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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. 15, 1952 (Saturday)

Two Medford high footballers, Guard Don Jacobs and Halfback Alton Stone, have been named to the first team of the Medford Mail Tribune's 1952 Southern Oregon conference all-star squad.

One of the most famous choruses in the world, the General Plaffon Don Cossacks, will perform in Medford tonight under the sponsorship of the Medford Lions Club.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 15, 1932 (Sunday)

Forty-eight nurses from New York arrive at Camp White; one brings 52 cakes of soap after hearing no soap is available here.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Victims of mild (?) flu hereabouts resent the feeble jests about it and them. Boiled down, the jests leave them more feeble than the flu."

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 15, 1932 (Tuesday)

Local residents adopt resolution asking that "evil turmoil and agitation cease now that the turmoil election is over."

Roseburg citizens announce they will send delegation to Salem to request a 50 per cent slash in the cost of automobile license plates.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 15, 1922 (Wednesday)

Move launched to boost membership of Medford National Guard company to 60.

Medford High school football team defeats Grants Pass 8 to 6 in contest at Grants Pass.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 15, 1912 (Friday)

Oregon State Hotel association starts movement for construction of state highway to Oregon caves.

J. W. Mitchell and City Council President J. E. Watt announce they are candidates for mayor of Medford; C. E. Gates and W. W. Ebert expected to announce their candidacies.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Were the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World" all works of man?

2. Was Cassandra a famed Macedonian general, a Greek city, or an ancient prophetess?

3. Which department did Herbert Hoover head in the cabinet of Calvin Coolidge?

4. Is Hynophobia a dread of breaking a leg, morbid fear of sleep, or desire to become immortals?

5. Is whisky, or is it not, an approved medical antidote for snakebite?

6. Which state is nicknamed the "Buckeye State"?

7. With equal wind velocity, would you say that telegraph wires hum loudest in cold or hot weather?

8. The French engineer, Major Pierre C. L'Enfant, designed the original plan of which U.S. city?

9. Are dragonflies harmful to man?

10. Was Old Ironsides a sloop, frigate, or corvette?

11. Yes, 2. Prophets, 3. Department of Commerce, 4. Fear of sleep, 5. Is not, 6. Foe, 7. Cold weather, 8. Washington, D.C., 9. No, 10. Frigate.

Eastern Contrasts

(The Mail Tribune's city editor, Earl H. Adams, was a member of a party of southern Oregon educators which recently returned from inspecting schools and educational methods in the east and midwest. His report will appear in a series of articles elsewhere in the paper. Here he gives some of his impressions of the areas he visited.)

Winding country roads lined with small-trunked hardwoods dressed in a few scattered brown leaves are within the city limits of Lexington, Mass., and Norwalk, Conn. They present a sharp contrast to the Rogue valley's drives where city and county are more distinct.

From the Lexington school administration's office, which was housed in a remodeled school house, to schools in the city, it was a refreshing drive along narrow roads with trees forming the curbs.

The colorful foliage of a few weeks previous was all but gone, but one could visualize the grandeur of the New England countryside after the first frost.

THE wooded New England look has been preserved in the city of Norwalk, Conn., and vicinity where home lots must range from a half an acre upward, to at least an acre in Norwalk residential areas. In the summer, it would be possible in some instances to drive along city roads without seeing the residences nestled back in the trees.

But not far from these country roads in the city are the mazes of modern highways carrying traffic to and from the metropolitan areas of Boston and New York. There are several highways which compare to the West's freeways — thruways, turnpikes, tollways, expressways, and parkways. All but the thruways and expressways are toll roads.

The West's use of the term freeway has not caught on in many of the eastern areas, and the word is seldom used.

THERE may be a half dozen different ways of getting to a nearby town, and each way may be as confusing as another unless the driver is familiar with the area.

Going from Boston to Lexington, the caravan of school representatives in four cars failed to make a turn according to provided directions. It didn't make any difference, though. The group followed the route directly to Lexington.

Two things were obvious throughout the country during the trip, and both reflected the American's desire to travel. One was construction of airport facilities, the other was highway construction.

AT EVERY major city, where the party landed, airport facilities have been improved, or are in the process of being improved. And in every area, heavy equipment is changing the face of the earth to provide modern wide lane highways for commuters, travelers, and commercial vehicles.

In Chicago, traffic on an expressway from near the Loop to the O'Hare airport area was three and four abreast, bumper to bumper for the almost 17 mile trip.

The "El" and subways in Chicago, during the morning and evening rush hours, are crammed with people. About one million people are transported by bus, subway, the "El," and automobile to daily jobs in the Loop, an area which encompasses about 20 city blocks.

THE CORNER of State and Madison sts. is considered to be the busiest street corner in the nation. It could be. The individual is lost in a mass of human beings hurrying home, to the office, to the store, or nowhere. Rain or shine, people move silently through the downtown Chicago area amid the honking automobile and bus horns, and the roar of the "El."

The "El" for mile after mile passes the backside of apartment buildings in north and south Chicago. Many of them appeared unkempt and the morning wash hung on the back porch where inclement weather prevented it from drying.

Some of the flats, apartments or tenements appeared to be nothing more than hovels where the occupants have perhaps never seen a single home on a single residential lot surrounded by green grass, flowers and shrubs.

THE FLAT, unbroken land immediately outside Chicago was dull compared to the rolling countryside from Lexington, Mass., to Norwalk, Conn. There, even in the rain, it was a pleasant drive to the southwest area of Connecticut with the brown hues of fall blending into the grey afternoon rain.

In the Lexington and Norwalk areas, the student of history would have a field day: some of the buildings are older by almost a century than the oldest building in the Rogue valley. — E.H.A.

"The Music Man"

Having, on past occasions, been caustically critical of certain Hollywood productions, it is now our pleasure to give unstinting approval to one now playing here. We refer to "The Music Man."

It is the only film in many years that we have gone to see twice.

This is not a great classic, nor a film of any particular importance or message. But it is gay, tuneful, humorous, colorful, and is a plain, relaxing pleasure to watch.

It is a nearly-literal film presentation of Meredith Willson's Broadway smash hit, with ebullient Bob Preston as its star, and we recommend it without reservation. — E. A.



... 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.

Parents' Fault

To the Editor: The thoughts of many people are shared in a spiritual crisis. The inspiration and special qualities that once were taught to children, such as self respect and respect of others, can be put down as past history.

For all the diatribes and spiritual failings go to the parents. The Bible taught us all spare the rod and spoil the child. The modern generation is always on the move. They are perplexed and drift, having lost all bearings. This is not growing closer to each other, as a marriage or a family. The marriage breaks into degradation and failure. Children are murdered because they're in the way or left wandering about the streets. This is modern America.

We call the children hoodlums, but are they? They are destructive, critical, ignorant of respect and faithfulness. Why shouldn't they be? They are born into a world not of their own making, and all too soon discover they are tossed aside and resented.

The lacerating hurt these 20th century children feel is released in their fast pace, driving forces and stress which we call destruction. Their minds need both parents for proper mental balance as well as to function properly as an American citizen, as we would ask them to be. If the parents had taken time on demand of the child to help him with his or her problems in the light of God, or given them protection and understanding that they need, we would have more to be thankful for in the children.

All children have a father and mother to honor. But the honor the parents get depends on the parents. Most fathers and mothers can be located in the local bar having a drink or attending the neighborhood gossip center while their children are out on the streets honoring them, or parked on a shady lane using their instincts the dear Lord gave them. They are heading down the wrong road because they don't know any better and no one to teach them.

E. Dykes,
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Changes Needed

To the Editor: Wall street must be getting pretty hup, when they have to bring our news boys into this cold war. Panhandling to keep Radio Free Europe on the air. If they ever broadcast the truth, the whole thing would collapse. Why not keep the kids out of this mess? Let the ones that built it finance it. The next move will be to ask the kindergarten youngsters to empty their piggy bank.

Cuba, India and Berlin take up most of the headlines, communism here, communism there, communists everywhere. I don't think there was a man on the democratic ticket that was not accused of being soft on communism. Communism seemed to be the big issue of the day. Sig Unander's campaign manager said "we were Cubitized," that is the reason they lost. Boy Oh Boy, when an alibi.

Why don't these candidates have something to offer the people besides being anti-this or anti-that? Why don't they have a solution to the unemployment problem, the tax problem, and many more that are facing us right here at home?

What we need is a new party, a labor party or maybe the people's party.

The labor leaders have sold us out. We don't have more than one or two labor leaders that are any good for labor. The big boys of the labor

movement are nothing but political stooges.

What have they got to offer the unemployed? Nothing but some more of the same. There are over 29,000 unemployed in the state of Oregon now. What will it be before spring? Our economy is obsolete. Technology is forcing the change. Communism has nothing to do with it. Our system has to hide behind something, so it is communism. You know, Henry Ford was finally forced to change his model and that is exactly what is happening to our economy, it has got to change.

Ray Prichard,
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Central Point, Ore.

White City Comment

To the Editor: This is about the veterans at the White City government domiciliary. It recently went over 1,000 members for the first time since it began as a Home. Like any service camp during the War, the average city where a V.A. Home is located gets the wrong impression of the members, since a few make a bad name for all by getting drunk in public and giving a "black eye" to the Home.

The average member here is sick, either transferring from a hospital or coming from the outside where he hasn't worked and needs a place to stay. One of the requirements to get into the Domiciliary is that the veteran is unable to work or can't pay for the cost of food, clothing, medicine, etc., which is part of domiciliary care.

Most feel it is not an ideal life where you have privacy and the comforts of home. The blowing of a whistle at 6 a.m. starts a new day, including week ends and holidays. There are long lines seen at the mess hall three times a day (pay line, diet line, crippline including canes and wheelchairs, as well as medicine line, cigarette lines, mail lines, check lines on payday, etc. The day ends at 10 p.m. with lights out and bed check, so the whereabouts of every man can be accounted for. A lot think this life is too much like the service but in a place of this size, there have to be some regulations and order. Otherwise, with no rules to govern the men, things would get out of control and no way to stop the offenders.

At least 75 per cent are alcoholics, some will readily admit it, others won't. In most cases, drinking has interrupted their normal lives, jobs, careers or marriages. The reason the average pay job here is only \$60 a month is that after the first pay check, most men would go on a drunk and lose their jobs, becoming unemployable to their employers. No outside supervisor in his right mind would hire anyone who is unreliable.

Remember that these men are veterans of the wars, many have no family or relatives, and have need of friendship. It is up to the public to come out during an open house but any time during the week or week end. Then they can see that not all the 1,000-plus men here are drunks or winos, that some are hard workers and hold jobs. As taxpayers, you are helping to keep this Domiciliary open and on a permanent footing. Get to know these fellows as long as they make their home here. Show them that Medford is a friendly city and ignore the minority who hang out on Front Street whenever they go to town.

F. H. Oakes,
White City, Ore.

30 Years Ago
To the Editor: For a considerable time the M.T. has been publishing a series of historical articles chronologi-

Indications Mounting That All Not Well In Russ Domestic Economy and Planning

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

For many weeks, long before eruption of the Cuban crisis, unusually frank dispatches from Moscow have been reporting mounting troubles for Nikita Khrushchev at home. These included widespread agricultural failures and a seemingly endless list of industrial snafus running all the way from a shortage of women's black lace lingerie to production of cement.

This week brought new stories of Soviet labor unrest which, coupled with earlier reports of rioting against increased meat and butter prices, added to evidence of mounting discontent among the Soviet people.

Taken together, these dispatches gave new reason for the Kremlin now seeks a period of quiet on the international front so it can turn its attention to problems at home.

Disappointing crop reports came from virgin lands of Northern Kazakhstan and from the Ukraine. Only in Great Russia, the area surrounding Moscow, was there a report of a "record" grain harvest.

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Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

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THE REPUBLICAN TEMPTATION

Washington — Now that just about all the election returns are in, they make a rather clearer pattern than they did last Wednesday. It is worth having another look at this pattern too, for it just possibly forebodes rather important basic changes in the shape of American politics. Broadly speaking, the Democrats did very well indeed in the Northeastern states. They got more votes than anyone expected in the midwestern states. And on the Pacific coast, they scored a potentially decisive gain in California, where Richard M. Nixon's defeat by Gov. Pat Brown may well mean a decisive Californian movement into the Democratic column.

These are the reasons why the election has to be adjudged a victory for President Kennedy, despite important Republican gains like the narrow win of George Romney in Michigan and the