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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. 15, 1947 (Saturday) Police Chief Clatous McCredie reports to Medford Safety Council on January traffic accidents.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: February has gone so fast, say the Older girls, they fear it will over-run itself, and have 30 days this year.

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1927 (Monday) Dams by winter storms to Jackson county roads will be about \$2,000, County Engineer Paul B. Rynning says.

Circuit Judge H. D. Norton may call the grand jury tomorrow to consider several pending matters.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1927 (Tuesday) Mrs. C. E. Bolds, president of Central Point PTA, presides at meeting.

Landscape work underway at Southern Oregon Normal school in Ashland, according to J. A. Churchill, president.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1917 (Thursday) Joe Brown elected district manager for Earl Fruit company, Medford.

Meeting of executive board of First Southern Oregon District Federation of Women's clubs is called by President Mrs. W. W. Canby, of Medford.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. Anthracite coal was introduced in New York in 1824. It was, then, offered free of charge; true or false?
2. Which State is known as the "Mother of States"?
3. Bible: Does the Old Testament mention both the "little owl" and the "great owl"?
4. Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and West Virginia were all formerly part of which State?
5. Robert E. Sherwood wrote a play about which U. S. President?
6. Does it require more or less time for an egg to boil at high altitude?
7. Revolutionary War: Did the British lose the Battle of Long Island?
8. Are there more than 21 American Republics?
9. Is it proper to use the word "eager" as a synonym for "anxious"?
10. "Happiness is a habit—cultivate it."—E. Hubbard. Is this an epigram or epiphany?
Answers: 1. True. 2. Virginia. 3. Yes. 4. Virginia. 5. Abraham Lincoln. 6. Less time to boil. 7. No. 8. No. 9. No. 10. Epigram.

Wyatt May Resign From State GOP Post

Astoria — (U.P.) — State Republican Chairman Wendell Wyatt said today he may resign from the post in the near future. Wyatt said he did not "consider myself a professional politician, and naturally I do not intend to continue indefinitely in my present position."

It Happened

We've been waiting for quite a while, but it finally happened. Mrs. Betty Hoskins, our Jacksonville correspondent, did it.

If you didn't happen to read the first paragraph in her dispatch from our neighbor community last Wednesday, we recommend it to you, as follows:

The last few sunny days has made us think that spring is just around the corner. In this area residents are busy pondering over seed catalogues and mail order "wish" books and out poking in the soggy ground looking for the first daffodil and crocus leaf shoots. At least two early cases of spring fever have been reported.

THIS is the kind of news that makes us forget temporarily, that state and federal income taxes are coming due soon; that spring "officially" won't be here for another five weeks yet; that a lot more rain (and just possibly some more snow) will be falling; that the world, the nation and the state are in one sort of turmoil or another.

Seed catalogs, daffodils, crocuses! Golly, just reading about it is enough to give US spring fever. We get infected easily, anyway.—E.A.

Legislative This and That

At latest report, the Oregon legislature had before it for consideration a total of 640 bills, plus a liberal scattering of resolutions, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions and memorials on probably a couple of hundred or more different subjects.

No one person can keep any sort of check on this vast accumulation of words (some important, some nonsensical, some vicious) and expect to do anything else.

But in leafing through the bills as they have come over the desk, we have picked out a few for brief comment.

ONE calls for printing the slogan, "Scenic Wonderland," plus a fir tree, on our automobile license plates.

A few other states have slogans on their plates, and we've always thought they were a bit absurd and of little value. The slogan would tend to clutter up the license, making identification more difficult, and the fir tree (which looks better in the forest than on a license plate anyway) would aggravate this.

Another provision in the same bill (and also in a different bill) would call for the plate to be made of reflecting material so as to be readable at night. This might be advantageous. But let's do our advertising where it belongs—not in our license plates.

A HOUSE measure would permit the game commission to issue non-resident fishing license at the rate of \$1 a day. This has the advantage of letting a visitor "tailor" his fishing to a brief vacation, without spending five bucks for a seven-day license.

As such, it seems to be a step in the right direction, although we'd still like to see some reciprocity between neighboring states (perhaps using a non-resident stamp on a valid license from another state) in the matter of fishing licenses.

THE Highway commission now has jurisdiction over Oregon's beaches, which are legally classed as highways. It has asked to be relieved of that responsibility, with the beaches transferred to the state land board.

The beach "highway" designation was obtained during the administration of Gov. Oswald West (who belatedly was honored for his far-sightedness last year by having a state park named after him). Thus Oregon, unlike many other sea-coast states, has beaches which are public property.

Transferring them to the land board would not harm this public ownership status. But with the land board's sorry history of land administration in the past, and its authority to dispose of lands, this could be the first step in losing the beaches. For this reason we think it should be strongly opposed.

TWO bills seek to regulate the days of the week during which business can be conducted. One would close up all banks on Saturday. The other would close up automobile dealers on Sunday.

Now, just what business is it of the legislature when people do business? And if it can limit the days that banks and auto salesmen can work, why couldn't it ban clothing sales on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or restaurant operation on Tuesday and Thursday?

The crux of the problem has been approached, correctly, through wage and hour legislation. But these two attempts do not originate out of any high-minded desire to protect employees. They seek to limit competition.

It should not be the business of the legislature to tell anyone what he can't do on any day.

A SENATE bill would authorize the highway commission to acquire and operate state parks in areas other than those "adjacent to" or "in close proximity to" state highways.

This we favor, for some of the most suitable locations for present or future state parks are not now on or near state highways. (In Jackson county, one such is the area on what will be the shore of Howard Prairie lake, to be created in the next year or so when the Talent project is a little further along.)

If we are to have a state park system worthy of the name, this limitation should be erased. The system now is a good one, as far as it goes, but with greater population and increased tourist trade, it will need expansion.

Conflict of Interest Charges Used as Challenge To Officials

By LYLE C. WILSON, United Press Correspondent

Washington — (U.P.) — Conflict of interest is the term used by congressional investigators to challenge government officials



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who maintain substantial links with private business. The latest instance of an alleged conflict of interest case has led to the resignation of Defense Secretary Robert Tripp Ross.

When a government official maintains an outside business connection which could be favored or hurt by his official actions, the basis for a congressional conflict of interest investigation is present. It does not necessarily follow that the official would or would not shape his official acts to favor his private business.

How About Congressmen? These congressional investigations come along often. It is a

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

If you are an average American, you probably ask yourself this question:

"What's this Middle East ruckus all about? Why are WE mixing up in it?"

It's an old story—too long to go into in any detail here. The simple fact of the matter is that ever since trade and commerce began what we call the Middle East has been the most strategic spot on earth.

If you will get out your globe and do a little studying, the strategic importance of this Middle East area will become apparent to you in a few minutes. This is what your globe will show you:

ALL THE TRADE ROUTES OF THE OLD WORLD CROSS THERE.

THAT is to say: Whoever controls this strategic spot can throw the world into a tizzy in a matter of hours.

A large part of the Old World's history has revolved around that fundamental fact.

That also is too long a story to go into here. To prove the point, we need only to cite the latest instance—when a two-bit tyrant by the name of Nasser stood the world on its ear by seizing the Suez canal.

That tells the tale.

IN the big years of the British Empire, Britain ruled the world by the simple expedient of seizing the STRATEGIC POINTS.

One of these strategic points was the Isthmus of Suez, which later was cut by the Suez canal, which made possible the passage of SHIPS from the Far East to the Atlantic. Another strategic point was the Strait of Singapore. A minor but still very important strategic point was the Strait of Gibraltar.

Controlling ALL of these, Britain could tell the rest of the world where to get off — and quite frequently did. Your globe will tell you how all this came about.

AT this point, we must cite a little more history.

Ever since Russia emerged from barbarism and became a world power, she has coveted this strategic Middle East area. Rivers of blood have been shed to keep her from getting it.

Again all this is too long to be gone into here. But your history books will confirm the story if you will take the time to dig it out.

WHY have rivers of blood shed to keep Russia out of the strategic Middle East?

This is the answer: Throughout the centuries, the rest of the world has felt that Russia was NO FIT GUARDIAN FOR THIS STRATEGIC AREA

—which is now more strategic than ever before because of the vast oil fields that have been discovered there. The world still has the feeling that Russia is no fit guardian of this key gateway of the world. That's the story in a nutshell.

THE only legislative bills which can become law immediately are those which carry the so-called "emergency clause." This read, "This Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act shall take effect upon its passage."

It's a handy device, used sometimes to prevent the bill from being referred to a vote of the people. But if every "emergency" declared in a bill actually threatened the public peace, health and safety, we'd be in a pretty pickle.—E.A.

matter of astonishment that some bedevilled official in the witness chair has not long since sought to turn the conflict of interest searchlight on his congressional investigators.

Consider the lawyers, for example. Lawyers far outnumber members of other professions in Congress.

How much conflict of interest would there be in the situation of a senator or congressman whose law firm had substantial corporate patronage and who had to cast his vote on a question which directly would effect the profits of one or more corporate clients?

That is a fair question but not one likely to be asked soon or often. It last was asked some 20 or 25 years ago when the late Sen. Huey Pierce (The Kingfish) Long was rampaging through the tag end of a purple career to be ended by an assassin's bullet.

Long was undisputed boss of Louisiana with an overlay of influence in adjoining states, notably Mississippi and Arkansas.

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Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

IN POPOV'S ROOM Koustenay — In this metropolis of the new Soviet frontier in western Siberia, the presumed



Joseph Alsop

sanctum sanctorum is the office of the First Secretary of the Communist Party Committee, Comrade Lazar Ivanovich Popov.

It looks, too, as a sanctum sanctorum ought to look. By Koustenay standards, which are appropriately the standards of Tombstone, Arizona, circa 1880, it is a large and handsome room. The ikons of the holy men of Communism are also large and handsome. And so is the desk at which Comrade Popov receives his callers with an expression of stern, unbending purpose.

I went to call on Comrade Popov in order to ask a question that seemed to me centrally important. But it is perhaps better to begin by introducing Comrade Popov and his two colleagues, Second Party Secretary Yefim Andrievich Marosov and Third Party Secretary Aleksandr Vassilievich Shilov.

THEY are all middle-aged men. They all started their careers in rather humble ways—Comrade Popov was a primary school teacher, for instance. But all three "took up full time party work a long time ago," as they put it. All have followed this specialized career since at least 1940, and none has had any higher technical training beyond that offered in the party schools.

These, then, were the trio to whom I put my question. I had been greatly impressed by the boldness, size and apparent success of the huge Soviet industrial and agricultural enterprises which have been shown me in the course of this Siberian journey. I had been equally impressed by the caliber of the leaders of these enterprises. Such men are, of course, members of the Communist party.

But equally, of course, having huge jobs of their own to do, they do not function primarily as Communists any more than the chairman of U. S. Steel functions primarily as a Republican or Walter Reuther functions primarily as a Democrat.

WHAT then was the role of the Party itself in these enormous and technically complex enterprises? Where exactly did Comrades Popov, Marosov and Shilov fit into the grandiose and dramatic pattern of western Siberia's agricultural and industrial development?

"There the role of the Party," replied Comrade Popov, with a powerful didactic scowl, "is the

role of leadership. For example, the colossal spaces of our steppes lay waste for centuries, but now they are being plowed. For this purpose, it is necessary among other things to win the struggle to keep moisture in the soil. This is the successful offensive against nature, in which the party leads."

In the beginning was the party, Comrade Popov and his colleagues jointly explained. The party and its junior branch, the Comsomsols, had the opening task of organizing the movement of the people to work on the new lands and in the new industries. "Once again," said Comrade Shilov, pride shining through his spectacles, "the role of the party and its members was the role of leadership in accomplishing this great task. The leading role was immense."

"Initially it is not easy," added Comrade Popov, "because we must create from nothing everything, from housing for the people who come, to needed cultural facilities. Yet it can be easily understood why our people go to such distant places. It is because of the care of the Communist party for the people."

BUT more specifically, I asked, in a tone somewhat subdued by the flow of eloquence around me, what was the party's role in the actual management of the largest single local enterprise, the great new Sokolovsky mines? Do party officials like my kind hosts debate the complex questions of open-pit mining on a titanic scale with the formidably capable mine manager, who is one of the two or three leading Soviet technicians in this field?

"The mine manager," replied Comrade Popov, "is a member of the collective. In this respect, our strength lies in working as one collective body. The collective effort of our people, in which the leading role is played by the Communist party, is the real force that permits us to cope with our great tasks. People can solve any problems if they are well led."

"Therefore the Communist party never loses its close connection with the masses. Party members equally work together in such industrial enterprises as you have mentioned. So they help all people to solve problems, and so the rule is followed that the decisions taken by the collective body of the people must be fulfilled by all means."

On these lines, with the waves of eloquence rising and falling in majestic tides, the conversation continued for nearly two hours. But such, in general, were the answers I received to one of the fundamental questions of Soviet society in its present stage of development.

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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.

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Thief Kept His Word; Police Locate Him

Boston — (U.P.) — A thief took \$18 from lunchroom manager Charles Sougarides and airily told him, "If they want me, I'll be over on West Brookline st."

They did. He was.

Portland Police Captain Retiring

Portland — (U.P.) — Police Capt. William D. Brown, 60, said today he was retiring on orders of his physician. He served 33 years with the police department here and for many years was chief of detectives.

dent Eisenhower in Washington on Feb. 26. British Prime Minister Macmillan and the President will meet in Bermuda March 21.

These will be the first talks by the Allied "Big Three" leaders since the British-French attack on the Suez Canal Zone, which strained relations seriously.

Defense Outlining defense plans in the House of Commons, Defense Minister Sandys said that the new Macmillan government intends to end conscription as soon as possible. British defense plan revision is due primarily to the urgent need to reduce government spending. But Sandys attributed it also to the development of nuclear warfare. He intimated that Britain will concentrate on guided missiles and other nuclear weapons.

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CONSTIPATED? New laxative discovery un-locks bowel blocks without gag, bloot or gripe

Constipation is caused by what doctors call a "thrifty" colon that, instead of retaining moisture as it should, does the opposite: robs the colon of so much moisture that its contents become dehydrated, so dry that they block the bowel; so shrunken that they fail to excite or stimulate the urge to purge that propels and expels waste from your body. To regain normal regularity, the dry, shrunken, constipating contents of your colon which now block your bowel must be re-moistened. Second, bulk must be brought to your colon to S-T-R-E-T-C-H STIMULATE it to action; to a normal urge to purge. And, of all laxatives, only COLONOID, the amazing new laxative discovery possesses COLONOID's great moisturizing capacity, plus COLONOID's stretch-stimulating bulk. So effective it relieves even chronic constipation overnight, COLONOID is yet so smooth, so gentle it has proved safe even for women in critical stages of pregnancy. Superior to old style bulk, salt or drug laxatives, COLONOID neither gags, bloats nor gripes; won't interfere with absorption of vitamins and other valuable food nutrients; in clinical tests, did not cause rash or other reactions. It's a physiological fact: Exercise tones your body! And COLONOID exercises your colon to tone it against constipation, overnight! Get COLONOID, in easy-to-take tablet form at any drug counter, today! Only 98¢ for the 60 tablet package, brings positive relief at less than 2¢ per tablet.

Russian Campaign Against Doctrine Tops Week's News

By CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Correspondent

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

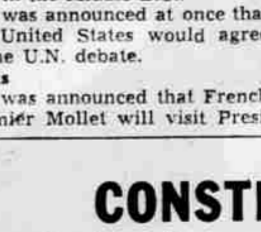
Soviet Russia launched a big diplomatic campaign against the Eisenhower Doctrine for the Middle East and United States defense policies in general.

The White House announced that President Eisenhower will hold separate conferences with French Premier Guy Mollet and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

British Defense Minister Duncan Sandys announced plans for drastic revision of defense plans.

Russia opened its attack on American foreign policies in notes to the United States, Great Britain and France and in a request for a United Nations debate on the "question of aggressive acts by the United States constituting a threat to peace and security."

In the notes, Soviet Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov proposed a six-point agreement on the Middle East. He called, among other things, for the abandonment of American military bases in that area and for



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