asylum at the American Legation when the Russian Red army crushed the rebellion.

It was one of the many blunders the Russians have made in the surge of anti-Moscow—now anti-Communist—revolt in eastern Europe that they did not manage to arrest Mindszenty.

The stern-looking, medium-sized prelate had shown long before the Reds took him in Hungary at the end of World War II that he was an enemy of Communism, and of oppression of every kind.

Matter of Fact

DOUBLE PARALYSIS Washington—Both Washington and Moscow have reacted to the great crises which have confronted them with a sort of amazed semi-paralysis.

In Washington's case, this is not surprising. In Moscow's, it is.

Indeed, what has really puzzled and surprised the experts is the curious, shifting, on-again-off-again reaction of the Kremlin to the direct challenge to its power in Poland and Hungary.

In the past, Kremlin's practice has been to adopt a hard "line," and then to follow it with an automaton-like ruthlessness.

Yet in both Poland and Hungary the Kremlin has vacillated between a policy of using the full power of the Red army to crush all

opposition, and a policy of bluster, appeasement, and retreat.

When Krushchev led his mission to Warsaw, he threatened at first to use the Red army. But when Gomulka stood up to him, he blustered, appeased, and retreated.

In Hungary, Soviet policy has similarly wavered between giving the rebels what they wanted, and drowning them in a bloodbath.

The Kremlin may now at last have settled for the bloodbath. Yet the long period of indecision and vacillation is accounted highly significant among the experts. For it tells a lot about certain hard, inescapable facts of Soviet life.

THERE is not the slightest doubt that both the ferocity and the effectiveness of the Polish and especially the Hungarian resistance genuinely amazed the Russian rulers.

In this absolutely unexpected situation, the "committee system" in the Kremlin, which had worked well enough before, began to display the indecision and infernal division which are characteristic of committee systems.

The experts, while they lack solid evidence, have no doubt at all that a fierce internal conflict has developed within the Kremlin's "collective leadership."

But the meaning of the Kremlin's semi-paralysis goes deeper than that. It is directly related to the two continuing internal crises which have been going on in the Soviet Union since the war.

One is an agricultural crisis. The other is a manpower crisis.

The nature of the agricultural crisis can be quickly understood in terms of the following simple fact: fifty-four million people on the Soviet collectives produce only 70 per cent of the agricultural output of the eight million people on American farms.

And this 70 per cent must feed almost 30 per cent more people.

THE vast over-investment in manpower on the collectives in turn contributes to the man-

tuberculosis as its goal. I plan to show my thankfulness by supporting the Seal Sale when the time comes, and I hope you will too.

Lea Jenkins 2548 Starlite Lane Medford, Ore.

Headlines of Future Forecast by Writers

United Press correspondents around the world look ahead at the news that will make the headlines.

Birth Report Hints that the United States now has a baby H-bomb may be confirmed soon.

It's indicated that the potent pigmy, with an explosive power of 40,000 tons of TNT, was tested in the Pacific last spring. "Normal" H-bombs range into the millions of tons.

The baby bomb would be "cleaner" from the fall-out standpoint. Also cheaper. The government says it is making cleaner H-bombs.

President Eisenhower said in a speech in Jacksonville, Fla., last Thursday that the aim of atomic science is to make small as well as clean bombs. That describes the pigmy. Washington looks for an official announcement.

Revival Notice Russia's mad-dog attack on Hungary may have saved the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

NATO had been falling slowly apart ever since Stalin died as the danger of Soviet aggression seemed to lessen and the Allies found time to bicker among themselves.

The Hungarian attack shows with startling clearness what is a deadly threat Red Russia still is to any country that can not meet force with force. NATO was formed to do that. Nothing could be better

calculated than the Hungarian attack to revive NATO.

Higher Prices Washington experts say retail prices probably will be higher in the first four or five months of 1957.

Supplies will be a bit lower in 1956. Marketing charges—the middle man's take—are expected to be higher. Little if any of the rise will trickle down to the farmer.

Experts predict that despite high prices, consumer expenditures for food and clothing

will continue at high levels. Dry-up On The Nile? The flow of arms from Soviet Russia to Egypt is likely to subside to a trickle soon—or stop entirely.

Russia has been pouring in planes, tanks, guns for months. Estimates of their value range into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

British and French planes smashed President Gamal Abdel Nasser's Russian-supplied MIG-15 jet fighter planes and Ilyushin bombers.

Then turned against his tank and artillery bases. The planes, tanks and artillery Nasser used against the Israelis didn't do so well either. Money is money even to a Red—and Nasser hasn't paid for his arms.

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.

Placer Mining Recalled

To the Editor: According to the local mining history we gathered from the old time prospectors around 40 years ago, along the Rogue river, the first ground sluicing and long-tom workings on the Rogue was done by the early Chinese coolies who began placering for gold in 1849-50-51 and '52.

The Chinese were dispersed later on, by the coming of the early white settlers. Some of the old Chinese "land marks" are still in evidence where the best diggings were found.

The source of placer gold began at the site of Ray gold dam on the Rogue. The facts told to this writer by miners around Gold Hill that in a six to eight hour waiting period, for the reservoir to fill with water after completion, a dozen or so men with gold pans would wash out from \$5 to \$18 from each pan of gravel taken just below the Ray dam.

We remember still, quite well, when all the richer gravel bars were mined along the Rogue by young men of Gold Hill and Rogue River, mining with home made rockers, when work was rather slack before the year 1917.

One old timer in particular mined steady just below the county bridge, for nearly six years, at town of Rogue River. A distance of 45 miles from Ray gold to Galice on the river below Grants Pass, was a prospector's hope of getting a "grub stake" to promote higher ambitions in the way of opening up a "pocket" trace, or a quartz gold mine somewhere in the nearby hills.

The depression years of 1933 when the Rogue was at lowest water mark, proved the richness of the Rogue by the many rich crevices filled with nuggets that were worked out by the local citizens of Jackson and Josephine counties. Rogue river from Ray gold dam to Galice has been a gold panning area for new prospectors learning how to pan gold for the past 100 years.

The Rogue river and its many tributaries producing gold and traces, will continue to be searched for precious minerals by individuals inclined to prospect. We are entirely opposed to any land restrictions that would withdraw the Rogue river from mining purposes in the area from Ray

gold dam in Jackson county through all of Josephine county. Access to any mining ground that show mineral content should belong to all the people as a matter of right. Thus preserve the heritage of a vanishing adventure of the early west, lest we forget.

Bert Kissinger 520 Boardman Medford, Ore.

She's Thankful To the Editor: This is November, the month to pause and count our blessings and be thankful. I would like to write a second letter for your communications, but with an entirely different feeling than I had when I last wrote. This time, instead of feeling cold and empty, I feel warm and good within. Why? Because I am thankful, and would like to share a small portion with you.

I am thankful that we still have freedom of the press and can express our views openly. Next, thankful for our Public Health Association and its people, like Janet Gueches to whom I directed my last letter, who can call you and discuss calmly and intelligently all inquiries, doubts and suspicions, and though each is still entitled to his own opinion, can ask for your help and any ideas or suggestions for a better health program.

I am thankful too that all of these questions arose and could be clarified before the start of the coming Christmas Seal Sale. I learned that all of our Seal money goes for a better health program with the defeat of

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The U.S. bureau of the census estimates that this year 102 million Americans were qualified to register to vote. That is to say, if every American falling within the prescribed age limitations, nationality limitations and other limitations prescribed by law HAD REGISTERED the total would reach approximately 102,000,000.

How many WILL vote? Probably not more than 60 per cent. That would be about 61,000,000.

IN 1954 (which was what we call an "off-year" election, meaning that it wasn't a Presidential election year) about 45 million Americans voted.

In 1952, which was a hotly contested Presidential election, 61,251,244 Americans went to the polls and cast their ballots.

In 1948, the Truman-Dewey year, the total vote was a shade over 46 millions.

THAT suggests a personal question: SHOULD I vote — assuming that I am physically able to do so?

LET me suggest an answer: NOT UNLESS YOU KNOW WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE VOTING FOR. AND WHY.

I can't help thinking that only those who are willing to THINK should vote.

has been tried. Mechanical "ridging" and fencing of snow to control melt and runoff have been attempted, with some degree of success.

THE growth of knowledge about timber management offers possibilities for controlling snowpacks, too, by reducing the interception of snowfall by ground-covering vegetation, reducing evaporation, and for slowing melt.

Some species of vegetation have greater snow-holding properties than others. And, as Work said in a report on these factors to the Society of American Foresters last year, "A great deal more work should be done to find the best pattern of timber cutting and forest management for particular locations."

Much studying remains to be done, as Work emphasizes. But because water is our most valuable single resource, research is important.

The day may come when management of snowpacks will be not only possible, but imperative.—E.A.

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