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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. 7, 1953 (Saturday). A chinook wind warmed the Rogue valley yesterday.

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 7, 1933 (Sunday). Mrs. Clara Phipps, 74, longtime resident of Medford, dies in local hospital.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 7, 1923 (Tuesday). Ken Denman leaves Medford to attend Oregon-Oregon State football game in Portland.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 7, 1913 (Wednesday). Large crowd attending laying of cornerstone for new Wilmer school, to serve combined Wilmer, Pine Grove, Mayes Creek and Bybee Springs school district.

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 7, 1913 (Friday). Professor P. J. O'Gara, Jackson County, instructs Medford school children in the planting and care of roses.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Which is the only bird that can drink water without throwing its head back?

2. According to the Bible, which was the elder son of Adam and Eve—Cain or Abel?

3. Which of these is the capital of Canada—Montreal, Ottawa, or Quebec?

4. Who wrote the poem, "The Shooting of Dan McGrew"?

5. Was Alger Hiss convicted of perjury, Communist subversion or treason?

6. Would you think that more money is spent annually for hunting or fishing licenses?

7. Is the city of Cleveland, Ohio, situated on Lake Michigan, Lake Erie or Lake Superior?

8. Harriet Beecher Stowe is the name of the author of what famous book of about a century ago?

9. Name the patriotic hymn that begins "Oh Beautiful for spacious skies..."

10. Would you guess that the adding machine was invented by a Frenchman, Englishman, Chinaman or American?

Answers: 1. Pigeon. 2. Cain. 3. Ottawa. 4. Robert W. Service. 5. Perjury. 6. Hunting. 7. Erie. 8. "Uncle Tom's Cabin." 9. "America, The Beautiful." 10. Frenchman (Pascal).

Irrigation---and Controversy

What is it about irrigation districts that appears to invite controversy?

Whatever it is, it has, in recent years, shaken two local districts to their foundations—the Eagle Point Irrigation District, which recently was embroiled in a long series of altercations with a water user, and the Medford Irrigation District, which is now plagued by open feuding between members of its board.

We sat in on a MID directors meeting for about three hours Tuesday afternoon, and were forcibly reminded of a group of third-graders playing a vociferous game of "You did it!"—"I didn't!" It was difficult to believe that a group of grown, presumably mature, men of good will, had let themselves be led so far down the path of infantile acrimony.

If THIS were a meeting of officers of a civic or fraternal group, or even a group of Boy Scout patrol leaders, it would matter little and be more a case for amusement than concern.

But this is a quarter-of-a-million-dollars-a-year organization, spending public funds, and responsible for providing water and service to a large segment of the valley's agriculture. As a result, it's no laughing matter.

It probably would take a team of Philadelphia lawyers several months to dig out all the seeds and sources of the controversy, but on the surface, it appears to consist chiefly of two things: A clash of personalities, and a dispute over the administrative abilities of Secretary-Manager Jack Hoffbuhr.

HOFFBUHR has been the district's chief employed executive for more than a dozen years. He is a leader in his profession. He handled many of the details of the long procedures which led up to the rehabilitation of the district's water distribution system. He was helpful in gaining approval for the now-completed Talent project, and for the recently-authorized Rogue Basin project.

Only within the past year have his abilities been publicly questioned. Involved, chiefly, is the propriety of certain relatively minor expenditures made on behalf of the district (all of them, it now appears, with board approval), and some other alleged administrative deficiencies.

He is strongly defended by two board members, Chairman Albert Hueners, and J. C. Cameron. Director Paul Culbertson has been critical of Hoffbuhr. So has a former employee of the district.

WE HAVE no way of knowing who is right and who is wrong in this impasse. But we do know that the present split on the board makes it almost impossible to conduct the district's affairs in an orderly and proper manner.

While the board did manage to transact some business Tuesday, much of the time was taken up with profitless debate and argument. It also found itself unable to agree on the merits of an audit of funds paid to district personnel over the past year, a report which on the face of it would appear to clear the administration of any mis- or malfeasance.

Since they could not agree, they compromised to the extent of asking John Niedermeyer, a respected water-user of the district, to examine the audit and to make recommendations as to its disposition—whether it should be approved, or whether further studies of the district's affairs should be conducted.

IT IS APT to be a thankless chore for Niedermeyer. He is almost bound to offend one side or the other, no matter what sort of a report and recommendation he makes. But knowing the man, we would be inclined to trust him and his judgment in this matter. So, apparently, at least in advance, would the board members.

If he finds it possible to go further than a simple examination of the audit, and determine the causes (and, perhaps, cures) for the acrimony which has existed, he will be doing a service to all concerned.

Perhaps this is too much to hope for. But it is evident that something of the sort is called for.

THE SITUATION is further complicated by next Tuesday's election, in which Hueners is seeking reelection to the board, and is opposed by Wilton White.

Observers believe that if Hueners is retained in office, present policies will be continued. If White defeats him, it could well mean the end of Hoffbuhr's employment with the district.

Thus, more is at stake than in an ordinary district election. It is apt to mean the continuation or end of a man's professional career. And, for a man who has labored long and hard for the district, this is a serious decision to have to make.

IT IS NOT a happy situation.

In our opinion, it could be solved if all concerned agreed to set personalities aside, put all the cards on the table, and actively and cooperatively seek solutions.

Unfortunately, it is doubtful that this could be accomplished, under present circumstances. Things have gone too far, too many harsh words have passed (on both sides), too many others have become embroiled in the controversy, and too many feelings have been hurt.

It is too bad that grown men can't conduct a public business without such controversies. But they seem to be inevitable, from time to time.

And particularly in irrigation districts.—E. A.



... and they wanted to ban Commie speakers because they thought we might be influenced—they've got to be kidding!



Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop (c) New York Herald Tribune Syndicate

BLOOD ON OUR HANDS? WASHINGTON—The American role in the bloodstained but purgative coup d'etat in Viet Nam is a subject demanding serious inquiry, if only because so much bosh is sure to be talked about it unless the real facts are understood.

Beginning, then, at the beginning, the American government was of course aware that the leaders of the Vietnamese army were talking with one another about ways and means of displacing President Ngo Dinh Diem. Indeed, there was no way to avoid being aware of this.

As long as two months ago when this reporter was in Saigon, he was taken into the confidence of one of the most active organizers of the coup. This member of the junta listed the other generals who had placed themselves under the leadership of Gen. Duong Van Minh; he said the coup would come soon; and he actually asked that the information be transmitted at once to Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge.

THE INCIDENT has no importance, except as an indicator of the way information about the intentions of the junta reached the U. S. Embassy in Saigon from many different sources. In recent weeks, the initial trickle of warnings and reports swelled to flood proportions.

Long before the coup d'etat occurred, therefore, it was quite clear there was trouble ahead. The expectation of early trouble in fact led Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara to send his personal plane to Saigon, so that Ambassador Lodge could make his planned visit to Washington without the extra days away from his post required for travel by the commercial airlines.

That simple fact in turn reveals another aspect of the story. While aware that trouble was brewing, the U. S. government was in no sense a party to the preparations for the coup. Otherwise, the plan would never have been made for the Lodge trip to Washington, which was so abruptly forestalled when the coup took place.

UNTIL THE very eve of the coup d'etat, moreover, Ambassador Lodge continued his fruitless effort to persuade President Diem to set his house in order. His last attempt was made on Sunday, Oct. 27, when Diem invited Lodge to join him on a visit of inspection in the countryside.

The long day with Diem gave the Ambassador the opportunity to discuss both the state of affairs in Viet Nam, and its effects on U. S.-Vietnamese relations.

On the one hand, the U. S. government had foreknowledge that a coup d'etat was being considered. In addition, the U. S. government could have forestalled the coup d'etat—by itself. But the U. S. government refused to stultify itself. Diem refused to put his house in order. And so the coup took place.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Aftermath of the Vietnamese blood bath: Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu, the Dragon Lady, and her estranged father meet in Los Angeles—where ANYTHING can happen. They have a 40-minute visit. As he departed, Dr. Tran Van Chuong, the 65-year-old father, told the waiting reporters: "There was no need of reconciliation. As soon as I learned of the tragic events of the past few days, my heart was very near to my daughter."

BLOOD is thicker than water. Misfortune is a great leveller. WHAT of this weird woman who has flashed across the news skies like a blood-red meteor? What will become of her? How will she wind up? One never can tell. History tells us that women can be strange characters.

THERE was Eleanor of Aquitaine. She was the vivid youthful queen of saintly Louis VII of France, wedded to him at the age of 15. The marriage seemed to be going well until glamorous, youthful, brilliant Henry II of England arrived in Paris to negotiate a treaty with Louis. Eleanor fell for him. She fell hard. She demanded and obtained a divorce from Louis, and promptly married Henry.

Acts of Terrorism Thus Far Fail To Dim Hopes for Venezuelan Presidential Vote

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

In Caracas' sprawling Miraflores, Venezuela's white house, and in the guarded interior ministry, President Romulo Betancourt and his aides are preparing the way for free national elections Dec. 1.

The elections are to determine Betancourt's successor and the next congress which will take office next March.

But just outside Maracaibo, Venezuela's oil capital, police pick up a young member of the FALN, the so-called Armed Forces for National Liberation which are allied with Fidel Castro and which are determined that the elections shall not take place.

The young man carries a small but powerful explosive which may be attached to a vital pipeline. It is the same type of explosive the oil companies themselves use but in the hands of the young FALN member it is intended for sabotage.

Police Seize Terrorist. On a street in Caracas, interior police pick up another suspected terrorist. In his possession are found detailed plans for a bank robbery.

The plan includes the amount of money which passed through the bank on a given day, the names of cashiers and how much each is paid and how the guards are armed. Beside each name is a notation: "Friend."

"Brother of cop." "He's all right."

Others are described by obsecitatives.

The bank robbery doesn't come off and the plan to sabotage the oil pipeline also fails. But others in the unceasing drive to throw Venezuela into chaos and eventually to transform it into another Castro Cuba have been more successful.

The immediate goal of the FALN is to disrupt the economy and to goad Venezuela's military into overthrowing the elected government and setting up a military dictatorship, against which the Communists could rally a revolution.

Neither Plan Successful. Neither plan has been successful and the betting now is that neither will be.

As Betancourt prepares to become the first president in Venezuelan history to turn his office over to a freely-elected successor, seven candidates have declared themselves for office.

Front runner is 57-year-old Raul Leon, head of Betancourt's cabinet.

HOW did it turn out? Not too well. Henry was a great king. But he was also a philanderer.

HE fell in love with a maid known to history as Rosamond the Fair. Tradition has it that he made for her a "house of wonderful working, so that no man or woman might come to her." This house was named Labyrinth, "like unto a knot in a garden called a maze."

It was so intricate that Henry himself could come to it only by a thread of silk which he followed.

But Eleanor was no ordinary woman. She found the "thredde of Sylke" and followed it to the bower—where, as Sir Winston Churchill tells in his Birth of Britain, she presented the Fair Rosamond with a choice between the dagger and the poisoned cup.

Rosamond chose the poisoned cup—and that was the end of her.

EVIL days came finally upon Eleanor.

She had a brood of wild children, including the fantastic Richard the Lion Hearted and the scandalous and tricky John, who was forced by the barons to sign the Magna Charta at Runnymede.

Through it all, Eleanor stood like a rock for the good of England. No task was too hard for her. She would rise in the middle of the night and ride alone through any pattern of danger to uphold the good of England.

You never can tell about women, you see. Even the Dragon Lady might reform. She has children, you know, as did Eleanor.

court's own party, Accion Democratica. The party claims more than 900,000 votes out of an electorate of around three and a half million. The party gets credit for the government program which by next March will have distributed land to nearly 100,000 families and built close to 5,000 schools.

A leading opponent is Rafael Caldera, a 47-year-old lawyer and member of the Social Christian party which has worked in coalition with Betancourt and shares credit for national reforms.

Also in the race is Jovito Villalba of the left-of-center Democratic Republican Union. Villalba won an election in 1952 but it was nullified by former

dictator Marcos Perez Jimenez. Others, including Vice Admiral Wolfgang Larrazabal, who headed the military junta which took over after Perez Jimenez fell, are given little chance. And the Communists none at all. They have been suspended from all political activity.

... 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.

The Politician. To the Editor: Your editorial, "Birchers and Believability," contains so many false statements it is impossible to answer all in a short letter. However, let me state first that members were warned in the October bulletin to expect a campaign by Communists to destroy the society by creating division among the membership. Your editorial fits in nicely with this campaign. However, it won't succeed. Mr. Rousselet stated when he was here that membership had doubled in California in the past seven months.

The word patriotism means to stand by your country—to promote its welfare. A traitor betrays his country, works for the welfare of some other country, or to further his own interests at the expense of his country. Let us examine a few well known incidents in Eisenhower's career.

1. Operation sledgehammer—Invading Europe through France, Churchill, Gen. Wedemeyer and others wanted an invasion up the Danube but were overruled by Stalin, Eisenhower and others. This gave Russia Eastern Europe. See Wedemeyer Reports.

2. Eisenhower's profit from his book, Crusade in Europe was \$1,000,000. But he was unwilling to pay the legal income tax on this amount so he asked for and received a reduction of \$450,000 from the Internal Revenue Service.

3. He did not write his book. It was written by a well known Communist, Joseph Fels Barnes who has since been deported because of activities against our government. This also put him out of reach of Congressional investigating committees.

4. Operation Keelhaul in which, after the war ended, at the request of Stalin, Eisenhower returned all refugees in Western Europe to the land of their origin. By this act he returned 2,000,000 men, women and children to Russia to torture, slave labor camps and death. Thousands of these men had fought in our armies. History has no other record of such betrayal.

5. Our armies should and have entered Berlin first. But Eisenhower deliberately halted his armies to enable the Russians to enter first. The Berlin situation today is the direct result of his and Gen. Marshall's decisions.

6. Stalin rewarded him for his services by presenting him with a medal valued at \$100,000. Also when he visited Moscow at Stalin's invitation his pie-

ture was taken with Stalin at the tomb of Lenin. No other person had Stalin allowed to be so favored. The propaganda value of this picture to Stalin in the satellite countries was enormous.

Read "The Politician." It is replete with documented history.

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Spider's Web. To the Editor: Your editorial, "Booze and Control": Hard to control the web while the spiders run loose. According to the FBI, 60 per cent of all crime is liquor involved. The aggregate cost \$22,000,000,000 a year, this would make liquor's share \$13,200,000,000. Federal, state and municipal taxes are \$4,000,000,000, thus for each dollar received, \$3.30 was spent on crime caused by liquor.

This is only cost in dollars. Think of the 24,000 dead bodies left along our highways, and the million injured, property damage, broken homes; hungry, beaten children as I experienced as a boy, 6,000,000 alcoholics. We will bury 350,000 new ones this year, while 425,000 new ones take their place.

The people want this, they voted it, they can vote it out any time they choose as they did the tax.

According to our great medical men, lung cancer was almost nonexistent 30 years ago. This year over 40,000 will die from it. A million teen-agers alive today will die of lung cancer before they are 70 as a result of cigarette smoking, a disease self inflicted, a deliberate form of suicide. Said Dr. Ochsner, a bullet is quicker, cheaper and much less painful than lung cancer. The death rate from all causes is 105 per cent higher among cigarette smokers than nonsmokers, while the death rate from lung cancer is 800 per cent higher.

The latest court decisions are, no damages because of cigarette cancer deaths. The people have been warned by the medical profession that cigarettes are one of our greatest killers, and they who use them do so at their own peril.

Liquor and tobacco are the two most deadly killers the people ever met on the battle front. They leave more dead, crippled and insane than any human enemy we ever met, or all diseases put together. We don't only tolerate them, we love them and refuse to give them up, even

Now it has become our fate. To view a tape three hours late. In spite of this I'm not undone. So long as no one spills WHO WON. But that's what you hear on channel five. They announced the winner! Man alive! To keep the boys from turning the knob. They've really started raising hob.

But I decided there and then. On Friday nights I'll STAY on "10".

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Session Views. To the Editor: My personal views on the special session of the legislature called for Nov. 11, 1963:

I would like to know why it was so urgent that it be called on a national holiday. Why not three or four days earlier or one day later? I believe it is an affront to all patriotic citizens.

I would like to see some successful businessmen called in and consulted on efficiency in the administration of the state and the spending of taxpayers' monies. If \$1.2 million available can be found in one agency alone, is it not possible that much more can be found by a close examination all the way down the line?

If more taxes are actually needed, then I believe a sales tax earmarked for a special purpose and relieving some property taxes so that it would not result in just another added tax would be acceptable.

To me the "no" vote on Oct. 15 is a clear revolt by taxpayers and will be followed up by a much closer scrutiny of all state and local agencies.

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APA. To the Editor: Back around the turn of the century a political organization existed named the American Protective Association, APA for short. It bound its members to support only political candidates who were of the white race and non-Catholic. When this association was formed or when it was ended I have never seen mentioned in print. I learned about it as soon as I enlisted in the U. S. Navy in the year 1902, because the term "APA" was often heard among the men "before the mast."

The gob, when getting sore at a mate, would sing out—"Aw shut your mouth you damned APA."

Certain fraternal orders did firmly believe in APA principles and urged its members to vote accordingly. Time will tell how strong the anti-Catholic, anti-colored sentiment remains in the U.S.A. at the next Presidential election. JFK has proved himself an able pilot of the ship of state, but the antics could possibly pull a bunny out of a hat and bring about the unexpected, particularly if Richard Nixon were slated for GOP standard bearer in the coming convention. That is the belief of this writer.

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HIGHWAY OPENS. SALEM (UPI)—Opening of the easterly two miles of the Westport-Claitskanie section of the Columbia River Highway (U. S. 30) was scheduled for this afternoon.

Strictly Personal

By Sidney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises, Inc.

PERSONAL PREJUDICES. The most prevalent defect in society is deafness—most of us simply do not hear what people are saying beneath the words they use; and the great creative artist is not one who is wiser or better than others, but one with the keenest sense of hearing.

The most potent enemy is the former friend, for he knows where all the soft spots are located, and can strike infallibly.

It is not the harshness or the lenity of the law that makes a good state, but its certainty; it matters not how severe the laws if their enforcement is capricious, arbitrary, and unequal toward the powerful and the weak.

"Virtually" is one of the most dishonest words in the language; we commonly use it when we hope to short-change the truth.

A child must be allowed to hate its parents from time to time without being made to feel criminally guilty about such feelings; indeed, only if a child is permitted to vent its hostilities against parents (within reasonable limits, of course) can the child give love freely.

Never to talk about oneself is the ultimate in arrogance masquerading as diffidence.

Young people who resent the social order should, before they assert their autonomy, keep in



mind the shrewd observation of Chamfort: "When we cast off the yoke of public opinion, it is seldom to rise above it, but always to fall below."

Dare one say it above a whisper without being labelled as hopelessly provincial?—that it is barely possible that Paris, despite its numerous attractions, is the most over-rated city in the world?

The most lacerating and ineffectual passion is the jealousy that continues after love has fled; for it would deny to others what it is no longer desirous of possessing itself.

No events in history are so obscure or difficult of interpretation as those that are taking place right now: for the nose that is pressed up against the painting can see nothing but streaks of oil, without purpose, pattern or plan.

If we can understand the alcoholic as a "sufferer" rather than as a sensualist, only then can we generate enough sympathy to help him cope with the problem; Dr. Johnson grasped the point two centuries ago, when he commented: "He who makes a beast of himself gets rid of the pain of being a man."

Our widespread belief that curvaceous and beautiful film stars are "love-goddesses" is part of our national delusion of confusing the package with the product.