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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 Feb. 6, 1947 (Thursday)

Discussion of most significant events of 1946 highlight dinner of Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "NUDE MAN HELD FOR OBSERVATION." (Headline Eustace (Neb.) News.) —A-h-h-h! and B-r-r-r!

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 6, 1937 (Saturday)

The state encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans will be held July 9-12 in Medford.

R. S. Furry of Phoenix resigned president of the Dead End Stockmen's association.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 6, 1927 (Sunday)

Pilot Miller, of Pacific Air Transport, flies mail plane between Medford and Portland in 1 hour, 40 minutes.

Southern Oregon Bar association of Jackson and Josephine counties meet at the Medford hotel.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 6, 1917 (Tuesday)

Fred N. Cummins, county water master, reports there are 475 irrigation ditches on the Rogue river and its tributaries of which almost none have screens to protect fish.

From Local and Personal column: The Southern Pacific will start paving operations on the station grounds late this week.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Did Jedidiah Morse, publisher of the first geography of the U.S. (1789), also invent the telegraph?

2. Is the Ivory Coast in Africa or Asia?

3. Bible. Did Jesus know before his last feast of the Passover that he was soon to depart from the earth?

4. The wife of the mannikin Punch, Judy, is sometimes called "Joan"; true or false?

5. Is "Jane's Fighting Ships" a naval annual or a tale of fiction?

6. The thistle is the national emblem of which country?

7. The scientific name for a mercy killing is e—-a?

8. U.S. submarines are named for what kind of animals?

9. What are reputable phrases for the colloquialisms "he's no account" and "no use"?

10. "Now he lives in Abraham's bosom..." For what other place is there such a soul?—St. Augustine. What does "Abraham's soul" mean?

Answers: 1. No. 2. Africa. 3. Yes. 4. True. 5. Naval annual. 6. Scotland. 7. Euthanasia. 8. Fish. 9. He's no good; and "useless". 10. Heaven.

BAKERY CLOSING Tokyo—U.P.—Some 3,000 bakeries and 37,000 bread shops throughout Japan have closed down since last summer because people are shifting from bread to a rice diet, the National Bread Makers' association said today.

Air Pollution

It won't be long before the sm— (beg pardon!!!) orchard heating season is here again.

This, coupled with the view of Roxy Ann from the office window, which at the moment shows the top of that attractive hill almost obscured by haze, makes us think of "air pollution."

Another instructive sight is to drive to the upper reaches of the Green Springs grade, or the Siskiyou highway, and then gaze back down the valley toward Medford. It has an almost constant overlay of smoke, or haze, or smog, or whatever you want to call it.

THIS problem is worse than it used to be. Despite the efforts of some lumber companies to develop more efficient burners for their wood waste, it doesn't appear to be getting any better.

On the other hand, it has seemed to us the last couple of early springtimes that the orchard heaters have spewed out a slightly less obnoxious accumulation of smudge smoke than formerly. Some of the orchardists have gone to great expense to experiment with "smokeless" oil heaters, and with various types of wood-waste fuels—and with some limited success.

THERE are two ways of going about conquering air pollution. One is for those who pollute the air to do voluntarily everything they can do (or afford to do) to eliminate it from their operations. The other is for the government (state or local) to step in and insist that it be done.

The third alternative is to do nothing, and wind up like Los Angeles, where "smog conditions" are part of the daily weather forecast. (There are some people who say we're nearly there already, and that the danger potential is worse, because of the bowl-like valley in which we live.)

Of course, it's not exactly as neat and simple as this three-way choice. There are other factors, like motor vehicle exhaust fumes. (We understand some doctors are acutely aware of a real danger here, and one of them wonders what will be the results of exhaust gases drifting downward from the proposed Hawthorne park freeway.)

BUT little can be done, with our present knowledge, about such hazards. Much can be done about the major smog-producer, which is industrial burning (plus, seasonally, orchard heaters).

And as the industrial hazards increase, so does the legitimate concern of government.

The state's sanitary authority has long worked on water pollution, with some degree of success, but its hand in air pollution is a relatively new departure, and has been limited pretty much to conducting tests and outlining areas of responsibility.

But it has come up with four governing policies, as follows:

- 1. Preserve and encourage local autonomy on matters of air pollution control to the extent that cities shall be expected to carry on local control programs wherever feasible and practical with such technical assistance and advice from the Air Pollution Authority as may be necessary and possible.
2. Cooperate with cities in the furtherance of local air pollution control programs.
3. Collect and disseminate information to cities on the prevention and control of air pollution.
4. Administer the control of air pollution sources beyond the city boundaries in cooperation with the municipal problems.

A LARGE number of the sources of air pollution in the Rogue valley are outside of any city limits, and thus are not readily susceptible to municipal control. So No. 4 above presumably places the responsibility, in this case, with the state.

In the case of an "area problem," however, the state at present is limited to allocating responsibility to the various individuals contributing to the overall problem. It may take legislation to give it greater authority before it would be in a position to be of any great help.

But, of course, the best time to correct the situation is now, before it gets any worse. And it seems to us the plants responsible have two reasons for doing so: (1) A moral responsibility to the community, and (2) the fact that if it isn't done now, voluntarily, it will be forced on them sooner or later, likely at much greater cost.

THE standards adopted by the state permit a "fall-out" of up to 15 tons (yes, 15 TONS) per square mile per month in residential and commercial areas, and ranging upward to 45 tons per month in heavy industrial areas.

We have not yet seen the figures for Medford, resulting from tests taken more than a year ago, but suspect that some areas would exceed the tolerances listed in the state standards.

It's an unscientific test, but if you'll leave a car parked outdoors in downtown Medford for a couple of days, particularly in foggy weather, and then run a "white glove" inspection, you might be amazed at the dirt—just plain dirt—you'll find on your gloves.—E.A.

Beer Goes Up

This is the latest report on that new billboard the S.P. allowed to be put up on the spot where the last, lonely maple tree stood a week ago.

Well, the billboard company has put up the billboard, and the signs went up on it yesterday.

One side advertises one kind of beer. The other side advertises another kind of beer.

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Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE SCHOOL CRISIS

In our own home affairs the President has given top priority to the proposal that Congress grant Federal aid to states in order to build public schools.

The case for this Federal aid rests on the hard fact that since the war the number of children ready for schools has grown much faster than has the construction of school rooms in which to teach them.

This year the enrollment in our schools exceeds their normal capacity by more than two million children. This means over-crowding in the class rooms to the point where great numbers of children are being denied a decent education. This denial is in the true sense of the term an emergency. For when a child misses an education, the loss cannot be repaired easily later on.

THE critical shortage in class rooms cannot fairly be attributed to a failure of the states and localities to meet their responsibilities. Here and there no doubt there are such failures. But the total effort made by the states and localities is impressive. During the past year they have built 63,000 new class rooms. This is a record, particularly when compared with 10 years ago when the rate of construction was 9,000 annually.

Yet the President's proposals face formidable obstacles in Congress. There are those who object to any Federal action in relation to the public schools. There are Catholic taxpayers who feel that the parochial schools should not be excluded from Federal aid. There are the Negro politicians, led by Representative Powell of New York, who wish to have Federal aid used as a means of coercing the Southern states to eliminate segregation. And last, but by no means least, there will be all those who, looking for ways to carry out Secretary Humphrey's injunction to cut expenditures, will be tempted to begin with Federal aid for the schools.

IT is often asserted that all the subsidies and grants which appear in the Federal budget are there because of the special interests of pressure groups. There is, of course, some truth in this. But as a generalized rule, it is untrue and grossly unfair. In the case of Federal aid for schools, it is truer and fairer to say that the opposition comes from pressure groups, whereas the support is truly national and public spirited.

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 initials is permitted. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarity and conciseness. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Agrees With Secretary Wilson

To the Editor: I just finished reading the article "Draft Dogger Would Be 'Fool' To Join National Guard," by Capt. Fagnone. Somehow I can't quite agree, because countless numbers of eligible men stayed out of active service of their country by joining the Guard.

While it is true that some Guard divisions were activated, only two divisions ended up in Korea, and it took 15 long months to get them in condition to fight. I know because I was drafted and assigned to the Oklahoma National Guard, and it was supposed to be one of the better trained National Guard units. We had 18-year-old sergeants trying to train us that had earned their stripes by going to every meeting, or their Dad was a good friend of the Company Commander.

I was glad to see Secretary Wilson come out with his statement, because I'm sure there are many people, particularly ex-service men, that agree with him.

Ernest B. Smith, 328 Mary st., Medford, Ore.

Spare The Farms

To the Editor: In regards to the Freeway through Medford, I would like to make a few remarks.

Of course I know that you can't please every one regardless of route. But it seems to me that it is about time the people in the cities give some serious thinking to the plight the farmers are in. We are losing one million acres per year, most often the best and most fertile land, to roads, airports and dwelling sites.

I realize that a person does not like to have their home removed or razed, but it is much easier to find a new home site than it is to find a new farm.

Most farm land can be bought for \$1,000 per acre down to \$100, but that is not the value per acre to the public. The public should value the land for what it is capable of producing for the next hundred, two hundred, or thousand years.

If they looked at it this way, they would see it as a soil conservationist does. Then I think they would hesitate a little before they proposed taking our best soil for roads and building sites.

C. W. Jensen, Rt. 1, Box 45, Rogue River, Ore.

Western Germany Said Entering Critical Period for Allied Unity

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

West Germany is entering a critical period which seems certain to last for many months.

The danger of revolt in East Germany, the threatened withdrawal of Allied troops assigned to the North Atlantic Treaty Forces and the pace of Germany's own rearmament are among the problems to be faced.



Charles McCann

In addition, there is a serious threat that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who comes close to

being an indispensable man from the Allied viewpoint, may be overthrown in the election to be held next September.

The East German situation is the most dangerous one at this time.

Statements by East German Communist leaders leave no doubt that they fear a popular uprising like those in Poland and Hungary.

West German leaders, in turn fear that their own people might cross the border to fight with the rebels.

They would be fighting the Russian Red army as well as the East German armed forces, which Russia might do then can only be guessed at. The United States and the other Allies are pledged

to defend West Germany. There is little doubt that British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan intends to pull two of the four British NATO divisions out of West Germany as part of his drastic economy program.

American military commanders in West Germany are already figuring out how to trim their units in line with administration plans to put more emphasis on striking power instead of manpower.

Action Opposite of Allies This leaves Adenauer trying to carry out the unpopular West German rearmament program, and drafting men for the armed forces, while his Allies are reducing their military strength.

United Press dispatches from Bonn, the West German capital, say the threat that Adenauer may be overthrown in the September election is quite serious. Adenauer's Christian Democratic party has lost strength in recent local elections. The Socialist party, the principal opposition group, has gained correspondingly.

If the election is close, the Free Democrats, who used to be long to Adenauer's coalition, may hold the balance of power. They probably would join the Socialists to overthrow Adenauer. The Socialists oppose rearmament. They have announced that if they get into office they will abolish the draft.

Guarantee Security Asked Erich Ollenhauer, the Socialist leader, says he wants a unified Germany to be included in a "European security system" which would be guaranteed by both the United States and Soviet Russia. To this end, he says, he would be willing to surrender West Germany's membership in NATO.

The East German Communists opened a pre-election propaganda campaign against Adenauer last week end. Like the Russians, they hold out the promise that German unification would be possible if Adenauer were thrown out.

President Theodor Heuss of West Germany is to visit President Eisenhower in Washington March 6. But like some other West European presidents he is a figurehead. Adenauer is head man. It is pretty certain that he, too, will go to Washington within the next few weeks to talk over the situation.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Why our highways are dangerous: A Hollywood 19-year-old got a reckless driving ticket yesterday for trying to drive and SHAVE WITH AN ELECTRIC RAZOR (run from his battery) at the same time!

That on a Los Angeles street—where you're lucky if you can stay alive with ALL YOUR WITS concentrated on the job of driving.

CERTAINLY he should have got a ticket. And when he comes up in court he should get a jolt he'll remember for a long time.

That isn't the point. The point is that if EVERY reckless driver is to get a ticket EVERY TIME he does something he hadn't oughta it will take so many traffic cops there won't be room on the highways for the traffic.

SOMEHOW— If we're to make our highways safer— We must bring drivers to realize that driving a car in modern traffic is a job so IMPORTANT to life and limb that it calls for complete concentration on the job of driving.

We just can't afford to hire cops enough to watch EVERY driver ALL THE TIME.

SO MUCH for little things. Let's take a look now at something BIG—so big that it

Editorial Comment

MEDFORD 'HALVED'

The State Highway Commission has selected a route for the relocation of U.S. 99 in Southern Oregon that bisects the city of Medford. The Medford Mail Tribune and the Ashland Tidings both lament the choice and from this distance, we do too.

In the new development of a four-lane freeway from border to border in conjunction with the new federal highway program, the object has been to bypass the congestion in cities. It has worked well on portions of the route completed between Salem and Portland and between Eugene and Roseburg.

We don't know too much about the geography of Medford unfortunately. But from the sound of the route selected through Medford's Hawthorne Park it would, we assume, be the same if U.S. 99 bisected Eugene with a big overpass flung across the city at Broadway and Willamette.

What stumps us, is the fact that the highway commission agreed to a route through the center of a city. We'd like to know the commission's reasons.

The commission has fought many battles in other communities to sell the idea of the bypass. It has worked beautifully. Even many of the opponents who feared the loss of business have seen the light.

Thus the great new highway will by-pass every city except Medford. It seems a poor decision to us. And we'll guess the people of Medford will live to regret the bisecting of their city by this four-lane super highway. —Eugene Register-Guard.

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