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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 3, 1947 (Tuesday) About \$1,200 raised by Medford Lions club during carnival for playground equipment at new city park.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The theft of a ladder is reported. The vandal better bring it back, or other steps will be taken.

20 YEARS AGO

May 13, 1927 (Thursday) Richard Hajjibon, world famous traveler, lecturer and writer, speaks at Medford Active club meeting.

Tentative plans for sponsoring a code regulating bicycle traffic in the city of Medford are proposed by Medford 20-30 club.

30 YEARS AGO

May 13, 1927 (Friday) Walter Leverette elected president of directors of Medford Realty board.

From Local and Personal column: Henry Fluhrer returns to Medford from Portland on air mail plane.

40 YEARS AGO

May 13, 1917 (Sunday) Oregon Governor James Withycombe will speak at Tri-State Good Roads convention at the Natatorium Wednesday.

From Local and Personal column: J. C. Burch, president of Portland Cement company of Gold Hill is in Medford on business today.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. The making of watches by machinery was introduced in 1850. Was the process also perfected that year?
2. The capital city of which State is named for the fourth U.S. President?
3. Bible: Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus to do what?
4. Name the author of "Peter Pan" and "The Little Minister."
5. What are homonyms?
6. Name the first U. S. Secretary of the Treasury.
7. The correct, modern-day word for writing paper is stationery or stationary?
8. A catacomb is a special comb for grooming cats; true or false?
9. "One another" is used of "more than two." What two words are used to express "two"?
10. Did J. R. Lowell or Denis Kearney (Big Denney) first use the expression "Horny-handed sons of toil"?
Answers: 1. No. (1857). 2. Madison, Wisconsin (for James Madison). 3. Carry the Cross to Calvary. 4. James M. Barrie. 5. Words which, although pronounced alike, differ in meaning and nearly always differ in spelling. 6. Alexander Hamilton. 7. Stationery. 8. False. (It is an underground burial place). 9. "Each other." 10. Denis Kearney.

Spokane Man Injured In Highway Wreck

Calvin E. Smith, 51, Spokane, Wash., was reported in "fairly good" condition today at Sacred Heart hospital where he was taken after suffering injuries in an accident at Jacksonville on Sunday. State police said Smith was traveling west on Highway 238 when his vehicle went off the road and into a ditch. There were no passengers in his car. He was taken to the hospital by Medford Ambulance service.

How's Business?

The Oregon Journal has been running a series of articles on its front page, describing various towns in Oregon, under the general title "Oregon Eyes Its Second Century."

The series is by Lamar Newkirk, the business editor of the Journal, who has made a flying trip around the state, visiting briefly in the major cities, and gathering impressions of how each is getting along.

The newspaper may have gotten the idea from the far more inclusive and far more detailed series done a few months ago by the Pendleton East Oregonian.

QUICK survey trips such as these do not give conclusive evidence, but they are valuable in that they do give quick and frequently accurate impressions of an area's economy.

Newkirk, for instance, talked to a cab driver, a banker, a lumberman, a farmer, and several merchants along Main street, and gathered some statistics on employment, bond sales and fruit and lumber production.

His conclusions pretty well confirm what most people here believe to be true, that business is off this year from last, largely due to the continuing slump in lumber prices and production, but that despite this, agriculture, principally fruit, has carried us along in far better style than has been possible in places more completely dependent on lumber.

TALKING to businessmen in the city, we find a rather sharp difference of opinion.

One of them last week said business was lousy "until we decided to stop crying and go to work. Now we have more business than we ever did before."

He claimed he'd never heard of the economists' phrase, "self-justifying expectations," but that's what he was talking about. The theory goes that if everyone is gloomy and pessimistic, business will reflect that fact, and if people generally are optimistic and hard-working, business usually is pretty good.

This is not, of course, universally true, and even when it does have a bearing on the economic facts of life, there are many other factors which also enter in.

BUT it reminds us of the old story which goes something like this:

John Jones sold hamburgers, the best that he could make, with top quality meat and buns, and fresh vegetables. He sold them by standing beside the road, waving cheerily at passers by, and calling out loudly how good his hamburgers were. He was very successful, and sold many hamburgers.

After many years he could afford to send his son to college. There the boy majored in economics, and when he graduated he came home. He saw how his father made hamburgers out of the finest ingredients, and sold them proudly by the side of the road.

"But Papa," the boy said, "don't you know we're in the midst of a great depression? Now is the time to retrench, to cut costs."

John Jones thought of his son, and his expensive college education, and followed his advice. No longer did he buy the best meat and the finest buns and the freshest vegetables, and no longer did he stand proudly by the side of the road, crying out how good his hamburgers were.

People stopped buying his hamburgers.

And John Jones thought to himself, "By golly, my boy is right. There IS a depression on."

It would be interesting to know whether the moral of this story applies to Medford, where as Newkirk says, "business generally is a little slower."—E.A.

Impressive Work

The black, white and grey of a newspaper engraving do not do justice to a colorful painting—such as that by 16-year-old Peggy Richey which was reproduced on Page 1 of this newspaper last Thursday.

The original picture, done in "mixed media"—or several different kinds of ink and paint—was an extremely attractive thing. The reproduction only gave a hint of the "feeling" of the painting, which was of birds in flight done in shades of white and blue.

Miss Richey's work won a regional competition in a National Scholastic Art Awards contest, and she receives \$100 from a greeting card company. The canvas is now on display at the Carnegie Institute.

DUE to a combination of personal reasons, this spring we have had an opportunity to view a wide range of art objects produced by students in the Medford schools. We have been vastly impressed.

They range all the way from professional-caliber work such as the prize-winner mentioned above, to highly experimental pieces of sculpture in wood, metal, stone, plaster and composition, and paintings done in both conventional and experimental media.

They have displayed talent, imagination and fine perception. They have also evidenced the fact that their instruction is not limited to the narrow confines of strictly reproductive, representational or pseudo-photographic type art.

THERE'S an old saw about the lady who gushes "I don't know anything about art, but I know what I like."

In greater or lesser degree, that applies to about 99 per cent of the population. We know it does to us.

We also know that we like what we've seen of the way Medford art students are working under the direction of highly competent and imaginative and creative teachers.

An appreciation of works of art, and, perhaps even more important in some ways, an understanding of what the artist is trying to achieve, and how, is something which will deepen an individual's enjoyment of life in all the years to come.

It's a far cry from the water washes, soap carvings and poster contests which were close to the upper limits of art instruction in the schools a couple of decades ago.—E.A.



"I HAVE SOME FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT YOUR HOUSE, MRS WADE. IS THAT LITTLE TOW-HEADED NEIGHBOR BOY AROUND?"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

FLAMINGOES AND HEDGEHOGS

Damascus — Judging by every surface indication in this outwardly lovely, inwardly tortured little oasis city, Syria is due to move still further along the road marked out by Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

A Syria still more virulently anti-Western, in appearance an Egyptian colony in all but the name, but with Soviet agents behind the scenes playing the puppets and pulling the strings, that is the present prospect. No other forecast is possible after the recent Syrian by-elections in which three new seats were captured by extreme left-wing nationalists.

In order to understand the real meaning of these elections, it is necessary to view them in the context of recent events. In brief, they were the immediate sequel of an extreme left-wing effort to prepare to take full power, which was rather narrowly frustrated.

The great figures of Syria's extreme left-wing nationalists, the civilian leader of the Baath party, Ahran Hourani, and the famous head of Syrian Army intelligence, Lt. Col. Abdul Hamid Serraj, have long occupied positions only imaginable in Syria. Hourani is not a member of the government and his Baathists and the allied Communists are a small minority. Serraj is only a junior staff officer. But in fact each of them has long been immeasurably more powerful than Syria's President Shuri al-Kuwatly.

ANNOYINGLY, however, the politicians whom Hourani manipulates, the senior Army officers who never make a move without considering Serraj, are intimidated, but they are not inanimate. For the last year or so, therefore, Syrian politics has rather resembled the surrealistic croquet game in "Alice" with Hourani and Serraj as the exasperated human players, and most of the other civil and military personalities as the troublesome flamingo-mallets and the unwinding hedgehog-balls. Using the flamingo-mallets to drive the hedgehog-balls through the desired left-wing wickets has really been a very trying business.

A great effort to tidy up this untidy situation was made this winter in the form of an enormous conspiracy trial organized by Col. Serraj. The details of the trial were what one might expect.

A near-Communist, Col. Aff Al Bizri, sat as president of the court. After a long line of docile witnesses, one courageous defendant, Munir Ajlani, spilled the beans by publicly charging that he had only "confessed" under prolonged torture. And with rather splendid arrogance, the military court at one moment published the suggestion that Hourani's "Coalition" Prime Minister, Sabri el Assali, had been guilty of perjury in denying any knowledge of the alleged plot with neighboring Iraq.

But the real point of the trial came at the end, when the son of a former president of Syria and member of one of the greatest Syrian families, Adnan Atassi; a powerful Syrian tribal leader, Hayel Surur, and three other very highly placed Syrians were actually condemned to death. If Serraj and Hourani had got their way—if the death sentences had been carried out—all the flamingoes and hedgehogs would have become absolutely rigid with fear. The croquet game would have been wonderfully simplified. The way would have been prepared for a final left-wing take-over.

AT THIS point however, apparently in part because of a plea made by King Saud to his old friend President Kuwatly, but also because of strong local feeling, the flamingoes and

Administration 'Goofing' Many Politically Important Actions

By LYLE C. WILSON, United Press Correspondent

Washington (U.P.)—What's new in Washington is the same old story that the Eisenhower team is still goofing its political skull practice.

For example: By chance or design, the administration's April 19 reduction in wheat supports caught members of Congress en route home for the Easter recess. Some Republicans complain that wheat state congressmen had no advance warning of the reduction. Thus, they had no pat answer for wheat farmers back home who instantly were demanding explanations.

Similarly, the administration too often strips its political gears on minor patronage matters. The confirmation of a small town New England postmaster recently was stymied by a Democrat who was not even a member of Congress. The nominee's local Republican sponsors were increasingly embarrassed by

failure to get their man on the federal payroll. Finally Put Through The embarrassing stymie persisted, however, until the nominee's Republican backers became sufficiently angry to put some real political heat on the White House through Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

These are minor items, perhaps, but not necessarily isolated. They painfully annoy local Republican leaders who may not want jobs for themselves but who must feed their own ego and home state prestige on the appearance, at least, of having political influence in Washington.

Executive departments and administrative agencies have been under Eisenhower's direction since Jan. 20, 1953. It still is necessary, however, for political professionals to remind these Republican officials that a congressman likes to know a couple of hours in advance when his home town is to be awarded federal funds for some popular local purpose.

Foreknowledge enables a congressman to break the good news to the folks back home in the hope that they will remember his good works next election day.

There are political professionals in Washington who, among their friends, will wonder now out loud whether the Eisenhower team merely is goofing its political home work, or worse—that someone fairly highly placed deliberately is blowing political fuses.

Grass Roots Trouble However that may be, there is real trouble at the grass roots for the Eisenhower administration. Some of it is the kind of trouble that a little more political savvy probably could remedy in a hurry.

And comes now the persuasive report that a Texas Democrat will be named to succeed Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey when the latter leaves the cabinet. The Texan is Robert B. Anderson, secretary of the Navy in 1953-54, deputy secretary of defense in 1954-55.

Anderson impressed Eisenhower with a standout Pentagon performance. He was an Ike-for-president Democrat in 1952. The Republican political pro who was reviewing these matters ended our conversation with a sigh: "Things could be worse, but not much," he said. "You'd think there would be a Republican somewhere in this country fit for that Treasury job."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The Oregon house of representatives has passed an already senate-approved bill designed to rid Oregon of slow-poke drivers. The bill would prohibit operation of a motor vehicle at "such slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic."

Reduced speed would be permitted when "required for safety" or to comply with police instructions.

COMMENT: Let's put it this way: The law would probably do no harm. On the other hand, it is improbable that it would do any good.

Why clutter the books with any more of that kind of laws?

ADMITTEDLY, "slow - poke" drivers are a nuisance, especially on heavily traveled two-lane highways. To a certain extent, they are a menace to safety in that they pile up traffic behind them to the point where somebody is likely to try to pass when there isn't room to pass. Danger lurks in all such situations.

YOU can call a cop, of course—if there is a cop within hailing distance. Or if no cop is within reach at the moment, you can get the slow driver's number and report him and have him hauled into court. In that event, you will have to appear as a complaining witness. That you probably won't want to take the time and trouble to do.

The chances are you will either possess your soul in patience and wait until there is an opportunity to pass with safety or you will get all steamed up with impatience and go roaring around the slow driver and the string of cars piled up behind him, taking your chances of getting into bad trouble.

Just you do now—WITHOUT a law forbidding slow driving.

IN CLOSING, let's bounce from the subject of laws we could do without to Dizzy Gillespie.

Sending Dizzy and his jazz band overseas to drum up good will for our country cost quite a lot of money. But, the state department tells a senate appropriations subcommittee that is digging into the cost of the enterprise, it really paid off.

"To the young people in almost every country," the state department said to the senate investigators, "jazz represents freedom, vitality and a new kind of expression. . . . The department believes that substantial benefits have accrued to the United States as a result of the Gillespie tours and those of similar groups."

IN OTHER words, Dizzy "done us a lotta good."

That I wouldn't doubt. But I think businessmen will have to agree that there are a lot of things that might do them a lot of good BUT COST SO MUCH THEY CAN'T BE AFFORDED. Housewives will probably go along with that.

Personally, I doubt if our government—which owes 270 billion dollars—can afford that kind of do-gooding.

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 for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

On "Pointless" Letters

To the Editor: We read and enjoy most of the letters in your communications columns. As long as the subject matter is of common community interest, with controversial sides, all arguments and comments are of interest, worthy of column space and the study and consideration of all fair minded readers.

I refer to such letters as those on Flouridation, Location of the Super Highway, The Al Sarena Mining issue, School Consolidation, Weather Control, and many others.

However, recently we have had a rash of matter, "strictly opinions" with no convincing, substantiating facts submitted, and the subject matter was that dearest to more people of all nations, and for all time, than any subject ever to be considered by man.

I don't think it necessary to mention the names of the writers of these letters or point out the misstatement of the few facts that were touched upon.

Another correspondent would justify the poisoning of dogs (at least the inference was that the poisoner was in some measure justified).

I don't have the answer as to how to handle such matters but sincerely hope the Editor comes up with something better than printing such "pointless at best, and degrading as a modest way of expressing a verdict" letters in the future.

John D. Bowdish, 4127 Colver rd., Medford, Ore.

DURLING ON VACATION

E. V. Durling is on vacation. His "On the Side" column will be resumed on May 27.

STOLE FROM THE TILL

GEO. N. TAYLOR

He stole cash from the till and kept mum about it. The air was blue with his curses and he always lied as a cover-up. In time he heard of the perfect pearl. At that he sold his all and bought the pearl. And the pearl was none other than Christ. And he was tempted at every point like as we, yet He sinned not. Christ so loved that man, that He died to clear him. See that great wrong who were once only scum? Christ loved and died for every one of them and when they opened their hearts to receive His as their Lord and Saviour, He gave them eternal life. Send for Four Steps Up. Geo. N. Taylor, 2385 87th Ave., SW Portland 1, Ore.—Adv.



Lyle C. Wilson

U.P. Correspondents Predict Headlines

United Press correspondents around the world look at the news that will make the headlines.

Secret Diplomatic insiders say the visit of King Saud of Saudi Arabia to King Faisal of Iraq marks the start of secret negotiations to line up all Arab countries except Egypt and Syria on the side of the West.

There will be no public announcement of the move. But the word is that Lebanon and Jordan will be brought into the negotiations, then other Arab countries.

One reason for the new turn is the visit Saud paid to Washington. Another: Pro-Russian, anti-Western elements outsmarted themselves when they tried to overthrow King Hussein of Jordan.

Pressure Military manpower cuts may become a hot issue in Washington sooner than expected. The Pentagon, in its estimates for the fiscal year which starts July 1, planned last fall to cut the armed forces by 150,000 to 250,000 men. The cut was postponed because of the delicate international situation and fear of the effect it would have on other Allied countries. But Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson is under increasing pressure to hold down spending, and the manpower reductions are due to come under renewed study soon.

Missile Move Watch for Soviet Russia to protest to the United Nations Security Council against the stationing of an American guided missile unit in Formosa, stronghold of the Chinese Nationalist government.

The Chinese Communist foreign office broadcast an angry protest against the action Saturday. But Red China is not a member to take the issue to the Security Council in its behalf.

Big Four Bid Soviet diplomats in Bonn, capital of West Germany, are spreading the word that it would be nice if a Big Four "summit" conference could be held late this fall. The idea is that a brief meeting of President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, French Premier Guy Mollet and Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin would be followed up by a long meeting of the foreign ministers of the Big Four.

A break in the years-long

deadlock on disarmament might induce President Eisenhower to agree to a "summit" meeting. Washington reports that he now hopes a start can be made this year toward an agreement. London shares that view. In both capitals, the view is that despite their reluctance to accept an effective inspection system, the Russians really want a disarmament treaty at last.

Immigration It appears certain that Congress will not act this year on Eisenhower's proposal to liberalize basic immigration laws. The Senate is waiting for the House of Representatives to go first. The House Immigration Subcommittee plans to take up refugee legislation first, but hasn't even scheduled hearings on it.

Red Aid Speaking of the Middle East, West Berlin intelligence sources report that Egyptian air force officers are learning to fly Russia's latest type MIG jet fighter planes at Czechoslovakian air fields. Three to six months courses also are believed planned for Syrian officers.

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