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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1934. (It was Wednesday) Robert A. Duff, chairman of Jackson County Salvage committee, urges county residents to redouble their efforts to save waste paper and tin cans.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Only four days till Christmas. Junior high school girls are helping Mother wash the dishes this week.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1934. (It was Thursday) Ralph O. Stenshus named federal farm census director for Jackson county.

State police raid illicit liquor resorts in Jackson county.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1924. (It was Saturday) Gold Hill city officials announce that they plan to fight legislation curbing powers of cities to make arrests for speeding.

Mail Tribune carries press service story saying geologists have warned that, at the present rate of consumption, there will be no gasoline left in 12 years.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1914. (It was Sunday) Victrola concert to be given at Medford public library by Miss Elizabeth Richards.

From the Local and Personal column: Roy Elliott of the S. P. on the fire department left vacant by the resignation of force has accepted the position Charles Bousson.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?) Copr. 1954. Editorial Research Report

- 1. The Administration is re-studying its checks on the loyalty of federal employees, or is about to change them, or insists they need no change? 2. There are 25 leap years in every 100 years; right or wrong? 3. Averell Harriman is a rail president, assistant secretary of state, ambassador, governor-elect, or new Senator? 4. The battle of Gettysburg was fought north or south of the Mason-Dixon Line, or along the Line? 5. The A.F.L. says its goal is a normal work week eventually of (a) 40, (b) 35, (c) 32, (d) 30 or (e) 28 hours? 6. In Spain Gen. Franco is called the Duce, Caudillo, Gauleiter, Marechal, Imperator, or Fuehrer? 7. The Achilles tendon is in the heel, knee, thigh, shoulder, elbow, lower arm, or hand? The Answers: 1. Is re-studying them. 2. Wrong; there are 24 in most. 3. Governor-elect of New York. 4. North of the Mason-Dixon Line. 5. 30 hours eventually. 6. Caudillo. 7. Heel.

Bill Retire? Never!

A news item of special interest to newspapermen appeared last week. It told of the resignation of William Tugman as editor of the Eugene Register-Guard after almost 28 years as managing editor and editor of that excellent paper.

He has purchased the Port Umpqua Courier, a weekly at Reedsport. He said he has at last "fulfilled a newspaperman's dream" of owning his own newspaper.

WE are glad to see that Bill is doing what he wants. But, golly, he's going to be missed by the good people of Lane county whether they know it or not.

Bill is what is known as a "controversial personality." He doesn't have many smooth edges. And when he gets in a fight, it usually is a ring-tailed stem-winder.

But he's always been scrupulously fair and completely honest, with himself as well as his readers.

THE list of his accomplishments is too long to record here, but it's an impressive one. It's a personal opinion, but to this writer his greatest badge of honor is the inspiration he has given to hundreds, or thousands of young newspapermen with whom he has come into contact.

Bill believes that a good newspaper should be a good citizen of its community, and he has always been a good citizen himself, whether he was needling the city council, or rapping the knuckles of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, of which he is a distinguished member.

BILL Tugman isn't retiring. We don't think he could if he wanted to. He's moving the scene of his activities from Eugene to Reedsport, from the Register-Guard to the Port Umpqua Courier — and that's all.

But it is an event in the history of Oregon newspapers. And the people of the Lower Umpqua area can expect to get an interesting paper with Bill at the editor's desk.

We expect him to make lots of them mad. But Bill himself says that if an editor has no enemies, he doesn't deserve any friends.

SOME of the work that goes into making a good newspaper is awesomely tedious. He'll tackle that too, but he'll have the most fun when he's in the middle of a good hassle.

At 61, he's got a lot of good years left to edit his dream paper. We wish him great success, and enough ruckuses to make life interesting, and, if time permits, some of that fishing he's looking forward to doing. —E.A.

Christmas Program

Kids can do the darndest things. It wasn't too long ago that we got dragged to the annual 4-H fair, rather against our desires, and wound up enjoying ourselves thoroughly.

Last week we ventured forth (under duress, it must be admitted) into the cold night, to an overcrowded school gymnasium, to watch the youngest small fry in her first Christmas program.

We enjoyed that, too. Just goes to show how stupid people who think of themselves as grownups can be.

THE kids had a picnic. Some of them were scared, but all of them did their best to put on a good show. And a good show it was, too, although not always for the reasons that the youngsters thought.

We noted with particular pleasure the grim-faced little guy who had been coerced into a big white collar, reciting the age-old message of the birth of Christ. And the little fellow with two missing front teeth who grinned widely at his family in the audience as he sang out the same message.

And the patient, patient teachers, who must have been tortured almost to the point of exasperation by their charges, yet managed to be quiet and efficient and charming as the production flowed evenly from scene to scene.

WHAT a problem of logistics it was! Getting that many youngsters, organized into that many performing groups, to the right place, at the right time—that was an accomplishment worthy of a veteran chief-of-staff.

WE couldn't find any deep philosophical meaning in the proceedings. Most of the kids probably didn't get the significance of the timeless cadences of the venerable phrases they spoke.

But as an exercise in cooperation, in groups working together to accomplish something, and for the little ones' first experience in the spotlight of mass attention, it was really worth all the effort that went into it.

We received a warm sort of inner glow watching it, and we think the other parents did, too.—E.A.

Bus Route Changes Get Study by PUC

Portland — (U.P.) — State public utilities commissioner Charles H. Heltzel has scheduled a hearing for today in the State Office building on an application from Intercity Buses, Inc., for permission to operate on both sides of the Willamette river between Portland and Oregon City.

Oregon Motor Stages, Inc., formerly served some of the routes, but, due to financial difficulties, they have been, in effect, out of business since September 25th.

Portland Traction company runs street cars between Portland, Bellrose and Oregon City, but has applied to the PUC for permission to abandon them.

SUGGESTED BIBLE READING: The American Bible Society, the Medford Ministerial Association and the Medford Council of Church Women are cooperating in sponsoring daily Bible reading in the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The suggested scripture reading for today is: I Corinthians 15

Many Changes Slated In Social Security Benefits January 1

Editor's note: New social security laws go into effect Jan. 1 and many new persons come under the federal old age and survivors insurance system. The following is the first of two stories explaining some of the changes.

Washington — (U.P.) — The federal old age and survivors insurance system will undergo a big change Jan. 1 when some 10,000,000 additional persons start paying social security taxes.

Payment of these taxes for the first time will entitle farmers, clerghmen, architects, engineers, and thousands of others gainfully employed to social security retirement benefits when they reach age 65.

Generally speaking, persons coming under the system Jan. 1 will have to continue to work and pay social security taxes for at least 18 months before becoming eligible for retirement benefits.

More Liberal Payments: In addition to expanding coverage, the new social security law approved by the last Congress calls for substantially higher benefit payments, for collection of more social tax money, and for more liberal methods of computing benefit payments.

The expanded coverage under the new law means that about 58,000,000 persons out of a potential 63,200,000 are on the social security tax rolls.

The notable exceptions are physicians, lawyers, dentists, federal civil service workers, members of the armed forces, policemen, and firemen.

The largest single group getting coverage under the new law consists of 3,600,000 self-employed farmers who make as much as \$400 profit a year. About 3,500,000 employees of state and local governments also

become eligible for coverage for the first time. Other New Groups: Other groups newly covered are funeral directors, many household workers and farm laborers not previously covered, citizens employed outside the United States, federal employees not covered by other federal retirement plans, fishing industry employees, and persons who work for business firms but do their work at home, such as sewing, telephoning or addressing envelopes.

Self-employed farmers, clergymen, architects, engineers and funeral directors must pay the 3 per cent social security tax rate that applies to other self-employed already covered. This rate will continue until 1960 when it is scheduled to go up to 3 3/4 per cent.

Farm workers and others who come under the category of employee will pay a 2 per cent social security tax. This will be matched by a 2 per cent contribution from employers.

What To Do: To get himself enrolled under social security, here's what a self-employed person, including a farmer, should do: First, get a social security card from the nearest social security office. Then, in 1955, when filling out his federal income tax return on 1955 earnings, this newly covered person should show his social security account number on his return. Benefits ultimately are figured from this social security account.

The amount to be reported corresponds to net earnings, or profit. If a farmer's total receipts are \$1,800 or less, he has a choice between reporting his net earnings, or reporting half of his total receipts.

If his total receipts are more than \$1,800, he must figure his actual net earnings. If these net earnings are less than \$900, the farmer may report either his net earnings or \$900.

Matter of Fact

INDECTION ON ASIA: Washington — The backing and filling on what to do about the captured flyers and the other Americans in China is only a symptom of a larger trouble.

For a firm decision has been taken about what the American government does NOT want to do in Asia. But the trouble is that no decision at all has been taken about what the government does want to do.

The President himself has decided, despite powerful dissent, not to risk war in Asia, if war can be avoided short of outright dishonor. But there have been no firm decisions on what steps short of war are to be taken to prevent the communization of all Asia, which is now, visibly in rapid progress.

A case in point is the proposal, originating with Foreign Operations Administrator Harold Stassen, for a major economic aid program for the key Asian countries. This idea was first put forward as a kind of Marshall Plan for Asia.

THE intention was, of course, to deal directly, on a long term basis, with one of the root causes of the revolutionary ferment in Asia, by sharply raising living standards. The proposal was given added weight by reports that the Soviets are beginning an Asiatic Marshall Plan of their own, granting generous credits for Soviet-made tractors, machine tools, and other goods.

The purpose of the proposal was certainly sound as far as it went. But it was made under the worst possible circumstances, and it got off to a bad start from the very beginning.

For one thing, the Foreign Operations Administration is scheduled to die this summer. Moreover, the Stassen agency has a hostile Hoover Commission task force breathing down its neck. The task force chairman, Henning W. Prentiss Jr., had advanced before he took the job, put himself on record as favoring the immediate abolition of F.O.A. Thus when Stassen floated his trial balloon, there was inevitable suspicion, however unjustified, that he was primarily interested in keeping his agency alive and his job intact.

THIS background was hardly auspicious. But to make matters worse, Stassen made the mistake of failing to consult in advance either Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey or Sen. Walter George, prospective chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. Humphrey and George have since displayed an icy lack of enthusiasm for the Stassen proposal.

Now former Budget Bureau Director Joseph Dodge has been called in to arbitrate the matter. This is an obvious victory for Humphrey, since Dodge is

close Humphrey collaborator, and has an even more suspicious view of foreign spending than Humphrey. No doubt some sort of Asia aid program will eventually emerge all the same — and with the Dodge imprimatur, it may have easier sledding through Congress than otherwise. But, with this background, it will be downright astonishing if it turns out to be the kind of bold and imaginative effort which is required if communism is not to triumph all over Asia in the long run.

BUT no economic effort, however bold and imaginative, is likely to solve the short-run problem—how to save the immediately threatened countries of southeast Asia, not a generation from now, but in the rather near future. Take Siam as an example. As recent reports from the spot in this space have suggested, it will take something like a miracle to save what is left of Indo-China, if Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia go, Siam is next on the list. Siam is a rather prosperous little county with a food surplus and dollar aid alone is not going to save Siam. Neither is the recently negotiated SEATO pact. The SEATO pact provides for the use of counter-force only in case of open aggression against southeast Asia, and the Chinese and Indo-Chinese Communist armies are not likely to resort to open aggression. The methods the Communists will use instead are suggested by intelligence reports that several thousand Communists of Siamese racial background have already infiltrated northern Siam from Indo-China. This form of pressure will no doubt increase, until the Siamese security forces are incapable of dealing with it, while the fall of Indo-China impresses the people of Siam with the wisdom of climbing on the Communist bandwagon. This combination of pressure from within and without is the gap in the defenses of non-Communist Asia which neither economic programs nor military pacts can really close. Secretary of State Dulles and other administration policy-makers have of course considered ways of trying to close the gap. One way being seriously considered is a commando-type, international "Anti-Subversion Command," to act as a sort of Asiatic fire brigade. Meanwhile, the gap remains invitingly open, and the dry rot in Asia continues, while this administration, like its predecessor wracks its collective brains for ways to stop it. Copyright, 1954. New York Herald Tribune, Inc.

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JURY ROOM—Shown above is the Cleveland, Ohio, jury room where the jury has been deliberating the future of Dr. Sam Sheppard, accused of the murder of his wife. The jury, composed of five women and seven men, has spent more than three days deliberating on their verdict.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Secretary Dulles, speaking in Paris to the foreign, defense and finance ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty powers, delivered himself of an interesting bit of philosophy. He said to them: "We must not be lulled by the surface smoothness of Soviet policy, nor frightened by its surface roughness, nor provoked by incidental rough actions."

WELL SPOKEN sir. In your advice to the brass of NATO you join a noble company of able thinkers. Back in 1904, Theodore Roosevelt said in a speech in Minnesota: "There is a homely adage that runs, 'Speak softly and CARRY A BIG STICK' and you will go far."

That is as true now as it was back in 1901. DULLES, by the way of sound advice to the communists, might have added a line from John Dryden's "Absalom and Achitophel": "Beware the fury of a patient man!"

If you happened to have a patient father and sometimes tried his patience TOO FAR, you will recall that the ensuing session in the woodshed was nearly always a rugged one. We need to get that idea over to the Russians.

THE PENTAGON is cogitating plans for a new military training and reserve setup which will evidently be quite different from universal military training, which we have persistently refused to accept in its entirety. Enough of the plan has been outlined to give an idea of its major provisions. It calls for some 100,000 young men each year to receive six months of training, after which they would go into the reserves. They would have the option of this or the draft for a longer term. The goal is to build up a trained reserve force of two and a half million men.

WHY SUCH a reserve force? The answer is quite simple. Never again, when war starts, will there be a period while both sides train armies, manufacture munitions, and generally get ready to fight. When World War II was getting under way, this period was termed "the phoney war." A lot of sarcastic cracks were made about it then, but when everybody got ready to fight there was certainly nothing phoney about it. All such things are a part of the dead past. From here on out, the shooting will be on from the moment the war starts.

TURNING from shooting war to commercial war, an interesting situation arising up in Portland and Seattle where truckers in Portland have LOWER rate to Eastern Oregon.

not pass as innocent fun for children, because the name and worship of God are involved. Since Christmas dates back to pagan origin (as any large encyclopedia will verify), the associating of God's name with pagan customs is desecrating that name, taking it in vain. The Christmas festival is held high among men of this world. But Jesus stated that such things were disgusting in God's sight (Luke 16:15; Matt. 15:8, 9). Paul and Peter made the same point (Gal. 4:10, 11; 2 Pet. 2:20-22). Yet cannot Christians celebrate Christmas out of a pure heart to the honor of God? God himself answers in His Word: "Do not become unevenly yoked with unbelievers... come out from among them and be separate." (2 Cor. 6:14-18). T. R. Thompson, P. O. Box 361, Medford, Ore.

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Motherhood

GEO. N. TAYLOR If a mother is conscious of her babe all those months before it is born; if she goes into the jaws of death to give birth into this world; if she knows its every move as it lies there in the crib; then what of God waiting for ages and ages, for you to come into new birth and into his eternal family? To give birth you new birth into it? To give you new birth into God's eternal family, Christ who had no sins of His own, took your sins and died under them to clear you. God said that by Christ's death for your sins, he would remember them against you no more forever. Act now. Don't go on your feelings. Accept Christ as your own Lord and Saviour. Be saved. Read your Bible; pray and grow up. This message sponsored by a dairyman —paid adv.

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