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Flight of 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. 19, 1946 (Tuesday) Medford and Ashland Toastmasters hold joint meeting to discuss topics of local and national interest.

From Arthur Peary's Ye Smudge Pot column: A large flock of geese went over last night going south, again beating the valley orchardists to it.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 19, 1936 (Thursday) Subscriptions to the 1936-37 Community Chest total \$13,409.13; budget is \$15,000.

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce appeal to reduce surplus turkey stocks through immediate increased consumption brings results.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 19, 1926 (Friday) The Gates and Lydiard Economy Groceries observes sixth anniversary.

Evangelistic meetings at Talent progressing satisfactorily, officials report.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 19, 1916 (Sunday) An address on the big brother movement will be delivered Tuesday at the Elks temple.

Color folder turned out for Rogue River Fruit and Produce association advertising Rogue river apples making favorable impression.

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

1. President Eisenhower's ileitis operation was about 3 1/2, 6, 8 1/2, 11 or 13 1/2 months after his heart attack? 2. Seats on the N.Y. Stock Exchange have been selling recently for more or less than \$100,000?

3. Prior to the present Israel-Egypt war the U.S. had or hadn't been giving direct military aid to Israel? 4. The senior class of a typical high school has a higher or lower average of intelligence than the whole population or about the same?

5. U.S. automotive operators average about (a) 5,000, (b) 8,000, (c) 11,000 or (d) 14,000 miles a year? 6. The Boy Scout movement originated in the U.S.; right or wrong?

7. U.S. winters are gradually getting warmer or colder, or are staying about the same? The answers: 1. 8 1/2 months later. 2. Somewhat less. 3. Had not. 4. Higher. 5. 8,000. 6. Wrong. 7. Warmer.

Dr. McNeal to Give Thanksgiving Address Ashland — (U.P.) — Dr. Roy McNeal, professor of geography, will give the address for the Southern Oregon college Thanksgiving assembly Wednesday, Nov. 21. The SOC band and choir will make their first appearances of the school year on the program.

A special rehearsal of the band will be held Tuesday evening to complete preparations for the appearance. Glen Matthews, director, announced that a second session of band will be opened next term for those students who are unable to participate at the present time because of time conflicts.

Parking vs. Walking

Medford is not the only city with a parking problem.

Others in Oregon which have similar situations, and which haven't yet taken any decisive steps to solve them, include Portland, Albany and Pendleton. Suggestions have run the gamut from city-owned and operated parking lots (which Medford voters decided against) to rigid enforcement of time limits on parking in metered spaces, to get rid of the "meter-feeders."

Another suggestion was made in Pendleton the other day — one which is so eminently practical that it probably wouldn't work, human nature being what it is. The suggestion, as revealed in a letter to the mayor and printed by the Pendleton East Oregonian, follows:

"One cure for the parking problem is to start a walking campaign among the people up to 60 who work downtown. Say anyone living within 10 blocks of Main street must walk to and from work unless physically disabled. Nearly everyone eats his lunch downtown or takes a lunch.

"This action would give them fresh air and exercise and help them get rid of some of the surplus fat and they won't have to take so much laxative. I know some people who ride four or five blocks, park their cars and walk two blocks to work.

"I feel sorry for the young people nowadays. They ought to carry chickens under their arms to do their breathing for them..."

When it comes right down to it, we ARE lazy these days, aren't we?—E.A.

More About Insurance

Some time ago, we published in this space some comments on New York's new compulsory auto liability insurance law.

Since then, a friend of ours in the insurance business has been assisting our education by giving us the reasons why insurance men generally are opposed to a compulsory law.

It is, he declares, governmental invasion of a field which should be free to seek its own solutions. It also acts as a deterrent to those who otherwise would buy insurance in excess of the legal minimums—thus reducing their protection.

THE industry, he said, prefers to approach the problem through voluntary measures.

One is an increased emphasis on highway safety—a most laudable objective, certainly.

Another is a new type of coverage. If Driver "A" is injured in an accident with Driver "B" which is B's fault, and if B has no liability insurance nor other resources and A gets a judgment against him, this new insurance will pay to A the amount of the judgment against B.

(Our friend convinced us that this insurance is a good thing; so we bought some. But it still requires Driver A to pay for protection for which Driver B SHOULD be responsible).

SPEAKING of insurance and judgments, there has been an increasing tendency in recent years to toward larger judgments. Partly this is the result of a generally increased cost of living.

But more and more it is the result of juries feeling sorry for the injured party, and voting a large judgment on the theory that it is "only the insurance company" which will have to pay—and that "they can afford it."

The only thing wrong with this theory is that while it is indeed the insurance company which pays the specific judgment, it is the policy holders in all companies who ultimately pay the bill.

For insurance premiums are based on costs, and if judgments, on the average, increase, so will the premiums. Insurance companies, after all are not charitable institutions.

No one will argue that the injured party in a suit should not receive adequate compensation. But inordinately high damage awards ultimately are reflected in the premiums all of us pay.—E.A.

Dr. Sweeney

Twenty-two years ago the Mail Tribune ran an article about Dr. Charles Sweeney, who died last week at the age of 87. A yellowed clipping of the article, which in turn was a reprint from the Oregon Journal, was sent to us by Mrs. H. S. Chirgwin of this city. Because of the wide affection and respect in which Dr. Sweeney was held, the clipping, dated Oct. 10, 1934, is of interest. It follows:

Dr. Charles Thomas Sweeney is treasurer of the Jackson County Democratic Committee. He was born near Chilhowee, Mo., Sept. 10, 1869. When 19 years old he entered the Kansas City Medical college, now the medical department of the University of Kansas. He graduated in medicine in 1891. In 1898 he did post-graduate work at St. Louis. In 1909 he moved to Great Falls, Mont., where he practiced. Finding the winter rather severe, with his family he moved to southern Oregon in 1910. Dr. Sweeney was married on March 30, 1892, at Chilhowee, to Mary E. Cleland. They have three children, Anna Grace, Edith May and Charles T. Jr. He served as county coroner and health officer at Cascade county, Montana, and in 1917 served in the Oregon legislature. He has been a Mason more than 40 years, having taken all degrees from Master Mason to the Shrine. For more than 30 years he has been an officer in the Presbyterian church. He was made a fellow of the American College of Surgeons in October, 1931. He is a member of various medical societies from the county society up to the American Medical association. He is a lifelong Democrat. He owns two dairy ranches in Josephine and in Jackson counties, stocked with thoroughbred Jerseys.

Killer whales, among the fiercest of all sea creatures, actually are edophiles. They hunt in packs, swallowing small seals and porpoises whole. Green walnuts are a basic source of vitamin C in Russia, but ripe walnuts contain none of the essential body-building vitamin.

No Immediate Purge in Russia Seen, But Possibility Exists

(Editor's note: Kenneth Brodney is a former United Press manager in Moscow. He witnessed the changeover from Stalinism to the present collective leadership. In the following dispatch he analyzes probable results inside the Kremlin of the Soviet blood bath in Hungary and the Soviet economic and political penetration of the Middle East.)

By KENNETH BRODNEY Written For United Press Indications now are that there will not be an immediate purge in the top Soviet leadership.

The major reason for a shake-up would be to try to recoup some of the Russian prestige shattered by the brutal crushing of the Hungarian rebellion.

Where the prestige loss really hurts most is in the Communist parties of Western Europe, which already are suffering widespread defections as a result.

There is little doubt they are now in for a period of major convulsions, as more and more once-staunch Stalinists brood over the Hungarian catastrophe. It is not merely the well-documented brutality of the Red army that is causing party cards to be turned in from Italy to England; it is the fact that the Red army was necessary in Hungary at all.

Communism Falls It is the clear demonstration that Moscow's export brand of Communism failed completely, after a solid decade, to provide either a minimum standard of physical existence or an even barely tolerable society in which human beings could live.

And since the mission of these parties, particularly in France and Italy, was to consummate "united fronts" with Socialists and centrists in order to drag Western Europe into the neutralist corner, the Russians could

decide they must make some gesture of contrition.

Such a gesture could take the form of the Kremlin's collective leadership publicly taking a bath by ousting and disavowing some of its members.

Molotov Heads List Probably at the head of any such list of scapegoats would be Vyacheslav M. Molotov. He is publicly identified as a "hard-line" old Stalinist and has all ready been degraded and demoted from his job as foreign minister to appease Tito. His complete denunciation could be presented as the final end of Stalinism and his own "evil influence."

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE SOVIET VOLUNTEERS

The President's statement about Russian "volunteers" in Egypt cannot fairly or reasonably be interpreted as an attempt to avoid American responsibility and to pass the buck to the United Nations. There are no doubt men in Washington who would like to do just that.

It could not be done in this case even if we wanted to do it. For if the U.N. allows a force of Russian volunteers to be organized in Egypt and Syria, it will be a disastrous blow to the United States. But it would be a fatal blow to the United Nations.

So we must read the President's statement as a call upon the United Nations to seize the problem which has been brought into the open by Egyptian and Russian declarations about vol-

unteers. What would be the position of the U.N. if, after demanding Russian withdrawal from Hungary and British and French withdrawal from Egypt, it allowed a Russian army to enter Egypt and Syria? The President is entitled to say that he is going to work through the U.N. because he has a right to insist that the issue is one which the U.N. cannot evade.

It goes without saying that the trained military personnel that Nasser and the Soviet government have been talking about are not in any true sense of the word volunteers. They could not be recruited, equipped, and transplanted to Egypt except by the Soviet government. It is inconceivable that the Soviet government would not have the final say as to how, where, and when they were to be used. There can be no doubt that, once established in the Middle East, this Russian force would have the power to make and to unmake the Arab governments, and thus to dominate the whole region.

The question is not one which can be disposed of by resolutions which do no more than to express an opinion. The question is whether, Great Britain and France having withdrawn from Egypt, the U.N. will permit Russia to enter Egypt.

THE latest reports available as this is written suggest that both in Cairo and in Moscow there is a disposition not to plunge ahead with the volunteer business. The President's first warning must surely have had something to do with this. Moreover, as the withdrawal of the Anglo-French forces is assured, there is no reason which the Soviet government can publicly avow to justify the sending in of its own so-called volunteers.

This is a very considerable gain. But we have no right to suppose that the Soviet government is, therefore, giving up the idea of creating a Soviet military force in the heart of the Middle East. There is much credible evidence, uncovered through the capture of Egyptian documents and an examination of the captured Russian munitions in Egypt, to indicate a strong probability that a Russian military base is being prepared. The evidence indicates that military supplies have been shipped into Egypt to await the later arrival of the volunteers, that is to say of the Soviet personnel.

FOR the moment it may be that the occasion has passed when the Soviet government will move a great mass of volunteers into Egypt. But the world must reckon with the probability that such personnel will be coming, nevertheless, coming quietly and in small numbers over a period of time.

This means that the United Nations police force has a long tour of duty ahead of it. It will have to do more than to supervise the British, French and Israeli withdrawal. It will have to do more than to deal with the Arab-Israeli border problems.

There is a great vacuum of power in the Middle East which was created by the original withdrawal of the British from Suez in 1954. Nasser has tried to fill that vacuum. But Nasser's Egypt is not a great power, and Nasser's role in the history of the Middle East has not been to create the Pan-Arab empire he talks about. His role has been to open the door of the Middle East to the Russian empire.

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Coldwater, Mich. — (U.P.) — Ed Butters of Coldwater has buffalo for sale. He wants to get rid of his buffalo herd so he can devote full time to his reinddeer. Butters bought the herds of his present buffalo herd several years ago from the government. The reinddeer are props for his annual masquerade as Santa Claus.

GOT A Headache? St. Joseph ASPIRIN Get The Best For Less—100 Tablets 46c

In The Day's News By Frank Jenkins

Here's the latest move on the international chessboard: Russia proposes that the whole disarmament question, including OUTLAWING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, be taken up at a new "summit" conference of the U.S., Britain, France, India and the Soviet Union.

The Russians say such a conference would consider President Eisenhower's open skies inspection plan and Soviet proposals for DESTROYING STOCKPILES of hydrogen and atomic bombs and for ending nuclear bomb tests.

IN WASHINGTON, the White House declines comment until it receives the official text of the Russian proposal. News Secretary James Hagerty says:

"All we have before us now is news reports. The text has not yet reached Washington. As soon as the complete text is received it will be carefully studied."

THAT IS to say: Before we commit ourselves one way or the other we are going to read all the fine print.

That's a sound idea. In these propositions that look too good to be true, the catches are usually to be found in the fine print at the bottom.

WHAT TO DO? Let's go highbrow for a moment. Euripides, in his Iphigenia in

Tauris, uses this line: "Put not thy faith in any Greek." Virgil, in his Aeneid, abuses Aeneas to say: "I fear the Greeks, even when bearing gifts."

AWAY BACK before even Herodotus had started writing history—a time so remote that its events have to come down to us by word-of-mouth tradition—Greece and Troy occupied about the same place in the little world of then that is occupied in the bigger world of today by the United States and Russia. While the rest of the world looked on, they fought each other with weapons and killed each other with stratagems.

The Greeks WON BY TRICKERY. The trick that did the business was the Trojan Horse—which we don't need to go into detail about here, because everybody either knows the Trojan Horse story or ought to.

THIS IS the point: The Greeks destroyed the Trojans by a trick. The Russians will destroy us in the same way if they can! That is why we must read all the fine print in all the proposals that bat up to us. They'd like nothing better than to trick us into destroying all our nuclear weapons and then blow us to Kingdom Come with atom and hydrogen bombs they had hidden out on us.

IT'S TOO bad. But that's the way it is.

Reservists Screened In Military Letter

Washington — (U.P.) — Note to reservists: If you receive a letter from the military or Selective Service inquiring as to your "availability" for recall to active duty, don't get nervous. It's just part of a "routine screening process."

The armed services and Selective Service want to be sure that a reservist would be ready and available in event of a national emergency. The government agencies are not thinking in terms of calling up veterans because of the Middle East crisis.

In recent weeks, the military services—the Army and Marine corps particularly—have been sending out letters to their reservists asking whether and how soon they could get back in uniform if ordered.

In addition, local Selective Service boards for the past five months have been sending letters to standby reservists asking a similar question.

WHAT GOES UP—

Batavia, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Irving Gilman, 16-year-old drum major for the St. Joseph's Drum Corps of Batavia, flipped his baton upward during a fire department carnival parade and got the surprise of his life. The metal baton remained up in the air, fused to a 5,000-volt power line suspended across the street. It caused a 90-minute blackout.

LEGAL NOTICES

TO ALL LAND OWNERS, ASSESSMENT PAYERS OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN GOLD HILL IRRIGATION DISTRICT: Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Gold Hill Irrigation District, did at the regular meeting thereof held on the 7th day of November 1956, by resolution thereof, make a computation and assessment of the amounts of money necessary to be raised by the district for the year 1957 for district purposes, and its bond and interest payments, and did determine the number of irrigable acres owned by each land owner or assessment payer in the district, and the proportionate assessments to be charged against each such tract; and said assessment roll is available and open for examination and inspection by all interested parties at the office of the President of Gold Hill Irrigation District.

Notice is further given that the Board of Directors of said district will at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p.m., on the 4th day of December 1956, sit at the People's Realty Office on Highway No. 99, Gold Hill, Oregon, as a Board of Equalization to review and correct the assessment roll so prepared and will hear and determine any objections by any interested persons to the said assessments and apportionment thereof, and any other matter or matters connected therewith that may come before them.

By ORDER of the Board of Directors of Gold Hill Irrigation District dated November 7, 1956. GOLD HILL IRRIGATION DISTRICT By Bertha Cox Ross, Secretary

At 90 Bears Son

GEO. N. TAYLOR Yes, Sarah, the wife of Abraham was 90 and far beyond the age of child-bearing. Abraham's husband was 100 and dead so far as becoming a father had to do. Yet God promised them a son and Abraham believed that what God had promised, he would do. And so in due time, Isaac the son was born.—See Romans 4:19-21.

And you? Have Abraham's faith and so be born again. Believe that the blood of Christ cleared all sin from your page. At that God gives you eternal life. Then grow up. Daily by Bible and Prayer, grow up.

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