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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

May 8, 1953 (Friday) Rogue valley Bartlett pear orchardists were warned today that orchard conditions are similar to those in 1937.

20 YEARS AGO

May 8, 1943 (Saturday) Medford High school track team takes fourth straight state championship by edging out Seaside 21 to 16.

30 YEARS AGO

May 8, 1933 (Monday) First straw hat of season noted on Medford streets.

40 YEARS AGO

May 8, 1923 (Tuesday) Ben E. Harder elected president of Medford Chamber of Commerce.

50 YEARS AGO

May 8, 1913 (Thursday) Ranchers owning total of 1,300 acres sign up for irrigation in Rogue valley.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. Which American statesman named his estate 'The Hermitage'? 2. Name the capital of Bermuda. 3. Is the state of Maine noted for its production of white potatoes or sweet potatoes?

- Answers: 1. Andrew Jackson. 2. Hamilton. 3. White potatoes. 4. Somerset Maugham. 5. Passamaquoddy project for harnessing the tides.

PREFER U.S.

Bonn, Germany (UPI)—About half of the 810,000 Germans who emigrated since the end of World War II went to the United States, the statistical office here reported Tuesday.

The Senate and the Constitution

The Oregon House of Representatives is to be commended for its action in voting to give Oregon citizens a chance to pass on the proposed new Constitution.

We hope the Senate follows suit. The document is not perfect; few political documents are. But it is a big improvement over the present Constitution.

ESSENTIALLY, House Joint Resolution 1 is the document prepared over an 18-month period by a blue ribbon commission. A few changes have been made in the House version, but they are either of a minor nature, or do not affect the value of the proposal.

For instance, the Constitutional Revision Commission worked out a method of legislative reapportionment differing somewhat from the one now in effect. But, since only last November the people voted to retain the present method, the action of the House in retaining the existing apportionment formula, rather than going to the one outlined by the Commission, made sense.

WHAT the Senate will do to the proposed Constitution is still unclear. There is some reason to doubt that it will receive the necessary two-thirds approval, which the House gave it with only one vote to spare.

THE legislature first voted to ask the people whether or not the legislature could draw up a new Constitution. The people gave them that authority.

The House and Senate committees named to study the Constitution have made some changes, as noted. If, after this long process, and all the many labors which have gone into the task, the Senate makes it all count for nothing, it will not merit the thanks of the people.—E. A.

Incidentally, all three of Jackson county's representatives voted for the new Constitution, to their credit. The measure was presented to the House by Rep. John Dellenback, chairman of the House committee on Constitutional revision, and those who heard him, said he did a masterful job—clear, lucid and logical, and also with a sense of history and drama. Congratulations are in order.—E.A.

Greenery, Highways and DST

A combined business-and-pleasure trip took us to Portland over the week end, and once again we were impressed with this state of ours. Never have we seen it more lush, more lovely. The abnormally heavy rains of this spring have made the soft greens ever more pervasive than usual.

The rapidly-growing freeway has done two things: It has made the drive shorter, faster and more pleasant than ever before, and it has opened up new vistas of countryside, much of it unmarred by commercial development and billboards.

DISTANCES that were once measured in miles and hours are now measured in minutes. From the Barnett Road Interchange to the end of the freeway at the base of Sexton Mountain is a mere 45 minutes. Roseburg is a scant two hours from Medford; Eugene a scant three; Portland a scant five.

The sections of highway which now offer the greatest danger are those remaining sections of two-lane, two-way road. Such a highway is inherently more dangerous, of course, but an added hazard comes from the habit patterns of drivers used to freeway safety, who sometimes fail to adjust to the narrower rights of way.

These sections are becoming shorter and fewer, however, and within a few years will be gone, border to border.

ONE other change which makes travelling this season more pleasant than in the past is worthy of note. When it was 3 p.m. in Medford, it was 3 p.m. not only everywhere in Medford, but also in Eugene, Salem and Portland.

Not only that, it was also 3 p.m. in Seattle and San Francisco. We duly note, and respect, the arguments of those who do not like daylight saving time. We duly note, and respect, the arguments of those who prefer DST to standard time.

For us, though, the lack of confusion is the important thing. Peace, it's wonderful!—E. A.

Married Her, He Did, And Both Divorced And All—



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.

The Clock Lied

To the Editor: Last Sunday morning I got up at 5:30 a.m. as was my wont, and in accordance with the decree that had gone forth throughout the land advanced the hands of the clock on the wall one hour. Then I went outside and took a look around but no great miracle of change had been performed.

Highway Dictatorship

To the Editor: While we are in process of revising our state constitution, we need to take a good strong look at our State Highway Commission which seems to be responsible to no one, and hence to constitute a true dictatorship in the most accurate sense of the word.

Sordid Mess

To the Editor: The Rockefeller brothers have had a team of psychologists studying the question of whether Gov. Rockefeller's marriage to Mrs. (Happy) Murphy will hurt his chances of becoming president of the United States in 1964.

Pride

To the Editor: The following editorial was written by our eighth grade student editor, Teri Spence. It appeared in the last issue of our school paper, 'The Cove Star.' We feel the editorial is exceptional in quality and merit.

Preservation

To the Editor: The Historic American Buildings Survey, for Oregon, based on the National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings, recognizes Jacksonville, Oregon.

No Doubts Remain About Good Faith of Communists in Laos; Showdown Nearing

By PHIL NEWSOME, UPI Foreign News Analyst

Enough of the pieces have fallen into place now to remove any lingering doubts there have been over Communist good faith in Laos.



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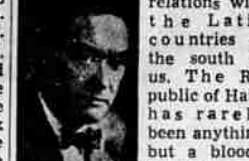
Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

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HEMISPHERIC REAPPRAISAL

The events in Haiti illustrate how great has been the change during the past 30 years in our relations with the Latin countries to the south of us.



The United States landed the Marines and governed the country for the next 19 years. Now once again Haiti is seething with violence. But now, while in an extreme emergency we might have to go in once more to protect lives, we are bound by treaties with the other American republics to avoid intervention and to work through the Organization of American States.

The reason we signed the treaties which forbid us to intervene now is that all the American republics insisted upon it. They felt strongly that if the United States did not renounce unilateral intervention, their dignity as fully sovereign states was degraded.

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THE system does not work well, and at bottom this, I think, because there is missing the third leg of the stool, which is European presence and participation in this hemisphere. The candid students of hemispheric affairs tell us that the Alliance for Progress is riddled with anti-American feeling.

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miserable fighters, although probably as good as their opposite numbers in the Pathet Lao were—the latter not befooled up by hard-core Communist troops from neighboring North Vietnam.

With the military stance abandoned, neutrality became the only thing left unless the United States were willing to commit its own forces on a scale far larger than anything yet attempted in Southeast Asia, including South Vietnam.

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I assume they got the money for the island from that Cocoa Beach motel they owned. Their attorney, Mr. Leo C. De Orsey, announced it was up for sale. You remember they bought it with that \$500,000 Life gave them for their exclusive stories.

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ments through Laos over the Ho Chi Minh trail to South Vietnam. Events proved Avtar Singh somewhat less than realistic. A glance at the map illustrates the military point. One area of recent fighting in Laos was the market town Luong Nang. It is near the eastern boundary with South Vietnam, directly between the key towns of Tchepone and Saravane. Tchepone once served as a Russian air base for ferrying supplies to the Pathet Lao and Viet Minh. Saravane marks the beginning of the last leg of the Ho Chi Minh trail through mountainous jungles in to Cambodia and South Vietnam. This trail, the Communists mean to preserve and they will fight for it.

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