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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

Jan. 17, 1951 (Wednesday) Mayor Diamond Flynn today reiterated the city administration's policy of "strict neutrality" on the proposed reactivation of Camp White.

20 YEARS AGO

Jan. 17, 1941 (Friday) The Works Projects Administration notified Senator McNary (R-Ore.) today that President Roosevelt has approved allocation of \$78,451 to improve the municipal airport at Medford.

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 17, 1931 (Saturday) Admiral Byrd, famed polar explorer, has arrived in Medford for a series of lectures accompanied by pictures of his recent expeditions.

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 17, 1921 (Monday) Four Jacksonville men pleaded guilty to charges of fishing illegally at Gold Ray dam yesterday and received 30-day jail sentences apiece.

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 17, 1911 (Tuesday) A builder of trolley lines in cities up and down the West Coast was in Medford today and proclaimed his intention to build a trolley line here "soon."

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. Is the U.S. national debt approximately 44, 91, or 120 billion dollars?
2. Who said, "Am I my brother's keeper?"
3. On which continent is Kenya?
4. Which state of the Union has the greatest area?
5. Which amendment of the Constitution provided for direct election of Senators?
6. All varieties of lizards are venomous; true or false?
7. Of which state is Jefferson City the capital?
8. Did Hawaii become an integral part of the U.S. by annexation or by purchase?
9. Are import duties collected by the Office of Internal Revenue, or the Bureau of Customs?
10. Who is known as the "Father of the Navy"?

A Mayor Veto

In the face of vocal demands for benches on downtown streets for the use of those waiting for buses, plus the backing of the Crater Lions club, it took courage for Mayor Snider to veto the ordinance which would have allowed the benches, to be supported by advertising signs painted thereon.

He took most of the sting out of his veto by encouraging the donation of benches, and indicating his plan to donate the first one himself. But he may still be subjected to criticism. If so, it is to be hoped that the criticism takes into consideration the fact that the veto was based on principle, not on expediency, and that the mayor had more to lose than to gain, personally, by his action.

THE council some time ago turned down proposals to place advertising messages on parking meters. The proposal for advertising on benches is in the same category—the use of city property for the purposes of commercial gain. That's one business the city has no business getting into.

Add to that the fact that income to the city would be negligible, compared to the overall income expected from such a project, and we fail to see how the mayor could have followed any other course and still have upheld the city's rights in the matter.

We hope the council will back up the mayor's forthright and courageous action, and then proceed to approve the plan for the use of donated benches.—E. A.

Back To Saloons?

"... We find ourselves returning to the days of the saloon," Gov. Mark Hatfield said in his message to the legislature.

He pointed out that establishments licensed to serve liquor by-the-drink are also required to serve food. And he went on to declare that "this administration" (his) was the first to order, through liquor commission regulation, that these establishments must derive a specific minimum of their gross income from the sale of food.

This regulation has been tested in the courts, and rejected. The governor now seeks specific legislative authority for such a requirement.

COMMENTING on this, the Bend Bulletin says:

"There's really only one answer to this problem. That is to do away with the food sale requirement. Why not let the booze joints serve booze and the restaurants serve food?"

WE DISAGREE with both the governor and the Bulletin.

As pointed out here before, if the minimum food requirement, as suggested by the governor, is enforced, it will force some taverns out of business, with two-fold results: Patrons will either buy themselves a full bottle (which is much more apt to lead to intoxication than a beer or two after work), or will patronize some other establishment, which will in turn force up its percentage of liquor sales and force down its percentage of food sales, thus endangering its license too. Also, the "give-away" of food by some establishments would be encouraged.

BUT the Bulletin's suggestions, that food service no longer be required at all in liquor-dispensing spots, is equally undesirable.

Food is the most effective antidote to the intoxicating effect of alcohol, and should always be available for those wishing it, even if its only a sandwich or a hard-boiled egg. The present liquor control laws are not necessarily perfect, but neither the governor's suggestion, which would work hardship on restaurant and tavern alike, nor the Bulletin's, which really would bring back the saloon, would improve the situation.—E.A.

Other Suggestions Good

Another of the governor's suggestions, for a tamper-proof identity card for those between 21 and 25 years of age, "to eliminate many of the illegal purchases by minors," is a good one.

This problem of liquor purchases by minors is one of the worst headaches faced by both law enforcement officers and liquor dispensers. Such an ID card would be a big help.

His third liquor law suggestion, that the share of liquor receipts received by cities be increased, also merits support, for the cities' law enforcement costs, many of them due to liquor law infractions, has gone up sharply, and they need the added support by the state from this source of funds.—E.A.

Correction: In an editorial in this space last Sunday, it was stated that 34 states must ratify an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The number actually is 38—or three-fourths of the 50 states. (Thanks, L. G. W.)—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"I KNOW WE WERE PLAYING COWBOY BUT A LITTLE BOY HAS NO BUSINESS CALLING HIS FATHER A 'MANGY OL' SON OF A HORSE THEIF'!"

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.

Eggs, Bikes and Songs

To the Editor: January half gone and I haven't broken my resolution to be economical. I even drain the shells when I fry eggs. It's a great saving. Yes sir, I bet that in the whole year you'd save enough to frost your birthday cake.

I read in Sunday's Tribune that from 400 to 500 boys were killed while riding bicycles. Know why? They are required to ride on the right side of the road where traffic comes from behind them.

They look around, lose their balance and fall in front of the cars. I saw it happen three times during 1960. Luckily the cars were able to stop. Let us save lives by getting that rule, or law, changed.

Thank you, F. J. Clifford. Shorty Rider often came to our house, also, and we knew him as loyal friend and honest citizen. Though he did not attend church, he did believe in God and the last song he composed was a hymn about a Peaceful Valley.

We listened to his funeral sermon, taken from St. Mark, 12th chapter, 18th to 28th verses. All of it about brothers were to marry their deceased brother's wives after which a lecture on alcoholism was given. Though part of it was spoken directly to Shorty, we know he was beyond being hurt by it.

He's Thankful

To the Editor: Much has been said about the medical care in the valley. This letter is not meant to criticize any phase of the medical profession.

Recently my wife has received extensive medical care, both in and out of the hospital. She required several operations and an extensive stay in the hospital, all of which cost quite a bit of money. Needless to say, as in the case with most families in the middle income group, we found that our insurance covered only a small portion of the cost.

We have been trying to pay the bills as best we can, but it has been an extremely slow process. Though we have been slow and infrequent with our payments, the doctors and hospitals have been very patient. Now my wife is again in need of medical care, and is seeing several doctors who are consulting together on her case. She has been under their care for several months and now is being referred to a doctor in Portland. Even though she has seen six different doctors in the past year, not one of them has refused to see her because of our past due bills. As a matter of fact the subject has not even been brought up.

I am very thankful to live in a community where the doctors and hospitals think of the CURE before the COST. My sincere thanks and appreciation go to the medical profession of our community.

Buckley W. Morgan 619 Benson St. Medford.

Medco Praised

To the Editor: I have just read the two letters in the Sunday paper, in which much opposition is made to the proposed change over of the Medford corporation's railroad to a private logging highway.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Prehistoric man note: Archaeologists report the finding of a new cave in the Middle East that contains much new and interesting material bearing on man's past. Plans are being made for additional excavation and evaluation of the cave's material.

Let's get closer home.

At a social gathering in Red Bluff a few weeks ago, Monte Snavely, of Tebama, related to me that he has in his possession two seemingly ancient stone carvings. They are crude, but they clearly depict an elephant. In both, he says, the animal's trunk is unmistakable.

They were found, he adds, embedded in the ice in one of the caves in the Lava Beds monument.

WHY is that interesting?

Well, it might have a bearing on the time when man came to the North American continent. Obviously, this primitive sculptor had seen an elephant. Where did he see it?

It would be interesting to know.

It is known from fossil remains that elephants once inhabited this area. Was this primitive sculptor contemporaneous with the elephants that once roamed this land? Did he inhabit the cave where these carvings were found and chip them out in his odd leisure moments?

ANOTHER question:

Did Melba, one of the great operatic singers of all time, once live for a period in our state of Jefferson—in Linkville before its name was changed to Klamath Falls?

There is a tradition that she did. As the story goes, her married name was Armstrong. She and her husband are said to have lived on the east side of Klamath's Link river.

The story goes that they had an orchard and a garden there.

Leo Houston recalls that Mr. Armstrong was a kindly man, generous with his apples. He pointed out to Leo the tree where the best fruit grew and urged him to help himself. Others recall that the Armstrongs grew delicious rhubarb, which they shared with their neighbors. The impression was that they were well off.

WAS she Melba?

A recent inquiry to the Metropolitan Opera Association, Inc., in New York, brought this answer: "In answer to your letter, we must report that we have been able to find no reference to any singer by the name of Melba except the well known Australian soprano. This artist came to the Metropolitan Opera company in 1925 and remained there at irregular intervals during five seasons. In 1938, she married Charles Nesbit Armstrong, said to have been the son of an Irish baronet."

THERE is another link in the evidence. Some time during this entire period of depressed lumber markets and prices.

Not only that, they are spending several million dollars in the construction of a new plywood plant which will employ several hundred more workers.

The company is noted for its fine safety record and certainly all phases of traffic safety will be effected in the operation of their new type of log transportation.

We should all thank the fine people who operate Medco for all the good things they have done for our community, and hope that they will be with us always.

Henry F. Padgham Jr. P.O. Box 294 Medford.

Complaints

To the Editor: I read Mr. David Frisch's letter in your paper. It brought to my mind an incident almost of the same kind that happened to me last July at the Veterans Hospital at Vancouver, Wash.

I'll not go into all the details at this time about all the things that took place. But here is one of the things that did happen. The steam pipes clanked and banged all night. The next morning I made a remark saying, "What is this supposed to be, a hospital or a boiler factory?"

I was sent to see the head shrinker.

After he had questioned me I am quite sure he went to find one himself. So Mr. Frisch, you and I and any others that have any complaints to make had better be careful what we say. Because they have big iron cages at all government hospitals.

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France Retains Keen Interest In Affairs Throughout Africa

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst Paris—(UPI)—In the sprawling, gray stone Quai D'Orsay along the left bank of the Seine, French Foreign Ministry officials watched carefully the anti-French speeches delivered at the meeting of African neutrals in Casablanca, Morocco.



For France, although preoccupied now with President Charles de Gaulle's supreme effort to restore peace to Algeria, still is not so preoccupied that she does not keep a sensitive finger on the pulse of other events in Africa where her interests still are huge.

One reported incident at Casablanca especially created a certain vey amusement. It came when a Moroccan representative denounced French atomic tests in "our" Sahara.

Bill To Eliminate TB Patient Charges

Salem—(UPI)—Rep. Grace O. Peck, (D-Portland) said Monday she will introduce a bill eliminating all patient charges at the Tuberculosis hospital in Salem.

This would apply to both voluntary and court-ordered patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

Patients now are charged \$400 or more a month for care, if they can afford it. Mrs. Peck said this policy, adopted in 1959, has resulted in people shying away from taking the X-ray test for TB because they fear cost of commitment at the state TB hospital. The Oregon Tuberculosis and Health Association supports the bill, she said.

Incentive Award Presented To Hess

An incentive award of \$15 has been presented to Hans Hess, forester with the bureau of land management's Medford district office.

Ross Youngblood, district manager, said the award was given for the suggestion of a method for recording road clocking data used in timber appraisal work. The award, together with letter of congratulations, was presented to Hess by Youngblood.

Hess has been employed by the bureau since April, 1959. He attended West Texas State, Canyon, Tex., and obtained his bachelor of science degree in forestry at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. He resides at 620 South Oakdale st., Medford.

President Schedules Farewell Address

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower makes his farewell address from the White House tonight to the American people that he has served nearly all his adult life—in war and in peace.

With just four days remaining before he turns over the burdens of chief executive to John F. Kennedy, Eisenhower will go on nationwide radio and television at 8:30 p.m. (EST).

Fiery Meteor Flashes Across California

Los Angeles—(UPI)—A huge fiery meteor flashed across California Monday night.

The bright flash was sighted from San Diego to north of San Francisco, a distance of about 600 miles, and as far as 300 miles inland in Nevada.

It was the second bright flash sighted on the west coast in two nights and it brought about a series of near-panic reports that fires were raging in much of California, caused by falling embers.

ago, Howard Johnson bought a house out on Hope st. in Klamath Falls. On the back porch when he bought it was an old cupboard, which he moved into his garage. Deciding later to move the garage, he removed the old cupboard. On the back of it, he found a board nailed on as if for a brace.

On the board, painted with a brush such as shipping clerks use, was this inscription, obviously an address for delivery: E. A. Armstrong, LINKVILLE, Oregon, by way of Portland. The initials are different, but the shipping clerk might have made a mistake.

WAS Mrs. Armstrong THE

Melba—one of the all-time greats of grand opera? Who knows more about this fascinating tradition?

off. The independent Algeria which De Gaulle foresees includes only the fertile belt running about 200 miles back from the Mediterranean. The Sahara departments will be administered as always from Paris.

Western observers were not popular at the Casablanca meeting where heads of state of Morocco, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Mali and Libya conducted their sessions in secret and allowed to leak to reporters only that which seemed most advantageous.

Unpublished in the final communiqué but believed here to have been among secret agreements was one for a boycott of France in an effort to force recognition of the Algerian rebel regime.

However, this was believed more psychological than real and no date was set for when it should take effect.

Matter of Fact by Joseph Alsop

THE COOK-OUT

Washington—In his farewell message to the Congress, President Eisenhower declared that he and his administration had "carried America to unprecedented heights." Since the President is neither a fool nor a hypocrite, this summary of the present national situation is at first somewhat bewildering.

After all, unemployment has now reached a level unprecedented in the last 20 years. The dollar, whose soundness has so preoccupied the President, has reached a low on the world markets unprecedented for 30 years. According to the suppressed soundings taken by the President's own subordinates, the standing of the United States abroad has also reached a low unprecedented in recent history.

Add Laos, Cuba, The Congo, Berlin and a few other critical situations, which form an unprecedented pattern of arrogant Soviet challenges on every front to U.S. and Western interests.

In these unhappy circumstances, what did the President mean? THE answer, or perhaps a considerable part of the answer seems to be indirectly provided by the story of the cook-out. It has taken almost a year to see outwards, from the closed administration inner group into semi-general circulation in Washington. But it is an authentic and remarkable story, which still casts much light.

The time, then, was the tense evening after the great explosion of the Summit meeting in Paris. Long previously, a private dinner for the President had been scheduled at the American Embassy on the Avenue D'iena and now, with the Strategic Air Command alerted and Khrushchev's belows of rage ringing in every ear, the invited high officials somewhat haggardly assembled in accordance with the unchanged schedule.

But the President, although his policy lay in ruins all around him, was very far from haggard. On entering, as though to prove his easy normalcy he genially suggested to the Ambassador and Mrs. Houghton that it would be nice if he cooked steaks for the whole dinner party with his own hands.

Confronted by forces of change too strong to be wholly resisted, the truly conservative leaders had to become more agile. They had to make small changes in order to avoid great changes. They had to recommend small sacrifices in order to avoid great losses. It was no longer prudent, no longer conservative, to stand pat.

This is the reason, of course, why Winston Churchill will be remembered as the great conservative of the Twentieth Century, whereas Stanley Baldwin and Neville Chamberlain, the alleged conservatives who led Britain to disaster, will never again be called conservative in the honorable sense of the word. This is the reason, too, why the creed of American conservatism badly needs re-thinking at the end of the Eisenhower years and not by Senator Goldwater either.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE LATE JOE FRISCO, invited to a hunting lodge, was impressed by a huge moosehead over the fireplace "S-s-say," stuttered Joe, "that m-m-moose must have been going like heck!"

Frisco declared that the biggest tightwad he ever met hailed from Texas. "One day a c-cyclone blew a skyscraper onto this b-b-bird's ranch," elaborated Joe, "and he raised h-h-hob because four of the offices weren't r-rented!"

When the University of Texas football team played Oklahoma in 1959 (Texas won, 19-12), Wilbur Evans of the Texas athletic department told sports scribe Terry Rice in all sincerity, "We ought to be favored by two points, after all, Texas is starting with eleven Texans. Oklahoma has only nine!"

Overheard at an exclusive girls' finishing school: "Everybody knows she gets her good looks from her father. He's a plastic surgeon."



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