

Crosstown

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Editorial Comment

COMMUNICATIONS

The General Sherman tree in Sequoia National park is estimated to be 3,500 years old.

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Why Not Vote on DST?

In another column on this page is a letter from Mr. R. F. Vinson in opposition to the adoption of daylight saving time and urging that the matter be decided by a vote of the people.

NOTHING can be said regarding the annual tinkering with time which will please everyone. While the major difference in opinion appears to be between rural dwellers on one hand and city folk on the other, even these two general groups do not see eye to eye among themselves.

Decision to institute DST in Medford was reached by the city council only after it was learned that most of the major population centers of Oregon and Washington would change over on April 30, and that the change would be state wide in California and Nevada.

ALTHOUGH the earlier rising hour will work a hardship on some, an even greater number would be under a distinct handicap and confusion if standard time were retained here while neighboring cities and indeed all the surrounding states used daylight saving time.

OREGON and other western states have gone through the daylight time squabble for several years now and it does seem that the matter should be settled once and for all—in the only democratic way—by a vote of all the people. E.C.F.



"I'd get a good spanking if you caught ME with that much mud on my face!"

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Izvestia, the kept newspaper of the communist Soviet government, commenting on the U. S. senate subcommittee investigation of Senator McCarthy's charges that the state department is infested by communists.

"Clowns from the senate are making themselves the laughing stock of the world... the investigation is a cross between a group performance by circus clowns and amateur night in an insane asylum"

I'M afraid that for once in its career as a journalistic kept woman Izvestia is about half right. The McCarthy ruckus isn't an edifying one.

ON the other hand, Izvestia's poisonous side-swipe at Senator McCarthy makes us wonder. After all, being attacked by a communist newspaper is a high honor.

DISPATCH from Hong Kong: "Hunger - mad peasants in China's great famine area (now bossed by the communists) are resorting to cannibalism, recent arrivals in Hong Kong asserted today..."

DO you believe it? Probably not. Personally, I think it is possible but doubt if it is actually happening.

THAT brings us something else: How much of the political stuff we get from Washington every day do you believe? Again, I imagine, the answer is "not much."

THAT is a terrible pity. In times as critical as these, we ought to be able to believe everything our leaders tell us. At the very least, we ought to be able to believe they are SINCERE in what they tell us.

Home Building Boom

Those who are contemplating building a new home, or buying one recently built, will be interested in the views of spokesmen for some of the larger home constructing firms of the country.

House prices, say these authorities, are on their way up. Some builders have begun to wonder how much farther costs can increase without arousing definite buyer resistance.

ONE principal builder in the Pittsburgh area explains that although he has put up 40 homes so far this year at prices approximating those of places he built last year, his next group of dwellings will have to bring more money. Higher materials will push his costs up about seven per cent, he estimates.

A Los Angeles builder who has been offering places with 1000 feet of floor space for \$9000 is about to hike the quotation by \$250, principally because lumber and steel have moved up.

A Portland builder cites the rapid cost increases in a couple of items—plywood and nails—as examples. A year ago the mill price on three-quarter inch plywood was \$142 per thousand feet while today it is up to \$176.65. Nails which are currently bringing \$9.06 a keg, were selling for \$8.75 last spring.

MOST of those interviewed around the country point to the current building boom with its heavy demand for materials and labor as causing the upturn in costs. Winter construction set a new record, with some 240,000 units begun in the past three months.

Demand for new homes is continuing strong and orders have even increased in recent weeks. As one construction firm spokesman put it: "It's a definite sellers' market. The demand is terrific." E.C.F.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress From Oregon

Two weeks after this session of congress opened, in my weekly letter for January 19, I reported the rumor regarding the new and streamlined way of handling the annual appropriations bills.

THE CHARGES made by Senator McCarthy that communist sympathizers are employed in the U. S. State department, some of them in high places, caused great excitement here.

So far as I am concerned I would like to believe that the state department is practically pure and that the charges constitute merely a partisan outburst without much basis in fact. Unfortunately, the attitude of the state department officials has convinced me that there must be a great deal of very damaging truth in what Senator McCarthy has said.

Just twenty minutes to make a catch like this—that's any fisherman's dream. But more than that, these fish were caught in his bare hands. They're silver grunion, a small member of the smelt family, which come up on dry land to lay their eggs.

"DUST or DESTINY"
Scientific film to be shown in a city-wide showing at the Medford High School Auditorium

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Fisherman's Dream



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THURSDAY
March 30 — 7:45 P.M.

This showing is sponsored by the Medford Ministerial Association, with 14 churches co-operating.

FROM Washington:
The government's director of civilian mobilization, Dr. Paul J. Larsen, says: "Ten years and 300 BILLION DOLLARS would probably be needed to make the United States as nearly safe as possible from atomic attack."

FRANCE turned to that kind of thinking before the last war and bled herself white with taxes to build the fantastic underground Maginot line. When the pinch came, the Maginot line bothered the invading Germans about as much as one fly bothers an elephant.

ONE scheme that has been proposed is to move the federal government into Mammoth cave, in Kentucky, and put most of our war industries underground.

As for me, if trouble comes, I don't think I want to hole up in a damp and gloomy cave for the rest of my life. After all, one can die only once.

GIRL GETS HAND
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Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 29, 1940
Roscoe L. Larson announces candidacy for county school superintendent post.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 29, 1930
Oregon basks in bright sunshine while winter rages in middle west and east.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 29, 1916
Prineville votes \$100,000 in bonds to build municipal railroad to connect town with Redmond on Oregon Trunk line.

The Grange
Eagle Point Grange
First and second degree team of Eagle Point Grange put on the work Tuesday evening taking in seven new members.

Elmer McClure, overseer of Oregon State Grange, was a visitor, also Brother Ralph James, master of Sams Valley Grange.

Education Chairman Mrs. Stanley gave a brief resume of "The Foreign Policy," taken from Life magazine.

Brother McClure spoke on "agriculture, the base of democracy."

All enjoyed refreshments served by Brother and Sister Ray Palm and Brother and Sister J. Wipple.

March 25 a covered dish dinner was enjoyed by many Grangers and friends, the date being the 25th anniversary of the Grange here.

Hells canyon on the Snake river in Idaho is deeper than the Grand canyon of the Colorado.

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