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Flight 'o Time
Medford and Jackson County history from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Oct. 18, 1929 (Tuesday)

Mayor Diamond Flynn reports to Medford's city council on garbage collection methods.

Republican women of Jackson county form a new organization.

20 YEARS AGO
Oct. 18, 1919 (Wednesday)

The Medford Active club backs the proposal for a new city park and recreational area.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "This paper has new type. It is kinder to the eyes, and gives more room to read things between the lines than the old."

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 18, 1909 (Friday)

A Russian plane circles Medford, en route from Moscow to New York City.

High school students hurrying to lunch are fined in justice court for speeding.

40 YEARS AGO
Oct. 18, 1919 (Saturday)

Armistice Day, Nov. 11, will be a holiday in Jackson county.

Frank Ray grows a cabbage measuring 13 inches around, in his patch near Tofo.

50 YEARS AGO
Oct. 18, 1889 (Monday)

All automobiles in the valley are to be photographed on Main st. for the new Commercial club pamphlet.

The board of equalization sits in Jacksonville to hear complaints from taxpayers.

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

- 1. Name the Dutchman who bought Manhattan Island for trinkets worth \$24.
2. Is fine silverware distinguished by its lack of lustre, hallmark, or engraving?
3. What is the abbreviation for the word Admiral?
4. Who were the co-authors of words and music for the light opera "H.M.S. Pinafore"?
5. Was Aphrodite the Greek goddess of war, love, revenge, or harvest?
6. Did the ukelele originate in Hawaii, Portugal, or Spain?
7. The Achilles tendon refers to what part of the human body?
8. What King of England was known as the "Merry Monarch"?
9. What does the phrase "pro tempore" mean?
10. What is a peruke?
Answers: 1. Peter Minuit. 2. Hallmark. 3. Adm. 4. Gilbert and Sullivan. 5. Love. 6. Portugal. 7. The tendon to the bone of the heel. 8. Charles II. 9. "For the time being." 10. A wig.

Paper Tiger

After too many years of lying quiet, and then getting kicked around by the uncoordinated fumbling of government agencies, plans for the development of the Rogue River Basin's water resources now appear to be going forward.

It's going to take longer to work out an acceptable plan this way, but there is greater assurance that, if all interests can be satisfied Congress will accept such a project.

A well thought out, coordinated, and locally acceptable project, with a satisfactory benefit-to-cost ratio, stands an excellent chance of Congressional authorization.

HOWEVER, even as the agencies involved proceed with the further studies needed, a new stumbling-block has arisen.

We think it is an artificial one, and wouldn't be a stumbling-block at all, unless people involved permit to become one.

We refer to the proposed Agate dam and reservoir, which has received preliminary approval by the regional office of the bureau of reclamation, and is now making its way "through channels" to the national reclamation office.

The stumbling-block, if any, lies in the feeling of some water resource enthusiasts that approval of the Agate project, outside of the overall basin plan, might hinder the chances of the larger project being approved.

THIS is a paper tiger.

There is no reason to believe that approval of the Agate project, which can stand on its own feet, would threaten future developments, any more than the approval of the Talent project, now nearing completion, has done.

Completion of a Basin plan is, at best, some years in the future, and if the Agate project were included, it would have little effect on the overall worth of the big project.

The Agate dam and reservoir proposal is now in concrete form; basic engineering has been done; approval of the bureau is near.

And, unless there is some unexpected delay, it could conceivably be presented to Congress, if not next year, then the year after.

WE KNOW of no opposition to the Agate project as such. What opposition there is based on the imagined threat.

The project is an excellent one. Read, for instance, the pertinent parts of the letter which Gov. Mark Hatfield wrote to Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton in support of the proposal:

"1. The project is essential to the continued economic well being of the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district, which provides water to a significant segment of one of the most important agricultural areas of Oregon, the famed Rogue River valley. It will provide supplemental water for over 4,800 acres of presently irrigated lands and will afford water for 1,810 acres of land which will be newly irrigated. All of these lands produce essential non-surplus agricultural commodities.

"2. The proposal is mentioned favorably in all plans for the development of the Rogue River Basin, Oregon, either by the U.S. Corps of Engineers or by the U.S. bureau of reclamation.

"3. This proposal will not interfere with any plan which might be adopted for the development of the water resources of the Rogue River basin and is the only project ready for immediate authorization.

"4. The project carries a most favorable cost-benefit ratio and is economically feasible. It is strongly supported within the area.

"5. When the Agate dam and reservoir are completed, they will be most valuable as an equalization and regulation facility for the district. This is particularly important during any year of water shortage.

"6. When the project is completed, the average time lag between an order for water and the delivery thereof will be reduced by approximately 50 per cent.

"7. The proposal will materially enhance recreation, fishing and hunting in the Medford area."

HALF a loaf is better than no loaf, particularly when getting the half loaf poses no threat to obtaining a full loaf later on.

It seems to us the proponents of the Agate dam have a job of "selling" to do, and that those who are fearful of the paper tiger might well reconsider their position.

Otherwise, this excellent project, estimated to cost less than \$2 million, may be a long time acoming.—E.A.

Golden Rule

- Confucianism
What you don't want done to yourself, don't do to others. —Sixth Century B.C.
Buddhism
Hurt not others with that which pains thyself. —Fifth Century B.C.
Zoroastrianism
Do not do unto others all that which is not well for oneself. —Fifth Century B.C.
Classical Paganism
May I do to others as I would that they should do unto me. —Plato—Fourth Century B.C.
Hinduism
Do naught to others which if done to thee would cause thee pain. —Mahabharata—Third Century B.C.
Judaism
What is hateful to yourself, don't do to your fellow man. —Rabbi Hillel—First Century B.C.
Christianity
Whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. —Jesus of Nazareth—First Century A.D.
Sikhism
Treat others as thou wouldst be treated thyself. —Sixteenth Century A.D.
—Pictorial History of Philosophy

Dennis the Menace



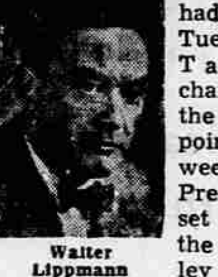
Why can't I play golf? I know some bad words!

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

Confusion in Steel

There should be some red faces among the President's advisers as they read what Dr. Taylor had to say on Tuesday.



Walter Lippmann

This law, incidentally, is by common consent unsuited to the steel strike. But as it is the only law we have, and as we cannot think of what else to do, we are resorting to it.

Dr. Taylor's embarrassing remark was that "a settlement this week would be a miracle of the No. 1 first order." Why would it be such a miracle? Because our mediation efforts are impeded by our difficulty in nailing down what the issues are.

DR. TAYLOR, for whom I have great respect, says in an interview published in the "U. S. News and World Report" that he is in favor of voluntary arbitration but that compulsory arbitration is "terrible."

A month before the strike began, at his press conference on June 17, the President was asked by Mr. Brandt of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch" whether, since the unions and the companies were using "self-serving statistics" the government could not bring out some impartial figures "so that people can understand the issues and make their own decisions."

BUT A month later, having had it studied, he had been told by his advisers to keep out of the argument because "all the facts are pretty well known."

THE dividing line between "voluntary" and "compulsory" is not absolute and sharp. A lot of laws are observed voluntarily by many people because if they are not observed, there exists the power to enforce those laws.

PEOPLE make the news. People ARE the news. Without people, there would be no newspapers. No radio. No television. NO PRESS. Without people, there would be no news. Without news, there would be no press.

ALL this is suggested by the heart failure death of Errol Flynn. HE was a strange character. He did everything that people shouldn't do.

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HERROL FLYNN had a boon companion and a fellow sycarite in John Barrymore, Olympian actor and fabulous imbibor. Not long before his death, Flynn told of one incident of their companionship.

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Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

IN A GREEN SHADE

Tokyo—Great beauty, long enduring, ought to be more noteworthy than public folly, which has long persisted in. So there will be no apology here for writing about the Garden of the Moss Temple.

It is certainly the most beautiful garden in the world. It must also be one of the half-dozen oldest gardens in the world, having been laid out over six centuries ago.

Discovering it is almost like seeing the Parthenon for the first time without advance warning—if one can imagine such a thing. Hence the impulse to share the discovery is irresistible.

Imagine, then, a country road meandering into a little Japanese village that nestles at the foot of Kyoto's craggy, tree-clad western hills.

The Saihoji stream, a clear, swift-running brook, runs along the road. There is a simple bridge. Beyond the bridge there is a low gate. Pass through the gate, and you enter the enchantment which is so strong that you feel spellbound even as you walk.

EVERY great garden has its peculiar associations. The Red Fort at Delhi is a Mogul miniature painted by a heavenly hand. Lenore's triumph at Versailles is Racine's alexandrine translated into verdure.

The first main theme is the moss carpet that covers every inch of ground in this garden's few and secret acres. The moss is plush-like, silk-like, felt-like, fur-like, and velvet-like; the moss is silver, emerald, olive, or greyish-green or the bitter green of young rice shoots or the black green of a mallard's neck.

Trees are the second main theme. Huge, ancient cryptomerias, dark-folliaged and severe; delicate maples with foliage like tender green lace; stern pines and tall bamboos like huge, yellow-green ostrich feathers waving on jade stems—these and scores of others make the canopy above the moss carpet. This theme is infinitely varied, too, by the contrast of trunks, contrasts of foliage, contrasts in the ways the sunlight pours down upon the moss.

LICHEN, silver upon the tree trunks, bright gold upon the rocks, is perhaps a third and minor theme. But the wonderful enclosure of space and light between the ever-changing moss carpet below and the ever-varied foliage canopy above is what makes this garden magical.

The magic is musically organized in another way, too. The entering alley, dark, brief, and severely planned yet seeming to lead into the heart of a mystery, is the overture. The first movement is the lower garden.

The second movement is the steep hill-slope. Here rocks great and small, disposed with

a wonderfully artful appearance of naturalness, make a new counterpoint. And the coda is the short descent, still through the same greenly luminous moss-and-tree-enclosed space, from a last little spring with its neighboring "rock of meditation."

In this garden, there is none of that prinked and fussed-over look that is the bane of too many Japanese gardens, wonderful as they are. In a very ordinary hotel garden, I have seen the gardener literally pruning a pine needle by needle. But that has never happened here. This is simply a place designed for "a green thought in a green shade"; but here the thought is intended to be about God and eternity—which may well be the source of the magic.

WHAT FACT is inherent in the garden's story. The little lakes of the first movement perhaps date in part from the time when Prince Genji and the Lady Murasaki lived and loved. But the garden as a whole was laid out, at the behest of a chieftain of the great house of Fujiwara, by the 14th century Buddhist mystic, Muso Kokushi. To help weak man see through to the eternal was Muso's aim. The garden has acquired its own place in history in its six centuries of life. It was first restored by the dilettante Shogun, Ashikaga Yoshimasa, the builder of the Golden Pavilion. It was restored again by the fierce warlord, Oda Nobunaga. When the still fiercer warrior Hideyoshi turned against his favorite, Sen No Rikyu, the originator of the tea ceremony took refuge here. So did one of the underground leaders of the Meiji restoration that produced the new Japan.

Now the Japanese tourists stream through the magic place (for the garden has been made famous by mention in a popular romance). In the decay of the temples, two pleasant little married priests, the Fujita brothers, care for the place with the help of a few trousered old women paid out of the tourists' entrance fees.

Parts of the music are missing already—a waterfall that Muso planned is dry now, and the hungry bamboo are encroaching. Maybe, in the end, the most beautiful garden in the world will fall victim to the 20th century. But thus far the beauty endures; the beauty still endures. And that, really, is the Moss Garden's lesson.

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Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name 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.

How Many Friends?

To the Editor: Do you know who your friends are and how many you have? We didn't until we had a dead end in the family Sept. 22. Never have we seen so many flowers at a funeral nor received so many sympathy cards and remembrances. Friends and neighbors brought food and served it during our time of sorrow so we wouldn't have to worry about getting meals for relatives and friends who came from out of town to the funeral.

We are simply awed by their thoughtfulness, and so very grateful that saying thanks is a very poor way to express our feelings. If all people were so kind we doubt very much that there would ever be anything but love and peace in the world.

Anyway, we wish to thank each and every person that helped us in our time of need. Sincerely and gratefully, Irene Johnson, Charles Martin and Frances Johnson. P. O. Box 397, Central Point, Ore.

Values Up, Taxes Down

To the Editor: A number of letters have appeared lately on your editorial page charging that property owners in the vicinity would be greatly damaged if my bill for an Oregon Dunes National Seashore Park becomes law.

I think it is significant that the total assessed valuation of land in Dare County, N.C., was \$11,156,752 in 1950. In 1958, after the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park had been established, a revaluation was made of beach property near the park. County values soared to \$25,130,457—an increase of 125 per cent. At the same time, tax rates in the locality were lowered from \$1 to 80 cents per

ward VII, when he abdicated his throne to marry the woman of his choice and live the life of an international playboy.

But through the rest of her life she wrote him heart-broken letters addressed to "Darling David" and signed "ever your loving mama, Mary."

It takes all kinds of people to make a world.

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)



Excellent, excellent, advice, Lucy!

Which is by way of pointing out that this is National Newspaper Week (Oct. 15-21) and if, like Charlie Brown, you don't have a newspaper, SUBSCRIBE TO ONE!

They come in handy in many ways—wrapping fish, starting fires, killing spiders... The list is endless.

One can also read a newspaper, if so inclined, and get the news of the day, informed comment on a variety of topics, entertainment, and, far from least important, the messages from our advertisers, an excellent guide to you in planning your purchases.

A newspaper is a bargain, Charlie Brown.

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