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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 Feb. 21, 1948 (Sunday) Lloyd G. (Shy) Morthland, files candidacy for county commissioner on the Republican ticket.

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 21, 1938 (Monday) Public invited to meeting at Medford hotel to hear Arthur M. Geary, Portland attorney, speak on the current railroad situation.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 21, 1928 (Tuesday) The second annual winter carnival featuring the 42-mile ski race to Crater Lake and return scheduled tomorrow at Wood River valley.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 21, 1918 (Thursday) A hundred thousand cut-throat trout eggs are shipped to the Butte Falls hatchery for hatching and liberation in Big Butte and tributaries.

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

1. Name the prolific songwriter and composer of "White Christmas."

2. Bible: Which body proclaimed Herod to be King of Judea?

3. Is Delecalomania the name of a newly-discovered mental disease?

4. There were three U.S. presidents who wore mustaches; name them.

5. A patent does, or does not, expire when the inventor dies?

6. The name of what flower fits in the following phrase, "as fresh as a —"?

7. Do all the planets revolve around the sun in the same direction?

8. Dungearees are a kind of boat, overalls, or prison?

9. Name the capital of Alaska.

10. Will a white horse be easier to see in total darkness than a black horse?

Answers: 1. Irving Berlin. 2. The Roman Senate. 3. No. (An art transfixing pictures to glass, china, etc.) 4. Grover Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. 5. Does not (title to a patent passes to the inventor's heirs). 6. "daisy." 7. Yes. 8. Overalls. 9. Juneau. 10. No.

When Spring Starts

It's almost here — spring, that is. The men who figure the seasons by the stars tell us that in Oregon it will arrive at 3:06 a.m. on March 21 — just four weeks from today.

But even with another month to go, the signs of spring—a wet one—are all around. The grass, a few weeks ago brown and dull, is already growing like crazy, bright and green, and pushing up clumps which cry (in vain) for a lawnmower.

The family secretary of health, education and welfare found the first violets the other day, growing under a dead leaf left over from November.

STREAMS were brim-full of muddy brown water last week end as the rain cascaded down on the hills. And the hills are turning green again after months of looming up brown and sere.

It isn't really spring yet, despite yesterday's sunshine, and the rain still has a chilling bite to it. But the frogs, who chorus night and morning, know that it is coming soon.

These are just symptoms. How we know when it is really spring is by the smell—the indefinable, gentle, fresh, verdant smell which most years is not in the air one day, but is the next day, and that is the day spring starts, no matter what the stars say. For us, anyway.—E.A.

Oregon's Song

Charles Porter, the energetic congressman from the fourth district of Oregon, who is interested in just about everything, from fighting dictatorships in Latin America to investigating the possibility (shudder) of putting aerial tramways down the rim of Crater Lake, thinks that the state's song, "Oregon, My Oregon," should be better known.

According to the Mail Tribune's Washington correspondent, Bob Smith, Porter finds it irritating to listen to "The Eyes of Texas," or "California Here I Come" at a meeting, and then a few anonymous oompah-oompahs when someone from Oregon is introduced.

PORTER is taking steps to rectify this situation in Washington. But the sad fact is that the song is not very well known right here in Oregon. It's been a long time since we've heard it at any public meeting (although we have heard what we consider to be a superior song, "Down the Oregon Trail," but that's aside from the point, for it isn't the "official" state song).

"Oregon, My Oregon" is taught in the schools—at least the schools in Medford—in the fifth or sixth grades, and is sung on occasion later on. But it is seldom heard by most people other than elementary students.

HERE, for those who are curious what the song is like, are the words to the verses:

Land of the empire builders, land of the golden west; Conquered and held by freemen, fairest and the best. Onward and upward ever, forward and on and on; Hail to thee, land of heroes, my Oregon.

Land of the rose and sunshine, land of the summer's breeze; Laden with health and vigor, fresh from the western seas. Blessed by the blood of martyrs, land of the setting sun; Hail to thee, land of promise, my Oregon.

Since Oregon will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of statehood next year, it is appropriate that attempts be made to revive the song in popular esteem.—E.A.

Highway 99 Progress

Each time we drive north into the Willamette valley these days, we are pleasantly surprised by the progress being made in bringing Highway 99 up to a high standard.

Last fall we reported that only a few sections of sub-standard road remain between Medford and Eugene. Last week there were only three.

THE worst of these is the section between Myrtle Creek on the north to a spot just east of Riddle on the south. Here the road is slow, winding, and dangerous, passing through several spots in the "tri-city" area where uncontrolled access and roadside businesses make it hazardous.

But construction on the new stretch is well along—some of it all ready for paving.

Another sub-standard section which will be ready by mid-summer or sooner is that from the bottom of Sexton mountain to within a few miles of Grants Pass. The new four-lane highway goes straight as an arrow across the valley, and the old, twisty road off to the west will soon be abandoned as a highway.

THE third is the highway between Gold Hill and Grants Pass, which will be completely bypassed in another few years when the new highway is built along the north bank of the Rogue river. Meanwhile, it is rather slow and tiring—at least by today's standards.

And one more improvement should be reported—in Grants Pass itself, where the highway through town has been divided into two one-way streets from Caveman bridge to the north of town. It's not ideal, but it's better, and it sends a traveler through town more rapidly than was possible in the past.—E.A.



"I'LL BET LOTS OF PEOPLE WOULD LIKE PINK GOLF CLUBS!"

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. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

An Appeal to the People

To the Editor: Since your Sunday's editorial and since I heartily agree that the "open forum" is a necessary and sound policy for our times, I wish to use this means of thanking you for a recent public service.

I refer to the almost full-page advertisement which you published Monday, Jan. 13, 1958, on the nuclear age.

It was timely and worthy of the citizens' gratitude and support. After long and careful gathering of information on the present dangers of nuclear testing and the nuclear arms race, I found this one article best combined the facts and interpretation, and urged a sound program of action for citizens. Not every editor pays the bill for this expensive form of citizen education. Portland friends have written asking contributions to help cover the \$1600 cost of the same advertisement in the Oregonian.

Through this column I would like to extend the opportunity provided by you in that January advertisement which carried coupons to be filled out and sent to the President and to the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy. I will repeat here the sum and substance so that individuals who wish to write at this date may do so.

First, write your President and Congressman in your own words of your deep uneasiness concerning the prospective April bomb tests in the Pacific, your fears of the reactions of Asian countries whose waters we use for testing and without consultation; and the chance we take in alienating those very nations that we hope to win for our allies.

Second, urge that President Eisenhower go before the United Nations and propose: (1) That nuclear test explosions, missiles and outer-space satellites be considered apart from other disarmament problems; (2) That, as there is now agreement on the need for supervision and inspection necessary to verify a cessation of tests, all nuclear test explosions by all countries be stopped immediately and the UN then proceed with the mechanics necessary for monitoring this cessation; (3) That, missiles and outer-space satellites be brought under the United Nations' monitored control, and there be a pooling of world science for space exploration under the United Nations.

Third, help friends and neighbors to understand the graveness of the danger that we force upon ourselves as a nation and other nations. You can discuss in your church, your club, your school, your Labor Union and your Great Decisions group. I hope you will use this column, also.

Fourth, send for information and/or send a contribution to "Sane Nuclear Policy," P.O. Box 1750, New York, N. Y., for copies with coupons attached.

Mrs. H. P. Bosworth, Jr., 2425 E. Main St., Medford

A Two-Edged Sword To the Editor: I read with great interest an article in last Tuesday's Tribune entitled: "Public Relations Director Urges Republicans to Read," Wallace Hunter, Public Relations Director of the Republican party, pointed out that "some of the worst informed people in Oregon are the so-called 'good Republicans'" and that the trouble with Republicans is that they "don't have the facts."

Reading will, of course, help

registered Republicans become better informed of the facts of good government, and we heartily endorse this commendable and courageous recommendation by Mr. Hunter. There is one danger to the Republicans in all this, however—a rising literacy rate always increases Democratic registrations.

James A. Redden Jr., Chairman, Democratic Central Committee of Jackson County.

"Dear Hearts and Gentle People" To the Editor: As a gesture of our appreciation, would you please print the following:

"Dear Hearts and Gentle People" . . . although we are comparative strangers in your city, we have come to know that this title is significant of the people of Medford.

It was through a friend of ours that radio station KBOY learned that our little toy kitten had died, and subsequently sent out an appeal to their listeners for a replacement. Imagine our delight when the calls started to come in. We were overwhelmed, not only at the generosity of the station staff, who took the calls—and screened them—but at

possibilities exist. They have the imagination and the ingenuity to demonstrate to the prospect how their product is fitted to his requirements and can furnish him real benefits. These he will appreciate when they are shown him—and will want. Salesmanship is fast becoming a profession, actuated by professional standards.

More than ever before, it is necessary for the salesman to have thorough knowledge of what he has to sell. In many lines nowadays it is indispensable to have an extensive technical acquaintance with the products offered, in order to explain accurately just what kind of service they can be depended upon to render. We have evolved an economy in which success in salesmanship requires an amount of preparation and continuing study that our ancestors would not have dreamed of as requisite for being a "mere salesman."

We have come a long way since the time when "persons of quality" found it obviously natural to look down upon those who were engaged "in trade." Salesmanship has become a completely respectable occupation because countless intelligent businessmen are taking their vocation seriously and dedicating themselves to it. They are realizing that they are performing a great service to the nation as a whole.

Not So Simple Now One of the saddest plays ever produced in the theater was "The Death of a Salesman"—sad, that is, as the story of an individual who went down to utter defeat. Perhaps quite unintentionally, however, it symbolizes something that need not be considered sad at all—the "death" of a certain conception of salesmanship. It makes us realize the day of the "drummer" who depended for success on backslapping, telling funny stories, and being "well liked" is truly past. Not, of course, that personality is unimportant; it has always counted and always will—in salesmanship as in everything else. That, however, must be

Editorial Comment

THIS IS AN EDITORIAL

This is an editorial. It is written by an editorial writer. Editorial writers are uppity members of the newspaper fraternity. They sit in an ivory tower and pontificate. They are not made of clay. They criticize, suggest and urge lesser beings on to greater things.

That's what they sometimes think, at any rate.

But sometimes they are in for a letdown.

Like last week, when a lady called to say that her child had been told to bring an "editorial" to school. Her question: "What is an editorial?"

Which drove editorial writers hereabouts out of their ivory tower, at least for one day.—(f.w.a. in the World of Coos Bay.)

the personal interest of all those wonderful people who kept calling when the line was busy. After the first 10 or 12 calls, we took a count, and to our amazement, there were over 50 that afternoon and evening—and all from people with long-haired calico kittens!

It may not seem important to you—no doubt you take this sort of thing for granted in your community—and rightly so—but WE think it's a wonderful place to live when people feel and act as kindly as this. You have made our life a little warmer and richer . . . and to KBOY, Uncle Rick, and all the kind hearts in Medford, our most grateful thanks.

Mrs. George W. Hoyt, Jr., 240 King st., Medford.

Dwindling Wilderness To the Editor: I am sending copies of your February 19 editorial "How Much 'Wilderness'" to our Washington and Regional Offices. I am sure they will appreciate your recognition of the National Park Service's efforts to preserve the wilderness areas and to provide for adequate recreational outlets as planned by the Service's MISSION 66 program.

I would like to add my personal commendation for the editorial. Certainly, you must have experienced the wilderness in order to have written as you did. I believe you and your paper are doing a service to the American people in calling attention to the dwindling wilderness areas, and I am sure it will eventually pay dividends.

Thomas J. Williams, Superintendent, Crater Lake National Park.

Ike's 'Put Up or Shut Up' Letter Tops News of Week

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

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

President Eisenhower asked Russia's leaders this week to start negotiations for a "summit" conference instead of just talking about one.

He also suggested that Russian charges of American war-mongering were due either to ignorance or deliberate misrepresentation.

Eisenhower set forth his views in a letter to Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin.

It was the latest in a series of exchanges which Bulganin started last December in the Kremlin's campaign for a "summit" conference on means of reducing world tensions.

In suggesting that Soviet leaders choke off their bombardment of propaganda statements, the President referred both to Bulganin's letters and speeches by Communist party leader Nikita S. Khrushchev.

France and Tunisia accepted an offer by the United States to help them settle their dispute over the bombing of a Tunisian border village by French Air Force planes based in Algeria.

The immediate result was to avoid a United Nations debate which would have made the situation worse and would have benefited only Communist propaganda.

A local French commandant had ordered the village bombing after months during which machine guns set up on the roof of the Tunisian administration building had fired on planes of the French Air Force in Algeria. French troops have long been angry over the help which Tunisia has given to the Algerian rebels.

In an obvious propaganda move, Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai announced that Chinese troops would be withdrawn from North Korea this year and suggested that the United States pull its troops out of South Korea.

The United States promptly announced that its troops would remain in Korea until the Reds agreed to free elections, supervised by the United Nations, to unite North and South Korea.

Withdrawal of American troops would be of obvious advantage to the Communists.

Chinese troops would remain on the Manchurian frontier, in position to invade Korea again at any time. As the United States no longer maintains combat troops in Japan, it would have to move forces from Okinawa, the island base between Japan and Formosa to meet any new Communist attack on South Korea.

Soviet Russia followed up the Chinese Red move by suggesting that nuclear weapons be barred from North and South Korea and an international conference be called to get the two parts of the country together.

The government of the Sudan, Egypt's neighbor on the south, accused Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser of trying to grab two small areas on their frontier.

Sudanese Foreign Minister Mohammed Ahmed Mahgoub flew to Cairo to discuss the situation with Nasser.

Their talk ended in disagreement. The Sudanese government announced it would ask the U.N. Security Council to take up the dispute.

The two areas in question have been under Sudanese administration since 1902. Egypt, though agreeing to this, always has laid formal claim to the territory.

Controversial Fund Will Be Used to Pay Republican Debts

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Correspondent

Washington — That unwanted wad of Texas oil and gas money bundled together in gratitude for past and anticipated Republican votes to ease federal control over natural gas producers will find solid political employment after all.

President Eisenhower spurned the money as unclear. So did Chairman Meade Alcorn of the Republican National Committee. The chairmen, respectively, of the Republican Senate and congressional campaign committees did not quite go along with that.

Texas, however, are ingenious as well as rich. Finding themselves barred from spending their hoard to help Republican candidates in this year's congressional election, they decided to pay off some old Eisenhower presidential campaign debts in Texas.

Organization Owes Money The Republican state organization owed \$240,000 after the 1956 presidential election in which Eisenhower won Texas' 24 electoral votes from the Democratic candidate, Adlai E. Stevenson.

Some of that deficit had been paid off from time to time but there remained a substantial red figure.

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Mount Vernon Home of GEORGE WASHINGTON—Feb. 22, 1732-Dec. 14, 1799

Situated high on the south bank of the Potomac river with a magnificent sweep of the Virginia countryside in the foreground, Mount Vernon is one of America's most stately homes. The cherished possession of Washington, all of his efforts beyond his enormous contribution to public service were directed toward improving this property.

Man's achievements are too often judged in terms of the end accomplishment, when to truly appreciate those achievements, the personal sacrifices incidental to them should be weighed. Washington was devotedly attached to his family, his home, and Virginia. Still, when those principles which he held paramount—the rights, the integrity of man—were placed in jeopardy by British colonial policy, he stepped forward to be among those to defend those rights; realizing full well that everything he held dear might fall sacrifice, that the result could easily involve his having to retire with his family to the wilds of Ohio—there to eke a precarious living at best—perhaps to perish.

For seven long bitter frustrating years Washington denied himself the joy and comfort of his own fireside, not once seeing Mount Vernon: unable to lead the farmer's life he loved so well.

Mount Vernon has come to symbolize somewhat the greater ideal Washington could not ignore.

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