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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 Jan. 1, 1948 (Wednesday) Because of the pre-occupation of the country by Arabs and because of the poor character of the land, occupation of Palestine by the Jews is fantastic, according to E. C. Dixon, retired Methodist minister from Wisconsin.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "August arrives as all calendars indicate. Picking of Bartlett's starts, and industrial area gets a hustle on. Carless cigarette starts forest fire. Old Oregon and OSC publicity men announce football teams are Rose Bowl bound again."

20 YEARS AGO Jan. 1, 1938 (Sunday) Retailers in Pittsburg recently surveyed to ascertain why market for Bosc pears was not in better condition, the Oregon-Washington-California Pear Bureau reports.

Prisoners booked in the city jail during 1937 totaled 601, a new high record.

30 YEARS AGO Jan. 1, 1928 (Sunday) The Oregon Game commission has installed a fish screen at the Savage Rapids diversion works on the Rogue river at a cost of \$7,000.

Final plans for construction of the Ashland creek dam are being worked into shape.

40 YEARS AGO Jan. 1, 1918 (Wednesday) Pennsylvania businessmen show interest in making survey of petroleum producing possibilities in Southern Oregon, according to E. F. Smith of Ashland.

Oregon coast artillery now stationed at the mouth of the Columbia river will be transferred to the Atlantic coast this spring, says Capt. R. R. Knox, formerly of Medford.

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

1. The bald eagle is or is not actually bald? 2. BIBLE: When Lot's wife looked back, she turned to a pillar of stone or a sack of salt? 3. Metal canisters are used to store tea, potatoes, or coal? 4. How many wives did Henry VIII have? 5. "Maiden Blush, Rome Beauty, Northern Spy," are names for what commodity? 6. The President of the United States does or does not ever wear a uniform? 7. Which country was sometimes referred to as "the sick man of Europe"? 8. Was Mary Pickford, Jean Crawford or Janet Gaynor frequently called "America's Sweetheart"? 9. What federal prison is known as "The Rock"? 10. In American political history, who founded the "Bull Moose" party? Answers: Is not (if's shining white feather, give the bald appearance, 4. No (a "pillar" of salt), 3. Tea, 4. Eight, 5. Apples, 6. Does not, 7. Turkey, 8. Mary Pickford, 9. Alcatraz, 10. Theodore Roosevelt.

"Jimminy Crickets"

We gladly wish Press Secretary Hagerty a Happy New Year, for it seems certain the poor man will need it.

More and more when the present administration gets in a spot, the baton is given over to "Jimminy Crickets" to run the next lap.

This was true last Sunday when the always earnest and unsmiling James, denied the press stories concerning the Gaither report.

The Washington Post and Times-Herald, for example, commented on the Gaither report in part as follows:

The still top-secret Gaither report portrays a United States in the gravest danger in its history. It pictures the Nation moving in frightening course to the status of a second-class power. It shows an America exposed to an almost immediate threat from the missile-bridling Soviet Union.

It finds America's long-term prospect one of cataclysmic peril in the face of rocketing Soviet military might and of a powerful, growing Soviet economy and technology which will bring new political, propaganda and psychological assaults on freedom all around the globe.

In short, the report strips away the complacency and lays bare the highly unpleasant realities in what is the first across-the-board survey of the relative postures of the United States and the Free World and of the Soviet Union and the Communist orbit. To prevent what otherwise appears to be inevitable catastrophe, the Gaither report urgently calls for an enormous increase in military spending — from now through 1970 — and for many other costly, radical measures of first and second priority. Only through such an all-out effort, the report says, can the United States hope to close the current missile gap and to counter the world-wide Communist offensive in many fields and in many lands. Established as the first, overriding priority is the revitalizing of the American retaliatory offensive force, as principal deterrent to an all-out Russian attack.

To meet all kinds of military threats, the report states, there must be:

- A rapidly rising military budget through 1970, reaching in the years 1960 and 1961 a peak outlay of about \$8 billion a year in additional expenditures over and above the current \$33-billion defense outlay. Another \$5 billion a year, for several years, for a civilian shelter program, is recommended on a second-priority basis.
• A sweeping reorganization of the Pentagon command system and of the current roles and missions of the armed services, both of which are regarded as completely outmoded in this nuclear age. A Budget Bureau study of such changes is already under way.

THAT story, declared Mr. Hagerty is not only untrue but the exact reverse of the truth. So, he stated, are all newspaper stories to the same effect that as of today, the United States is in a position of weakness. It is not he concluded, it is strong.

WELL that is good news and a great relief to those who had assumed the Washington Post and Times Herald, as well as many other important newspapers in the country, were essentially correct in their reports of what the Gaither Committee findings were.

In fact these press reports caused a sensation and a scare throughout the country only exceeded by the launching of Russias first "Sputnik." So what a relief!

There is one little fly left buzzing in the amber, however.

If there is nothing in this report to justify such an alarm then what possible objection can there be now to making it public?

In fact wouldn't that be the best possible way to reassure the people of the country, remove their doubts and fears, and cancel out any possible injury to the national morale the false news reports may have caused?

UNLESS there is something in the picture not discernible at this distance, sooner or later, Press Secretary Hagerty will be put on the spot to answer this question.

Certainly if the report reveals no U.S. weaknesses "as of today", in fact quite the opposite, the claim that publication would "give aid and comfort to the enemy" fails to stand up.

It would, we believe, not be Soviet Russia that would be "aided and comforted" by such information, but the somewhat "shell - shocked" people of the United States.—R.W.R.

Up to Solomon

"Guarantee the present boundaries of Israel," advise not only the Israeli but also certain American leaders—e.g., Mrs. Roosevelt and Adlai E. Stevenson. They argue that with such guarantees the Middle East would be stabilized, that without them the Arab states will inevitably nurse, with Kremlin encouragement, their territorial designs on the Israel state.

These Arab designs call for rolling back Israel's boundaries to the lines proposed by U.N. General Assembly in November 1947. Those lines were then called completely unacceptable by the Arabs, partially unacceptable by the Israeli.

SO CAME war in the early summer of 1948, a war in which Israel drove the Arab armies back. When an armistice was arranged in the spring of 1949, Israeli troops were in occupation of almost one-third more territory than had been proposed by U.N. This additional territory remains incorporated within Israel.

These additions were along practically all the former borders and make Israel a little less of a territorial crazy-quilt than in the U.N. plan. Even so, hardly a spot in the north or center is more than 25 miles from some Arab state, hardly a spot in the Negeb area of the south more than 40 miles from a frontier.

The Arabs say that these territorial additions



YEAH, HE SAID HAPPY NEW YEAR. BUT HE DON'T LOOK HAPPY!

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I'd like to commend to the attention of the United States of America as a whole the proposal by Klamath Basin farmers and the Klamath county court to go as far as possible within the limits of our own resources toward taking care ourselves of our serious mouse infestation problem.

If our nation had more of that rugged pioneer spirit, it would pull out of its present problems and troubles much more quickly.

THIS, I think, would be a good time to cite the apocryphal story of the frog that fell into the milk can.

The frog was in trouble—bad trouble. But it didn't wait for SOMEBODY ELSE to come and get it out. It started kicking. It kept on kicking.

By keeping on kicking, it wound up sitting pretty on a lump of butter.

THIS is the moral: If the frog had waited for somebody else to come and get it out of trouble, it would have drowned.

By doing everything it could to HELP ITSELF, it came out OK.

WE ARE entitled, of course, to some federal help. In Klamath county, about 67 per cent of the total area is owned by the federal government. More or less the same situation prevails in all the countries of the Klamath Basin.

To a greater or less extent, it prevails throughout all of Southern Oregon and Far Northern California. Since the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary thereof the landlord has been under obligation to take care of his own property, to defend it against damage by nature and the elements and to take care of his own property, to defend it against damage by nature and

Unander's Move No Surprise To Hatfield

Salem — Secretary of State Mark Hatfield said Tuesday that Sig Unander's announcement that he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of Oregon came "as no surprise," but that until the filing deadline is reached it would be "inappropriate for me to express a personal preference among those who may become candidates for governor or any other office."

There had been talk in political circles that Hatfield, also a Republican, was a hopeful for the GOP gubernatorial nomination although he declared a month ago that he would not be a candidate "under present circumstances."

Hatfield said Unander's record as state treasurer was commendable and that he was "particularly happy" that Unander announced he would refrain from "injecting personalities" into his campaign.

Parisians Defy City

Paris — Thousands of merry making Parisians welcomed in the New Year to by defying the city's three-year-old ban on auto honking.

For at least an hour, beginning just before midnight, cars rolled bumper to bumper along the boulevards tooting their horns in an ear-shattering and illegal chorus.

are simply the spoils of war, and are needed to house the now homeless Arab refugees. Israel says it needs every single acre of its present domain to accommodate its growing population and in addition the new immigration of oppressed Jews from other lands to whom Israel, by the very reason of its existence, must hold out a welcoming hand.

You take it from there, King Solomon.

—E.R.R.

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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters without proper publication must not exceed 400 words.

The New Year

To the Editor: If the bouncing New Year indulges in retrospection, pronto, he may rejoice to see the predominance of good will, as an afterglow of his predecessor's Yuletide celebration. He will have to admit, the good will pendulum was swinging in an optimistic direction upon his arrival. Simulating that he scratches his newborn head, and thinks profoundly, concluding that he has the record of all time records to make, one that will either be glorious, mediocre, or a shameful failure.

Can he produce a panacea? Anything less potent would be futile, he fully realizes. With agonizing appraisal of the goal set for him to reach, it appeared preposterous, until two wonderful helpers (Faith and Hope) loomed up, changing his downcast attitude to an optimistic viewpoint. Faith and hope never fail. They always win, because their power is generated by that super-power that spins the universe.

Taking over a New Year's duty, he nodded his head. To placate his own feelings a mental picture flashed on his mind, he could see himself gloriously victorious as a dignified gentleman waving farewell on Dec. 31 at midnight, 1958, after handing over his office, and admission to 1959 to not fumble the ball of earth, but carry it safely to 1959's first base and start the continuity of peace on earth for always.

Shall we all pray before it's too late for little new born '58.

Emma Lou Carpenter, 811 Sherman St., Medford.

Biggest Circus Will Be Going As Usual in 1958, Wilson Says

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Correspondent Washington — Emmett Kelly, the eminent clown, has been appealing to congressmen to save the circus, meaning not any particular circus but all of them.

Seems that circuses are in a cost-price squeeze, like the farmers and you and I, Lyle C. Wilson said and they may just fold their tents and disappear unless somebody does something. That's pretty bad, but clown Kelly can relax.

All of the other circuses may fold, but the biggest circus of them all will be in business as usual in 1958 playing to capacity crowds. That will be the congressional circus which appears annually here in Washington. There is no other like it nor any chance that it will go out of business, come inflation, deflation, depression, peace or war.

Three Rings Insufficient Three rings will not be enough for the congressional circus which opens here next week. Consider the high wire, aerial and acrobatic acts which must be put on—and the clowns. The administration will require two or three rings, at the very least, for one of its new acts which it promised the voters some weeks ago would be part of the show.

This act is only slightly more difficult than the Indian rope trick which, itself, generally is regarded as impossible. It will be to persuade congressmen facing a November election to make big economy cuts in programs especially dear to hard-boiled pressure groups, such as farmers and veterans.

Another act which will be followed closely by newsmen through the United States will be that one in which the administration will attempt to how to reduce agricultural surpluses by greatly increasing price supports to high rigid levels which, inevitably, will persuade farmers to increase production of surplus crops.

Another good spectacular will be billed simply as "labor." The script and action are not perfected but it should be a dilly. It is possible that it will deal with a situation created by recent legal action in which it was found that spending union money on political occasions with great political impact was not against the law which forbids spending union money for political purposes.

And there will be clowns, scores, maybe hundreds of them.

Best of all the Democratic acts scheduled for the new

Band Will Blare The circus band will play and on the high wire the administration will put on its 1958 spectacular—the effort to balance a Sputnik era budget without recourse to higher taxes in an election year.

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ing the year will be sufficient to reduce steel shipments; and therefore, steel production to a level at least 5 per cent below the 1957 level," he said.

The slack in the steel market this year generally has been attributed to customers living off their inventories.

While production is off from last year, officials of U.S. Steel feel that actual steel consumption during the year was at a new high.

Steel Optimists Hurt by Closing Weeks of 1957

Pittsburgh — Waning steel production rates in the closing weeks of 1957 have had a sobering effect on optimists in the steel industry, but most steelmen look forward to reasonably good business in 1958.

A top market expert of the U. S. Steel Corp., the nation's No. 1 producer, sums up the 1958 prospects by saying, "neither extreme optimism nor extreme pessimism about the outlook is borne out by any qualified analysis of the facts."

Estimates of next year's output range from 108 million ingot tons upward.

Production in 1957 probably will be a little under the 115 million tons turned out in 1956.

Current rated capacity of the industry is 133,457,150 tons, and it is expected to jump to about 140 million tons when the 1958 figure is reported.

Most steel men had expected market conditions to improve in the final three months of this year after the second quarter doldrums. Instead, customer interest in steel failed to pick up and operations fell below 70 per cent of capacity.

Complicating the steelmaking situation is the fact that some producers built up large inventories of semi-finished steel in anticipation of quick deliveries for the expected fourth-quarter upturn in demand. When the orders failed to materialize, furnace production had to be cut below the delivery rate to reduce semi-finished stocks.

But top steel market analysts say the gloom resulting from the failure of a fourth-quarter upsurge to materialize is unwarranted.

B. E. Estes, U. S. Steel's director of staff administration, points out that the industry did not anticipate another 8 million-car year for the automotive industry such as pushed steel production to a record 117 million tons in 1955.

Plant and equipment expenditures could not reasonably be expected to match the 22 per cent increase recorded last year, he said.

"We would certainly not ask for another year, such as sparked 1957," Estes said.

Estes said some inventory reduction will continue in 1958.

"I think we must expect that even though steel consumption in 1958 approaches that of 1957, inventory reduction by steel consumers during a pickup in new business.

It will be no comfort to lumbermen to know that the Corps of Engineers now expects the dollar volume of its lumber purchases in 1958 to be some 25 per cent below 1957. However, military demands are subject to constant change and the increased emphasis on guided missile-space satellite developments could alter almost all procurement schedules overnight.

To sum up, 1958 would seem to be a year in which the lumber industry has an opportunity to strengthen its hold on present markets and acquire new ones.

There will be many rough spots in the months ahead. But none of the problems will be of such magnitude as to defy solution by men of courage, vision and ingenuity.

Red Skelton Said To Be Improving After Seizure

Santa Monica, Calif. — Comedian Red Skelton greeted the New Year today from his bed at St. John's hospital where he rallied from the shadow of death following a severe "cardiac-asthmatic" attack.

Hospital attendants reported that the famous reddish was in satisfactory condition and said he was able to "joke a little." He was stricken on Monday night at his Bel-Air home.

Skelton's wife, Georgia, visited the comic Tuesday night on the eve of the New Year but then went home to be with their children, leaving her husband resting comfortably.

The couple's nine-year-old son, Richard, is suffering from leukemia, and Mrs. Skelton said he needed her care. There were reports that the Skeltons received disturbing news about their son's condition shortly before Skelton's seizure.

The comedian was reading a script for a coming program when he was stricken. His 10-year-old daughter, Valentina, found him on the floor gasping for air.

Unconscious — his lungs filling with fluid — Skelton was rushed to the hospital and placed under an oxygen tent. He showed rapid improvement and was resting quietly a few hours after reaching the hospital.

After tests Tuesday, Dr. Graham said there was "absolutely no suggestion of coronary thrombosis." He said that Skelton had suffered from asthma for years.

111th Switzerland President Sworn In

Bern, Switzerland — Dr. Thomas Holenstein, 61-year-old corporation lawyer turned politician, today became Switzerland's 111th president.

Holenstein, head of the public economy department since his election to the cabinet in 1954, was named president last Dec. 12 by Parliament to succeed Dr. Hans Steuli, head of the department for finance and customs. By tradition, the choice is made by annual rotation of members of the seven-man federal cabinet.

Weekly Editor Dies

New York — Charles F. Connolly, editor of the weekly newspaper Irish Echo, died last Monday at the age of 85. Connolly had owned and published the Echo from 1928 until about six months ago when he became ill. He sold the newspaper to a corporation but continued to head the editorial staff until his death.

Talmadge Estate Goes To Sisters

Las Vegas, Nev. — Silent screen star Norma Talmadge willed the bulk of her estate, totaling more than a million dollars, to her sisters, Constance and Natalie Talmadge. The will of the former film beauty was filed for probate Tuesday by New York attorney Arthur Moritz who refused to reveal the exact value of the estate.

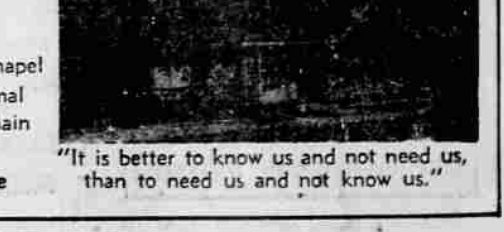
Miss Talmadge, who reigned as a silver screen queen during the roaring 20s, died of a heart attack Dec. 24 at her home here. She was 60 years old.

Her widower, Dr. Carver M. James, was bequeathed \$200,000 in cash and a home in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He also received a community property held in Nevada. The couple was married here in 1946.



Greeting 1958, the New Year, our sentiments are old, tried and true, yet ever new . . . best wishes to you and yours, for all happiness, health, success.

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