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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. 26, 1946 (Tuesday) Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. urges safe driving as the keynote of a happy Thanksgiving.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 26, 1936 (Thursday) Damage of \$500 was done by fire in the Webb and Carlson paint store at 223 West Sixth st. yesterday.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 26, 1926 (Friday) Crater Lake Union Christian Endeavor convention ends at Ashland Presbyterian church Sunday.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 26, 1916 (Sunday) Col. H. A. Hanson will outline plan for handling city's finances.

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 26, 1906 (Monday) J. C. Pendleton, of Table Rock, is in Medford today to discuss the unusually good apple crop north of the Rogue river in the Table Rock vicinity.

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

- 1. Which President of this country administered the oath of office by his father, a justice of the peace? 2. The average American family spends on Xmas cards every year about \$1, \$3, \$5, or \$10? 3. Gests are higher or lower for girls in well-known Eastern girls' colleges than for boys in Ivy League colleges, or about the same? 4. Wife of an English earl has the title of Duchess, Countess, Lady, Dame, or Viscountess? 5. The experts urge that a child get its first visit to the dentist at the age of 1 1/2, 3, 4 1/2, 6, or 8? 6. It is generally agreed that a higher or lower percentage of the Negro vote went to Eisenhower in 1956 than in 1952, or about the same? 7. Members of the Society of Friends are more often called what?

SMOKE SIGNALS Long Beach, Calif.—(U.P.)—Six-year-old Wayburto Mace looked under his bed for Indians Saturday night and accidentally wound up sending smoke signals to firemen. A candle he used in his search set the bed afire. Firemen quickly extinguished the flames.

Holiday Thoughts

With Thanksgiving (which we have always thought of as the most "American" of all holidays) behind us, we now look forward to Christmas, the most universal of all holidays.

The period between the two is a mystical blend of many elements — with the gradual changing of autumn into winter; with the tightening of family ties during the holiday season; with the forgetting of animosities and a more cheerful atmosphere down-town; with poignant memories of other and earlier holiday seasons.

(We still remember an Air Corps PX in Texas, where "Holiday for Strings" followed "White Christmas" on the juke box. And there are contemporaries whose memories of the holidays are of mud and gunfire and air raids and C rations.)

MOST of the leaves are off the trees now. The crabgrass has died. The puddles along the street are apt to have a thin coat of ice in the mornings. Sports shirts have given way to overcoats, hats and gloves. We saw a truck loaded with bundles of Christmas trees heading south the other day. The stores are donning their gayest decorations for the Christmas opening this week. The tinkle of the Salvation Army's bells will soon be heard downtown.

We suppose the airwaves will soon resound with Christmas songs—the new, sloppy-sentimental ones as well as the grand old carols which never seem to pall and which year after year give a lift to the spirit.

The holiday season is a wonderful and inspiring time of year. But it's just as well that it comes only once a year. For if it came more often it would lose the magic, the inspiration, the special aura of excitement which set it aside as the happiest season.—E.A.

Much To Be Learned

The "International Geophysical Year" is the rather imposing title selected for an intensive, international, cooperative period of study of the earth and its immediate surroundings.

Barring a war, it will get under way next year, although much of the preliminary work has long been under way.

Some 5,000 scientists and technicians will participate in a massive effort to find out more about the earth, specifically in the fields of the aurora and after-glow, cosmic rays, geomagnetism, glaciology, gravity measurements, ionospheric physics, meteorology, oceanography, seismology, solar activity, longitude and latitude determination, and exploration of the upper atmosphere through rocket and earth satellite firings.

WHAT is it all for? Why this big, concerted effort? Basically, we suppose, it boils down to the eternal curiosity of the human animal. Mankind has always been curious, and it is that curiosity which has led him to technological mastery of many things. Curiosity is enough for the "pure" scientist, the one who probes on the frontiers of knowledge. Knowledge for the sake of knowledge is enough for him.

But what about the rest of us, who may, true enough, be mildly curious to know what goes on around us and why, but who like to see some solid and material rewards for the outlay of funds required for such an effort?

WHILE no scientist knows where his researches into "pure" science will lead, it is also true that this type of research, the exploration of the frontiers of knowledge, is an absolutely essential precursor to technical advancement.

Name almost any of today's amazing technical achievements, and somewhere in its history you will find a scientist who discovered the principles on which it is based in the course of his explorations into the unknown. The particular discoveries might even have been incidental to the course of inquiry he was following—but his basic discoveries were necessary, incidental or not.

Some thoughtful scientists are concerned over the fact that much of today's scientific effort is in technical application of existing principles, and not, perhaps, enough in the pioneering field of pure science—where no one knows just what will happen.

HOWEVER that may be, the International Geophysical Year, which actually will cover a period longer than a calendar year, is a combination of pure scientific exploration, and technical advancement and application.

There are some mighty practical questions which attempts will be made to solve, including weather forecasting, updating of geographical information, improved communications, and so on.

But much of it will be on the frontiers of knowledge, particularly in the upper reaches of the atmosphere and beyond.

One might think that a lot is already known about the tiny speck which we call the world. And so there is. But far more remains to be learned. Every advance in the physical sciences only serves to reveal how much more is still unknown.—E.A.

Two Boys Perish As Cave Roof Falls Jackson, La.—(U.P.)—Two teenage boys were killed and another slightly injured Sunday when the roof of a small cave in which they were playing fell in. A hospital physician said George Church Jr., 16, and Maxwell Ray Stevens, 15, both of Jackson, died of suffocation. George Sixes, 13, also of Jackson, was injured.

Britain Completes Japan Withdrawal Kure, Japan.—(U.P.)—British garrison forces completed their post-World War II withdrawal from Japan Sunday with the departure of 137 officers and men from Kure. Thirteen Japanese brides of British servicemen sailed with them aboard the 20,526-ton Nevada. The British forces now have only 10 officers and men left in Japan, to clear up business matters.

Members of Electoral College To Name President-Elect Soon

By FRANK ELEAZER United Press Correspondent Washington—(U.P.)—On Dec. 17 groups of people known as presidential electors will meet in state capitals to select the president and vice president you thought you elected on Nov. 6.

It is highly unlikely they will come up with any surprises. But they could. In a new study the Library of Congress concludes that under certain circumstances the electors might choose as president somebody who was never on an election-day ballot. The library's Legislative Reference Service did the study in response to inquiries from House and Senate members who wanted to know what would happen if President Eisenhower should become unavailable before inauguration day. The inquiries presumably stemmed from controversy over the President's health.

In a memorandum just completed, and to be made public soon, the Legislative Reference Service (LRS) tells the story this way: The voters on Nov. 6 did not elect a president and vice president. They elected in each state a Republican or Democratic slate of electors, with the Republicans winning a heavy majority (457 to 74).

By law, the winning electors meet on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December, each group in its own state capital. By custom they will cast their votes as indicated by the popular vote, each state's total electoral vote (equal to the number of its House and Senate members) going to the candidate who carried the state.

Now, the Constitution says that in event the president-elect dies the vice president-elect shall be sworn in as president in his place. But the point to remember, says LRS, is that not until the electoral vote has been cast on Dec. 17 does President Eisenhower in fact become the president-elect and Vice President Richard M. Nixon become the vice-president-elect. What this means is that if either Mr. Eisenhower or Nixon become unavailable between now and Dec. 17, the electors could pick any qualified person as a replacement. In the absence of an actual precedent, LRS says it is "highly probable" that the electors in making such a choice would be guided by advice of the Republican National Committee.

Louisville, Ky.—(U.P.)—Detectives said today burglars, who stole \$274,000 from the study of William Marshall Bullitt, were apparently well acquainted with the former U.S. solicitor general's rambling estate.

The thieves entered the house Sunday through an unlatched window. Jefferson County Det. Sgt. James Wyatt said, and opened the safe while the Bullitts slept.

Disregarding a button on a desk which would have opened a hidden panel, they forced the panel open and worked the combination to the safe. Mrs. Bullitt told deputies that a maid discovered a window open Sunday morning and told her. Nothing other than the money appeared to be missing. Bullitt, solicitor general under President William Howard Taft, had brought the money, in \$10 to \$1,000 bills, home from his law office a few days ago.

Army Engineers Confer on Supplies San Francisco.—(U.P.)—Army engineers from port facilities in New York, New Orleans, Seattle and San Francisco began a week-long conference today on operational procedures of the Army Corps of Engineers Supply Division.

Specialists from the engineer packaging technical office and the office of chief of Army Engineers were also on hand to participate in the discussions of such supply duties as the receipt, cleaning, processing, packing and shipping of government material to overseas bases. Brig. Gen. William F. Cassidy, chief of the Corps of Engineers South Pacific Division, served as honorary chairman.

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop FABULOUS CONTRAST Washington.—The recent change in official Washington's judgment of Egypt's President Nasser amounts to the most fabulous historical irony of the postwar period.

Today, the American government is bending every effort to restore Nasser to a position of commanding leadership in the Arab world. But only four short months ago, the Secretary of State of the United States was publicly insulting this same Nasser, on the ground that he was an irredeemable Soviet. The choppings and changings of American policy in the Middle East, the wild tergiversations and sudden expedients, have been many and indeed. The story of the Aswan Dam contains most of these quick, inexplicable turns of policy than any other.

There is no need to relate the whole strange story, however, in order to make the central point. This point is simple. After pressing, after all but begging President Nasser to let America build the Aswan Dam for Egypt, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles withdrew the offer as abruptly as possible and in the most publicly humiliating manner that could be devised. Publicly, Secretary Dulles merely told Nasser that he was a "bankrupt." But as every reporter will remember who rushed into the astonishing episode, the State Department's official given-off-the-record reason for its sudden change of mind was quite different. It was the assertion that Nasser and Egypt had now "passed the point of no return" in their relations with the Soviet Union; and that both man and nation must therefore be considered as complete captives of the Kremlin's policy.

So Dec. 17 is the key date. Once the electors have voted, the results can't be changed. The balloting is binding, even though Congress, under another provision of the Constitution, won't actually count the electoral votes and announce the result until Jan. 7.

That means that in event Mr. Eisenhower died after Dec. 17, and before Jan. 20, Nixon automatically would be sworn in on inauguration day for a four-year term as president. The Legislative Reference Service explores other possibilities, including inability of the electors to agree on a substitute candidate in event Mr. Eisenhower were not available on Dec. 17. In this event, the House of Representatives would elect the three high men in the inconclusive electoral college voting. The service calls attention to another interesting, but unclear, Constitutional provision, in section 3 of the 20th amendment, adopted in 1933. This says that if on inauguration day the president-elect "shall have failed to qualify," the vice president-elect "shall act as president until a president shall have qualified."

Withdrawal by the president-elect, for reasons of health or otherwise, in the period between Dec. 17 and Jan. 20, would come under this provision, LRS believes. And it says the wording is too ambiguous to say for sure what would happen.

International mystery — where's Hungary's Imre Nagy? He and a group of leaders of the Hungarian revolution left the Yugoslav embassy in Budapest, where they had taken sanctuary. The communist puppet government of Hungary had given them guarantees of safety, but RUSSIA HADN'T.

As this is written, it is suspected that Russia may have slapped them into jail—or may be shot them against a wall. At any rate, they haven't shown up at their homes, and Tito protests. He wants them accounted for. HUNGARIAN fugitives continue to pour over the border into Austria. Six thousand of them crossed the other night—some of them more dead than alive from exposure to the cold, including swimming icy waters in some cases. Some 68,000 of them have arrived already, and caring for them is rapidly swamping Austria's limited facilities. It must be remembered that much of Austria's area is just barely out from under the iron heel of Russian communism. The Austrian government has appealed to all free nations for help in taking care of these pitiful refugees.

Present-day Austria is about a third as large as the state of Oregon. Its economy is still weak. It is certainly entitled to help in caring for the Hungarian fugitives.

WHAT brings up an interesting little story that has just clicked from the teletype. An old man walked into the town hall of Ipswich, in England, this morning and laid four items on the town clerk's desk. The items were an engagement ring, a wedding ring, a pocket watch and a gold half-sovereign (value at present exchange rates about \$1.30).

He said to the clerk: "It is for the Hungarians. It is all I can afford. He walked out without giving his name.

YOU never can tell about people. There is the case of the anonymous \$100 bill that was found in a container for charitable offerings over in Klamath Falls the other day. The giver had been touched by the unfortunate plight of those for whose relief the charity was organized.

There are all kinds of people. Taking them by and large, they are wonderful.

Clansman Plans To Seek Reversal On Integration Montgomery, Ala.—(U.P.)—Robed Klansmen mustered 1,000 spectators at a televised Saturday night cross-burning where a hooded speaker said any Negro who seeks integrated schools "needs a funeral."

The speaker, illuminated by three big blazing crosses and television floodlights, said he planned to "camp in front of the Capitol" in Washington until the U.S. Supreme Court reverses its integration decrees.

"Any Negro that wants integration doesn't need an education," the Rev. Alvin Horn, self-proclaimed Alabama Klan grand dragon, said. "What he needs is a funeral."

The rally was orderly and without incident except for one "explosion" that momentarily frightened the 350 Klansmen and spectators. It turned out to be a firecracker. Horn denounced the Supreme Court for its decision outlawing public school segregation and announced his plans to make his protest stand in front of the Capitol. He did not say when he intends to do it.

"I'll camp there in front of the Capitol and tell those people to abide by the Constitution," Horn said. "I'm not going back until I get my message across."

Negro Air Force Man Blames Pressure for Pending Discharge

Columbus, Ohio.—(U.P.)—Negro 1st Lt. Titus A. Saunders Jr., 25, squadron adjutant at Lockbourne Air Force Base here, today blamed "pressure" by a Mississippi senator for his discharge.

Saunders, a Tuskegee Institute graduate who said he had planned to make a career of the Air Force, will be discharged effective at midnight today. Air Force regulations provide an officer may be discharged following conviction for either a felony or a misdemeanor.

Saunders said that Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.), "pressured" the Air Force into taking the action against him in connection with a traffic accident conviction in Mississippi Nov. 20, 1954.

Ohio Gov. Frank J. Lausche refused a Mississippi demand to extradite Saunders last June. At Columbus, Miss., Dist. Atty. Haskell Carter said Mississippi authorities do not plan to press for prosecution of Saunders. Carter said Saunders had forfeited \$2,000 bond on a drunken driving conviction and "as far as we're concerned the case is closed."

Saunders was convicted of drunk driving for moving his car 18 feet from the line of traffic onto a highway after it was involved in an accident. His car, driven by a girl friend, had struck the tail pipe of another car driven by a White woman. Saunders said he moved the car as a safety measure since the highway was heavily travelled.

He said he went to the Pentagon where he talked with James C. Evans, assistant secretary of defense, but that Evans would not specify the charges.

Portland Living Cost Reaches Newest Peak Portland.—(U.P.)—A new peak in the cost of living here was reached in October, according to the Department of Labor.

The report showed that Portland prices had advanced 17.7 per cent since early 1950. The increase in the past three months has been eight-tenths of one per cent and in the past year 2.8 per cent.

As a footnote, heating oil dealers today put into effect an increase per gallon of eight-tenths of a cent which will amount to about 73 cents a month increase for the average home owner.

NEWSMAN DIES Boynton Beach, Fla.—(U.P.)—Harry Black, 69, chairman of the board of the Baltimore Sun papers, died Sunday at his winter home here.

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Dockmen Resume Wage Negotiations San Francisco.—(U.P.)—Negotiators for the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union meet today with representatives of the Pacific Maritime association to resume wage talks.

The ILWU was expected to reply to an employer offer made last Friday. The exact size of the offer was not disclosed, but it was rumored to be slightly more than 10 cents an hour. The union is asking twice as much.