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Flight 'o' Time! Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 60 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO Nov. 28, 1946 (Thursday) Local fruit shippers report that demand for valley pears continues strong at prices in excess of many domestic markets.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The younger set of the valley have started looking for Santa Claus' tracks in the parental domiciles.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 28, 1936 (Saturday) Local chapter of Allied Veterans' Council sponsors automobile safety driving campaign, according to Commander Carol J. Parker.

Several Medford men will leave here for Portland to attend conference of the Northwest Aviation Planning Council.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 28, 1926 (Sunday) Circuit Judge Walter H. Evans will open court tomorrow to determine water rights of Little Butte creek.

The Pierce Harrison Motor company completes extensive improvements on used car lot, corner of Eighth and Bartlett sts.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 28, 1916 (Tuesday) Medford Choral Society, comprised of valley residents, will appear tonight at Page theatre.

The Rev. Paul Bandy of Central Point speaks at Drama League meeting; lectures on Shakespeare.

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 28, 1906 (Wednesday) Rehearsals for "Pixies" in Medford being held daily under the direction of the author, W. A. Milne, of Chicago.

From Local and Personal column: A. A. Davis and J. H. Adams bond a quartz mine from A. F. Garrelson.

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

1. Dec. 25 falls this year on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday or Monday?

2. Which one of these states has most members in the U.S. House of Representatives: Delaware, Nevada, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wyoming?

3. Most new cars are delivered to dealers by rail or by road, or is it about 50-50?

4. Which pays more to the Treasury each year in taxes: (1) whisky, gin and other distilled spirits, or (2) beer and ale?

5. When the late Charles E. Hughes said in 1927 "he was too old to run a second time for President, he was (a) 57, (b) 61, (c) 65 or (d) 69?

The answers: 1. Tuesday, 2. Rhode Island, 3. Most by road, 4. Whisky, gin, etc. 5. 65.

Haile Selassie Cuts Visit Short in Japan

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia cut short his visit to Japan by two days to fly back home today because of the Middle East crisis. The emperor arrived in Japan on Nov. 19.

Using Our Heritage

The federal agencies charged with the responsibility of administering federal lands in this area—the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management—have been active in recent months in asking "withdrawal" of certain lands from specific uses.

What's the idea? The answer lies in a concept of land management applied to the federal lands—that they belong to the public as a whole, and should be devoted to the use for which they are best suited.

It is, in effect, a practical application of the Forest Service objective of managing the lands for the greatest good for the greatest number.

ALL of the proposals for withdrawals may not be well-conceived. But we feel that all of them have been made with the best possible motives.

Basically, they are intended to preserve for recreational use (that means fishing, hunting, boating, hiking, camping, and just plain outdoors loafing) the areas of federal property best-suited to that purpose.

One of the proposals is to withdraw from patentable entry (filing a claim which leads to outright ownership) a strip of land along both sides of the Rogue River.

Another is to make a similar withdrawal of some of our most popular recreational spots, such as high Cascade lakes, streams and hills.

THE withdrawal proposals have run in to opposition from some people who honestly feel that portions of the area have their highest use in the development of mineral potential.

Others object on the grounds that it would prohibit the filing of mining claims to provide handy spots for private cabins, or for other private uses.

With the second reason we have no sympathy; with the first we do. Valid mineral entry is one thing, but taking advantage of the mining laws for purposes not covered by them is something else.

There is no reason why a workable compromise, which will permit the withdrawal of the best of the recreational lands and still allow the development of legitimate and valid mineral discoveries, can not be worked out. We predict it will be.

THE withdrawal concept is an outgrowth of the multi-purpose use of public lands. Some of it is most suitable for growing timber on a sustained yield cycle; some is most suitable for grazing; some for mining; some for recreation; some for power dams.

Some sites can be used for more than one purpose simultaneously.

But others, to fulfill their potential, should be devoted exclusively to one use. For instance, a big mine tailing in the midst of the public campsite areas at Lake of the Woods would be unthinkable.

And in this particular problem, the federal land officers are faced with the reality that the public, in making demands for recreational areas, is indeed making a legitimate claim.

Lumber, ores and livestock are economically vital, and must be considered. But recreation, too, is vital, and access to the out-of-doors is part of the American heritage which should be preserved for our children and grandchildren.—E.A.

Film Classic

Ordinarily, we attend any given motion picture just once. On rare occasions we are sufficiently impressed to see one twice. There is one movie, however, just one, which we have seen so often we have lost count—it's either 12 or 13 times.

It is Walt Disney's "Fantasia," and it opens a week-long run in Medford tonight. As a result, we break precedent and recommend that everyone who hasn't seen it, do so; and point out that those who have seen it could do worse than attend again.

"FANTASIA" is probably not a "truly great" motion picture. Some musical purists we know claim that it is too schmaltzy or something. But we do know that this one film did more to encourage our liking of good music than any other single factor, and that to our uneducated taste, it has yet to pall or get "old."

It is one of those rare things, a motion picture "classic," and we hope it will be around a long time. The present version has been fooled around with some to adapt it to such new-day techniques as wide screen, and so on, but the basic elements—a combination of visual imagery and musical beauty, all in easy-to-take form—are still there.—E.A.

Sounds Sensible

Driving at night on a four-lane highway can be an unnerving experience. And, with the growth of the federal highway system over the next decade, it will become a more common one.

It is for this reason, coupled with the fact that we recently put in a few hours battling night-time traffic on a super-highway, that we note with interest an experiment being conducted in New Jersey.

ITS simplicity itself — nothing but a high earthen embankment, covered with stabilizing vines, built in the middle of a four or six lane highway, separating the traffic flow in one direction from that in the other.

It eliminates the glare of approaching headlights, too often the cause of momentary confusion and collisions in darkness. It eliminates the traffic "friction" present where traffic in one direction breezes by that in the opposite direction without separation, with the possibility of head-on collisions.

The added cost, measured in safety, would be negligible. It sounds sensible.—E.A.

Tito-Russian Breach Emerging As Important and Permanent

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The breach between Soviet Russia and Yugoslavia is emerging as one of the most important aspects of the Polish and Hungarian revolts.

It will be difficult for Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist Party leader Nikita S. Khrushchev to reach any workable agreement with President Tito for cooperation for a long time to come.

Russia's position in Communist-ruled Eastern Europe has been weakened beyond complete repair in the last few weeks. Tito's position as the big independent Communist leader has been correspondingly strengthened.

The present Russian campaign of repression in Romania and Bulgaria seems to be aimed in great part against the threat that Tito's influence might soon rival Moscow's in those two countries.

Afraid Of Tito But Russian leaders seem to be afraid to attack Tito himself too violently.

Tito and his official organs have been roundly denouncing

the Kremlin for more than two weeks for their policy toward Poland, Hungary and the other satellite countries.

Moscow's criticism of Tito has been remarkably restrained. It is evident that Soviet leaders want to avoid a complete break.

They obviously are trying to leave the way open for cooperation.

But the "Titoist" movement of independent Communism has gone too far, and the division between Moscow and Belgrade has become too wide.

Three Centers of Communism In fact, there are now three centers of world Communism—Moscow, Belgrade and Peiping.

It seems impossible that Soviet Russia ever can hope to restore the position of dominance it held before Tito's break with the late Josef Stalin in 1948.

Communist China is steadily strengthening — at Russia's expense — its influence in East Asia.

And in Europe, Tito seems to be establishing himself as the real leader of a future group of independent Communist countries.

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Change by Counties In Service Problems Urged by Governor

Portland — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith says Oregon counties must undergo substantial changes if counties are to discharge their responsibilities properly in solving "urban sprawl" conditions.

The governor told delegates to the League of Oregon Cities convention here last night that counties must assume a broader role in meeting service problems on fringe areas and unincorporated urban areas.

Home Rule First Step The first step for counties, he suggested, was county home rule, and on the city level, the key to the fringe area problem was annexation.

"People in fringe areas," Gov. Smith said, "will approve annexation measures when it is to their advantage to do so—that is, when the benefits they receive are properly proportionate to the taxes they pay."

Gov.-elect Robert D. Holmes told the group that any attempt of his intentions about a program before he actually took office would be premature. He said "The people are entitled to see the program in its entirety rather than piecemeal."

Holmes said he intended to sit down with Gov. Smith to discuss budget matters and other state business before taking office. "I'm sure all the people of Oregon want an orderly and smooth transfer of the government's responsibilities and duties," he said.

State Sen. Rudie Wilhelm of Portland, chairman of the Legislative Interim Tax committee, earlier told the delegates that

"Oregon can't long escape a sales tax."

To Suggest Sales Tax He said "our committee is suggesting a sales tax, admitting that it's not going to be popular." He said alternatives "undoubtedly will have to be higher business taxes, increased income taxes or resorting to a state property tax."

Earl T. Sigonsen, auditor-treasurer of Grants Pass, was elected president of the Oregon Finance Officers association.

Other new officers were William Mansell, recorder-treasurer of Springfield, first vice president, and Mrs. Edythe Wolfe, school clerk of Eugene, second vice president. Directors were Raymond O. Williams, La Grande; Dan Potter, Eugene; Harvey Crim, Coquille; Harry Ohlmann Jr., Seaside; Floyd Gould, Salem; Julia Johnson, Bend, and William Bollman, Albany.

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.

Scavenger Hunt

To the Editor: The Luther League of Zion Lutheran church held a scavenger hunt during its meeting of Nov. 18. The group sent a total of nine teams to different parts of our city. The object was to collect good used clothing for our Lutheran world relief program.

We sincerely wish to thank the good people of Medford for their friendly greeting and complete cooperation in this worthy project.

Nearly every home gave something or else promised to sort through their clothing and prepare a box for a future date, asking the boys and girls to get back at a given time.

As one team remarked, "Even the man who came from his shower to answer the door had a friendly smile for us."

Again we thank you. Mrs. C. S. Slesler for the Zion Lutheran Luther League.

Crain Is Member of OSC Debate Squad

Corvallis — Richard H. Crain, Medford, is a member of the college debate squad this year at Oregon State college.

The squad, composed of 16 selected students, will compete this winter in seven regional and state speech tournaments.

Paul X. Knoll, professor of speech, is director of debate at OSC.

Crain, a senior majoring in business administration, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Crain, 143 Highland dr., Medford. He is a 1953 graduate of Medford High school.

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