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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

Dec. 6, 1947 (Sunday)

School-age children in Jackson county number 13,786, a census recently completed by the county school superintendent's office shows.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "County people are now eating pork spareribs untouched by emory paper or rat-tail file."

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 8, 1937 (Monday)

Silver fox, one of the most valuable fur-bearing animals, struck and killed by an automobile today; driver may get about \$50 for pelt.

New east side stand pipe placed in operation; household pressure increases substantially, Robert A. Duff, water department superintendent, announces.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 6, 1927 (Tuesday)

Recently completed county jail in new county court house on North Central ave. used officially today when several prisoners are moved from the old jail at Jacksonville.

If plans for Medford's "Better Home" exposition and Merchants Jubilee materialize it will be an epoch marking event of this city.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 6, 1917 (Thursday)

Directors of the Talent Irrigation project hold public hearing on petition from Fern Valley; vote to include the 1,200 acres of that section in the project.

"Quaint old Jacksonville is something like Jonah—it can't be kept down," writes Daniel W. Hazen from Camp Mills, Long Island, N. Y.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Is helium or hydrogen the lighter gas?

2. Bible: Does the larger part of the O. T. treat with history, biography, or religion?

3. The Hawaiian Islands were formerly named S— Islands?

4. Which two countries comprise the Iberian Peninsula?

5. What do the members of the National Speleological Society do?

6. Is there a known insulator for magnetism?

7. The Whiskey Rebellion occurred in 1794. The "Hot-water Rebellion" in 1792, 1798, or 1892?

8. Who was the last Vice-President to succeed to the office of President?

9. Name the state borders on only one other state.

10. Name the English King who could neither speak or write English.

Answers: 1. Hydrogen. 2. History. 3. Sandwich, 4. Spain and Portugal. 5. Explore caves. 6. No. 7. 1798. 8. Harry S. Truman. 9. Maine. 10. George I (reigned 1714-27).

X-Ray Techniques

There is, apparently, a widespread belief that the U.S. Public Health Service no longer favors "mass x-ray" techniques for the detection of tuberculosis. This is not true.

In a statement issued last month, the health service said: 1. "Mass radiography of the chest, operated under competent auspices, is a fundamental technique in the detection of tuberculosis."

It is an odd fact that the statement from which this quotation was taken was, indirectly, the reason for the misapprehension.

THE three-page statement went into considerable detail as to where the mass x-ray technique fitted into TB detection. In the course of editing, transmission and headline-writing, the story which appeared in this and many other papers gave the impression that the health service disapproved of mass x-rays.

In fact, it only disapproves of the INDISCRIMINATE use of the technique.

HERE are its other findings, together with comments on how the local x-ray program, sponsored by the Jackson County Public Health Association, measures up:

2. "Mass x-ray casefinding should be applied selectively in groups at high risk of tuberculosis infection and disease." (Locally, this is done. Recent groups having x-rays include hospital workers, nursing home employees, food handlers, and others who are "high risk" either for themselves or others.)

3. "All tuberculosis x-ray survey programs should have the prior approval of the applicable state or local health department." (This is true here; the local health department assists in running the program.)

4. "Consideration should be given to the tuberculin test as an initial screening device in low prevalence groups." (This is done here, particularly through the school systems. Youngsters under age 15 are not given x-rays en masse.)

5. "Every community should evaluate on a continuing basis its tuberculosis problem, needs and resources, so that local x-ray surveys may have efficient use and maximum effect." (This is a part of the program here.)

6. "Adequate safeguards should be utilized to protect all persons from unnecessary radiation." (Again, this is true here. X-ray equipment is inspected regularly by factory personnel; radiation counters and film badge detectors are used; and as the machines are housed in the hospitals, hospital technicians and technicians are used.)

THE statement was issued on the strength of a study made by a committee of experts, who undertook the job because of the increased interest in the dangers of radiation. The statement said: "It is their considered judgment that the risks inherent in such exposure (to TB detection x-rays), although important, are relatively small compared to the very great benefits to be achieved from chest x-ray case-finding programs when conducted within the principles set forth."

Many people, of course, believe that TB is not longer a danger; that with present detection and treatment techniques it is "on the way out."

AT BEST, that is only a half truth.

For instance, so far in 1957, a total of 21 cases of tuberculosis have been found in Jackson county (seven more than last year at this time), and a number of other suspected cases are under observation for diagnosis.

Even with new drugs, a TB patient can count on a minimum of several months of treatment, usually at a hospital or sanitarium, and it may run into years.

Early detection is one of the things that can cut this last time and expense down to a minimum.

The taxpayer has a stake in the situation, too, for most TB patients are treated at the two state TB hospitals, run with tax money. Each case costs the state many thousands of dollars; the total tax cost for Jackson county's TB patients alone runs into the hundreds of thousands.

BECAUSE of these facts, that the chest x-ray program, as operated in Jackson county, is of benefit to every resident of the county; that it is operated on sound and safe principles approved by the nation's top experts in the field, it is worthy of the support of everyone.

A reminder: It is financed by funds from the sale of Christmas Seals, which in addition to maintaining the x-ray facilities, also pay for a variety of other health programs all designed to raise the general level of health in the community—which in itself is by far the best defense against tuberculosis.—E.A.

Forest Research

The Oregon Forest Products Research Center was dedicated in Corvallis recently. There was quite a bit of fanfare and publicity connected with the event.

There should have been, for it is a significant step for this state, which has lumber products as its No. 1 natural resource, and lumber production as its No. 1 manufacturing industry.

The research center, formerly known as the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory, is about 10 years old, and unlike some enterprises operated by the state, is paid for by the forest industry by a severance tax.

THIS is one way in which the industry is helping itself.

For, mostly, the old days of cut-the-big-timber-and-get-out are over. And the lumber industry knows that its future is tied to a continuing supply of good timber, plus full utilization and diversification.

This means many things. And the Forest Products Research Center (which is far more than just a "laboratory") is equipped to find better ways of doing them.

If it can—and there's no reason to doubt it—it will fill an important role in the development and stabilization of our No. 1 industry.—E.A.



"Why get sore at me? You look good with green eyebrows!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

WALTZ WITH A BEAR

Damascus, Syria—It is entirely possible for two nations to work together intimately, each with the happy conviction that the other is being used.

Or, putting it another way one can imagine a self-willed zoologically ignorant young lady going for a waltz with a bear, simply because the bear happened to be dancing in the direction of the ladies' room and she wanted a way cleared through the press of the dance.

That seems to be about the only image that conveys the complex nuances of the strange situation here in Syria. Almost every statement you can make about it is both true and untrue, simply because the Soviets and Syrians are working together from such widely different motives.

For example, this correspondent reported from Turkey that the Syrians were preparing a potential base for Soviet ground forces. He therefore owes the Syrians an apology on two counts.

On the one hand, Ankara's figures on Soviet deliveries of military supplies were almost certainly grossly exaggerated. Instead of half a million tons since last March, actual Soviet deliveries to Syria in this period have amounted to only about 150,000 tons.

On the other hand, the tendency of armies like the Syrian army to go on wild shopping sprees when they have the chance is too well known to need underlining. Even at the level of 150,000 tons, the pattern of Soviet deliveries to Syria indicate a Kremlin desire to have a potential base for Russian forces here.

Again, it is easy to describe the present Syrian government as "Communist-dominated." The two most powerful men in Syria the President of the Parliament Akram Hourani, and the Army Intelligence Chief, Col. Abdelhamid Serraj, are the real authors of the policy of collaboration with the Soviets.

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As for the much more important Hourani and Serraj, they are left-wing nationalists, not Communists. Soviet aid serves their purposes, but as leaders of the left-wing nationalist Baath party, they fear the gains the Communists are making in the Syrian cities. Hourani recently put off long-promised city elections for this very reason. And

precisely because the Kremlin has chosen to work through the non-Communists, Hourani and Serraj, the more sincere Syrian Communists have recently staged an unsuccessful uprising against their leader, the always obedient servant of the Kremlin, Khalid Bagdash.

Once again, Hourani and Serraj serve the Kremlin. Their brand of left-wing nationalism in effect aims to destroy every Western friend and every Western vital interest throughout the Middle East. Because they want to do what the Kremlin wants to have done, they are most useful to Soviet instruments.

But Hourani and Serraj are by no means conscious instruments. They are among the ablest and most courageous men in the Middle East. They think the Soviets are their instruments. Hourani, moreover, is now trying to launch just the kind of broad and basic program of social reconstruction that has always been needed as a solid foundation of Arab nationalism.

If it were at all possible to come to terms with Hourani and Serraj, it would be very desirable, and the West's more flexible and tough-minded Middle Eastern friends like King Hussein of Jordan. There is a double hooker in this, however.

The courtship of a young lady already waltzing with at bear is inherently difficult. And even though the young lady may sincerely believe she is only heading for the ladies' room, the bear is much more likely to choose their ultimate destination.

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U.S. Missile Progress, Russian Atomic Vessel, Highlight Week

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

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

The United States, spurred by Soviet Russia's successes, started to get into real competition in the earth satellite field this week.

At Cape Canaveral missile-testing center off the Florida coast, scientists were ready to launch the Navy-developed Vanguard space rocket with a 6.4-inch earth satellite in its nose.

Russia gave the United States another advance to match when it announced the launching of the world's first nuclear-powered surface ship, the 16,000-ton icebreaker Lenin.

Three days before, the keel of the first American nuclear-powered surface ship had been laid at Quincy, Mass.—the cruiser Long Beach.

French Premier Felix Gaillard won a vote of confidence in parliament on a bill that would

give him emergency powers to meet a serious financial situation. The vote was 223 to 187.

The bill would authorize the government to raise \$250 million in new taxes. Gaillard proposes also to raise government-controlled prices and to refuse pay raises to civil servants.

But the tax bill is still to face a final vote and the threat of a defeat which would force his resignation still hung over Gaillard's head.

Relations between the Netherlands and Indonesia, its one-time possession in East Asia, reached the crisis stage.

Angered by the Netherlands refusal to give it Dutch New Guinea, and by its failure to win United Nations support for its claim to the territory, Indonesia launched a drastic anti-Dutch campaign.

An officially sponsored 24-hour strike was declared against all Dutch enterprises in Indonesia. Dutch publications were suspended. Landing rights of the Royal Netherlands Air Line were withdrawn. Dutch consulates were ordered to close. The government threatened to nationalize the \$1,500,000,000 holdings of Dutch interests in Indonesia. Many merchants refused to sell even food to Dutch citizens.

In London, Great Britain and West Germany agreed on a joint policy for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to be held in Paris Dec. 16.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and German Foreign Minister Heinrich Von Brentano decided to call for much closer political cooperation by the 15 NATO allies and for a general tightening of relations to meet the threat of Soviet Russian aggression.

Britain and West Germany also will ask for a pool of NATO scientific knowledge in the field of weapons development.

Eisenhower's Illness Discussed by Babson

By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass.—The sad news about President Eisenhower cast a gloom over general business and the stock market. It has also made us all wonder, and realize that things like this may happen at any time.

Believing that readers would appreciate some remarks from a friend of the President, I venture the following: Those who have followed the stock market the past few days know how jittery it has been. It will go up ten points and down ten points in a given day. Therefore, it would be meaningless for me to discuss it in detail.

However, I will record that the Dow-Jones industrial average on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 26, was 442.97, and closed that night at 435.34. As I am writing this release, the industrial average is 446.03. Readers can look up the latest figure in their daily papers. As to the future, we fear no crisis or panic in business or the market, but there will be a gradual sagging

off. People will wait until they see what develops.

Political Outlook

I feel certain that President Eisenhower's illness will tend to make the opposing parties unite on his foreign policy and on defense. The President never pretended to know much about money affairs or agricultural or many other domestic problems. The President, however, probably knows Europe better than anyone in Washington, and it is too bad that he has had such a struggle to put through his recommendations.

With his Army record, the President should have his feet on the ground when making recommendations as to defense problems. Of course the situation has been changing so fast, from bombers to short-distance missiles to long-range ballistic missiles and now to satellites, that no one knows what the future will bring forth. Nevertheless, I repeat that any political bitterness which has existed during the past few months should now be buried and we should approach a coalition government. This could be a silver lining to the dark cloud.

What About Khrushchev?

We must not forget that the Russians have their troubles as well as we. Khrushchev is not only vulnerable to similar misfortunes at any time but is also liable to be shot, a possibility which our political leaders need not fear today. These are not pleasant thoughts for any nation, but it is well to remember them and not think that all the misfortunes will befall America.

I personally have great confidence in Vice-President Nixon. If he handles himself well during the next few weeks, as I believe he will, this should be of some advantage to the Republicans in 1960. It should give Nixon an advantage over possible candidates of both of the large parties. As to whether the present misfortune will help either party in the Congressional elections next year, no one would dare forecast at the moment.

Await Congress

There is more or less talk about Mr. Eisenhower's resigning. As to his physical situation, I have no right to judge or forecast. I cannot, however, imagine him quitting now. He himself will want to wait through the Christmas season and until Congress opens the first week in January. If he decides to resign, he will probably include such a statement in his message to Congress at that time. Personally, I sincerely hope he will not resign.

In closing, let me say that President Eisenhower was trained at West Point to give his life for his country. He was always prepared to die on the battlefield. I know that when his time comes, he will be proud to die at his work or "with his boots on." The fact that he went over to the airport to meet his foreign visitor on a stormy day is true testimony to his courage, patriotism, and fundamental beliefs.

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Liberty Vs. License?

To the Editor: I have just finished reading your latest, "Liberty vs. License" in the Dec. 4 issue of the Tribune. I am sure you welcome the comments, and will publish same, of anyone who may differ with any of your editorials.

You are so right when you say "Americans are rightly jealous of their freedom—their liberty to do as they will without hindrance." For practical proof of that quotation, let anyone try to lessen or stem the powers of any local governing body. Or, try to stop the liberty of the newspaper editors to write about things without their having actual facts or try and curtail their liberty to withhold facts at will. Any deviation from strict fact by an editor would constitute "License" and I know that few editors do that sort of thing.

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You speak of "The democratic philosophy" and indicate that we are living in a "Democracy." One of the Constitutional guarantees of political rights to the people of the respective states is that "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this union a republican form of government." While the guaranty is in language to the state, it is evident that in effect it is to the people of the state, for an infringement of it would be an interference with the theory of the American system of government, involving as it does a participation by the people in the establishment and maintain-

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