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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
Nov. 6, 1947 (Thursday)

Arrangements through which all Salvation Army offices in Oregon and Idaho will become agents for the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, better known as CARE, are announced.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Outdoor men of the valley, braced for the icy grip of winter, are now dressed to drop everything, and go skiing any minute."

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 6, 1937 (Sunday)

A sermon on "Let Us Have Peace" will be preached at the special Armistice day service at 11 a.m. today in the First Presbyterian church, sponsored by the Jackson county chapter of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War.

Election of a director will be held next Tuesday for the first division of the Medford Irrigation district.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 6, 1927 (Sunday)

Frontier Days celebration, sponsored by the American Legion and the Lions club, will be held four nights beginning next Wednesday.

Prospects for building a Blue Ledge mine railroad, and development of tributary territory is nearer consumation than at any other time, according to local citizens.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 6, 1917 (Tuesday)

Captain I. L. Applegate of Klamath Falls, widely known pioneer citizen and stock dealer of southern Oregon, sells his stock ranch of 800 acres across the line in California and flock of sheep to Murphy brothers for $35,000.

Recent change in train schedules inaugurated by Southern Pacific railroad has played havoc with the Medford post office in handling mail, officials said.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Name the author of "The Compleat Angler".

2. What sport is conducted at Bowie, Maryland.

3. Bible. Was Noah the son of Seth, Enoch or Methuselah?

4. What name is the first signature on the Declaration of Independence?

5. Juan D. Peron was President of which South American Republic?

6. The forsythia normally blooms in the spring, or fall?

7. "Half nelson" is a term used in which sport?

8. The last State to be added to the Union was Oklahoma, Arizona, or New Mexico?

9. Is "shan't" a formal contradiction of shall not?

10. "A fool and his money are soon"—what—said George Buchanon, tutor to James VI of Scotland, on winning a wager?

Answers: 1. Izaak Walton. 2. Horse racing. 3. No. Lamech. 4. John Hancock. 5. Argentina. 6. In the spring. 7. Wrestling. 8. Arizona (Feb. 14, 1912). 9. No. It is a colloquialism. 10. "parted."

Can We Do It?

Scientific achievement seems to snowball on itself. The more discoveries that are made, it seems, the more there are "set up" for discovery.

The steam engine was about the only really modern scientific device in existence a century ago. Shortly before or after the turn of the century, the telegraph, the telephone, electric lights, the internal combustion engine, then the automobile and airplane were developed.

Radio came soon thereafter, and then television.

All these things—so commonplace to us today—have been developed within the lifetime of men now living.

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WE READ somewhere not long ago a vivid description of how tiny is the era of scientific discovery. Imagine, it said, all of mankind's pre-history existence as the Empire State Building. On top of this place a coin, which can then represent the period of recorded history. And on the coin paste a postage stamp, which can represent the scientific age.

This "postage stamp" era in time represents more than the advances in mechanics and physics, too, for with it have come tremendous accomplishments in medicine, in chemistry, biology, astronomy, ecology, geology, electronics, and in their branches and related sciences.

Today, with "Sputniks" whizzing through the skies, with the first "moon-shot" presumably being readied, with the vast and significant potentials of electromagnetism being investigated, with the tremendous power sources of solar and nuclear energy almost within reach, it almost seems we are at the beginning, rather than at a scientific peak.

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WE WOULD rest easier at night if all this exciting, terrific and almost terrifying surge of invention, discovery and development had awaited the time when mankind had achieved greater maturity.

For the sad fact seems to be that our technical achievements have far outstripped our achievements in culture, in understanding, in politics and government, and in the things of the spirit.

Russia, despite her seeming dominance in physical science today, is no further along politically than were the Assyrians who "came down like the wolf on the fold." This is dramatically demonstrated by the "dog eat dog" demotion of Zhukov in the same week that the Soviets told of their plans to fire a rocket to the moon.

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IN AMERICA, we haxe prided ourselves on our political stability, based on human rights and maintained through a complicated governmental structure of checks and balances.

In the main, and with some notable exceptions, that pride is well-founded.

It is this accomplishment—the delicate balance of government and freedom — which sets the "free" world apart from the totalitarian world. It has been more successful in some places, and at some times, than at others.

By its very nature, however, it cannot be imposed on others from without, as totalitarian systems can.

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WE ARE thus faced with an almost insoluable dilemma in this first century of the scientific age.

We pride ourselves on being men and women of peace and good will, but we cannot force others into the same mold.

We are faced with a dangerous, unscrupulous, unpredictable and powerful enemy.

We are rapidly even losing the right to leadership of the "free" world because of our own deficiencies in guaranteeing justice and equality to all of our own people.

We are losing preeminence in science because of lack of resolute and far-sighted leadership, and our national insistence on luxuries and gadgets and toys.

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CAN America rise to the greatness which is called for today?

We believe it can. But it cannot do so unless it is willing to work, and sacrifice, and make the effort necessary to earn back the respect and admiration of the world.

Derogatory remarks about "one-worlders" implies that there is more than one world. But there isn't, and both the free and non-free areas exist on the same planet. If we are to escape destruction, we are going to have to find a way for them to get along.

And finding this way is not going to be accomplished by worrying too much about what the new cars are going to look like, or panting to know what Sergeant Bilko or Ed Sullivan or Rin Tin Tin will do.

It's going to take some real, old-fashioned and painful thought about who is fit to lead us back to greatness, and what we have to offer the world both in physical science and in the art and science of free government and justice for all.—E.A.

Speculation

At this stage, it is purely speculation, but there is a chance that a Russian rocket is on its way to the moon, and the added chance that it may land there early Thursday morning—the 40th anniversary of the Russian revolution.

And here's more speculation: There is a total eclipse of the moon that morning, and what better time could the Russians choose to set off a big and brilliant explosion on the moon? It would show off a lot better when the moon was dark than when it was lit by the sun.

The Russians deny it. But if there are no clouds, we're still tempted to climb out of bed about 4:45 a.m. tomorrow and venture into the cold just to look at the old moon in eclipse before it sets over the western hills.—E.A.

"I NEED ANOTHER BLANKET! SOME PEOPLE DON'T HAVE 'LECTRIC BLANKETS, YA KNOW!"

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.

U.S.A. is Too Lax

To the Editor: As a whole we of America are a proud people. Our ancestors, the pioneers, trod across desert, rivers and mountains facing such hardships as weather, poverty, hunger and Indians. They sacrificed much for survival in a country offering many freedoms. One of which they were enjoying when searching for homesteads of their dreams. They walked with their heads up seeing hope in the future and fulfillment to their dreams.

Today we walk with our heads up and what do we see? "Sputnik."

Sputnik represents a tremendous scientific development. To Russia it represents leadership in space, to our Allies it represents a question of alliance, to some Americans it means despair.

Why is Russia ahead of the U.S.? My opinion arises from my difference of opinion with the article appearing in the Medford Mail Tribune Nov. 4, about the so-called "animal lovers" protesting use of a dog in Sputnik.

This is a characteristic of Americans. Other traits include humor, big heartedness and an easy-going way. We are too lax. We are too soft. We must face up to the fact that "Sputnik" is a reality of national concern, not a subject of controversy by "dog lovers".

While we have lost our prestige as world top-ranking political and scientific nation, thousands of so-called "animal lovers" are worrying about the inhumane treatment of one dog.

We put hundreds of dogs to "sleep" every day, but have we sent many rockets to outer space?

We are too lax with our money, our educational program and our potential scientific power.

The only way that we may win back our prestige and faith from our allies is to face up to the facts, sacrifice for survival.

Dale Foresee, Junior at
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Friendly City

To the Editor: We are comparatively newcomers in Medford, and like some of the others that have been writing, in regard to the T.V. programs, must confess we have been a little disappointed with some of the programs, too.

We are older people, just retired and find our evenings long, and look forward to spending a part of them watching a good T.V. program. We were here a couple of years ago, and used to enjoy watching Groucho Marx and some of the good musicals, and were disappointed when we found he was no longer being shown. We especially like the Lawrence Welk and "This is your Life," but they come on so late at night, that we seldom get to see them.

We shall be patiently waiting and hoping that some good sponsor will come along and see fit to put Groucho Marx back on, along with Twenty-One, and The $64,000 Challenge. We realize it costs a lot to put these programs on, but they do contribute to help build better communities, and give the young people a chance to learn while being entertained.

We thank you for the programs we already have and just want to say we find Medford a friendly little city.

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U.S. Should Wake Up

To the Editor: Why can't we wake up to the fact that our economy is what causes all of our trouble?

We are living in the atomic age with an ox cart economy. We had W.P.A., P.W.A., C.C.C. and what have you, until we had Pearl Harbor then Korea, then the Cold War. We are a second rate nation today and God only knows what we will be tomorrow, if we don't wake up to the facts.

There is an abundance on this North American continent for every man, woman and child to have, and how many of us have it?

There is never full employment, why? Food stuffs piled up rotting while people walk the streets hungry. Does that make sense?

Now we are using "Sputnik" to intensify the Cold War. We have got to have some kind of war to prop up our obsolete economy.

We should lead the world in social change rather than retard it. Check the encyclopedia (Americana) and see what it says about Technocracy. That will stop Communism in its tracks, also the mentally ill that would destroy the world and themselves rather than give up this lousy profit system, that has been obsolete for years.

Ray Prichard
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Don't Shoot the Professor

To the Editor: I've been reading the comments, (mostly complaints) about our local T.V. station, K.B.E.S., and its staff. I wonder what these people had to gripe about before we were fortunate enough to have TV? I'm sure there was something. Anyone who is nasty enough to criticize and belittle some one who is doing the best they can (under the circumstances) doesn't have good control of themselves, character or tongue. I've lived near Medford for two years (having moved from California) and I also viewed television there. They too had station troubles, etc., and perhaps programs that everyone didn't care to see, but I'm glad to say that I didn't see any nasty letters or remarks in the papers trying to slander them. Bless those who take things as they come whether good or bad and keep their vain opinions to themselves.

May I say too that if you, who are so dissatisfied with our K.B.E.S are so fed up, why don't you just turn off your set and your tongue and let the rest of us enjoy watching TV and reading our paper without seeing these nasty remarks from you? OK?

It's been said—it is so easy for someone who doesn't have children, to tell those who do have children how to bring them up, etc. Well the same applies here. You are not at the station even helping bring about the programs we do get, so please lay off those who are. They are doing the very best they can. Are you?

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Ike Not To Visit Great Britain This Year

London —(UP)— President Eisenhower will not visit Britain this year, it was announced today.

The President is scheduled to go to Paris for a North Atlantic Treaty organization meeting next month and had been expected to stop over in London before or after the meeting.

However, an announcement issued here said that if the Presdinet came to England it would have to be on a state visit. It added that Mrs. Eisenhower's state of health does not at the moment allow her to undertake such a visit with the President.

Reappraisal Under Way on U.S. Policies Toward Poland, Tito

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent

The United States is reviewing its policy toward Europe's two "independent" Communist countries.

Charles M McCann

In both instances, the review concerns economic aid.

Poland, which under its Communist leader Wladyslaw Gomulka is fighting to pursue its "separate road toward Socialism," is likely to get important new credits soon.

But aid to Yugoslavia may be chopped down because of President Tito's recognition of the East German puppet regime.

A Polish mission opened negotiations in Washington last week for credits of up to $205 million, largely in surplus agricultural products and machinery needed for industrial development.

But James W. Riddleberger, U.S. ambassador to Yugoslavia, has been ordered back to Belgrade from a special tour of duty in Washington to try to find out just where Tito is heading.

In the view of Washington officials, Tito has been a little too friendly toward Soviet Russia in recent weeks.

That does not mean that there is any belief that Tito will again put himself under Russian domination. He is too smart for that. But where he is supposed to be preserving a balance between Russia and the United States, the balance has tilted toward Moscow.

Poland tried to get $300 million in aid from the United States earlier this year. After long negotiations, aid totaling $95 million was granted in June.

Now Poland is trying to get the remaining $205 million.

About everything that Gomulka has done in recent months indicates his determination to keep Poland free from Russian domination.

He is also making some drastic changes in domestic economic policies.

It is considered certain that before long Gomulka will announce the abolition of compulsory deliveries of agricultural products to the government.

Accepts Recommendation

He has accepted a recommendation by an official economic council for big changes in economic planning and management. These recommendations involve the granting of a great measure of freedom to Polish industries to run their own business without interference.

As for Tito, there is no longer any doubt that he committed a serious blunder when he recognized the East German puppet regime last month. In doing that, Tito gave valuable support to Russia.

He enraged the West German government, which immediately broke off diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia. He also antagonized the United States, because the recognition was a dangerous precedent which might be followed by other countries and thus make it harder to bring about the reunification of Germany.

West Germany had threatened that it would break relations if Tito accorded the recognition. But it is clear now that Tito didn't believe it. He also was quite surprised at the angry reaction from Washington.

Now he may pay for his action by losing some military and economic aid.

Editorial Comment

S.P. ACCUSED OF "MURDER"

The "Friendly" Southern Pacific operators were certain its passenger operation in Southern Oregon was going to fail because they deliberately murdered it.

The "Friendly" Southern Pacific has stoutly maintained that its passenger service involved a tremendous loss. But would passenger service pay its way if decent facilities and schedules were to be maintained?

Any business operator can lose money if he deliberately refuses to recognize the needs of his customers, if he stocks only outmoded merchandise, uses antiquated sales methods, and deliberately chases patrons away. That is exactly what the Southern Pacific did with its passenger business in Southern Oregon. As soon as the Natron Cutoff was in operation, the "Friendly" Southern Pacific set out deliberately to kill off passenger business in this area.

The Southern Pacific claims passenger business won't pay and gives all kinds of arguments to back up its claims. Some Oregon newspapers have accepted the railroad company's allegations. Here in Southern Oregon we know that the Southern Pacific Company, instead of trying to give service, deliberately and determinedly, did everything possible to kid itself of passenger service.

Passenger business is not as profitable as freight business. Every railroad would like to dispose of its passenger trains. Handling passengers is a headache. Most railroads, however, recognize responsibility to the areas from which they collect freight revenue and, through better facilities and service, try to keep passenger operation from being a deficit activity.

Who knows whether a modern, convenient and comfortable passenger service by the Southern Pacific in Southern Oregon would be profitable? It has never been tried. We believe we are at least entitled to a reasonable experiment. — **Roseburg News-Review.**

PUBLICITY AS A PENALTY

Newspaper publicity is to many law violators a worse penalty than fine or imprisonment. The editor of a newspaper constantly is begged to withhold news of arrests and convictions. He hears heartbreaking tales of the sure effects of publication—death to an invalid mother, loss of employment, disgrace to tiny children, etc., and etc. Seldom does the editor hear any expression of repentence, sorrow for the offense or protest of the penalty. Many offenders fear only the publication of the news of their arrest and punishment.

It is the duty of a newspaper to publish the news. The trite description usually accompanying such statement is "without fear or favor." It has been the policy of The News-Review that every arrest of record, other than simple drunk charges (not involving drung driving, being drunk in a public place or on a public highway) are published as a matter of news. We discontinued some time ago the publication of simple drunk cases, chiefly because the report involved quite generally the same offenders. Repetition ceases to become news.

We do not identify juvenile offenders unless the names are released to us specifically for publication by the court or by other privileged authority. At times juveniles have been identified at the request of the police as a means of discouraging repetition of the offenses by others. An exception is found in cases involving traffic violations. Juveniles, when granted a license to drive, assume an adult responsibility and deserve adult treatment,, in our opinion.—**Roseburg News-Review.**

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Sputnik No. 2, already dubbed MUTnik, because it carries a dog—dominates the news today—as it should. It is no mere propaganda flash in the pan.

It is serious business. Borrowing for the moment the vivid and expressive language of the poker table, it gives us plenty of cause to look gravely and appraisingly at our hole card.

THIS new earth satellite weighs somewhat better than a half a ton if the Russian figures are to be accepted—and there seems no good reason to doubt them. Ability to shoot an object of that size and weight out into space implies that the Russians have a rocket with an immense amount of push. It suggests that they may have a new fuel that is better than any fuel we presently possess.

Russia's ability to lob its huge satellite into its orbit, some 1000 miles from the earth, makes it rather plain that the Soviet scientists have been able to devise a disturbingly good GUIDANCE system.

All this makes it appear that the Kremlin wasn't uttering idle boasts when it claimed immediately after the launching of Sputnik No. 1 that it already has an accurate intercontinental ballistic missile. At any rate we would be more foolish than the Foolish Virgins if we attempted to laugh the two sputniks off.

THIS is the BIG question:

IF the Russians have intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of being guided to the United States and hitting an exact target in our country, HOW MANY OF THEM DO THEY HAVE?

The No. 2 question:

If they have only one such missile — a prototype — HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE THEM TO MAKE MORE? Specifically, how long will it take them to make enough of these missiles to destroy the United States at one fell blow? For if they are to gain their objective, they MUST destroy us at one fell blow — not only continental United States but ALL of our worldwide system of bases.

Otherwise, enough of our bombers will be left to take off immediately and in retaliation destroy or seriously cripple the Soviet Union.

THAT is where we come in.

Our record as scientists is good, but not overwhelming. Our talent lies in MASS PRODUCTION. Given the right thing to produce, we have demonstrated in two world wars that we can produce it faster and in greater volume than ANYBODY ELSE ON EARTH.

Russia has in her immediate past a startling demonstration of the immense practical value of this outstanding talent of the American people. It was our ability to produce weapons in fantastic quantities with fabulous speed that SAVED RUSSIA when she was attacked by Hitler.

Russia, in that emergency, supplied the cannon fodder, but we supplied to her the weapons that made her manpower effective.

THAT brings us back to the big question: If Russia has intercontinental guided missiles capable of reaching a given target in America, how many of them does she have?

If she has enough of them to suit her purpose, we'll find it out pretty quickly. If she hasn't enough, our job is to build these ultra-modern weapons faster than Russia can build them, meanwhile depending on our bombers and our far-flung bases to handle the situation in the interval.

Clothing Fire Fatal To Brownlee Worker

Baker —(UP)— Joe Grant, 64, Mountain View, Mo., died in a Baker hospital Tuesday of burns suffered when his clothing caught fire at the Brownlee dam construction site on the Snake river Monday night.

Grant, a worker, had built a warming fire in a five-gallon can. It was not known how his clothing caught aflame, Baker County Coroner Thad Beatty said.

Beatty reported over 90 per cent of the man's body had been burned.

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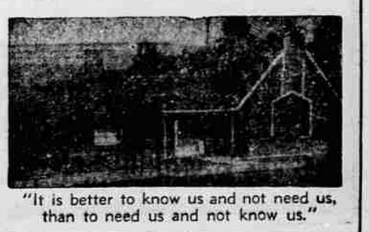

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