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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

August 8, 1953 (Saturday) A unanimous vote of confidence for police chief given by Medford's city council at a meeting in the city hall yesterday afternoon.

A steady flow of natural gas to about three to four feet above its outlet was located Monday on the Cliff Heeter home property in Sams Valley just north of Sams Valley school; the gas was struck at a depth of 110 feet while Heeter was drilling a well for water.

20 YEARS AGO

August 8, 1943 (Sunday) Mexican workers arrive to help in pear harvest. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Cowmen have been busy the past week packing salt to the well-known alleged beef shortage summering in the high hills."

30 YEARS AGO

August 8, 1933 (Tuesday) Earl B. Day of Sams Valley is named county judge following conviction of incumbent for ballot theft. Lions club soup kitchen fed 13,397 last winter, report shows.

40 YEARS AGO

August 8, 1923 (Wednesday) Screen Commissioner William R. Coleman reports thousands of trout killed in Applegate district by recent landslides. City to pay its workers twice monthly hereafter.

50 YEARS AGO

August 8, 1913 (Friday) Petitioners request county court to call special election for issuance of \$500,000 in bonds for paved highway from California line to Josephine county line. Gen. Felix Diaz, Mexico's special ambassador to Japan, passes through Medford.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. What is the singular form of the noun scissors? 2. Samar is an island in which group of Pacific Islands? 3. Which is the better insulator for electricity; glass, rubber, paraffin? 4. Who wrote the book "Please Don't Eat the Daisies"? 5. In what month in 1945 did the atomic bomb fall on Hiroshima? 6. Is chives something to eat, or a disease? 7. Was Jefferson, Franklin, or Madison the nation's first Secretary of State? 8. Was Pluto or Pluto a Greek mythological character? 9. There are two, three, or four umpires at World Series games? 10. Would you say that fingernails or toenails grow faster?

Answers: 1. Scissors. 2. Philippine Islands. 3. Paraffin. 4. Jean Kerr. 5. August. 6. Est. 7. Thomas Jefferson. 8. Pluto. 9. Four. 10. Fingernails.

National Park Fees

The desirability of charging a fee for the use of public recreational facilities is now in the process of reexamination. And a good thing, too. We hope that the National Park Service will join in this reexamination. It is our view that the Parks are "giving away" too much, and not receiving enough in exchange. The parks belong to everyone in the United States. But not everyone in the United States uses them—although the total is getting larger all the time. Why the federal taxes collected from a little old lady in Duluth should be used to pay for the operation and maintenance of a National Park in California escapes us.

WE RECENTLY returned from a five-day camping trip to Mt. Lassen National Park, less than a five-hour drive from here. When we entered, we paid a \$1 fee, which entitled us to enter or leave or stay in the park any time we wished during a 14-day period. For \$2, we could have obtained a permit good for the full year. The \$1 fee is paid by those who just drive through the park, the same as those who use the campground facilities for two weeks. The campers are allowed to use wood (of which more later), the restrooms, the campsites—all without further charge.

There is, thus, the inequity between the little old lady in Duluth, who helps pay for the park but doesn't use it, the one-day visitor who does use it but pays a small fee, and the two-week camper who uses it extensively, but pays a fee small out of proportion.

ORIGINALLY, when the National Park Service was being organized, the idea was that the parks would be self-supporting. It took only a few years for this to be found to be both impracticable and impossible. We make no suggestion that they should be self-supporting. But we strongly believe that those who use them should pay more than those who don't, and that those who use them extensively should pay more than those who only make casual visits.

A \$1 per night fee is charged by state parks in both Oregon and California. No one seriously objects to this. Nor would they object in the National Parks, if they were assured that the income would be devoted to operation, maintenance, development and preservation of these great scenic inheritances of ours.

A sliding scale of charges, along these lines, makes sense and is considerably more equitable than the current one.

DURING our recent visit, a companion figured out that a camper there for two weeks paid less than 8 cents per night for the privilege. In our case, the five days (and four nights) we were there cost about 20 cents per day. This hardly covered our use of the facilities, let alone paid for our share of the costs of operation and maintenance, or the longer-range costs of development and preservation.

Too, the National Park Service is pressed, lacking both funds and adequate personnel to do the full job they would like to do.

For example, policy at Lassen is that campers may use down wood for firewood (with some exceptions). But, close to campgrounds, it is scarce. And the wood pile provided at the largest camp consists solely of huge logs that no camper is equipped to buck and split for firewood.

IN THEORY, the Park Service provides the firewood; in practice, it does not. Therefore, some unscrupulous campers hack away at trees and shrubs in the camping area, to its considerable detriment. One solution would be to grant a firewood concession to some college student during the summer, and let him buck and split wood and sell it for a modest charge to campers.

Another would be to encourage the sale of Presto-Logs or wood at the concessioner's store in the park. Either of these would accommodate the camper, relieve the Park Service of a headache, and eliminate the problem of scrounging burnables in the camp areas.—E.A.

Waste Wood Survey

Completion of a survey of the amounts and kinds of wood "waste" available in this area was announced the other day. A report based on the survey will be issued soon. We shall await seeing a copy with interest.

How significant this survey will prove to be remains to be seen. But it could be exceedingly significant for the forest products industry of southern Oregon—and for the average householder, too.

One of the industry's biggest problems is a twin one: The fact that wasting of wood fiber (sawdust, mill ends, bark, and so on) is uneconomic, and the fact that the only readily available means of disposing of it—burning—causes air pollution, smog, and an irritated citizenry.

IT IS our sincere hope that this survey will disclose some way in which this problem can be solved, in whole or in part. Added dollars in the pockets of lumbermen and mill workers will benefit us all.

So, Lord knows, would be a diminishing of the air pollution problem. The industry deserves praise for supporting the survey.

If new markets or new uses can be developed for these by-products now going to waste, it will be a big step forward toward economic well-being and a cleaner, pleasanter area.—E.A.



Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop (c) New York Herald Tribune Syndicate

(Joseph Alsop will be on vacation this month—and gathering material both in this country and abroad for future columns. During his absence, top members of the staff of the New York Herald Tribune will substitute for him.)

By DON COOK

DE GAULLE'S ISOLATION

Paris—Far from the madding crowd of Anglo-Saxons and Russians signing their nuclear test ban treaty in Moscow on Monday, the President of France was relaxing in splendid isolation—physical as well as political—at his country home at Colombey-les-Deux-Eglises east of Paris.

Isolation, however, is a familiar, historic, and sometimes heroic posture for the tall, austere, and imperious Charles de Gaulle. He is not only used to standing alone. He prefers it, plans it, maneuvers it, strives for it. For de Gaulle the word is not "isolation" but "independence." A position which other diplomats and politicians may regard as negative, regretful, and weak simply looks to the General himself as a position of strength.

IT IS ironic that, while complaining forever about the exclusion of France from Yalta and Potsdam, de Gaulle should now be isolating himself from what looks to be the beginning of a new and historic East-West dialogue. As his press conference last week showed so amply, de Gaulle himself is fully aware of the "breakthrough" political implications of the Moscow test ban treaty.

But his only contributions so far have been purely negative: a refusal to join in either the nuclear agreement or any non-aggression declaration, and a warning to his allies and to the rest of Europe to be wary of Anglo-Saxon deals which "might once again commit Europe's fate."

Nevertheless, Gen. de Gaulle has made so much history in the past from positions of lonely and splendid isolation that it is difficult and indeed dangerous to write him out of the picture. It is even more difficult to fit him in.

THE French President enjoys a number of advantages in this game of isolation which he plays—most of them rather irritating to those who must deal with him or try to figure out how to deal with him. De Gaulle is never subjected to any public cross-examination or political pressures of the electioneering or "report to the nation" kind. He has far less to say publicly about his policies or thinking than Khrushchev. Twice a year he holds a press conference, and the rest of the time he ponders, while the world picks up the pieces and tries to figure out what French policy is.

Moreover, just as it was in 1940, de Gaulle enjoys the luxury of playing this role of "isolation" or "independence" well behind the lines of security provided by his allies. He is perfectly safe in declaring as he did at his last press conference about the necessity for "important modification" with regard to the terms and conditions of our participation in the alliance, because he knows that in the nuclear stalemate his country is secure.

He risks nothing except that which he is not in the least concerned about—friends and enthusiasts. He has been alone far too often to worry about whether other people think he is right or not.

THE view of the world from Colombey-les-Deux-Eglis-

es this week, therefore is probably one of Gaullist self-satisfaction. The Anglo-Saxons and the Russians are having their get-together as they did at Potsdam and Yalta, without France, but France does not subscribe and hence remains the true custodian of Europe's personality and future. Will it be that way? Will it work?

This much seems to be true. A majority of governments in Europe are perfectly happy to have de Gaulle carry the ball in opposition to a non-aggression pact, in opposition to any "deals" which freeze the European situation too solidly, too historically. From this the General and his Foreign Office are currently deriving a certain sense of usefulness. But in the larger scheme of things—the Gaullist concepts of Europe's uniting on the model of the Franco-German treaty, agreeing on an agricultural market formula by the end of the year, being suspicious, wary, and resistant to Anglo-Saxon talks with the Russians—things look pretty empty for the General.

THE suspicions are not shared. The European sympathies for the plight of the French farmers does not seem to be very strong. Even the Germans are not inclined to put the model of the Franco-German treaty ahead of the concepts of NATO or the Treaty of Rome.

From his isolation, de Gaulle has turned up the corner of one small card. He proposes to call his own disarmament conference, before the end of the year. But having isolated himself for 2 1/2 years from the "disarmament dialogue" (however fatuous the Geneva conference might have been), he is not exactly in a position to assume the mantle of leadership and statesmanship.

In any case, suppose the Russians suggest that as a first step toward disarmament, before Russia would attend de Gaulle's conference, France adhere to the Moscow treaty? A French sponsored disarmament conference at this juncture in history does not look like much more than a small pair in a high-stake poker game. Meanwhile, the French President seems to be expecting somebody to deal him an ace.

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Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises, Inc. PERSONAL PREJUDICES It is easy to tell when a woman cares for a man—if, while talking to her, he gazes away, her eyes will unconsciously follow the line of his, to see if he is looking at another woman.

Betraying America

To the Editor: The picture of the A-bomb of Hiroshima (Sunday, Aug. 4, Page 1) was appalling but what became of the picture of the battleship Arizona with its 700 dead inside who answer the duty roster each morning? You should have completed your story and printed the faces of the 300,000 men whose lives the A-bomb saved, or you could have printed the pictures of the faceless, noseless and eyeless men that were subjected to the hands of the gentle Japanese.

Then there is a picture you could have used of the attack in December when Pearl Harbor was. Who are the people who precipitate this stinking legend? I heard a profane once say people only think they think. Now I understand what he meant. You, whoever you are, are betraying the men who once had faces and noses and ears, hands and feet but who now live out of sight in some veterans' hospital so as not to offend your sight. Why not let them tell you of the gentle Japanese and show you their hands where once bamboo sprouts grew?

You blithely betray America and most of all her children by repeatedly pointing to her mistakes. You proudly foster skepticism in our young when you should be working to restore their faith and purity in the American way of life. The young must not be left unarmed in this fight for the future. Confusion is rampant among our young people. They no longer know what to believe.

Yes, the crumbs of self-criticism are gobbled by foreign countries, but we who live here in America know that as rotten as America has grown, as long as the stars and stripes flies overhead, we as Americans are fairly safe.

As you pass down the corridor of memory let us not forget completely the long hospital trains or the air convoys or that long march that handful of men still remember of Corregidor. We still owe that much courtesy. Genevieve Briggs, Whitewater Ranch, Wilderville, Ore.

Age of Tension

To the Editor: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." (1 John 4:18.)

In a time when tensions run high because of rapid world change, the Christian is caught and carried by tides of patriotic and spiritual thinking. Armed with prophetic knowledge and a strong instinct for survival, the believer is motivated to warn and judge the uninformed of the impending disaster. A step further would be to join every wind of discouragement which points to the disintegration of our freedoms and to cry foul concerning the duly elected officials, whether they be school board members or the leaders of the country. Curiously enough, one of the basic concepts of the Christian faith is that the believer in Christ shall not resist the higher powers, and not to be afraid of the power, but to do that which is good. (Romans Ch. 13.)

It is also a time when emotion prevails over reason and knowledge, and suspicion is rampant, thrusting its dismal head into homes, churches, or

organizations, and perhaps lifelong friends. A frame of reference, a relation of activity, a job, a liberal thought, or perhaps an independent spirit, may be interpreted to the left, or to the right... and it is cowardly to remain in the middle.

This atmosphere harks back to our Puritan heritage which scorned believers such as Roger Williams for wanting to accept all men as fellow citizens and not wanting to dance to the tune of any organization or sect. The framers of our constitution were under high suspicion and ridicule for providing the freedoms which all citizens could worship as they please or not worship if they please. We cherish the freedom of not having to pay ten shillings for missing a worship service, as once was the custom under the "Christian" code of living.

It is discouraging to the alert believer to see the bitter sheet of rebellion and revolution attached to the cause of Christianity. It is even more discouraging to watch those who do not do their "homework" attack education, legal decisions, etc., with no depth of understanding... and fly the Christian banner.

Who should be running scared in times of tension? The Christian? Did Paul exhibit the hysteria concerning Roman domination? What is the true fruit of the Christian spirit spoken of in Galatians Ch. 5? Certainly not fear, suspicion, hate, rebellion. Look it up. (Name on File) Medford.

Veterinarians

To the Editor: On Sunday, a friend's dog was seriously injured and no veterinarian in the valley could be contacted at their office or at their home.

Watching the dog suffer, I couldn't help but wonder why the Veterinarian's association doesn't see that at least one veterinarian is "on call" on week ends. With 10 or more veterinarians in the valley it would seem this wouldn't be difficult. Do others agree? Thelma Ritter, Route 4, Box 231C Medford.

Questions

To the Editor: Some questions: If you believe that man was created in the image of God or that Jesus was the Son of God, then you will believe that man will assume human form in the Hereafter—only much improved.

I know nothing about Heaven. What do you know? I have the feeling that scientists are on the verge of making a discovery that will set Creation back another million years. Question: What do you know about the origin of races?

Fluoridation Again

To the Editor: The other day I had a call from a friend in Ashland which disturbed me very much. It was in regard to a move on the part of the U. S. Public Health Service to secure vast sums of money from Congress for the sole purpose of propagandizing fluoridation throughout the nation. The plan calls for \$7,000,000 for fiscal 1964, increasing gradually to \$17,000,000 for 1968. In the Senate the bill, S-1208, is in the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare of which Sen. Lister Hill is chairman. In the House the bill, H.R.-5482, is in the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of which Mr. Oren Harris, congressman from Arkansas, is chairman.

This is a particularly pernicious move on the part of USPH Service. The source of the money asked for is from our income taxes. It is apparent to anyone that such a move on the part of USPH Service is unnecessary for it has been proved over and over again in cities across the nation that wherever the opponents to fluoridation have been able to get their facts before the public, Americans have defeated the proposal. For such facts are available from research laboratories all over the country. Even here in Oregon in our medical school there is enough information on the harmful effects of fluoridation to forever stop agitation for it if only Dean Baird would permit its release. Read "Hello Test Animals" by Cox.

Another bad feature of the proposed law is that since opponents far outnumber its proponents, most of the money used would come from them. It is increasingly evident that more and more of our money is being wasted by bureaucrats in Washington who spend money as though the public supply is inex-

haustible. Economists and others who have given this subject much thought and study say that the only way to stop this waste is to dam up the supply by repealing the 16th, or income tax, amendment. This the so-called Liberty Amendment proposes to do. I therefore urge all who are opposed to this mad scheme to so write each of the Oregon members of Congress as well as the chairmen of the two committees. In addition next year vote only for candidates who can be trusted to work for the repeal of the 16th amendment.

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Theology Versus Bible

To the Editor: M.T. 7-31. Dr. Winrod's books and many others. No doubt they are wonderful stories. They have gone way beyond the reality of human society until they have left the people with a serious and wishful thinking expression, looking for their Gods. Not satisfied there, they have attempted to go way beyond the realm of God's simple laws to establish the visions to their own way of thinking.

Here are some of them. They have Christ coming the second time before he has proclaimed Zech 14-4, his feet were seen there, he is coming in 15 years, radio in the days of Noah took several months to get Noah settled before Christ comes in 7 years (Math 24-30). They had Christ coming in 1844, now they call it atonement. What does Christ say? Math 24-26, believe it not, what do they see? Math 24-27, power, read carefully.

They have given away our 1,000 years and promises by stating that there would be no human flesh on earth to tempt (Rev 20-3). Their interpretation on this (Jer 4-23-25). Read Jer 3rd and 4th chapters and you will find it the status of the holy land after it was captured by Nebuchadnezzar. Read history. You hear Germany rising in third war and will capture us (Isiah 11-10-12), read it carefully. It is God himself that is going to capture Judah and Israel again.

It is starting now. The gathering and separating lost Israel, England and U.S., and a few other nations. They well not join the common market (Math 24-31). On the other side (Rev 16-13) three unclean spirits, common market headed by an ecclesiastical power (Rev 17-8), Arab nations including Egypt, and Russia.

Three powers, three wars, one right after the other. The U.S. will participate in two and we will never be captured, that they are telling you. Story some other time. If you like this hope to move to Revelation next time. We are now in the 7th seal (Rev 10-10). The book is no further than John's mouth. Are we going to accept theology or the Bible?

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Speaking of these "secret places," it has been my observation that hardly anyone understands less about human beings than most of the "experimental psychologists" who work with animals and then project their behavioristic reactions into theories about people.

There is a certain combination of piety and parsimoniousness that offends me more than vice; the flamboyantly wicked man is less a scandal than those conspicuous churchgoers who open their arms to God and close their fists against their fellowmen without ever realizing the fundamental contradiction.

Astronaut Taking Few Days of Rest

Kent, Wash. — (UP) — Astronaut Maj. Leroy Gordon Cooper arrived here Wednesday for a "quiet few days" at the home of his father-in-law, E. J. Olson of Kent. Cooper, who spent 34 hours in space last May, arrived at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport by private plane.

"This is the first rest vacation I've had in four years," Cooper said. The astronaut said he had been engaged in "round-the-clock public relations" since his space flight.

Couples who are "blindly in love" need to be reminded of Madame Recamier's comment that "lovers should keep their eyes wide open during the courtship and half closed after the marriage." In most cases, it's precisely the reverse.

Most biographies are so bad because they are written by inferior men about their betters, whom they scarcely understand; it requires a certain affinity for greatness in oneself to write about a great man.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE MUSICAL, "Mr. President," suggests that a chief executive feels lost after he leaves the White House for good. Several actual Presidents of the U.S.A., however, seemed to be rather relieved when they retired from their exalted office.

George Washington, for instance, declared, "I'd rather be in the grave than in the presidency again." Said Thomas Jefferson: "Never did a prisoner released from his chains feel such relief as I shall in shaking off the shackles of power." And James Buchanan whispered to Abraham Lincoln, "If you are as happy, dear Sir, on entering the White House as I am on leaving it, you are the happiest man in the country!"

Nat Wartels, a 2-handicap golfer, stopped in at a sporting goods store just off Times Square and bought a dozen golf balls. "Shall I wrap them up?" asked the clerk. "Don't bother," said Wartels. "I'll just drive them home."

Jack Fuller would have you believe that a Peace Corps worker from the deep, deep South reported to his superiors via transatlantic phone, "What we're trying urgently to plant here is peace and harmony." A month later a freighter arrived loaded down with split peas and hominy grits.

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"I doubt if it's any of your business, madam, but if you must know, yes, we wear bathing suits under these things!"