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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... Nov. 11, 1949 (Friday)... Several Medford housewives stop buying coffee...

20 YEARS AGO... Nov. 11, 1939 (Saturday)... Plans for a state-wide McNary for President organization...

30 YEARS AGO... Nov. 11, 1929 (Tuesday)... State convention of auto camp owners meets here...

40 YEARS AGO... Nov. 11, 1919 (Wednesday)... Four World War veterans shot down in Armistice Day parade...

50 YEARS AGO... Nov. 11, 1909 (Thursday)... The Warren Construction company starts paving West Main st. to the city limits...

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

1. Does an obelisk have a total of four, six, or eight sides? 2. Does the shoulder insignia of a silver oak leaf, or a gold oak leaf, indicate a lieutenant colonel?...

ALMOST DEAD BUSINESS... Nottingham, England... Justice Winttingham N. Stable complained Tuesday that "the magistrate's position in a criminal case is rather like that of an undertaker - too late to do any good."

Crane Count

We don't know why it is, but the Associated Press seems more alert to the whooping crane situation than does United Press International.

Only once that we can recall in the past half-dozen years has the UPI carried one of the twice-yearly bulletins, reporting on the status of the precarious whooping crane population.

But the AP, possibly through the influence of a whooping crane enthusiast on its staff, regularly comes through—in the spring, when the sad remnant of the big birds leave the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas for their nesting places in the far Canadian north, and again in the fall during the southward migration.

SO, THIS WEEK we read in an AP dispatch from Washington, D.C., that 29 of the cranes, including two young ones, have returned to Texas. Thirty-two flew northward last spring. With the two recently-hatched birds, this leaves five unaccounted for.

So what, you ask? Well, it's a matter of attitude. Some people couldn't care less. Others feel that it's a shame that these huge birds, which once darkened the skies with their six-foot wing spans, should be so close to extinction.

And, being among the latter, we keep hoping that the last few remaining will all make the dangerous passage safely twice each year, and each year bring back a few more young ones, and finally build back their numbers so whooping cranes will not join the dodo and passenger pigeon—all gone forever.—E.A.

People Count

Somewhere along the line, when the state board of census announced its new population estimates for Oregon as of July 1, both wire services carried the estimates of city populations, but somehow missed the 36 counties.

So, thanks to the Oregon Voter, which makes a tidy practice of printing figures and statistics in all imaginable fields, we are now able to report that Jackson county's current population is estimated at 71,300 persons—an increase of 21.9 per cent from the official U.S. census of 1950.

During the nine-year period, the board reports that the "natural" increase, through child-births minus deaths, was 7,655, and that the net migration increase was 5,135.

THE gain from July 1, 1958, to July 1, 1959, was placed at 2,640—or 68,660 to 71,300.

It is interesting to note that, during the same period, the city of Medford gained 2,000 (from 24,300 to 26,300), leaving a net gain for all the rest of the county of only 640.

This we find difficult to believe—particularly in view of the fact that cities other than Medford were estimated to have increased a total of 405.

We have a hunch that the census board's estimates might be off just a bit, for we are virtually certain that there was an increase of more than 235 in unincorporated areas last year.

BUT let it pass. It will be straightened out when the federal census is taken next year. And this also will give the board of census a new and accurate base for future estimates.

The census board's 1959 estimates gave a total of 28,575 persons in unincorporated areas of the county, compared to 26,933 in the 1950 census—or an increase of 1,642 persons in nine years, which is 6.1 per cent.

One reason for this small increase, compared to the growth of the cities, may of course be the annexation elections, where large numbers of "unincorporated" residents were shifted to city populations.

The increase in city-dwellers between 1950 and 1959 is estimated at 35.4 per cent—from 31,577 to 42,725.

JACKSON county has grown more rapidly, the census board believes, than either of the neighboring counties of Josephine and Klamath, both in actual numbers and in percentage.

Josephine county was listed at 26,542 in 1950, at 29,070 last year, and 30,880 this year—a nine-year increase of 16.3 per cent.

In Klamath county, the 1950 population was 42,150; in 1958 was estimated at 43,390, and this year at 48,000, a nine-year increase of 13.9 per cent.

Note that Klamath's population estimate shot up in the past year, however—presumably the result of the establishment of Kingsley Air Force base, and the opening of the new Johns-Manville plant north of Klamath Falls.

IN ANY event, the figures show a continued healthy growth for our southwestern and south-central Oregon area.

It can be expected to continue. Incidentally, six Oregon counties lost population between 1950 and 1959—all but two of them eastern Oregon counties: Grant (-4%), Malheur (-4%), Union (-2.6%), and Wheeler (-22.7%). The two western Oregon counties which lost were Clatsop (-11%) and Yamhill (-7.4%).

The county which gained the most was Curry, on the southwestern coast, with a huge jump of 131.5 per cent in nine years—from 6,048 to 14,000.—E.A.

The Portland Oregonian and the Oregon Journal, struck by a union yesterday, today show up as a joint publication, with both papers' names attached. What an imaginative opportunity was missed! It would be fun to see a paper entitled "The Journonian" or "The Oregournal".—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"GEE, MRS. WILSON, YOU SURE GOT A NICE SOFT LAP!"

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 initials 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.

Liked Coverage

To the Editor: My personal thanks as well as those of the State Council of Women's Hospital Auxiliaries of Oregon for the outstanding coverage just recently completed in the Medford Mail Tribune, on the Candy Strippers of Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital.

It was an excellent job pictorially, as well as journalistically and at this particular time, most appropriate, due to the trend, nationally as well as locally, of recognizing the potentialities of developing future careers in nursing as well as related hospital and medical professions from the ranks of junior auxiliaries. The future leaders dedicated to maintaining the health standards of coming generations may well be the Junior engaged in selfless service to her community today.

You have not only done a great favor to the local hospital and its organization through your work, but you should know the end results may carry further than possible to anticipate. The press has helped us much, throughout the state, and a great deal of our growth could not have been accomplished without your patient understanding and sincere advice.

So, please accept our humble thanks and sincere appreciation. We could use more of such help in our cause.

Genevieve Hermesen, (Mrs. Frank J.) President State Council of Women's Hosp. Aux. of Oregon 135 Fifth St. Oswego, Ore.

Old Timer on Park Plan

To the Editor: Why hasn't something been done pertaining to that strip of country between Gardiner and Florence called the Sand Dunes? Why has our congressman just now, after all these years, decided it should be converted into a National Park?

It has been now 68 years since Joann Gibson and I left Independence, Ore., with a wagon and team on our way to that very neck of the woods where Porter and Neuberger are trying so hard to get the people of Oregon converted to seeing the importance of this park. And I am one that does agree that it should be a National Park, and should have been a long time ago.

When we made the trip we could only go as far as the head of tide on the Siuslaw river, which was 100 miles from Independence. There we had to leave our team and wagon, hire a boat, and go 20 miles down to Florence, leave our boat at Glenada, then walk south to Lear Lake, get another boat to cross Clear Lake, then walk a half mile to Sitcoos Lake, get another boat and cross over seven miles to what they called Fiddle Creek. We were there to bring Joann's folks out to Independence to pick hops, which we did.

While I have never lived in that part of Oregon myself, I did marry a girl whose folks took and proved up a homestead near the east end of Tahkenitch Lake. My wife's father's name was J.E. Wilson, and he lived and died in Medford on Court street in 1928. My wife and I took a trip down to the coast about 11 years ago. When we came to Honeyman park south of Florence, we turned off to the right, went over to Fiddle Creek, and come out almost in front of the Grange hall, and just around to the right,

and there is the old Gibson squatter's claim where we went 68 years ago. Joann has now been dead three years, and I have just received a letter from Emma, the oldest of the three sisters and the only one of the Gibson family still alive. She now is 83 years old and still lives at Florence. I am 88.

This park business isn't the only thing that has been neglected in Oregon. Our timber should never have been allowed to drift into the hands of big interests, and more than anything else, the power resources on our rivers and streams. See how we are all being held up for power and lights, and it is getting worse all the time.

Quit straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel. G. S. Elder 3579 Table Rock rd. Medford

Thanks to Eagle Point

To the Editor: This is to the People of Eagle Point:

It was with sincere regret that Harold finally made the decision to resign as marshal last week. The years he has spent in this job have been some of the happiest years of our lives, and we will never be able to forget how good life in a little town can be when you have such wonderful people for friends and neighbors.

We hope to go on for a good many years having you all for friends and neighbors, but Harold felt the time had come for him to have some of the peace and quiet which a private citizen has and never realizes until he is without it. We do want to thank each and every one of you and just let you know how much it has meant to us to know you, and be able to work with you and serve you.

Above all, I want to once again express the undying gratitude I shall always feel to everyone for the way you stood by us when we lost our little girl last year. The things you did and the consolation and comfort you gave us are truly reflections of the love of God. I do want you all to know how deeply we appreciate it and how you gave us the courage to go on when it seemed impossible to do so. Marie (Mrs. Harold) Otteson Route 1, Box 251 Eagle Point, Ore.

She Worries About Him

To the Editor: To the youth that picked a number at random and made an obscene call at 9:15 Sunday evening. The message you gave to me is of no concern to me. I am an old lady. But what it did to you is my concern.

My whole life has been linked with boys - my own, the 4-H and Boy Scouts - and I have yet to meet a youth that I thought was all bad. And I wish I had the opportunity of knowing you. I am so sure I would find something in you that was admirable.

Regardless of your age, what you did last night in a moment of what you thought was funny will not make you proud of yourself when you become an adult.

If you wish to make amends forget about me, but I hope you will never be guilty of such a thing again. (Name on File) Medford.

CITY STILL PAYS

Richmond, Va. (UPI) - The city reported Tuesday that one of its former employees, fired two months ago, now was on the city relief rolls, receiving \$178 a month.

4 Million Letters Daily Help Pile Up Federal Files; Curtailment Is Problem

By FRANK ELEAZER

Washington (UPI) - Today, a holiday, government typewriters are still. Thursday they will grind out 4 million letters.

Tuesday they ground out 4 million letters. That's their average output each working day of the year.

I guess all this correspondence is necessary. But things would be simpler if the people who produce it didn't sometimes get the idea it is also historic. Government workers, like other people, tend to be like squirrels.

So our thought for this Veterans Day is that if no other enemy overwhelms us first, watch out for the government records.

According to Theodore R. Schellenberg, assistant archivist of the United States, our federal government in its short lifetime probably has created more public records than all other governments combined.

The last time anybody succeeded in making a count we had 485,000 employees making records and 250,000 tend-

ing 'em. Another 5,500 or so were trying manfully to keep the old stuff thrown out, and you can see that's an uneven contest.

Records Outgrow Storage Letters are only part of the deluge. There are forms. Tax returns. Files on pensions, loans, farm price supports, payrolls. Contracts. Also directives on how to cut down on all the items just named.

Currently our government makes records at the rate of 3,500,000 cubic feet yearly. About 76 per cent of this stuff now is covered by disposal plans under which it is supposed to be thrown out in from 30 days to 75 years.

A tiny fraction of what's left will wind up in the National Archives, where permanent records are kept. These range from the Declaration of Independence through service records of Confederate soldiers down to microfilm payrolls of the WPA.

This structure was built in 1935 for \$9 million to take care of our permanent records forever. So 25 years later it's full.

Counting it all, we are tending now about 24 million cubic feet of records, enough to fill 4 million file cabinets or seven buildings the size of the Pentagon. Making, tend-

ing and throwing out files costs us an estimated \$4 billion a year.

Complaint Thwarts Program Starting in 1950 experts lay awake nights figuring ways to produce fewer records and throw out existing ones faster.

But the program was just well under way when it ran out of steam.

That happened when the Republicans won the 1952 elections. Rep. John Taber (R-N.Y.) charged that outgoing Democrats were burning the files to keep their GOP successors from learning what they had done.

Nobody would throw away even an old telephone book for quite awhile after that.

But things got moving again and for the last several years we have been able to throw out at about the same rate we generate.

"You can look at that either way," Herbert E. Angel, assistant national archivist said, "we're in a rut, or we're beating inflation. I take the hopeful view. When a few years pass and we're got no more than we had, I think we're ahead."

I'm glad we've got optimists running the government.

Quick Ruling Asked on Lane County's Zoning Ordinance

(Editor's note: The Jackson county planning commission still has under consideration an interim zoning ordinance, designed primarily to prevent removal of agricultural topsoil from the floor of the valley for highway construction purposes. It was based on experience in Lane county, where a similar problem arose, but which already had a zoning ordinance. This ordinance is under legal attack, and the outcome may have significant effect in this area. The following editorial from the Eugene Register-Guard describes the current situation there.)

TIME IS A FACTOR The district attorney's office reports it will fight all the way to the State Supreme Court, if necessary, to uphold Lane County's land use zoning regulations. That is as it should be, for these regulations, particularly as applied to lands zoned for agricultural purposes, are right now of questionable force.

The issue, one in which the question of public vs. private interest is fundamentally involved, was joined three months ago - but appears yet a long way from being decided.

The county was moved to file suit last summer in an attempt to uphold zoning regulations and halt removal of gravel from land near Armitage Park on the McKenzie River. The suit has yet to be tried, and, in the interim, gravel has been stripped from some 40 acres of the land in question. A county petition to have the circuit court keep in force a restraining order, pending outcome of the suit, was denied in early August.

In a letter to the district attorney's office last week the county commissioners expressed concern that more agricultural land in the Willakenzie area will be mined for gravel before it is finally determined in the courts whether such can or cannot be prohibited under county zoning powers. In their letter the commissioners pointed out: "To suffer this loss of land to continuing utilization by coming generations because of undetermined legality of a legislative act is unfortunate."

Possibly the original issue

is now moot. The gravel has been removed from the property mentioned in the county's suit. However, the commissioners note that highway contractors are optioning additional agricultural land in the Willakenzie area and that this poses an additional immediate threat to the public interest.

Because of the seriousness of the situation, the commissioners have asked for a speeding of legal proceedings. In view of their failure to win a court restraining order in the first instance, the commissioners are not hopeful that they might now, should there be other gravel operations started on lands zoned for agricultural usage.

If a final court ruling should upset the zoning right the county government has believed a part of its legal authority, the ramifications would be considerable. But they would be no more considerable, except time-wise, than those the commissioners are immediately concerned by - in what amounts to an indefinite suspension of their zoning control over agricultural lands.—Eugene Register-Guard.

Encroaching Age, Red Chinese Pressures, Discomfit Nehru

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign Editor

Events continued to transpire in India this week which Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru sincerely wished he could ignore.

One is his birthday, occurring Nov. 14.

The other is the continued presence of Red Chinese troops on soil claimed by India, and their obvious determination to remain there.

Nehru is 70 years old this week, a fact he would like the Indian people to overlook. It is not a happy time because it finds him embroiled in a bitter dispute with Red China which involves the crumbling of the very cornerstone upon which his foreign policy has been based.

That policy since 1954 has been based on the five principles of co-existence which he and Red Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai worked out at the same time Nehru recognized Communist rule over Tibet.

Loses Buffer Zone The policy continued in effect until this year when the Red Chinese forcefully confirmed suspicions that they were looking beyond Tibet and into India's northeast territory, Bhutan, Sikkim and the Ladakh section of Kashmir.

In the meantime, Nehru has found it necessary in notes to Peiping to "regret" Chinese actions and to dispatch elements of his 500,000-man army to the border to prevent further Communist incursions.

A Chinese proposal for a 25-mile buffer zone still would leave Red Chinese forces on land claimed or policed by India.

Nehru's difficulties are manifold, not the least of them being that some of them may be traced directly back to

1954 when he first recognized Red control of Tibet.

At one stroke, he eliminated a natural buffer between India and Red China. At the same time, he opened up what the Reds could use as a legal claim on portions of Sikkim, Bhutan and Ladakh.

The peoples of all three are identical to those of Tibet. Much of their trade is pointed in the direction of Tibet.

Until 1949, the Tibetan government regularly sent tax collectors to Sikkim and Bhutan, both of which are linked to India by treaty.

Militarily, also, Nehru is at a disadvantage.

The Red Chinese have maintained a consistent road building program which now gives them communications to all the disputed areas, while on the Indian side much of the terrain remains trackless and inaccessible to the Indian army. Beyond that, in any test of strength, the Indian army would be no match for the three-million-man force maintained by Red China.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has deplored the whole argument as one over terrain which has little or no value anyhow. But one side or the other must retreat, and, as of now, the Red Chinese show no signs of doing so.

Local Woman Hurt In Grants Pass

Grants Pass—Opal Fern Otley, 49, of Medford, complained of a neck injury following a three-vehicle accident in Grants Pass Friday.

Mrs. Otley was driving a sedan which had stopped behind a panel truck, according to Grants Pass police, when her car was struck from behind by one operated by Warren John Whitlock, 38, of 401 Union ave., Grants Pass.

The Otley and Whitlock vehicles were damaged, it was reported.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In New Delhi, capital of India, Premier Nehru makes public a diplomatic note he has sent to Peiping. In it, he accuses Red China of "aggressive policies reminiscent of OLD IMPERIALIST POWERS against whom both India and China struggled in the past."

He adds: "Where aggression takes place, the people of India inevitably will have to resist by all means available to them."

WELL—At least—

Mr. Nehru is finally looking hard, cold facts squarely in the eye. For these many years, his hatred of Western imperialism has blinded him to the truth—which is that no matter how bad Western imperialism may have been for Asians over the centuries of the past, modern COMMUNIST imperialism will be worse. Let's give him credit for that.

IN the little Republic of Panama, there are student riots - prompted by YOU KNOW WHO.

The rioting students have asked the Panama government to denounce the treaty under which the U. S. holds the Panama canal zone in perpetuity.

They say a new treaty should be drawn recognizing Panama's authority in the zone.

WOULD that be good? Would the Western Hemisphere like it? Would the Western Hemisphere stand for it?

I THINK the answer to all three questions is a flat NO.

No matter how much Latin America may resent American guardianship of the Panama Canal, it must be apparent to all INTELLIGENT Latin Americans that American suzerainty over the canal will be better than the suzerainty of a Communist puppet regime.

WE think of the Panama Canal as a short cut for water-borne commerce between our East Coast and our West Coast.

It is more than that. It is a strategic strait. Whoever controls it will control the water-borne commerce of the Western Hemisphere. To that extent it is the Western counterpart of the Strait of Singapore. Whoever controls the Panama Canal controls the short and economical water route from the Atlantic to the Pacific—just as whoever in the past has controlled the Strait of Singapore has controlled the short and economical route from the Pacific Ocean to the Indian Ocean.

For our own protection, we MUST control the Panama Canal. If we don't SOMEBODY ELSE will. That's the long and the short of it.

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