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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.

Nov. 30, 1946 (Saturday): A semi-annual law enforcement conference of federal bureau of investigation scheduled in Medford Dec. 4.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Winter has come. All the signs of fall and summer have vanished.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 30, 1936 (Monday): Educational program at South Fork CCC camp, near Medford.

A revision in salary scale so employees may better meet the increase in living costs announced by Eugene Thorndike, manager of local First National bank.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 30, 1926 (Tuesday): With 42 permits issued, the building department had a program entailing an expenditure of approximately \$56,100.

Southern Oregon residents inquire about methods of controlling and exterminating pine beetle.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 30, 1916 (Thursday): Budget committee fixes city tax levy for 1917 at 14.6 mills.

Walter Brown, presently home from Oregon Agricultural college, has been appointed first lieutenant of a cadet company at Corvallis.

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 30, 1916 (Friday): All honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of the Civil war, living in the Medford vicinity, to meet at GAR hall Saturday.

The Ashland Elks lodge will hold its annual memorial service in the opera house Dec. 2.

What's the Answer?

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

- 1. More serious accidents occur during the year in homes, in factories, on roads, in mines, or on airplanes? 2. Which President was administered the oath of office by his father, a justice of the peace? 3. The fastest selling musical instrument in the U. S. today is the banjo, electric organ, violin, piano or saxophone? 4. About (a) 1, (b) 5, (c) 10, or (d) 15 out of every 100 Americans have never been treated by a dentist in his office? 5. A typical senior class in high school has a higher average of intelligence than the population as a whole; right or wrong? 6. Zim and Zis are Russian makes of automobiles; right or wrong? The answers: 1. In homes; 2. Calvin Coolidge in 1923; 3. Piano; 4. 15 in 100; 5. Right; 6. Right.

Annual Corn Show Opens at Ontario

Ontario (UPI)—The annual corn show here opened yesterday and sweepstakes winner in the hybrid yield was C. J. Cooper of Stanfield with a yield of 181.5 bushels per acre.

Larry Faust of Canby won the Western Oregon adult competition with 165.8 bushels.

Seal Sale Troubles

The program of tuberculosis prevention, assistance and health education—built up over a period of more than three decades by the Jackson County Public Health association to one of the best in the nation—is in danger.

Envelopes containing Christmas Seals, the only source of funds for operation of the association, were mailed out recently. Now many of them are being returned, some unopened, some with notes explaining that the recipient does not care to contribute this year. A few of the notes are abusive.

THIS is a shame, for the work of the association is a vital one, important to the continued well-being of the community.

Our feeling is that if an individual does not wish to buy the Christmas Seals, that is his privilege. But if his decision not to do so is based on a feeling of recrimination, everyone is going to suffer.

What are the facts? Just how does the association spend its money? Who makes the decision where it shall be spent? And what would happen if the association had to give up for lack of funds?

THE basic objective of the association is the elimination of tuberculosis. Most of its money is spent directly for that purpose.

The rest of the funds are spent on general health programs, under the theory that the general health level of a community, these days, is the single largest factor in the prevention of tuberculosis.

Virtually everyone is exposed to TB germs at one time or another. Whether or not he becomes a victim of the disease depends largely on whether or not his health is good enough for his body to fight the disease germs.

General health is dependent on many things—a good health department, a high level of understanding about health conditions and problems, cooperation among public agencies and private organizations in solving health problems.

These are the objectives of the association.

DURING the past year, here is how the association spent its money, \$15,810.57 this year: Just under half of the budget, about 48 per cent, was spent on "case finding." This includes payments on the two x-ray machines purchased for installation at the two medical hospitals; tuberculosis clinics; paying for large x-ray films for TB victims whose cases should be watched closely; helping TB victims with transportation to hospitals and related costs; educational materials on the importance of x-rays, and pamphlets for distribution in the schools on tuberculin testing.

Another 17 per cent of the budget went to the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association and the national tuberculosis organization, most of it for research in TB cause and cure.

With these two items paid, more than 64 per cent of the budget went directly to tuberculosis work.

THE rest of the budget included the costs of the seal sale itself (seals, stamps, envelopes, publicity, etc.), about 15 per cent; administration and organization of the association (office expenses, training, etc.), about 8 per cent; payment to the county health department to make up a deficit in public health nurses' salaries, just over 5 per cent; a program of social hygiene, including family life education in cooperation with other groups, leadership training, mental health and so on, less than 5 per cent; health education other than the above, including publications, less than 2 per cent, and a small item, under 1 per cent, for Christmas gifts for TB patients in hospitals, birthday remembrances, and clothing when needed.

That's where the money went.

THE objection has come from those who feel that if TB seal sale money is to be used for non-TB purposes, that fact should be more adequately publicized, and those who objected to the fact that the association was sympathetic to the fluoridation proposal, as a public health measure, and included information about it in its health education series.

These may or may not be valid objections. That is something that only the individual concerned can decide.

But the fact remains that the chief objective of the association is tuberculosis control and education, that the bulk of its income goes directly for that purpose, and that the rest of its income, in the judgment of the volunteer board, is devoted indirectly to the same objective.

AS TO the feeling that there may have been "misrepresentation" about the destination of the seal sale money, this may well be based on the letter accompanying the seals, which this year makes only indirect reference to the phases of the association program not directly related to tuberculosis. This probably was a mistake.

But it is no secret, and never has been, that the Jackson County Public Health association is interested in many phases of health, and has spent the public's donated money in their behalf. One small pamphlet about the association puts it this way, in listing the objectives:

"To initiate and support such activities as may raise the standard of health in the community. "To support a tuberculosis control program aimed toward eventual eradication of the disease. "To determine the most pressing local health problems and to cooperate with the official health and welfare agencies in meeting such needs."

If you don't agree with these objectives, you are under no obligation to aid the association. If you do, why not send them a couple of dollars, and use the seals proudly again this year?—E.A.

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.

Pets in the Cold

To the Editor: These cold nights and chilly days make it timely to remind pet owners to provide warm beds for the animals. Lately I have noticed shivering little creatures in front of a door waiting expectantly and pathetically for it to open. Especially small, short haired dogs feel the cold. I always wonder if they have a shelter—generally garage doors are shut to protect the family car, so where is the dog to find comfort?

Then the time is approaching when parents buy puppies for gifts without knowing the care a young dog needs, and too often after the first burst of enthusiasm the puppy or kitten is sadly neglected.

With the right attitude, wonderful lessons in kindness could be started by having a pet. In fact, here is the true approach to peace. "There can not be perfect civilization until man realizes that the rights of every living creature are as sacred as his own"—David Starr Jordan.

So, during this holiday season, let us not cause any avoidable cruelty or suffering, let us all help to spread the message of peace and good will to all living creatures. Working toward such a decent goal should be the basis of the new civilization which we all aspire to achieve and in this world-wide effort each individual man, woman and child must play a part.

Remember—in every act of mercy we shall know the rich reward that loving kindness brings—Try it.

Terry Addison, 1040 Childers ave., Medford, Ore.

Yes and No

To the Editor: People in the Medford area are lucky to be served by such a paper as yours. I've had to discontinue both our Portland dailies and turn to your Mail Tribune to get reliable commentators' views and enlightened, fearless editorials.

We need opinions like those of Walter Lippmann, Alsop brothers, Frank Jenkins, to wake us up to the dangerous trends in the Middle East.

However, I disagree with your Nov. 25th "Minority Report" editorial. Your "long view" disregards the fact that millions of people died to crush the Hitler and Kaiser dictatorship. They (the tyrants) didn't just wear out. We don't want history to repeat itself. Walter Lippman writes that "... what the Eisenhower administration calls peace is an excessively complacent reliance upon truces which avoided fighting but settled nothing."

I agree. We can't run from a bully forever. Ike's "persuasion" will not stop the Russian bear any more than a hunter without a gun could stop a grizzly bear. Our guns should be active cooperation with our allies (like them or not, we need them) is just words. Oil, their life-blood, is the transfusion we must give them. A little less aid and comfort to their enemies is in order. Nasser, the new Hitler, and the Russians must be stopped NOW, as Hitler should have been stopped before he brought himself, and the world with him, down in ruins.

I still consider your Tribune a fine paper, in spite of the above disagreement. I'm continuing my subscription as of today.

Florence Lawrence 1206 N.E. Knott st. Portland 12, Ore.

More on Parking

To the Editor: In line with Ethel M. Tompson and her letter of Nov. 27, we too live, not 5 miles but 20 miles from Medford, and have been trading there for 3 or 4 years.

We look forward to shopping each payday in Medford, which is every 2 weeks. Not only are we wondering what this parking problem is, we also disturb about the announcement of the city police that we will be arrested for not locking our car, etc.

Medford as a whole is trying to say this: "We have too many people coming to our town to spend your money, why don't you go somewhere else." At dinner tonight we were discussing just that. How many other people feel the same way?

As to the parking problem, we have children that are old enough to shop. How will we all meet to go home?

Harold Maupin, 1276 Gordon Way, Grants Pass, Ore.

Oregon Tax Problems Debated at Meeting

Corvallis (UPI)—Legislators and labor looked at Oregon tax problems at Oregon State college yesterday, with the sales tax, surtax repeal, increased income tax rates and state property tax in the center of the debate.

The discussions came at the opening day of a two-day conference sponsored by the State Tax Commission and Oregon State college department of economics. The conference continued today.

Sales Tax To Increase School Fund Supported

Eugene (UPI)—Support of a sales tax to increase Oregon's basic school support fund was indicated today at the Oregon School Boards Association opened a two-day meeting here.

At a pre-convention meeting last night, the group's legislative committee agreed to recommend an increase in the basic fund supported by the sales tax.

Some 300 officials representing 1550 school board members around Oregon were attending the meeting.

Hungary, Middle East, Share International News Spotlight

By CHARLES H. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

The Middle Eastern and Hungarian situations, both serious, shared the international news spotlight this week. Good news was lacking.

Middle East A threat that Soviet Russia might gain a dangerous foothold in Arab Syria alarmed the United States and the Western world in general.

There were strong indications that a pro-Soviet faction now dominated the government. Russian arms poured into the country. Relations between Syria and pro-Western Iraq were near the breaking point. The Syrian and Iraqi governments accused each other of fomenting internal revolts and of plotting aggression.

The United States, through its ambassador in Damascus, the Syrian capital, expressed its concern over the arrival in Syria of "substantial" quantities of Russian arms.

Turkey, the most important ally of the West in the Middle East, saw the situation as a grave threat to its security. Its northeastern frontier faces the Soviet Union. Its southern frontier adjoins Syria. Syria is small and militarily weak. But as a Soviet stooge it would be dangerous.

United Nations troops started arriving in Suez from a half dozen countries to take over the Suez Canal Zone from the British.

France, which has probably lost the Arab countries. So it would be Egypt, supplied by munitions and airplanes and so-called "volunteers" from Russia, against England, backed by France.

Mr. Eisenhower knows the situation probably better than anyone else; he has spent a year in North Africa with the Arabs. We must count on a possible two- or three-year struggle—which probably means inflation. The United States will supply arms at least to England and possibly to Egypt. We would do that because we want to be on friendly terms with the Egyptians and Arabs.

Mr. Eisenhower is very much disappointed in both England and France. Not only did they not ask his advice, but they went ahead very contrary to his wishes. Mr. Eisenhower has also been disappointed in the way the Western Powers—including England—got a good scare. Mr. Eisenhower was elected on the platform of Peace, Prosperity and Progress. He will now city or refuse to take any action or else will dump the problem in the lap of the United Nations. He certainly wishes to avoid another Korea.

Price of Gas Will Rise The oil interests have notified Washington that, on the basis solely of supply and demand, fuel oil and, indirectly, gasoline will move up 1/2 cent a month until oil is again coming from the Middle East. The Middle East has pipe lines and the most important one has already been blown up. England and France have already gone on a rationed basis for oil.

I think that the present uncertainty will drag on until the next Congressional elections. If it does, Eisenhower may think he can win Congress by just going to the people and telling them it is a choice between paying 10 cents a gallon more for oil or sending their boys to Europe, and that he will leave it to Congress. Therefore, he and his advisers feel the Republicans have a chance of getting control of both Houses in the next Congressional elections. With Eisenhower favoring free enterprise, he would very much hesitate to interfere with the natural flow of oil in either the East or West, but would leave the price to supply and demand.

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ish and French forces which moved into it after Israel attacked Egypt. Withdrawal of the Anglo-French forces became a matter of timing.

Relations between the United States and its allies, Britain and France, strained by the Suez invasion, remained bad. President Eisenhower said in a statement that the Suez situation would not weaken the American-British-French alliance. But wide divergence of policy continued.

A stream of refugees, cold, hungry, footsore, poured into Austria from Hungary. They had fled to escape the reign of terror imposed by the Russian Red army and their own Communist government after the recent revolt. Many who sought freedom did not make it. Russian and Hungarian frontier guards were slaughtering men, women and children whom they caught trying to escape.

Inside Hungary, more than half of the workers who had

struck in protest against the arrest of independent Communist Premier Imre Nagy and the imposition of the Red terror still refused to return to their jobs. The workers who did return remained idle, for the most part, at their machines because of a lack of fuel for power. Some guerrilla fighting continued in the mountains.

The U.N. tried vainly to get permission to send a team of observers into Hungary. Russia and Hungary refused—they wanted no witnesses to their repression.

Premier Chou En-Lai of Communist China arrived in New Delhi on a visit to his friend, "neutralist" Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India. The importance of the visit as increased because Nehru is to come to the United States in December to visit President Eisenhower. It was forecast that Nehru might make a strong attempt, on Chou's behalf, to get the United States and Red China into negotiations on relations.

Mid-East Difficulties Discussed by Babson

By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass.—Israel will withdraw from the Middle East situation. She has been warned that if there is a real war, she will probably be wiped out. If there is real trouble, it will be between Egypt, supported by Russia, and England, supported by France.

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upon is the following: If the Suez is internationalized, the Panama Canal and the Dardanelles must also be internationalized. Russia insists that the Dardanelles and Panama be put on the same basis as Suez.

Egypt pretends to represent the Arab world, but what is happening in Hungary should make the Arabs fear Russia and no longer trust her. The United States, therefore, stands a better chance of winning the Arab world. Eisenhower was over there for a year and he knows North Africa far better than does Eden or Molloy.

Expert's Conclusions Under the above conditions, I now see no chance of a real slump next year (1957); but 1957 may be a leveling-off year. A big break may not occur, especially in view of all the pension funds and unemployment legislation, minimum wage laws, and the Employment Act of 1946. I still have faith in the Law of Action and Reaction; but when I developed the Babsonchart, we had been on a Gold Standard for many years. We had a natural ceiling and a natural floor. Hence, it was fairly easy then to make correct forecasts based on the Babsonchart areas.

Now we are on a Political Standard and not on a Gold Standard. An elastic band can be stretched, but sometime it will break. Hence, I have not lost faith in the Law of Action and Reaction. Those Babsonchart areas can be manipulated by political action for perhaps four or five years before we go the X-Y line but ultimately we will have to pay the price.

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