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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.

10 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 24, 1944
 (It was Sunday)
 Glenn Jackson, Medford, ad-
 vanced in Army rank to colonel;
 serves on staff of Gen. Ira
 Eaker in Italy.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
 Smudge Pot column: Thursday
 was the shortest day of the year.
 Outside of having a minimum of
 daylight, it greatly resembled
 the orchard run of days.

20 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 24, 1934
 (It was Monday)
 Country Gentleman magazine
 carries story about Prof. F. C.
 Reimer's 23 years of experi-
 ments with blight at Talent ex-
 periment station.

George Putnam, editor and
 publisher of Salem Capital Jour-
 nal, and former editor and pub-
 lisher of The Mail Tribune, ar-
 rives in Medford with sister,
 Miss Elizabeth Putnam, for
 Christmas holiday.

30 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 24, 1924
 (It was Wednesday)
 County Prohibition Officer
 Sam B. Sandifer arrests local
 man and charges him with trans-
 porting moonshine in a motor
 bus.

Featured picture at Craterian
 theater is "Sundown" starring
 Roy Stewart, Bessie Love, Ho-
 bart Bosworth, and Charlie Mur-
 ray. Betty Brown to play "The
 Rosary" at "the giant Worlitz-
 zer."

40 YEARS AGO
 Dec. 24, 1914
 (It was Thursday)
 Van R. Pierson and R. N. Fos-
 ter establish new "auto city pas-
 senger service for schedule and
 special trips."

From the Local and Personal
 column: Wong, the Chinese
 handy man of Dr. J. F. Reddy,
 was struck by an auto driven
 by L. P. Black last night, and
 was shaken up and frightened
 by his experience. Wong alight-
 ed from the street car and was
 struck by the auto coming up
 the hill. Black stopped the ma-
 chine just as the Mongolian
 was hit.

What's the Answer?
 (Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
 Copr. 1954, Editorial Research Report

1. President Eisenhower has been out of Washington about one-half, one-third, one-fourth, or less than one-fourth of his term so far?
2. Americans spend more during the year on furniture and household equipment, or on autos and parts, or about the same on each?
3. With northern Viet Nam under the Reds, the U. S. is or isn't committed to go to war to prevent them from taking southern Viet Nam?
4. Color blindness is much more common among men or women, or about equally common among each?
5. The A.F.L. and C.I.O. are getting closer to uniting, or farther away from it, or stand on it about as five years ago?
6. U.S. aid to Great Britain over the last six years has amounted to about \$5,000,000, 600, considerably more or somewhat less?
7. Which major league baseball team used to be called the Superbas?

The Answers: 1. About one-third. 2. About the same on each. 3. Isn't. 4. More common among men. 5. Are getting closer. 6. Somewhat less than \$5,000,000. 7. Brooklyn.

Christmas Letter From Germany

(Editor's note: The following are excerpts from a letter received this week from Dr. Franz Oexle, city editor of the Konstanz (Germany) Suedkurier, by the city editor of The Mail Tribune. It is in reply to a "Letter To Germany" printed in this space some weeks ago and, because of its description of Christmas in Germany, was thought to be particularly appropriate for publication this Christmas eve.)

Dear Eric—
 It really looks like my friend in faraway Oregon has been very busy those last months... Whenever I had time I followed the election campaign in your country, in our newspapers as well as in American magazines I could pick up at news stands.

Now this hard-fought battle in Oregon and the other states is over. Consequently I could tell you something about German provincial elections—they definitely were interesting and even important in Bavaria and Hesse—but as you know, our last big election was in September, 1953, the date when we arrived in New York.

MEANWHILE, however, another more peaceful campaign has started all over the world: It's Christmas time!

You might like, Eric, to hear something about Christmas customs in my home country. Don't be astonished when I start with our newspaper, which you remember covers the area between the Lake of Constance and the Black Forest. Last week in our editorial staff we thought about a special Christmas story we could offer our readers.

We found one, and it was not fiction. The idea is this: There are 23 children in Konstanz who don't have parents. They are living in nurseries and the lovely boys and girls never received Christmas gifts from a happy father or loving mother.

EVERY day, therefore, we publish pictures and brief stories of these youngsters in order to interest childless people in them. Surprisingly, the result was great—every morning people call at our office: "We should like to adopt little Hans... we would love to make Irmgard our new daughter... is she still free?"

Can you imagine how we like this? Already, we see the eyes of the kids shining under the Christmas tree in the homes of their new parents.

ON December 6, there was St. Nikolaus day in Southern Germany. In my home town—it is Ueberlingen, only 10 miles from here across the lake—they have a lovely old custom. During six evenings the kids go to church with burning candles. In the old cathedral, built in the 14th century, the minister holds a St. Nikolaus service every night. The children sing Christmas carols, their faces reflecting their joy in the light of hundreds of colored candles. Particularly I like to see Protestant and Catholic boys and girls enjoying, together, this old Advent custom.

Advent is the most mysterious season of the year over here. Days are so short; the surface of the Lake of Constance is covered with fog. Perhaps only once a week, when it isn't raining or snowing, you can see the snowcapped peaks of the Swiss, Austrian and Bavarian Alps surrounding the gray water of the lake. Nature seems to be dead. But there is life inside the narrow paved-stoned streets, before the shiny small shop windows, and under the high roofs of medieval-styled houses.

EVERY morning, the children before they go to school, open a window in the colorful advent calendars which are pinned to the wall beside their beds. Only ten days, then eight days, then four, three, two days until Christmas eve. In the afternoon mother spends all her time in the kitchen, making Christmas cookies in the wood-heated baking oven. On Sundays, after supper, father lights the four candles of the advent wreath, and mother distributes samples of her work—a foretaste of Christmas.

In this way the days pass—almost too fast—and one night the last window of the Advent calendar has been opened: Christmas eve has come!

THE lights in the offices, workshops and factories are off: There are only the candlelights of the big Christmas tree to be seen in every house. It is the night when all people sing "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht."

... Let me say good bye now. Regards from Margrit, and once more: Frohe Weihnachten und ein glueckliches Neues Jahr. My best wishes for you and your family.

As ever,
 Franz

Jackson School Presents Program

The fourth, fifth, and sixth grades of Jackson school joined in presenting, "Music Fills the Air," in story, tableau, and song. Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m., for parents and friends.

The 20-piece Jackson school orchestra under the direction of Miss Audrey Brist opened the program with the playing of several Christmas numbers. A violin solo was played by Ruth Ann Milligan. A violin trio consisting of Ruth Ann Milligan, Lennie Jacobs and Sharon Smith played "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing."

Band Plays
 I. A. Mirick led the 40-piece Jackson school band as they presented a number of carols. As a special feature, a brass trio composed of Eric Ewaldson, Jerry Piland and Robert Schroeder played "Up On The Housetop." Billy Hannaford played a trombone solo "Silent Night." A clarinet duet was

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:
 Revelation 21.
 For Saturday, Christmas day, Luke 2:1-20.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 The stock market—whose averages are already far up the mountain, in areas where no stock price average ever trod before—GOES HIGHER.

I WONDER if that's good news—constructive news. I can't help doubts. I'm afraid it will start people to thinking about EASY MONEY. That's dangerous—as witness 1929.

THE next time you get to thinking wishfully about easy money and reflecting on what a sap you are to work so hard—and maybe leaning a little toward the demagogue politicians and the fuzzy-minded economists who keep promising you something for nothing—it might be a good idea to recall this passage from Genesis:

"And unto Adam the Lord God said: ... In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread..."

SO MUCH for the stock market. Let's take a quickie look at the commodity markets. In general, they're a little on the up side.

In the big Midwest markets, hogs are 25 cents lower to 50 cents higher (depending on the grade). Cattle are generally steady to 25 cents higher. New York wholesale meat prices are steady. Butter in New York is up three-quarters of a cent.

IS THAT good? With the farm situation what it is, higher prices are of course good. As long as prices of what the farmer HAS TO SELL are lower than prices of what the farmer HAS TO BUY, the farmer will be out of luck.

BUT—
 The BIG trouble with agriculture is that consumption of agricultural products hasn't been keeping pace with production. As a result, we have some six billion dollars worth of farm products stored up. FOR WHICH THE TAXPAYERS HAVE PAID but which haven't been consumed.

SPEAKING of taxes:
 The teletype confides that the Tax Foundation of New York reports that in the last fiscal year the American people paid out a record 91 billion dollars in federal, state and local taxes. (Federal taxes accounted for about two-thirds of the total.)

The tax bite, the Tax Foundation says, averaged \$572 for every man, woman and child in the country. That means that if you are the breadwinner for a family of four, you were stood up for a tax total of \$2288 last year.

THAT would pay for a lot of beans and bacon, wouldn't it?
 As a matter of fact, it would go quite a long way toward the purchase of a new automobile, which all of us crave far more than beans and bacon.

THE next time some ambitious politician tells you about all the things he's going to get you free - for - nothing - from - the - government, give a thought to that \$2288 you punted up to the tax collector last year.

BUT—
 You say—
 "My taxes didn't amount to anything like \$2288. I'm a little guy. The BIG SHOTS pay the taxes. As long as the Democrats stay in power, I'll be sitting pretty."

I'M SORRY to have to disillusion you, sir, but you're kidding yourself. Taxes are added to the cost of production, and therefore have to be added to prices. The unpalatable truth is that you paid your \$2288, whether you knew it or not.

Architecture Discussed At Vocature Meeting

Jack Edson, of Keeney and Edson, architects, discussed the profession of architect recently for 26 Medford High school seniors interested in this vocation.

Edson described training required to practice as an architect, as well as type of qualification necessary and financial aspects of the field.
 The program of career talks at the senior high school will resume Jan. 10, with a speaker and film on the vocation of air stewardess. Ken Cook, Medford manager for United Air Lines, will be in charge of the program.
 A film and speaker on the field open to medical technicians will be presented Jan. 17 and forestry careers will be the topic Feb. 7.

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.

Senator Morse Reports
 To the Editor: Here is my final word to the people of Oregon for 1954:

This is a season of rejoicing and hope. It is a fitting time to refresh our spirit for the tasks of the year ahead and to rededicate ourselves to the principles of brotherhood.

May each of you have a joyous Christmas with family and friends.

In preparation for the next session of Congress, I have been reviewing the private bills which I introduced last year. Most of them, concern individual immigration problems of relatives and friends of Oregonians who are seeking to come into the United States for a better way of life. Several are refugees from Communism. Quite a few of the bills concerned youngsters adopted by Oregonians serving in the Armed Services and other missions overseas.

Happily, quite a few of the bills were enacted into law during the past two years and many of the other applicants were admitted into the United States, or will be, partly as a result of my office's efforts in their behalf. Not many of the bills will have to be reintroduced next year.

The plight of millions overseas, who yearn to come to this country to enjoy its freedom and opportunities, holds a lesson for each of us at Christmas time. We are the luckiest people in the world.

It is not too soon for students expecting to be graduated from high school next June to be planning ahead. Young men who will be 17 (and under 22) by July 1, 1955, may be interested in applying for admission to the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut.

Competitive examinations for the Academy will be held February 28 and March 1, 1955. Applications must be submitted by January 15. There are no Congressional appointments to this Academy, but I will be pleased to furnish further information to anyone interested, or you may write directly to the U. S. Coast Guard, Washington 25, D. C.

In this last newsletter to reach you in 1954, the Morse family and office staff, which works for you the year around, wish you a healthy and happy New Year. You will be hearing from me in 1955.

Wayne Morse,
 Senator from Oregon,
 417 Senate Bldg.,
 Washington, D. C.

A Reply to T. R. Thompson

To the Editor—Referring to T. R. Thompson who "doesn't believe in Christmas," I wonder if he ever received a birthday gift or had a party celebrating his birthday? If he doesn't believe in celebrating Christ's birth, then he had better advise his family to forget his birthday.

He stated we celebrate Christ's death, instead of His birth. Where has anyone's death been celebrated? Certainly not our Lord's. But on Easter Sunday we do celebrate His "resurrection" which gives the Christmas a hope of a renewed and eternal life.

True enough Christ has been taken out of Christmas to the extent that many people have forgotten the meaning of Christmas, only as a means of exchanging gifts and having a riotous time. Christ was the gift to the world, and if ever we should honor that gift it is at Christmas time, by worshipping Him, through helping the needy, etc., and not by gluttony and drunkenness, which is disgusting in the sight of God, and above all children should be taught the true meaning of Christmas, that Christ was God's gift to the world that we might be saved.

Christ Himself promised to come again (John 14) and that is what the Christians are looking forward to, that they may go and dwell in that place He is preparing for them.

Why shouldn't we celebrate His birth?
 Mrs. Ernest Santo,
 204 Lozier Lane.

An Appeal for a Neighbor
 To the Editor—Anna Dale is now at home after suffering a relapse of her former illness. She was at the hospital 10 days this time. She cannot be out yet, but needs visitors and cheer. I am a neighbor and know how she misses her GOC (Ground Observation Corps) work, worries over failure to help on Red Cross Motor pool.

Now her husband has to have his leg broken over again to straighten it. One year ago Thanksgiving he broke it. Never a complaint, cheer or love for all who chance to see her.

Now please print this to let her know we miss her, and her husband, as a Christmas wish from GOC friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Huron,
 Medford.

The nuthatch is the only tree-climbing bird that climbs down the trunks of trees head first.

Babson and the Dollar

By ROGER W. BABSON
 Babson Park, Mass. (Special to Main Tribune)—Three specialists, just back from Europe, discussed the effect of our dollar-aid program abroad. Since this was a small, closed meeting, I shall not identify these men. What they said was that the millions of dollars spent in Europe have not, as had been hoped, won very many of our European neighbors to our way of thinking.

Sacrifice Needed To Buy Freedom
 We have given young Americans the notion that they can charge their present happiness against some future date of accounting. We have developed the materialistic belief that money will buy everything, including the way Europeans think! The present value of the dollar reflects this belief. Perhaps it will "take defeat in Europe to bring us to the realization that freedom cannot be bought with dollars without sacrifice. We should have learned that lesson 175 years ago.

The practical cure for Communism is not material, it is spiritual. It is not the amount of dollars you pour into a situation; it is the ideals. It is not security and pensions and comfort; it is ideals and ethics and character. It is those principles that make our dollar worth something. Right now our dollar is below par; I have faith, however, that as more Americans come to realize this great truth, we will put our own house in order. Then maybe what we have to say will make more sense to Europeans. We must practice and teach sacrifice.

The thinking behind our multi-billion-dollar aid program was that we could raise the living standards of Europeans by increasing their productivity. This means by showing them how to develop mass markets for their manufactures. We hoped to win converts with refrigerators, shoes, radios, and many other items.

What we seem to have overlooked is the fundamental European desire for security. The American economy is dynamic. Competitiveness is inbred; risk-taking and venture capital are common denominators of our success. The European economy, on the other hand, is a static, protected economy. Production is stabilized; prices are controlled; the worker is protected; competition is discouraged; the common denominator is security. People are interested in working harder for security, but not in selling more units at less profit per unit.

Ex-Reporter Assigned To Alaska AF Base

A/1C William MacDougall, 1805 Thomas rd., recently joined the staff of the office of information services at Ladd Air Force base, Alaska, according to a release from the Air Force. He is a former Pulitzer traveling scholar and reporter for the Portland Oregonian and formerly a reporter for the base newspaper at Lackland Air Force base, in Texas.

MacDougall, 23, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David MacDougall Jr., of the Thomas rd., address. He is an airman graduate from Willamette university at Salem and completed a journalism course at the graduate school of journalism, Columbia university, New York, in 1953.

He was granted a Pulitzer traveling scholarship from Columbia and toured western Europe last year before joining the Air Force, and was overseas press for the Associated Press at the Madrid, Spain, bureau. He also has served as a correspondent for the Oregonian to the United Nations.

My own belief is that we must fight poor economics with good economics. We cannot hope to sell democracy to people who are economically enslaved by their institutions. If we do not act constructively, we shall lose Europe to Communism by default.

Dollar Good Measure Of Spiritual Values

I have a pet notion which I know will shock some of you, but think about it a while. Our dollar bill is a good measure of our spiritual values! A paper dollar isn't worth anything of itself; but, as a medium of exchange, it is a measure of values. It reflects such spiritual values as honesty, wisdom, courage, and integrity. From 1939 to 1953 the value of our dollar declined from 100 cents to about 55 cents. Does this decline in dollar value mirror our decline in character?

Dollar depreciation is largely a result of war. But why? Instead of paying as we went, we

McLains Drug Centre
Monthly News Letter
 ONCE AGAIN the Christmas season is here. Soon the day will arrive when you will joyfully join with your relatives and friends in Yuletide festivities.
 ALL OF US here wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
 WE ARE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS that you know how sincerely we mean these greetings, because we appreciate the fact that you have chosen us to be "YOUR PHARMACIST."
 EVERYONE OF US will always show our appreciation by carefully doing our duty according to the traditions of the Code of Ethics of Pharmacy.
 HAVE A GOOD CHRISTMAS and many Happy and Healthy New Years.
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