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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

April 18, 1952 (Friday)

There were 541 more females than males in Medford at the time of the 1950 census, according to statistics from the federal census bureau.

About 200 area Democrats are expected to turn out to hear David C. Shaw, Gold Beach attorney, deliver the principal address at the annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner tomorrow night.

20 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1932 (Saturday)

Forty-one of remaining CCC trainees at Camp Prescott near Medford, sent to Louisiana for discharge.

From Arthur Perry's "City Smudge Pot" column: "A citizen reports on a trip south he was served a piece of ham almost thick enough to see with the naked eye."

30 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1932 (Monday)

Trade magazine survey shows Medford residents purchase largest amount of furniture per capita of any city in Oregon.

Survey of Medford Junior high school students shows 94.8 per cent believe their classwork is "not too hard, not too easy, but about right."

40 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1922 (Tuesday)

Medford city officials start campaign for construction of public children's playground here.

Jackson county fair board of directors announces plan to construct buildings "of substantial character" at fairgrounds.

50 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1912 (Wednesday)

Medford construction company starts grading of West 11th st. in preparation for scheduled paving later in summer.

Medford electric company advises use of electric irons "to avoid excessive heat and noxious gases" electric irons sell at \$2 each.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Does the Constitution give the power of organizing lesser federal courts to the Congress or the Supreme Court?
 2. Is Europe or South America the larger continent?
 3. In what ocean is the island of two Jims?
 4. Is a double eagle gold piece of the denomination of \$5, \$10, or \$20?
 5. Does a tricenial denote a period of 3, 30 or 300 years?
 6. Who presided over the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, which wrote the U. S. Constitution?
 7. What is a farrier?
 8. The people of what country presented the Statue of Liberty to the U. S.?
 9. Do any trees grow in Iceland?
 10. What holiday always falls on the first day of the month?
- Answers: 1. Congress. 2. South America. 3. Pacific. 4. \$20. 5. 30 years. 6. George Washington. 7. One who shoes horses. 8. France. 9. No. 10. New Year's day.

Seattle World's Fair

Much has been written about the Century 21 World's Fair which will open in Seattle this week end.

Despite all we had read and seen about it, we really had no conception of the dimensions of the event. It's going to be a "reely, reely beeg shoe," as Ed Sullivan might say.

We were treated to a tour of the grounds last Saturday, and aside from the usual sore feet and aching back afterward, we found much to admire.

THE two most talked about features of the fair are the Monorail and the Space Needle. Both have been open to the public for several weeks (although they are closed now until the fair opens), and have been drawing huge crowds.

A casual inspection would lead one to conclude that the fair will not be ready to open on Saturday, but a closer look at how fast preparations are moving forward is a hint that it will be ready—or pretty close to it.

Workmen are paving and painting, planting and scraping, pounding and hammering, like mad. A few details may have to be attended to after the opening (when crowds will slow the work down), but it will be 99 per cent complete.

WE LEFT the Space Needle and Monorail to others, and concentrated our attention on other features. One of the most impressive is the huge coliseum which the state of Washington has constructed. It is a squatly-appearing building, the true dimensions of which only become apparent on close inspection. Its four acres, however, will seat some 18,000 people after the fair.

The science pavilion built by the federal government is another impressive and attractive building, with airy grace and soaring modern gothic style.

OF ESPECIAL interest was the Oregon exhibit, being constructed by Bob Bosworth and Armin Richter, both of Medford, for the travel information division of the state highway department.

It is small, but it will be beautiful, with the warmth of brown wood and green foliage, with cool water fountains and comfortable benches. It will, we believe, be a credit to the state. Bob was working hard as we peered in, and said the exhibit would be completed by the middle of the week. Totem sculptures by Gene Bennett, another Medford artist, are among the exterior features.

FOR those planning to attend the fair, we have a few words of advice. The most important concerns transportation, and we would suggest that they use public transportation if possible, rather than driving their own car, both enroute to Seattle and after arrival.

Traffic congestion in Seattle, and on the way, too, is going to be fantastically bad.

The highway from Vancouver to Tacoma is excellent in some places, and passable everywhere. But the freeway stops at Tacoma, and from there clear into Seattle, driving will be plain murder if only half of the 10 million visitors expected this summer show up.

In Seattle itself, the street layout and traffic control is worse than in any large city with which we are familiar.

So we suggest plane or train or bus to get there, and cab or bus or monorail for use in the city itself. An additional reason for the latter is the parking problem, which is going to be next to impossible around the fairgrounds.

THE fair is going to have a tremendous impact on Seattle, in particular, and on the entire Pacific Northwest in general. The publicity on the fair, both in nationally-circulated publications and in local ones, has been tremendous.

The advance ticket sale last week end passed 3½ million—something almost unheard-of in shows of this kind—and every indication points to tremendous attendance from all parts of the world.

The bulk of those attending, however, will be from Washington, Oregon and California. And a large percentage of the Californians will be passing through Medford. It is going to have a marked effect on us during the coming months, with both good and bad results.

ALL IN ALL, it's going to be quite a summer for the Pacific Northwest.

Those going to the fair should be prepared for bad traffic and crowds, but they are almost bound to enjoy themselves if they find fairs and expositions interesting and fun in any degree.

Century 21 has some shoddy aspects, but the good will outweigh those, ten to one.—E.A.

Is Justice Blind?

An Army reserve private, court-martialed for disrespectful marks about a superior officer, gets six months at hard labor.

An Army major general, who imputed a variety of sins up to and including treason to many high-ranking officials, including past and present commanders in chief, is reprimanded, transferred, and allowed to resign.

Justice, they say, is blind. But perhaps not to rank.—E.A.

As many readers of the Mail Tribune are aware, our newsroom is in process of being remodelled. That is one reason that some who have telephoned the newsroom have been unable to hear the conversation at this end, and vice versa, because of the hammering and clattering. This shouldn't last too much longer, however, and in terms of space and efficiency, the result will be a vast improvement. Or so we all hope.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"'CAUSE I'M TIRED OF WASHIN' MY HANDS EVER TWO SECONDS!"

... 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.

Who Will?

To the Editor: Here is a poem I wrote for your column:

YOU CAN . . .

You can be anything you want to be.

Do anything you desire.

You can climb the highest mountain peak.

You can measure the smallest star.

You can play ball, if you will.

Or croquet in the park.

You can move a small hill.

Or cause a dog to bark.

You can help those who are ill.

Advise those who are not.

You can overcome every fear.

You can master every thought.

You can be on top, but humble must you feel.

And never say, "I can't," for if you don't.

Who will?

Lorna Fowler

Route 1, Box 332

Talent, Ore.

Barn Cats

To the Editor: Today a ditch rider told us that he and another man saw a gunny sack moving along the road. They untied it and let out a half grown cat.

A couple of years ago a milk truck driver had the same experience. Only this time it was a mother cat and kittens.

One year that the farmers complained the rats and mice were very bad we happened to have several cats and also some that someone thought this was a good place to dump them.

I advertised barn cats to give away—barn cats, because they didn't like to be held and were afraid to come in the house.

People came after them and I could have given away more, strays and all.

Mary E. Atkins

1634 Orchard Home dr.

Medford.

Dan Smoot and Home Rule

To the Editor: The voters in Jackson county will soon vote on a document called the Home Rule Charter. A voter to vote intelligently on any issue must understand the issue. How many of the 35,741 voters in Jackson county have read the Home Rule Charter and how many understand it? It is written in legal terms. Attorneys are educated to understand legal terms, most of the voters are not.

Would you like to know what Home Rule, as it is presented to us, really means? Would you like to know, when, where, how and by whom Home Rule started and how it is working where it has been voted in by uninformed and misinformed voters? Would you like to know about 1313 East 6th st. where the head of this monster lives whose tentacles are reaching into every state, county and town in the U.S.?

This information can be obtained in two documents: Dan Smoot Reports, No. 13, April 13, 1959, Metropolitan Government-Part One, and No. 16, April 20, 1959, Metropolitan Government-Part Two. Price, 25 cents each. Address: The Dan Smoot Report, P.O. Box 9538, Lakewood Station, Dallas, 14, Texas.

These reports are not written in legal terms, they are written in language that anyone with average intelligence can understand, so is the Constitution of the United States. Read the reports and go into the voting booth with a clear conscience and you won't vote wrong.

San Antonio, Texas adopted "Metro Government" (another name for Home Rule) Jan. 1, 1952, to seven years of operation. San Antonio's Metro government handled \$225,000,000 of public funds and raised the cost of "man-

ding" it from \$21 to \$48 per capita. Taxes were increased 233 per cent. (Capsule News, Oct. 31, 1959).

Oh, yes! San Antonians have initiative and referendum. We're hearing those words a lot just now. San Antonians tried it and they learned that "big money" buys elections.

The truth will make and keep you free.

Mrs. Alice I. Black,

812 Newtown st.,

Medford

Save the Constitution

To the Editor: We are farmers much concerned with the favoritism, corruption, lack of principle and added burden to the taxpayer that has always been prevalent in the farm programs. Billions wasted each year!

I believe the first controlled production was in 1933 when the government bought feeder pigs for slaughter. Some were bootlegged back to the farms. This is when the corruption started.

We can cite many cases in all branches of the program, for the whole thirty years, where corruption has been prevalent. Favoritism has been shown among the local committeemen and local state offices. It demonstrates the truth that "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

We have traveled extensively during the past five years, studying the farm program. I suggest transferring local and state ASC managers every year.

Farmers do not want to be heavily policed. Nor do the taxpayers want to pay for the policing.

Congress should thoroughly investigate and economize the whole program.

The Soil Bank and storage of enormous amounts of grain was very unfair to the taxpayer. The grain should have been fed long ago. It could have produced real meat whereas millions of tons of imitation meat is being sold.

We have farmed for forty years, but this waste is a disgrace to everyone concerned.

Let us save our Constitution!

Lloyd H. Elliott,

RFD 3,

Lake Providence, La.

Flyway Threat

To the Editor: Ducks and geese of Pacific Flyway need your help.

S. 1988, a bill which would stabilize the boundaries of the Tule Lake, Lower Klamath, and Upper Klamath National Wildlife Refuges of Oregon and California and assure their continued development and operation, is still in the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Those opposing S. 1988 are connected with local irrigation and reclamation associations. They are supported by the three local county governments and wealthy landowners of the basin. This group has skillfully proposed Basin Bill S. 1988, which would put much of the best crop land in private land use.

Their arguments about the illegality of S. 1988 were rejected by an opinion of the Interior Department solicitor. They state that substitute wildlife land could be developed. Wildlife spokesmen have proven that there is no substitute.

All of these lands are essential in the proper management of the refugees. Further reductions in areas are unacceptable because more than 80 per cent of the Pacific Flyway's waterfowl use them for nesting, resting and feeding. They also provide the nation's best public hunting grounds.

Possibility That New Purge Under Way In Red China Suggested in Dispatches

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst

A new purge may be under way in Red China.

The possibility is suggested in broadcast Peiping dispatches seeking a scapegoat for the three disastrous years in Red China's agricultural and industrial and in much that is left unsaid in the communiqué which followed the secret three-week meeting of the Red Chinese people's congress.

The communiqué made no bones about the "natural calamities and economic difficulties" which had befallen Red China.

But as a cure it suggested only greater hardships for China's 650 million people already suffering the effects of forced labor, malnutrition and deprivation.

As a document it was interesting chiefly as a study in Communist gymnastics with words. Even those could not disguise the atmosphere of general gloom.

The mere fact that for three weeks the Red Chinese leadership permitted no word of the congress proceedings to reach the outside world suggests they felt there was much to explain.

Other publications and broadcasts have been more outspoken.

Among them was the theoretical journal Red Flag.

which was among the first Red Chinese publications to air Mao Tse-tung's dispute with Nikita Khrushchev and is among the most authoritative of Red Chinese publications.

The latest issue of Red Flag exonerated both the people and the top leadership for Red

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