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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 24, 1952 (Thursday)

The Medford Retail Merchants association has voted to open Medford stores one hour earlier, and close one hour earlier in the afternoon, effective Monday.

Four options have been filed giving the Cal-Ore Pipeline company of San Francisco a 15-foot right of way through a portion of Jackson county.

20 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1932 (Friday)

Medford is one of five Oregon cities named by OPA to go under rent control regulations.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Hereabouts the weather is still censured. There are days when it is more to be pitied."

30 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1902 (Sunday)

Southern Oregon milk producers are jubilant at butter price to buyers rises to 17 cents a pound on Portland market.

Eighteen inches of new snowfall in Dead Indian area halts search for bodies of man and wife missing since January blizzard.

40 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1922 (Monday)

Results of widely-heated spelling match in confusion as teams captained by Gus Newberry and Court Hall both claim victory.

Medford police investigating "crime wave"; homes of many leading citizens entered.

50 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1812 (Tuesday)

New high-powered wireless station at Central Point starts operations; receives several messages from ships at sea.

Members of Medford University club bring back favorable reports after inspection trip to Blue Ledge copper mine southwest of Medford.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. In which state was President James Monroe born?

2. Are the cross threads of woven fabric called warp, or wool?

3. Did Abraham Lincoln ever serve as a member of Congress?

4. Name the six New England States.

5. Do peaches, lemons or watermelons contain the highest sugar content?

6. Berne is the capital of which country?

7. Upon what did Little Miss Muffet sit?

8. Which of Winston Churchill's parents was American-born?

9. If one edge of a cube measures four inches, how many cubic inches are in the whole cube?

10. Would the anterior of an object be its front, or back portion?

Answers: 1. Virginia. 2. Wool. 3. Yes. 4. Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut. 5. Lemons. 6. Switzerland. 7. Tuffet. 8. Mother. 9. 64 cubic inches. 10. Front.

The Wrong Way To Do It

The plan to finance the construction of off-street parking facilities under the freeway viaduct adjacent to Hawthorne park with Medford park and recreation department funds is clearly and flatly wrong.

For the last several months, a group of downtown businessmen have been pushing the proposal, and pushing it hard.

We have watched their drive take shape with considerable interest, beginning Feb. 15 when Medford Attorney Otto Frohnmayer lit into the city council and accused it of dragging its feet with respect to city betterment.

At that time he said the downtown business district was blighted and that the most salient reason for the decay was the lack of parking.

AT THE same time he called for the immediate restoration of Hawthorne park, which was all but devastated by the construction of the freeway through it, and for a speedy and general clean-up of Bear creek within the city limits.

Downtown Businessman Chet Hubbard that night particularly addressed himself to the matter of restoring Hawthorne park.

Hubbard said he felt that funds derived from the state from sale of right of way for the freeway through Hawthorne park should be used first for the restoration of the park, and that none of the monies should be used for other parks until Hawthorne park had been completely restored.

Then, in an interesting piece of logic, he said he felt the installation of off-street parking facilities under the freeway viaduct should be regarded as part of the park restoration plan.

SINCE that evening, the group of businessmen have held various meetings (both public and private) with members of city government, and conducted them on a guided tour along sections of Bear creek.

Last week, their efforts bore fruit: Wednesday night the park and recreation commission, though several members were obviously disgruntled about it, recommended the installation of 130 parking spaces under the viaduct. Pointedly, the commission failed to mention where the funds to pay for the project should come from.

The next night, to the apparent discomfiture of several members, the city council found the matter in their laps. Publicly, they finally voted to approve the project, but carefully allowed themselves two more weeks to figure out where the funds should come from to pay for it.

Privately, after the meeting, at least two of the councilmen said they have some reservations about taking money from park and recreation department funds to finance the parking facilities.

WE MORE than share their reservations. We stand clearly opposed to the expenditure. Let's review briefly some of the arguments that have been presented in favor.

It has been argued that the spaces are needed to accommodate the cars of park patrons.

This is pure fancy. Hawthorne is a small park. Its principal attraction during the summer is the pool. Park officials say it is the habit of parents to drop their children off for their swim time, and then return for them later.

Park and Recreation Director Robert L. Hawthorn said there are probably only about three or four occasions during the year when normal parking facilities would be inadequate, and the vast parking lots of the Medford shopping center, immediately across Fourth st., are available.

It seems clear that an extra 130 parking spaces are not needed — certainly not desperately needed — just for the patrons of the park.

IT HAS BEEN argued that there is nothing else to do with the space under the freeway viaduct, that indeed the installation of parking facilities is the only logical and sensible use of the space.

We grant merit to this argument. If one must have more off-street parking, under the freeway might seem a fine place for it.

But what possible justification is there for using park and recreation department funds with which to pay for it? Installing 130 parking spaces can hardly be called "restoring the park to its original condition."

We are at a loss even to understand how the additional spaces under the viaduct are supposed to cure — or even partially alleviate — blight in the downtown business district.

Assuming the corner of Main and Central to be the center of the business district, anyone parking his car under the viaduct would be confronted with a five-block's walk to get there.

Modern shoppers just don't walk that far. The space might, however, be usable, if not actually convenient, for employees of downtown businesses. But, again, should the city have to provide that parking space for them? And with park and recreation department funds?

ONE FINAL thought: If the estimated \$35,000 needed to finance the installation of the parking facility were taken from the park and recreation department funds, a carefully drawn up priority list for park development and park site acquisition would have to be thrown out. Any delay in certain land acquisitions now under negotiation by the city could end up being very costly indeed.

This whole matter is taking on the color of a first-class boondoggle. We urge the city council to go slow.

As the council members so well know, the interests of all the citizens of Medford must inevitably take precedence over the interests of a small, vocal and influential group. — G.H.B.

Dennis the Menace



SEE? I TOLD YA HE WASN'T TOO CRAZY 'BOUT DOGS!

... 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.

Thanks Expressed

To the Editor: We wish to thank everyone who helped us in the search for our missing boys. The sheriff's department, the state police, the Salvation Army's disaster car, organizations who furnished and donated the lunches, all our neighbors and friends, each and every individual that helped. All of your help and kindnesses were greatly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne R. Harper
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dowell
Route 1, Box 98
Eagle Point, Ore.

Many Helped

To the Editor: The American Red Cross Disaster Committee would like to thank the following people for their contributions to the Red Cross Mobile Canteen that fed the searchers during the hunt for the two lost boys last week:

John North of North's Chuck Wagon, Chuck Bateman of Bateman's Richfield Cafe, Fred Beck of Beck's Bakeries, Mrs. Charles Hoover, Mrs. Lindsay Tibbitts, Mrs. A. A. Wattenburg.

Also greatly appreciated was the assistance with communications given by Jack Hall of the Civil Air Patrol and Alvin Alexander, radio operator.

Mrs. O. A. Eden, Disaster Chairman
Mrs. Conroy Fiero, Canteen Chairman
American Red Cross Medford

Simple Solution

To the Editor: If your statement that the King-Anderson Bill is the best solution advanced so far for the problem of medical care for our aged, is true, it certainly indicates a low level of intelligence and lack of perception at the highest levels in our federal government.

Instead of one simple comprehensive plan to solve this simple problem, we are to have three separate plans with three separate groups to administer them. One to care for those on welfare, one for those not on welfare and not entitled to Social Security benefits, and still another for those drawing Social Security checks. Such a program would seem to be designed more to solve our unemployment problem than that of medical care for the aged.

Personally, I don't think medical care has any place in Social Security and any such plan should be financed from the general revenue rather than from payroll deductions alone. You say the average cost will be about one dollar per month to the wage-earner and an equal amount from his employer. That may be statistically correct, but it seems only fair to point out that anyone making \$5,200 annually will pay over twice that amount.

Mr. Burrill says very few people over 65 can afford a serious illness with any considerable length of hospitalization. I would like to say few people of any age can afford it, least of all the wage-earner with a family to support. Most opponents of our present Medicare plan say the oldesters resent having to answer questions about their financial status. How such an attitude could have survived nearly half a century of filing income tax returns and coping with appraisers of real and personal property is a mystery to me. I don't think the taxpayers should be asked to pay the medical bills of those who can well afford to pay their own.

Perhaps one solution would be for the government to take over the hospitals and make them available to everyone under the same conditions as provided for in the King-Anderson Bill. That would be fair to everyone and any deficit could be made up the same way as that of the Post Office department.

Bureaucrats thrown out of work by this plan could be used in the hospitals to carry bed pans.

Howard Wilson,
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Always Welcome

To the Editor: Thank you for the very nice announcement regarding the Easter Sunrise Services that we had here at the Sanctuary. However it was printed that they were to be held on Table Rock mountain, while actually they were held on top of the mountain here at the Sanctuary.

We do sincerely hope that this misprint did not cause anyone inconvenience, especially at that hour of the morning. Actually most people know us so well now that they were not confused by the mistake. Thanks to John Stafford's articles we have become acquainted with people from all over the United States and Canada.

If anyone did plan to visit us Sunday and were unable to make it, they can always be assured of the fact that they are welcome to come up at any time. They will find their trip will be quite worthwhile for the scenery here is spectacular and we LOOK DOWN on the Table Rocks, being several hundred feet higher than they are.

We appreciate the new friends that we made Sunday and we hope that like the many other visitors that we have had, they will return again and again.

Again, let us say that I am very sorry for any inconvenience that anyone might have had.

Dallas Purcell
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Library Needs

To the Editor: Will you please print the following copy of my letter to the Members of the Jackson County Budget Committee:

Gentlemen: In expressing my hope for favorable consideration of the proposed budget for the Public Library of Medford and Jackson County, I would like to stress the point that by the greatly expanded county-wide use of the library facilities through the growing Branch Library system, the problem of the adequate budget becomes more and more the concern of the county.

An excellent review in the Medford Mail Tribune Sunday by Mr. Gilbertson, on the increase of library usage shows a rise of 143 per cent in book use in two years by the people in the county outside of Medford.

The same report also shows an unfavorable comparison with our neighboring counties in the number of books per capita available and the expenditure per capita in the library budgets.

Mr. Bacon and his fine staff have done a remarkable job in making it possible for more people to use and enjoy more books and the other facilities of a good library system. This costs more money. But the continuing and increasing interest and appreciation of these efforts as shown by the residents of the county, clearly indicates approval of an increase in the budget.

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De Gaulle Again Must Pass on Death Sentence of French Hero-Turned-Traitor

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst

It is a quirk of history that President Charles de Gaulle is being called upon for the second time to pass upon a sentence of life or death for a great French national hero. It was at 4:15 on the morning of Aug. 15, 1945, that a jury in Paris returned a verdict of death against Marshal Henri-Philippe Petain, hero of Verdun in World War I, Nazi collaborator in the Vichy French government of World War II.

Then, as he must now in the case of Gen. Raoul Salan, it fell to De Gaulle to make the final decision. It was near the end of De Gaulle's first term as the first premier of the French Fourth Republic.

He commuted the aged Petain's sentence to life imprisonment.

Petain lived with his disgrace for two years, finally dying at the age of 91 on his prison island of Yeu off the French Atlantic Coast.

The parallel does not end with Petain. Petain served the Vichy government as chief of state. Under him as premier was Pierre Laval.

It was upon Laval that the chief blame fell for the crimes against Free France and he also received a death sentence. De Gaulle refused to intervene and Laval died before a firing squad at Fresnes Prison Oct. 15, 1945.

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ed before the damage becomes irreparable, for if free institutions cannot provide the essential needs of the people they will inevitably seek another way out, even at the sacrifice of their freedom.

The poverty in which millions of human beings have lived for centuries must be alleviated if our world is to escape social, economic and political chaos. Yet it is a tragic fact that expanding populations are frustrating efforts on the part of the developing nations to expand their economy. Even with massive foreign aid, they cannot grow enough food, build enough housing or schools or hospitals, or provide enough jobs to keep pace with their growing populations.

It took all of the vast reaches of time to build today's population of more than 3 billion. But this figure will double by the end of this century if present rates of growth continue. Unless we recognize and constructively attack the population problem now, we shall suffer the consequences of a world so crowded and so inadequate in resources that it may well be impossible for a free society to meet the ensuing needs.

The World Population Emergency campaign is working to alert the American people to this crisis. We are seeking to help private citizens' groups working in 32 countries to initiate and expand their population control programs. We have already made grants totaling some \$225,000 to national movements in Japan, Ceylon, Korea, India, Malaya, Indonesia, and to other groups in Asia and Latin America. We must do more if we are able to meet the many urgent calls for help coming from overseas.

Contributions (tax deductible) to the World Population Emergency campaign will be utilized without delay, and will be deeply appreciated by myself and those friends overseas who depend upon us for aid.

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emissary in Algeria and he had served France as a soldier at home, in Africa and in the Far East.

As Petain before him, he will plead that he acted for the good of France.

This, and not the glory of the battlefield, is Salan's moment of truth.

And from grim Sante Prison already is emerging the picture of a man anxious to disavow himself of the blood of the innocent, realizing too late that his was not the guiding hand of destiny, but rather its victim.

Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippman is in Europe. Roscoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.) (c) 1962 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

THE GENEVA GAP

Washington — Obviously no one would expect the Soviet Union to accept out-of-hand the draft treaty for "complete and general" disarmament which the U.S. presented at Geneva.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the immediate response of the chief Soviet delegate, Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian A. Zorin, is cool, negative, and disdainful. He was disdainful in describing the American draft treaty