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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 16, 1948 (Sunday)

Voters registered in Jackson county total 24,574, about 7,000 more than were registered for the May, 1946 primary.

The senate committee on labor and public welfare reports Sen. Wayne Morse's subcommittee report recommending Camp White be made a veteran's domiciliary.

20 YEARS AGO
May 16, 1938 (Friday)

An unidentified lone gunman held up Frank Weighlin, 26, of Cottage st. Sunday night in front of his home.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "It seems Pacific Coast motorists have changed tactics, and instead of picking up hitch-hikers they stop to talk to gypsies."

30 YEARS AGO
May 16, 1928 (Wednesday)

A \$50,000 meat packing plant to supply a line of butcher shops from Eugene to Treka, to be erected south of Jacksonville.

Jackson county has a great future in the dairy business and instead of returning a revenue of only several hundred thousand dollars, a revenue of at least 2 million dollars should be returned, manager of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce says.

40 YEARS AGO
May 16, 1918 (Thursday)

R. Boswell, Medford, and son, held up at their gold mine near Holland last week and robbed of \$6,000 in gold bullion.

From local and personal column: "Get a homestead before May 25. See Moore and Hodgson, Austin hotel building, Ashland."

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

1. What sort of uniform does the President of the U.S. wear as the Commander in Chief of the armed forces?
2. Bible: Literally translated the title Messiah means what?
3. The author of "The Canterbury Tales" was Longfellow, Chaucer, or Mark Twain?
4. With what sport do you associate the names of Sam Snead, Lew Worsham and Bobby Locke?
5. During World War II, was Egypt a neutral power?
6. Which amendment of the U.S. Constitution authorizes the levying of income tax?
7. In normal times, which country other than China, is the largest consumer of tea?
8. What are Japan's Zaibatsu?
9. Where is the famous "Flirtation Walk"?
10. In Army slang, what is a shavetail?

Answers: 1. He does not wear a uniform. 2. Anointed. 3. Chaucer. 4. Golf. 5. Egypt was an ally of Great Britain. 6. Sixteenth. 7. Great Britain. 8. Family holding companies or cartels. 9. West Point, N.Y. 10. Second Lieutenant.

"Show-Me" Trip

The clean, white snow on the jagged north slope of Mt. McLoughlin, viewed from the tangled brush-fields of the Cathill burn, is magnificent at this time of year.

This view was just one of the rewards of a recent "show-me" trip around parts of the Butte Falls district of the Rogue River National forest, courtesy of Howard Hopkins, timber management specialist on the forest supervisor's staff, District Ranger Ralph Weise, and others.

The most memorable part of the trip, however, was not the view of the mountain.

THE thing we remember most vividly (and this is usually the case when we get to talking about their work with trained, professional, dedicated foresters) is the way in which they look upon their work. It is more than a job: It is a way of life, a calling, a profession.

There is so much to be done, they tell you, and not enough to work with—not enough time, nor manpower, nor money.

It's getting better, as people realize that it is they're trying to do, but it is still frustrating to know that the resources of the future are in your hands, and not be able to do all the things you know MUST be done.

What is it that needs to be done? And why? IF THE forests are to serve their owners, the people of the United States, they must be managed for maximum beneficial use.

This means many things: It means forest rehabilitation and management for a continuing supply of timber; protection of watersheds; expansion of recreational opportunities; grazing of livestock; production of economically usable mineral resources.

Each of these uses has its own priority in one part of the forest or another; each has its own importance; each has a number of people economically dependent on that phase of the resource; each has its own peculiar problems.

In the course of a day, a ranger may talk business with a logger or grazier; guide a picnicker to an attractive spot; discuss a mining claim with a prospector, and dispatch a fire crew to put out a blaze somewhere in his district.

ALL the while, he has to keep in mind the continuing values of the forest, and see to their protection, not only from fire, or bugs, or disease, but from their worst enemy—mankind.

It is a job which requires the skills of a diplomat and business executive and silviculturalist and policeman and outdoorsman.

And, when he is not engaged in these day-to-day activities, he is engaged in looking into the future, laying out plans for tomorrow, for next month, next year, for five or twenty or one hundred years from now.

As in few other jobs, the Forest Service Ranger is required to deal with the past, as represented in the land for which he is responsible, the present, and most important, the future.

AN EXAMPLE is the Cathill burn itself. In 1912 or thereabouts, fire ravaged thousands of acres of land along the high foothills. Much of the land is steep and rocky, the remains of an old lava flow. There was no natural regeneration of trees, but, instead, brush crept into the area, and as the years passed, grew into a thick, tangled and impenetrable cover — too thick to walk through, too dense and tough and steep and rocky to be bladed away with a crawler tractor, too tall and shadowy to permit young forest growth to take hold and grow.

And, to this day, there it sits, several thousand acres of prime, sub-alpine country, good for nothing to anyone or anything except a few birds and rodents.

For years foresters have talked about it, how to clear it so trees can grow, how to restore it to beauty and usefulness. Plans are now beginning to take shape. But they take care to plan and prepare, to be sure that other values are not damaged. And they take money.

DURING the too-short six hours we were in the district, we saw in action timber management (areas which were clear-cut of sub-standard growths; other areas selectively logged to improve stands; areas where new sales are planned to cut down on a major forest plague, miniature mistletoe; areas where the best trees are being pruned for better growth; areas where careful slash-burning is eliminating the twin dangers of fire and bug damage). We saw forest camps which are being expanded and improved.

We were told of the impending reinventory of the forest resource of the district, to permit an increased allowable cut. We learned of the need for good manpower, the need for funds for rehabilitation of forest stands and for a dozen other purposes.

THE job of the forest service, in short, is a highly complex one. Not the least of its needs is for public support and understanding—understanding of the job they are trying to do, and their need for adequate appropriations to do it.

The forests, after all, belong to all of us, the American people. And the forest service, and its supervisors and rangers and wardens and fire lookouts, its biologists and range specialists, its game management men and recreation men—all these are the custodians of our property.

Are they doing their job well? They are. They are not doing it as well as they would like, however, and it remains our job, as owners, to see that our custodians have the wherewithal to do a better job. For in the forests is much of the material and spiritual well-being of this part of the country, for generations to come.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"HE LOVES THAT HAT! MAKES HIM FEEL TALL!"

Trouble in Four Countries; New Red Sputnik, Top News

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent

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From a New Citizen
To the Editor: My greatest thrill of being a citizen came the day I first realized one of the many privileges, which was being allowed to cast my first vote at the polls in a free country.

My children and I are even closer now for our country is the same. There are so many advantages it is hard to tell what I felt like the day that I received my final papers.

For 40 years I lived in America, loving it more and more each day. My children received many privileges by being born here, and probably the most important being spiritual, they can attend the church of their choice and the public schools where everyone who wishes may receive an education.

We can now express our likes and dislikes in the government by taking part in public discussions, petitioning and most of all by voting. I suppose I felt more like a child being handed a pencil and being told to draw a great picture.

My responsibility was not to draw a picture but rather to help put the right persons in government offices. My way of living and my family and friends were going to be affected by my vote. One vote some people say makes no difference, yet I keep thinking of the saying—"What would happen if everyone else thought that his vote would make no difference?" The polls would be very lonely places today.

Kachiyoo Nagayama,
220 Cottage st.,
Medford.

Cheap Housing Needed
To the Editor: In regard to the Jackson County Housing project, I for one don't feel like it should be torn down.

The unemployment in Medford has always been a problem and I don't think it is changing. Of course summer will bring temporary work for some but after that it's the same thing.

To find housing for families with two or more children in a price range that they can afford is almost impossible. We can't afford \$60 to \$80 a month rent. A lot of people here are on compensation, welfare and mothers that are sole support of their families.

We need low cost housing. We admit that this place needs repairs but so would your houses if you didn't make any repairs for eight years or more. These places have made a profit so why weren't they kept up? Why not use the money and put them back in order? If not, who gets the money and why?

These are questions we have tried to get answers for only to get the run-around. That is why we contacted Gov. Holmes, Sen. Morse and Charles Porter.

The Authority controls these places and the Authority consists of six men. Is it right that these six men should have the whole say on tearing these down or not? They're in the higher income bracket so it's not hurting them, but it does hurt the low income people.

We can't even get a straight answer from half the people we have talked to, a lot of them agree that the project should be kept longer but they say their hands are tied. Is that the reason or are they afraid that they will be stepping on some one higher up's toes if they do try to help us?

We just get sent from one person to another with none of our questions answered, and we are beginning to wonder why there are no answers.

One last thing, we of the project are the ones who are pushing this and the management has never given us advice, help, or stated their opinions. Put the blame where it belongs and not on the lone bystander. Those "he says" are not always the truth.

Mrs. B. G. Reynolds,
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Medford.

The Way to Peace
To the Editor: We have not established that lasting peace the humble people of the world desire, namely because we have forgotten God.

Greedy men have caused the pioneer spirit of America's early life to fade. They entice us with their labor saving devices and gaudy merchandise. Soon thereafter we worship leisure, pleasure and merchandise instead of God, forgetting that man was told to earn his bread by the sweat of his face, by tilling the soil.

We have made it impossible for a man to earn his living on a small farm and he is migrating to the city. We have made it possible for big business to thrive and have caused small business to fail.

Truly, we are not a Christian nation, and not the Christians we profess to be.

Have we no wisdom? How can we successfully guide and bring peace to other nations before we have first solved our own problems? How can we build world peace when we defy laws that were given by Him who taught of peace and how to secure it?

No nation obeys His laws. We cannot serve both God and mammon, and at the same time create peace. We are now the servants of mammon.

Will the people of the world escape destruction, or will that was faced by our forefathers.

Let's hope we have the courage to meet it as boldly and decisively as they did.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, U.S. Vice President Nixon is holed up in the American embassy in Caracas, capital of Venezuela.

The embassy is surrounded by a heavily armed police guard.

Our vice president and his wife were driven to the sanctuary of our embassy by howling mobs that spat upon them and attacked their car with stones and clubs, shattering the car's windows. It seems likely that the Nixons would have been physically injured if the mobs had not been beaten back by Venezuelan police using tear gas.

In Washington, Senator Mansfield of Montana says: "These attacks on the Nixons (which have persisted all the way from Lima in Peru) constitute the most shameful incidents our country HAS EVER BEEN SUBJECTED TO."

WHAT led up to all this? What is it all about? WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

I THINK no one is in any doubt as to the answer to these questions.

COMMUNISM IS RESPONSIBLE.

Americans may not be too popular in South America. In our preoccupation with the Old World, we have been neglecting our neighbors of the New World. They doubtless feel slighted. Perhaps they are not to be blamed for that.

But—No one in the United States, I'm sure, believes that all this violence would have come to pass if it hadn't been incited by communist agents.

WHAT brings up the Monroe Doctrine. It suggests this question: What prompted the Monroe Doctrine?

THE Monroe Doctrine grew out of conditions in Europe in the early 1800's. The three leading absolute monarchies of Europe then were Russia, Austria and Prussia. They had pledged themselves to PUT AN END to the system of representative government "in whatever country it may exist in Europe."

The United States feared that these three powers (sometimes inaccurately called the "Holy Alliance") might also TRY TO SUPPRESS REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT in the New World.

Hence the Monroe Doctrine—which pledged us to GO TO WAR if any such attempt were made by the European despotisms.

COMMUNISM is a despotism. It is an Old World despotism. ITS OBJECTIVE IS TO DESTROY REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD and substitute for it the despotism of communism.

SO—You see—We face the same situation

they cause their own destruction by their frantic arms, space and missile rivalry race?

This could be the end, or a warning. If a warning, it is time to awaken, amend some of our laws, and choose men for office who are not ashamed to acknowledge God and His laws, make the needed amendments and find peace at home. We will then have shown other nations the way to peace.

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Tribute
To the Editor: Last week, Chiloquin and Klamath county lost a fine young citizen, a victim of the dreaded cancer.

Romona Shadley was the bravest girl I have ever known. She was a high credit to both womanhood and the Indian people. During our recent basketball tournament queen contest she was a very active candidate. Despite her disability and the pain that accompanies cancer, she won the award for ticket sales.

Romona went to grade school at Elk-Trail and her first two years of high school at Prospect, Ore. She would have graduated from Chiloquin High school this June.

Far be it from me to question the will of God. He gives us life or perhaps loans would be a better word, and then takes it away when He sees fit. I have often wondered though why He takes the young people in the prime of life.

Are youngsters like Romona crucified among us to shock us into the realization that cancer can strike anyone, any time and apparently at any age?

Medical science is making tremendous strides in controlling and preventing cancer and I believe it behoves all of us to support the drive for funds to carry on this research.

Nelson Sharp,
Klamath Agency, Ore.

Butterflies
To the Editor: The Viking among butterflies is the big bricked Monarch. Like the old Yankee clipper ships, it has made its way to the Philippines, Australia, Java, Sumatra. It also has crossed the Atlantic to West Africa.

Dr. Holland supposes the Monarch thus is successful in world-wide radiation because of its defense mechanism. He thinks it has secretions that are distasteful to birds, also to predaceous insects. Its caterpillars, for example, feed on plants known to be offensive, even poisonous, to the higher animals.

Kiddies collecting butterflies probably will find the Monarch years before they do the Viceroy. They should be alert, however, to collect the latter. It is one of the most remarkable examples of mimicry in the entire animal kingdom.

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Portland—First Lt. Richard A. Greer and First Lt. Paul J. Blair, of the Medford National Guard units, recently completed the basic infantry officer class at Fort Benning, Ga., among the top four.

Blair was third and Greer was fourth. Second Lt. Robert J. Taylor and Second Lt. Cecil W. Purcell, both of Cottage Grove, were first and second. This is the first time the four top positions in the 135-man classes have been from the same state, according to Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general of Oregon.

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