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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: Dec. 21, 1945 (Saturday) First annual Veterans of Foreign Wars jamboree draws capacity crowd...

20 YEARS AGO: Dec. 21, 1935 Medford post receives citation for community service from national commission of American Legion.

30 YEARS AGO: Dec. 21, 1925 (Tuesday) Snow 67 inches deep reported at the rim of Crafer Lake, 45 inches at Annie Spring camp.

40 YEARS AGO: Dec. 21, 1915 (Thursday) National Farm Loan association formed by farmers in Medford vicinity at library.

50 YEARS AGO: Dec. 21, 1905 (Friday) Jonquin Miller, the poet, turns pessimist and predicts downfall of nation's capital like that of ancient Babylon...

What's Your I.Q.? Nine of ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Are aborigines the earliest inhabitants of a country or region?

2. Are "bird spiders" (tarantulas) the largest or smallest of spiders?

3. Was Herod Agrippa I pro-creator of kings of Judea and Samaria?

4. To what country does the island of Crete belong?

5. Stratford-on-Avon is the birthplace of which famous dramatist?

6. Does the cat-tail have light olive-green or gray-blue leaves?

7. A craftsman who cuts, binds, polishes and sets precious stones is termed—what?

8. Which is the most densely populated state in the U.S.?

9. Which is the safest way to send currency through the mails: by registered letter or special delivery?

10. "Every white will have its black, and every sweet its—what?"

Answers: 1. Yes. 2. Largest. 3. Kings. 4. Greece. 5. Shakespeare. 6. Light olive-green. 7. Lapidary. 8. Rhode Island. 9. Registered letter. 10. "Sourer."

Good People, Generous People

One day not long ago our favorite newspaper had on page one stories which recounted the fact that the United Medford Crusade had exceeded its goal, and the fact that a special Red Cross fund drive for Hungarian relief had been oversubscribed.

Later, also on Page 1 of OFN, we saw pictures of a ton of clothing on its way for use by Hungarians, of toys given for repair for local youngsters, of a Salvation Army kettle getting good patronage.

Within the past year we have seen a new hospital started with funds largely donated by people of the community. We have seen people whose homes have burned, or been flooded, aided with gifts of food, clothing, cash and good will.

THERE is evidence to show that the Jackson county community is busy and prosperous (with a few exceptions, such as some of the mills which cannot afford to keep up production at current lumber prices). All in all, it has been a good year.

The fact of Jackson county people's generosity, however, cannot be attributed wholly to "good times," for even in less prosperous years help has been given freely to those less fortunate. The UMC has a consistent record of success, and so do the other worthy drives such as the March of Dimes, and others.

(In this regard, it may be forgiven if we compare the success of the UMC with United Fund drives in other communities. As far as we can learn, this is the only UF drive in Oregon to oversubscribe its goal so far. In Albany, for instance, it sort of died out at 60 per cent of its goal, and the picture is similar elsewhere. Only in two communities—one of them Medford—has the Hungarian Red Cross campaign been successful.)

THIS is one of the things that makes Medford a "good place in which to live," a community with good neighbors, good people—friendly and generous people, willing to help when it is needed.

This feeling of pleasure and friendliness is marked a little by the fact that the sale of Christmas Seals is down about 20 per cent from prior years—presumably the result of criticism over the use of funds for a good overall health program, with major emphasis on tuberculosis discovery and control, rather than a "TB or nothing" program.

But, despite this fly in the ointment, the record of friendly helpfulness of the people of southern Oregon is something of which we all can, and should, be proud and grateful.—E.A.

Short Day, Short Year

Today is the shortest day of the year. It "snuck up" on us fast this year. Each year, like Christmas, it seems to get here sooner.

But by the time the winter solstice arrives, people are pretty much used to driving home from work into the lowering dusk, and find it difficult to remember how, six months ago, they still had some four hours of daylight remaining when they got home.

Those who arise before 7 a.m. do so in darkness, half-forgetting that in the summer they get up when the sun is high in the sky.

THE phenomenon of time appearing to pass faster as the years go by is familiar to everyone over the age of 25. It has often puzzled us.

Some say that it is because, as one gains more experience, fewer things appear to be new and startling, and as a result there are fewer things to impress one with the passage of time.

Others believe that as years and days fade into the past, they tend to diminish in importance, and so do the years and days of "the present."

And one cheerful person we know thinks that the effect is more marked among busy and happy people than among those who are idle or unhappy in their work. "Time goes fast when you're doing what you like, but slow when you're doing something you don't like," she remarked.

STILL others—and we find ourself in this group—have no ready explanation, and tend to agree with all, at least in part. Anyway, as we watch time flitting faster and faster, we deplore the phenomenon, whatever its cause.

So, from now on, the days will start to get longer, almost imperceptibly at first, then more rapidly, and before we know it the days will stretch out to 16 hours—from shortly after 4 a.m. to shortly before 8 p.m.

At the moment, we can hardly wait.—E.A.

Easy, There!!

Everyone who is smart enough to operate a car is (theoretically) smart enough to know he can get killed by one.

Sometimes—too often—this is forgotten. Long week ends, holidays, festive occasions are times when it is too easy to forget you are driving a weapon of death.

This week end, followed so soon by Christmas, is such a time. Take it easy, friend.—E.A.

More Hungry Refugees Due in Portland Today: Portland (U.P.)—Another group of Hungarian refugees was due here today aboard the Streamliner City of Portland. It was the first group to arrive by train.

Nixon, Nehru, Ishibashi Top Newsmakers During Past Week

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

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

Vice President Nixon flew to Austria as President Eisenhower's personal envoy to see what more the United States could do to aid in the resettlement of refugees from Communist Hungary.

Unrest stemming from the Hungarian revolt against Red rule, was reported spreading in Russia as well as in the satellite countries. President Eisenhower and Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru announced that as the result of four days of talks in Washington and Gettysburg, Pa., they had found "a broad area of agreement" between India and the United States on world problems.

Japan was admitted to membership in the United Nations. Two days later, the Japanese Parliament elected 72-year-old Tanzan Ishibashi as premier to succeed Ichiro Hatoyama. A big reassessment of Japanese foreign policy is expected. A more independent attitude toward the United States is foreseen.

Nixon, arriving at Austria, intimated at once that the United States will raise its present quota of 21,500 Hungarian refugees and also increase financial aid.

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.

Parking Ordinance: To the Editor: According to a item in your paper, the city manager stated that the ordinance prohibiting overnight parking on city streets is no longer needed and would be repealed.

I know one elderly widow whose income is from rentals, who was forced to spend over \$700 to provide off-the-street parking for a tenant, and there were undoubtedly many others who were forced into a great deal of expense by this ordinance.

Due to the fact that there is a tax free housing unit, with whom property owners must compete, the rent could not be raised to help cover this large expense. I am referring to the Jackson County Housing Authority project.

Some county officials have told me this is a city project. Some city officials have told me it is a county project. I checked with the tax office to try and find out who the owner was, but was informed that it was tax free.

However I did see in your paper, May 5, 1955, where our city manager had been appointed to his second five year term on this housing authority, so I am sure he can tell us why it is tax free, who owns it, and who collects the rents from it, and at the same time he can tell us why the ordinance prohibiting overnight parking on residential city streets was necessary before, but is no longer needed.

This widow lady feels that it was a very expensive ordinance for her. Medford has followed the expensive trial and error method for a long time. I personally have hopes that with our newly elected officials we will see a change from this method, and that we will get what we vote for, when we vote for it.

Cleo B. Canoose 55 Ross Court Medford, Ore.

Editor's note: City officials report that the ordinance which bans parking on residential streets all night was enacted some years ago at a time when most street cleaning was done at night. A year or so ago, however, the schedule of street cleaning was changed to provide day-time cleaning in the residential area, and nighttime cleaning down town. With this change, the need for the all-night parking ban in residential areas no longer existed.

The Jackson County Housing Authority is a separate governmental unit, created under state law, and is operated neither by the city nor the county, although appointments to its board of directors are made by the county court. While legally tax-free, it makes payments in lieu of taxes to all units of government entitled to them.

P. O. Needs Modernization: To the Editor: Once more we watch our overworked post-office clerks carry out their work under one handicap that surely seems unnecessary, the lack of mechanical adding machines.

Lines of waiting patrons grow longer and longer while clerks write long sums of figures on scratch slips and then add them laboriously by mental arithmetic. Sometimes a score or more parcels are brought in by a single mailer, as in the case of firms which mail out gift packages. Is it humanly possible to work at such sums all day without making errors? Is it efficient to use time and manpower for a task which a machine can do better?

I suppose it would take an act of Congress to place adding machines in American post offices. However, it occurs to me that some business firm might find it good public service advertising to lend machines, for the duration of the Christmas rush, at least.

One wonders too what difficulties are met in balancing receipts and sales of stamps at the end of each day, and why cash registers are not as essential in the post office as they have been found in most other businesses.

These suggestions are late for this year, but firms having such machines and interested in giving public service might like to consider them for Christmas, 1957—unless in the meanwhile Congress has acted.

Helen E. Webster Public Library Medford, Ore.

Train Whistles: To the Editor: We got what looks like an answer to these hard-to-understand car-train crashes. It was about dusk with some fog, we were driving west on Gregory road approaching the logging train tracks that came up from the right at an acute angle to the roadway, when a get-out-of-the-way blast from a car-horn sounded from the rear. As is my custom when someone seems in a heck of a hurry, a move was made to one side. But the road is not much of a road, so with a quick look to right and left of the tracks ahead, a dash to a wider place in the road was in the making when my very alert side-seat driver gave sharp warning of an approaching logging train that tumbled into view from the screen of brush and trees, traveling at a very good rate of speed.

The blatter on the diesel lorry had fooled me into a near bad collision, the car being stopped some fifty feet short of the tracks.

When the incident was mentioned, one party said it was all our own fault, that all road vehicles must stop at a RR track with a long look to right and left before proceeding. So, a traffic authority was called up who said that a full stop must be made only where a stop-sign or signal so orders, that where there is the conventional warning RR sign, a car must slow down with a good look both ways and proceed on across. To violate this custom with a quick stop is to invite a rear-end collision. Only the public bus, freight and logging trucks and such like must make a full stop at RR tracks.

actor. Of course this is just one person's opinion and it is generally agreed that we are all entitled to think as we wish, however if you will but STOP and THINK for just a minute you will no doubt realize that there are so MANY other IMPORTANT and more interesting things you could discuss and at the same time bring you much more pleasure.

You would find that Dear Old Elvis would soon be a thing of the past... BUT if some of the oldsters are wondering just why the teen-agers have gone merry-go-round over EP the reason is obvious... nothing better was offered them at the time he happened to come along. First it was Rock and Roll along with B and B, then to make matters worse Presley shaking like an Aspen leaf in a tornado.

So we could go on and on, far into the night and get absolutely nowhere... Hey, Ma, get me my Gitar, I'm goin' on the Raydio.

Tolerantly yours, D. C. Halsey, 141 Ashland ave., Medford, Ore.

Lost Puppies: To the Editor: Has anyone lost some puppies? I don't know what kind they are but they seem to be partly cocker. My little girls and I found them under some brush on our place. They were cold and very hungry. One seems to be injured slightly. I inquired at several of my neighbors but they know nothing about them.

It seems to me that small puppies would not run away from a place where they were well-fed and cared for. If someone has dumped them out, I suppose I should thank them for the Christmas present because my little girls are having a wonderful time with them.

I don't have money for an ad at this time, but if there is an owner we would like to find them. These puppies need a home and we can only keep one.

B. Davis, Gibbon rd., Central Point, Ore.

State Tax Collections Higher Than Last Year: Salem (U.P.)—State tax collections are running twice as high as last year, the State Tax Commission reported today.

Tax men said the increase was due to the state surtax on income and improved economic conditions. Collections in the five months ended Nov. 30 totaled \$45,638,899 compared with \$21,844,297 for the same period last year.

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Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

NEW PHASE

There are signs that for the time being the Hungarian crisis has run its course, and that an attempt is under way to negotiate some kind of working arrangement.

There is little hard news, however, and the picture is very dim. But peering through the fog, it looks as if the fighting has not died down because the national rebellion has been crushed. It looks rather as if there is a stalemate between the resistance of the people and the Red Army.

Furthermore, it looks as if Moscow has understood that the Hungarian resistance is of a kind which makes it impossible to govern Hungary by means of a puppet Cabinet backed with tanks alone. This puppet Cabinet cannot make the economy work and it cannot keep social order going without obtaining some consent from the active and organized groups among the people, groups such as the industrial workers and the "intellectuals," that is to say the white-collared workers who operate the institutions of the country.

There is reason to suppose that Moscow is not happy about the bloody disgrace in which it involved itself, and that the faction which is now dominant in the Kremlin may be trying to repair some of the damage which has come from the relapse into Stalinism.

THE most important objective evidence to support this view is the military agreement which Marshal Zhukov and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Shepilov, have just signed with the Gomulka government in Warsaw. It is fair to say, I think, that this agreement puts an end to the Soviet military occupation of Poland. It establishes a relation between the Red Army and the Polish government which, so far as I can make out, is not essentially different from that which exists within NATO for the British and American troops on the continent.

A year ago it would have been a mistake to take such an agreement too seriously. For there was then no reason to think that there were any guarantees behind it. But now, after the movement led by Gomulka, this agreement has the guarantee of the will of the Polish nation, and of the Polish Army, which is under Polish officers. I cannot believe that with what we now know of the sentiments of the Polish people, who are 33,000,000 strong, that the Soviets would have signed this agreement if they do not mean to abide by it.

INDEED, I would guess that the real preoccupation of the Soviet government is whether the agreement will stand or whether it will be overrun by events. The real question is: are they too late with too little? It is certain that in Hungary they were too late with too little, and that this is what caused the explosion. Their chances are better in Poland, thanks particularly to the capacity and good sense of Gomulka and his government. But elemental human forces are moving in Eastern Europe, and there is in these forces much that is incalculable, perhaps uncontrollable.

Mr. Dulles, at his press conference on Tuesday, was clearly very much aware of these realities, and what little he had to say about them was, I thought, wholesome and wise. He was really addressing the Kremlin and he was telling them that this government would be satisfied if the Soviet Union itself negotiated a settlement with the nations of Eastern Europe—would be satisfied if this settlement was based on the principle of national freedom, as in Austria and Finland and now Poland, and on some form of neutralization.

MR. DULLES disclaimed having any plans for a larger European settlement, saying, if I understood him, that the time was not ripe for that. Timing is a matter of practical judgment, and he may very well be right.

But it would be well to remember two things. One is that while it may be too early to make proposals, it is high time that the government and that responsible and informed public opinion came to grips with the problems themselves. It may be right for Mr. Dulles to wait. But in big government, waiting only too often means doing nothing until there is a crisis, and then improvising in a hurry.

The other thing to remember is that the people of all of Europe, East and West, are being sorely tried as a result of what has happened in the Middle East and in Hungary. They are going to be cold, they are going to be unemployed, they are going to be unhappy. They should be given hope. They should be convinced that the old war is not going to be resumed and then allowed to deteriorate into shooting war. They should be given the reason and the right to believe that bold minds are at work planning a brighter and kinder future. They should be given something big to think about.

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