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

10 YEARS AGO May 8, 1947 (Thursday) A total of 960 of the 1,250 Camp White buildings offered for sale goes to southern Oregon buyers.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The longer skirts are being worn by the fair sex. The new style enables the wearer to sit down with more freedom and hides bowleg casualties.

20 YEARS AGO May 8, 1937 (Saturday) Public speaking class of Medford High school begins to study radio work, a new phase in their course.

Fred Powell elected president of Medford aerie of Fraternal Order of Eagles.

40 YEARS AGO May 8, 1917 (Sunday) Pear packers from Pacific coast to witness Southern Oregon Sales company demonstration of new spray-washing machine and grader.

The Scout Field day first prize for exhibits Saturday at the fair grounds won by Troop 5 of Medford.

40 YEARS AGO May 8, 1917 (Tuesday) Medford Elks lodge benefit collects \$400 for local Red Cross chapter.

From Local and Personal column: Jap Andrews of Medford leaves for Chicago on business trip.

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

1. In the 1860 election was the Republican party formed to fight slavery itself?

2. In which city was the first U.S. Bible established?

3. Bible: Is there any reference in the Old Testament of a God on the earth beneath?

4. Psittacosis is the scientific name for rabbit fever, parrot fever, or yellow fever?

5. Though moles do have eyes, have they sight?

6. What does the slang expression, "Dutch quarter", signify?

7. The number of points on the antlers of deer is, or is not a reliable indication of their age?

8. In what Sea are the islands of Coo, Lero and Samoa?

9. In formal grammatical usage "should" and "would" follow in general the rules for "shall" and "will"; true or false?

10. "What makes the lamb love Mary so?" The eager children cry. "What did the 'teacher' reply?"

Answers: 1. No. The extension of slavery into newly-formed states. 2. Philadelphia, Pa. (1792). 3. Yes. (1 K. 8:23—that there is none.) 4. Parrot fever. 5. Yes. 6. A hug. 7. Is not. 8. The Aegean. 9. True. 10. "Oh, Mary loves the lamb, you know."

A REEL ERROR Yokosuka, Japan (U.P.)—Lt. (JG) John S. Darran thinks someone made a mistake with the home movie film he sent to Honolulu to be processed. He sent 50 feet of a quiet domestic scene with mother and baby, the family dog and four puppies. He got back 50 feet showing Japanese practicing karate, a vicious form of self-defense that can kill or maim.

"I.Q." and "Intelligence"

Civilization today proliferates tests. There are "I.Q." tests, aptitude tests, memory tests, emotional stability tests, and dozens of others, designed to measure, assess and describe the differing qualities of people.

This is probably all to the good as long as it is realized that none of them are infallible, and are not the final and exclusive answer to categorizing a man. They are indices only, and as such are valuable.

They are designed to help fit round pegs into round holes.

THIS is not to say that they always do. Any GI from the last war can cite examples of absurd duty assignments, "aptitude" tests notwithstanding.

But, in their proper role and taken "in context," tests can be helpful. Take the "I.Q." test, for example.

This is supposed to measure the intelligence "quotient" of the subject, and up to a point the results are informative. They can, with a fair degree of accuracy, indicate how well the subject can absorb new knowledge, relate one subject to another, understands what he reads, and so on.

But it should be remembered that the I.Q. is far from a measurement of the full man, or boy, or woman.

OTHER things—such as emotional stability, ease of adjustment, balance, judgment and ordinary "horse sense"—also go into the making of an individual's personality. (We should add a sense of humor to the above, for it is often the most attractive part of an individual.)

Perhaps the thing about young Rob Strom, the phenomenal quiz-contest winner, which attracted people and made him a "hit" was less his unquestioned and brilliant "I.Q."—which permitted him to answer easily questions that most of us didn't even understand. What made him likeable was his easy grace and humor, the fact that he apparently hadn't let the "big money" go to his head.

Imagine the reaction if the questions had been answered equally correctly, but with a cold, intellectual arrogance, rather than with his friendly, boyish charm.

IF, THEREFORE, you have occasion to deal with an I.Q. rating in a child, don't let a high number brand him as one from whom anything less than perfection is failure. He needs other things, too.

Conversely, a middling I.Q. is no cause for despair. That's where most of us are, anyway.

Besides, intelligence is not fully measured by tests. The genius of today, sometimes, is yesterday's ignoramus. (Einstein flunked mathematics in prep school.)

Other qualities besides testable I.Q.s are needed today, and true intelligence requires hard work, high standards, determination, and the saving graces of humor and understanding as much—perhaps more—than something which can be reduced to a formula of "x" over "y" times 100 equals "I.Q."—E.A.

"Rock" Down, Calypso Up

The ascendancy of calypso music over rock 'n' roll causes us no pain at all.

The other day, the radio brought to our unhappy ears the nasal wail of a young man screeching "Rock! Rock! Rock!" accompanied by something that sounded like a misanthropic calliope.

A little of this sort of thing goes a long way with us—a long, long way.

A short time later we heard the rounded, exciting voice of Harry Bellafonte chanting something that sounded like "Day Oh, Day Oh" and were appeased. (Our ignorance of things musically modern appalls the family teenager.)

CHARLES SPRAGUE, distinguished editor of the Oregon Statesman in Salem, does his usual scholarly job in approaching the same subject. He goes into the history of calypso, and notes that it is "an authentic idiom," while rock 'n' roll "is a sort of vulgarized bebop."

"Calypso," he reports, "has a past and a lively present. Rock 'n' roll has a brief present and no future."

He also makes the point that much of America's musical heritage is derived directly or indirectly from the African Negro, with jazz in its many forms, spirituals, and now calypso, originating with the black man's genius for rhythm, spontaneity and free-wheeling emotional expression. Only in its more classic forms does American music of today look solely to the European part of our heritage.

IT WILL be interesting to see whether or not Tin Pan Alley will convert calypso into a more formalized thing than it now is.

Originally, the calypso singer extemporized as he went along, commenting on the cruelties of "the boss," or the latest amours of the belles of society, or the most recent political development. Some of the excitement of waiting to see whether or not he'd come up with a proper rhyme at the proper time is lost in the "written-down" versions, but not all of it.

As a valid expression of musical talent it is a genuine art form, with its roots in the folk-ways of a gay yet tragic people. And listening to even the watered-down juke-box versions is a vast relief from the exhausting vocal peregrinations of the "rock" disciples.—E.A.



"DON'T GET SO SORE! HOW COULD RUFF KNOW YOU WAS GONNA USE THAT SHOE TONIGHT?"

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.

County Wage Scales

To the Editor: As one of the new administrators in County Government, I have had to make studies of work loads, duties, efficiency and wage scales of employees of my office.

I am proud to report that I found all employees in this office were well qualified in their positions. Each of them was hard-working, efficient and loyal to the office; eager to be of service to taxpayers and citizens using the services of the office.

I was surprised to find that wage scales for these employees were far under what similar positions would be in private enterprise, or under State Civil Service and no consideration was given for length of service or merit pay raises.

In presenting my budget for this year, I have studied pay scales for comparable positions and recommended increases to compensate for duties performed. I realize that everyone is concerned with the present tax load and pressure is on these citizens who prepare our budgets, to economize. However, I do not believe that any taxpayer wants economy to overrule fair play to County employees. Most of these employees are also taxpayers, and have the right to expect fair compensation for duties performed. They also want a reasonable living standard for their families. Remember that present increases are due to lack of consideration in past years budgets and that raises this year only bring to each employee long overdue consideration.

I have given to each of the publications in Jackson County, a salary schedule for the Assessor's Office, outlining length of service of each employee with present salary, recommended salary, and comparative salary. Check this schedule with these publications, or with this office. If you believe that consideration should be given to these employees, let the Jackson County Budget Committee know your views.

This increase in wages can be given without any County levy, from funds available to the County.

Ray J. Schumacher, County Assessor.

Asks Questions

To the Editor: A short time ago a Mr. Van der Maas denied the Divinity of Jesus and the reality of a personal God. I wish to ask him two questions:

1. If Jesus is not the Son of God and Divine, how can anyone explain His character and greatness? No man either before or after His Incarnation lived a perfect life nor changed the whole world into B.C. and A.D. If one denies His Divinity he has to admit His Divine character and Power. He has to admit that He was a good man, yet this good man said that He was God manifest in the flesh. What did this good man say concerning Himself? He said that He was the Son of God and Divine. Now what is Mr. Van der Maas' idea of a good man? Will a good man lie, and is a habitual liar a good man? He is either what He says of Himself or a liar, deceiver, and fraud. Such a life would be utterly impossible as written in the Gospels.

2. Years ago two outstanding lawyers of Great Britain imbibed skepticism and finally infidelity. They decided to expose the Bible records of the Divinity of Jesus and the Conversion of Saul. Each took a subject for essay and arguments to prove these delusions. A few months later they met with their completed manuscripts, and to their surprise both were converted, and instead of proofs against those subjects they had written the greatest proofs that what the Bible said about those subjects was true and unanswerable. They have never been answered, and cannot be. These manuscripts are still in print and can be had. Will Mr. Van der Maas be as honest as these brilliant lawyers? I will be praying for

him that the Living God will open his spiritual eye to God's eternal Truth.

W. L. Deming, 218 Portland ave., Medford, Ore.

For Prospectors

To the Editor: Through the courtesy of the United Prospectors Inc. of California we received a 36 page sample booklet, "Panning Gold," a prospector's guide and official publication for amateurs and laymen. It is printed every two months at Los Angeles. The annual U. P. club meeting and picnic is set for June 29 and 30 at their camp and placer (Camp Leith) located near Mariposa, Calif.

The booklet carried 18 informative articles on various late mineral discoveries of all the western mining states as well as news on recently re-discovered lost mines. A section of news is devoted to rock-hound collecting. On the last page is a descriptive story of the Chinese miners' claim fight over gold claims at "Five Cent Gulch" in Weaverville, scene of Chinese Tong War. The skirmish ended in two minutes.

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman, Medford, Ore.

Some Get, Some Don't

To the Editor: After reading a veteran's letter in your column I can sympathize and agree that a veteran and his wife can't live on \$66.15 a month when the cost of living is so high and going higher. A veteran considered permanently disabled is not like the wage earner who asks for and gets wage raises.

My husband is not a veteran but our plight is like that of the veteran trying to live on \$66.15, except that we try to do it on a little over \$50 per month Social Security my husband gets. Keeping up a home, taxes, fuel, electricity, water, insurance and food is hard to do on such a small amount. A man of 65 is supposed to retire on the above amount, or in some cases less. Most men of that age are still able and willing to work and are allowed to earn \$1,200 a year—but who will give them a chance to earn even half that much? Some people think that when a man gets Social Security he should settle down and enjoy life and not work any more.

It isn't so bad for a man and wife near the same age who can both draw Social Security, but it's tough on the man whose wife is not old enough to draw Social Security and unless he can manage to get work on the side he runs out of money before the next check is due.

Social Security benefits should be geared according to the cost of living; \$50 or less allowed a man 4 or 5 years ago cannot go as far now when everything is higher.

Professional people, doctors and dentists have been added to Social Security. It would be better to raise the benefits of those who get small amounts instead of paying Social Security to doctors and dentists who should have plenty anyhow when they retire, judging by the way they live and the trips they take and things they do that the ordinary working man never could do. When I explain my circumstances to a doctor, it makes no difference—I am charged to the hilt anyway.

It looks like veterans are treated the same as the older people and expected to get along on very little. I can ask the same question as the veteran—"if they don't want a veteran or a man of 65 years to work, why don't they allow him enough to live on?"

Gripe and complain, but it gets us nowhere, and prices keep going up. One thing sure—if you haven't made your pile by

U.S. Missile Base on Formosa Has Military, Political Sides

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The announcement that the United States intends to station a guided missile unit in Formosa is bad news for the Chinese Communists.

It is important in both its military and its political aspects.

On the military side, the announcement gives the Pei-Chang Kai government another clear warning—if another one were

needed—to give up any idea of trying to take Formosa, the stronghold of the Chinese Nationalist government, by force.

On the political side, it means that the United States is in Formosa for a long time to come. It also means that the Communists are just wasting time in throwing out occasional hints to Nationalist Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek that they would like to make a deal with him.

It is pretty certain that the news will cause the Communists to start a big campaign of denunciation of American "aggressive intentions."

The United States 7th Fleet,

which is now in Chinese waters, is capable, of course, of attacking Red China with atomic weapons. This is true also of the American bomber planes stationed on the fortress island of Okinawa, midway between Formosa and Japan.

But the missile "unit" which is to be "stationed" in Formosa actually means the establishment of a new American military base within striking range of Red-ruled China.

The Reds always have complained that Formosa was a United States military base. But up to now, only a few jet fighter planes have been stationed on the island.

There was more bad news for the Peiping regime from Tokyo. There, Japanese Premier Nobusuke Kishi indicated strongly in a statement in Parliament that Japan intends to make nuclear weapons a part of its defense.

Answering a question by a Socialist member, Kishi said that it would be permissible, under Japan's present anti-war constitution, to keep defensive nuclear weapons.

"Progress is being made now in the development of nuclear weapons," Kishi said. "In these days of progress in scientific weapons we cannot defend ourselves with bamboo spears."

May Relieve Dulles There is an interesting angle in the announcement about the Formosa guided missile unit.

It seems possible that it may take some of the pressure off of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as regards his extreme reluctance to giving permission for American newsmen to visit Communist China.

Dulles is coming around, at the demand of publishers all over the country, to approving visits by at least a limited number of correspondents.

But it does not seem to be too far-fetched to suggest that the Communists may not be so eager now to welcome inquisitive Americans to their territory.

Guided missiles launched from Formosa would be capable of hitting targets far inland in China, including such great cities as Shanghai, Canton, Hankow and Nanking which the newsmen might visit.

TEACHER'S CONFESSION

Hollywood (U.P.)—The president of the National Education Association, composed of 700,000 school teachers, admitted Tuesday she was no model student. Martha A. Shull, a Portland, Ore., high school English teacher, said she flunked the first grade but added "it didn't do me any harm."

Government Spending Level Jolts Hopes Of Budget Surplus

By RAYMOND LAHR United Press Correspondent

Washington (U.P.)—Congress may soon find itself in the Alice-In-Wonderland predicament of needing to run faster to stay in one place.

There has been much bold talk of budget-cutting, to be followed up by a Democratic-sponsored tax reduction bill to take effect next Jan. 1. But now there are hints the budget picture painted by the administration in January may have been too rosy.

Hence there may not be much room for tax reduction even if Congress achieves some effective cuts—by no means assured yet—in President Eisenhower's \$71,800,000,000 budget for the 1958 fiscal year which begins July 1.

Administration Jitters The administration already has developed a case of jitters over whether it will be able to keep the budget in the black for the current fiscal year ending June 30.

In January the administration estimated it would show a surplus of \$1,700,000,000 for its current fiscal year. Since then

defense spending has been running so far above projected levels it has threatened to wipe out the surplus.

Treasury officials insist they will make enough other savings to compensate for any increases in defense spending. But the ever-upward pressure on the budget, sparked by steadily rising costs in nearly every aspect of government as well as private activity, makes the task of holding the spending line ever more difficult.

Forecast Too Optimistic? Meanwhile, questions have been raised as to whether the administration forecast for next year is too optimistic. When he estimated federal spending at \$71,800,000,000 for the coming fiscal year, Eisenhower put expected federal income at \$73,600,000,000. This would leave a surplus of \$1,800,000,000 at the end of the year on June 30, 1958.

Some time this month the staff of the House-Senate Committee on Internal Revenue will bring in its own updated estimate of government revenue for the coming fiscal year. Congress has long had great faith in this estimate and has used it as a guide in writing tax legislation.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Week end tragedy note: Four persons drowned in two accidents in Oregon Sunday—bringing to five the number who last their lives in water accidents over the week-end. Three of the fatalities were boating accidents. Two fishermen drowned when they slipped off a rock into deep, cold water.

Five Oregonians died in accidents resulting from recreational activities over the previous week end.

A THOUGHT to carry in our minds: Our pleasures are apt to be more dangerous than our duties.

POLITICAL farming note: Uncle Sam pays farmers for taking some 26 million acres of surplus crops out of production. But, because of a loophole in the soil bank law, farmers can OFFSET these outbacks by putting some of the same land into BARLEY, soybeans or other uncontrolled crops. Thus they can but back only 12 million acres instead of the 26 million they are paid for.

Assistant Agriculture Secretary Marvin McLean told a house appropriations subcommittee in testimony made public today that his department has the legal authority to close this gap. But, he told the subcommittee, it fears a political storm from the farmers if it does so.

THAT is an interesting illustration of what political farming has been doing to Southern Oregon and Far Northern California agriculture for a long time. The result has been to bring into production of our SPECIALTY CROPS land that formerly was devoted to the production of wheat, corn, cotton, rice, tobacco and peanuts, which are the subsidized and acreage-controlled crops.

The result of that has been glutting the markets for our specialty crops, which are NOT subsidized and a acreage-controlled.

the time you are age 65—it's just too bad!

Regarding veterans being called "Wino." I don't know many veterans but know a few single ones who spend most of their allowance on drinking, but that's life! Some get—some don't!

(Name on file) Talent, Ore.

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