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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. 27, 1944. (It was Wednesday). Fiction story written by Dorothy Pruitt.

Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column. The OPA reports the Christmas turkeys were too large to suit people.

20 YEARS AGO. Dec. 27, 1934. (It was Thursday). Prizes for Christmas decorations go to Judge F. L. Tou-Velle.

Coach D. K. Burgher reports Medford high school basketball team is having difficulty scheduling games.

30 YEARS AGO. Dec. 27, 1924. (It was Saturday). Chauncey Florey, Medford, appointed deputy United States commissioner.

Phoenix residents planning New Year's Eve celebration in Clyde hall.

40 YEARS AGO. Dec. 27, 1914. (It was Sunday). Medford woman is arrested in Grants Pass for wearing male attire while on downtown streets.

As the result of auto bus competition over the Pacific highway, Southern Pacific railroad withdraws its motor car service between Grants Pass and Ashland.

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

7. Under the reciprocal trade act the President can or can't suspend all the tariff duty on any import?

2. Sen. Arthur V. Watkins, head of the Senate committee on censuring Sen. McCarthy, is of the Baptist, Catholic, Jewish, Methodist or Mormon faith?

3. The great bulk of tax collections by cities and other local political units comes from property taxes; right or wrong?

Holiday Reverie

THIS editorial is being written Christmas morning. The writer is, at the moment, alone in the office. The teletype is clacking away intermittently, with long pauses as the usual, uneven flow of holiday news comes in.

A ROUND of telephone calls — to state and city police and the fire department — has provided enough news for a few stories, mostly about events which, for the participants, bring unhappiness or pain.

Outside, the flurry of snow which fell in the early morning has melted away, and the tops of the few cars in sight are steaming as a bright sun dries them.

A third cup of coffee from the pot made by the janitor is being gulped down, and the rest of the pot sits steaming on a hot plate. There are some Christmas cookies, which a friend of the paper brought in.

THE mail picked up at the post office was mostly uninteresting — news and publicity about faraway places and unimportant events. The one bright spot was a letter from a young German friend who is now living in Lima, Peru. He said, in part:

Now I am sitting here in friendly Lima, living in a house built of Oregon Douglas fir, driving a Hudson model 1923. What worries me most at the moment is that there are twelve dogs in the house, each of them inhabited by a strong colony of fleas.

THE relative quiet in the usually noisy newsroom leads to thoughts of the future; of plans for next week's paper; of how we, whose job it is to bring you the news, can do so better, and more interestingly.

The newspaper over the hill, the Klamath Falls Herald and News, has been doing some of the same kind of thinking. During Christmas week, it told its subscribers, it would print on Page 1 only good news.

The hiatus in "bad news" on Page 1 is not a permanent plan, but was tried out for a week as a "Christmas present" to the paper's readers.

THIS experiment emphasizes what is a frequent complaint about newspapers—"Why do you always print the bad news, and never the good news?" the question goes.

That is a difficult question to answer, because there are many answers. First of all, the assumption on which the question is based is not entirely true.

Here are a few headlines chosen from Page 1 of Mail Tribune issues last week to show that all the news was not bad:

"Direct Telephone Line to North Pole Planned," "Pope Pius Planning Christmas Broadcast," "19 Newly-Born Babies Reported at Hospital," "Crater Lake Now Operating on Winter Schedule," "Junk Mail Order May Be Reconsidered," "Best Yule Shopping Season Nears Close," "Cancellations at Local Post Office Reach Record Mark," "Pilgrims Gather for Rites in Jerusalem," "UMC Drive Goes Over Top," "Local Elks Distribute Yule Gifts This Week," "Employees of City Honor Mayor Flynn."

THE same problem is illustrated by the holiday quiet in the newsroom. The big story of Christmas is in the homes of people today; in the churches where they go to worship; in the faces of the kids as they open those tantalizing bundles under the tree.

But this story is difficult, if not impossible, to tell on Page 1. It is told in the everyday lives of all the citizens. It is the "usual" and the "normal" and "routine"—big and important and overriding as it may be in our hearts.

So the cold black type on Page 1 recounts the accidents and the fires and the crimes; but it also tells where it can of the happier events which are symptoms of the big, continuing story of the people of America—mostly good people, kind and decent and self-respecting.

A NEWSPAPER is a mirror of the life of its community. If that life is, by and large, good, the paper will have predominantly good news. The society and sports pages are mostly devoted to reporting "good" news, and the general news columns, while they tell of unhappiness and death, also tell of charity drives and YMCA parties and meetings and concerts and plays and elections and new buildings—all the things which people do.

Unless a newspaper tells the news—good and bad—it ceases to be a newspaper. Telling the news, as completely and accurately and interestingly as possible, is the only reason it has for existence.

THE rest of the staff has started to arrive, the coffee and cookies are almost gone and it's time to get to work on Sunday's paper.

We hope the news will be more good than bad. But whatever it is, it's our job to report it.—E.A.

Portland Hunter Found Shot in Head. The Dalles—(U.P.)—The body of Charles Edwin Eaton, 30-year-old Portland commercial artist, was found early today in a heavily wooded area about five miles south of Mosier, ending an all-night search.

Wasco county Coroner Kenneth Libby said Eaton had been shot through the head with a .22 calibre rifle which he apparently had been carrying. The rifle was found under Eaton's body on preliminary examination.

However, Libby said he was awaiting reports from the state crime laboratory before proceeding further with his investigation of the death.

Sheriff's deputies, state police and volunteers from Hood River and Mosier began the search for the Portland artist Sunday after he was reported missing.

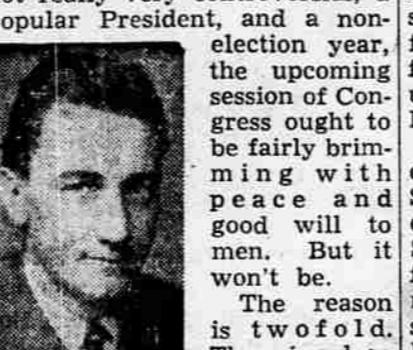
Ice cream cone sales in a year in the U. S. amount to about \$24,000,000.



STANDING BENEATH sagging porch, Linda DeMers, 5, and brother, Bruce, think they are pretty lucky to have escaped injury when quake struck their Eureka, Cal., home. (International)

Matter of Fact

DEMOCRATS LOOK AT '56. Washington — What with an administration program which is not really very controversial, a popular President, and a non-election year, the upcoming session of Congress ought to be fairly brimming with peace and good will to men. But it won't be.



Stewart Alsop. The reason is twofold. There is a deep and bitter split in the Republican party—and the Democrats mean to exploit this split for all it is worth.

The Democrats are already thinking, of course, of 1956, and exploiting the Republican split for all it is worth is the heart of Democratic strategy for winning in that year.

Under any circumstances, as far as the Senate is concerned, the Democrats start with a great natural advantage. For, by the luck of the draw, there are about three times as many Republicans as Democrats up for reelection in doubtful states.

Thus it is going to take a real Republican landslide—not simply an Eisenhower landslide—for the Republicans to win back the Senate in 1956. The voters, the Democratic leaders reason, are not apt to give a landslide majority to a party which is constantly engaged in pulling its own hair out by the handful and kicking itself in the teeth.

And since they control Congress, the Democrats further reason that the Republicans can be kept almost constantly engaged in these pastimes.

The reciprocal trade issue provides a good example of the way the Democrats mean to exploit the Republican split. The President has indicated that he wants the Randall Commission tariff program, which would permit him to reduce most tariffs by 15 per cent in three years, passed in this session. The Democrats will be happy to oblige.

By and large, the Democrats are remarkably united on the issue. All the Democratic members of the House Ways and Means Committee, for example, are for reciprocal trade, while the Republicans are split six ways to Sunday. In the Senate, the Republicans are also divided right down the middle, while there are only a handful of Democratic dissenters, notably Kilgore and Neely of West Virginia.

So the Democratic leadership means to put reciprocal trade very near the top of the calendar. The Democrats are looking forward rather smugly to the row which the issue is sure to generate among the Republicans. And it will be surprising if the Democratic leadership

to do or die is mightier than man a power. Understanding Charity that executes justice and brotherly love can overcome atomic destruction.

America's greatest and most unique weapon is not Hydrogen bombs but Brotherly Love. That puts responsibility on each of us to contribute our share to this dynamic force so this present Cold War can be terminated.

Each of us must assume our duty to help establish justice and well-being in all the contacts we make. We must root out the evils and help rehabilitate. We must take our place as people with a mission to fulfill, for the King of Kings, whose birth we celebrate at this season. Let us rededicate ourselves to His work and make Him First in our lives. Then we shall win the Cold War. Then we shall have Peace on Earth good will toward men.

Frances Ray, Ralston, Wash.

shows any great-haste to get the issue settled. The Democratic leaders, to be sure, are pledged to bi-partisanship in foreign policy and defense matters. But they will feel no great pain if there are unseemly wrangles among the Republicans about such issues.

For example, a whole series of Democrats, led by the shrewd Senate Democratic leader Lyndon Johnson, rose to "commend" Sen. William Knowland's call for a "great debate" on the Administration's foreign policy. In short, nothing would give the Democrats more pleasure than to adopt statesmanlike poses on the sidelines, clucking their tongues and shaking their heads while the Republicans shouted "warmonger" and "appeaser" at one another and at the President.

At any rate, the Democrats are convinced to a man that, with a strong assist from the Republicans, their position will be greatly improved in the next two years. The curious converse of this confidence, however, is that the Democrats are also privately convinced to a man that Dwight D. Eisenhower could beat the living daylight out of any potential Democratic presidential candidate.

Moreover, the Democratic strategists have as yet no very clear idea of how to deal with this deplorable situation. Most of them now believe that direct attack on the President is not a paying proposition. When Paul Butler, the new Democratic chairman, attacked the President, Lyndon Johnson reported, by telephoning to give him something approximating unshrilled hell. Butler himself, whose remarks about the President's "lack of capacity" were strictly off the top of his head, has reportedly come round to the view that a direct assault on the popular President would be self-defeating.

THEN how else is the President to be cut down to defeatable size? Some Democrats are beginning to talk of a strategy of identifying the President with Wall Street and "the big money," using the Dixon-Yates contract as a starter. But the present intention of the leadership is simply to exploit the Republican division, while leaving the seemingly insoluble problem of how to beat Eisenhower up to the candidate, whoever that unfortunate may be.

The confidence of the Democrats as regards the Congress, and their near despair as regards the White House, suggests an obvious fact. To a truly remarkable extent, the Republican party is now almost totally dependent politically on President Eisenhower. This is a fact that some of the more sensible Republican conservatives are coming to recognize.

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Is That So?

By Eugene Burns, Ranger-Naturalist

Another quiz before the old year dies. As usual, answers follow questions. Six correct out of the seven makes you an expert; five is excellent, four is good.

1. Which of these animals has horns, which antlers: Rocky Mountain goats, pronghorn antelope, reindeer, moose, bison, rhinoceros, mule deer?

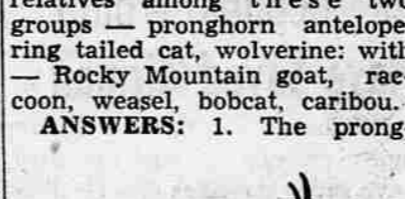
2. Are there any fur-bearing mammals in the Antarctic? 3. Whales have been known to dive fairly deep, but how deep? 500 feet, 1,000, 1,500, 2,000 or 3,000 feet?

4. Water, supposedly, is incompressible, yet at a depth of 1,200 feet it is compressed about 2 per cent. Without such compression approximately how much higher would sea level be? 10 feet, 20 feet, 60 feet?

5. Do all birds lay eggs? Do any lay their eggs in midwinter? 6. Which of these mammals has the smallest offspring: bear, porcupine, reindeer, elk?

7. Pair up the closest living relatives among these two groups — pronghorn antelope, ring tailed cat, wolverine; with Rocky Mountain goat, raccoon, weasel, bobcat, caribou.

ANSWERS: 1. The prong-



horn antelope, bison, buffalo, Rocky Mountain goat and rhinoceros have horns; the reindeer, moose, and mule deer have antlers.

2. The only important mammalian life in the Antarctic is marine form — there are numerous whales and a few species of seals. No fur-bearing mammals. (However, the French government which claimed a sector of Antarctica issued a proclamation against shooting polar bears in these regions.)

3. The whale has been known to submerge to over 3,000 feet! In one instance, a 45-foot whale met his death entangled in a submarine cable at a depth of 3,240 feet.

4. Actually, 60 feet is being conservative — it is closer to 80 feet.

All Birds Lay Eggs 5. Yes, all birds lay eggs. Two that come to mind, lay their eggs in midwinter; the Emperor penguin in the Antarctic and the Griffon, an African vulture.

6. The bear cub is smallest of these at birth. Even smaller than the porcupine's young. The black bear's cub, in proportion to the mother's weight, is about 1/200th; a human's is about 1/20th; a porcupine's, about 1/15th.

7. The pronghorn antelope's closest relative is the Rocky Mountain goat; the ringed tail cat belongs to the raccoon family; the wolverine is related to weasel.

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Speed and Alcohol To Take Heavy Toll

New York — Speed, number one killer on American highways, and alcohol, which runs a close second, will be responsible during this New Year's week end for at least 161 auto crash fatalities, according to a prediction by the accident prevention department of the Association of Casualty and Surety companies.

The association's grim forecast, released today, indicates that speeding accident will claim 97 victims, while overindulgence in alcohol on the parts of both drivers and pedestrians will cost another 64 lives.

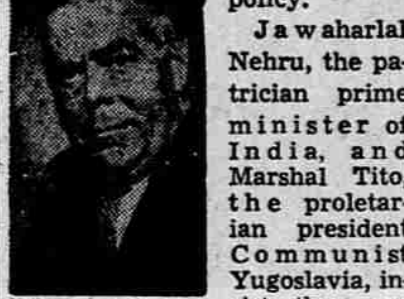
Before the end of the week end, which starts officially at 6 p.m. Thursday and closes at midnight Jan. 2, there also will be 29 deaths in accidents caused by failure to keep to the right of the center line, 21 more for failure to yield the right-of-way and another 18 in crashes caused by overfatigued drivers or drivers actually asleep at the wheel, according to the prediction.

Reptiles of the desert's scorched wasteland instinctively hunt shade for a midday siesta. Experiments prove that the rays of the southern California sun can kill a sidewinder rattler in nine minutes, says the National Geographic Society. Thus desert snakes seek their prey during the cooler hours between dusk and dawn.

Nehru, Tito Insist No Attempt To Form Bloc of Neutralists

By CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Correspondent

Two strange political bedfellows have just issued a strange statement outlining their mutual foreign policy.



Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian prime minister of India, and Marshal Tito, the proletarian president of Yugoslavia, insist they are not "neutralists."

They say they are not trying to organize any "third force" or "third bloc" of countries which want to remain aloof from the East-West policy, they say, is one of "non-alignment." They aim to "the promotion, both for themselves and the world, of conditions of peaceful co-existence."

No Force Involved Their "approach to world peace can not be based upon force or the accumulation of armaments as an instrument either of the negotiation or of the solution of conflicts," Nehru and Tito say.

They explain that they are proposing "a positive, active and constructive policy seeking to lead to a collective peace."

Well, from this distance it still reads like a statement of neutralism which involves the formation of a third and "non-aligned" force.

The Western Allies are for peaceful co-existence. But how are they going to attain it so long as Soviet Russia and Red China continue their aggressive policies? How are they going to stop the accumulation of armaments if they want to survive?

Recalls French Debate Talk of peaceful co-existence brings back to mind the occasion years ago when the French Chamber of Deputies was debating a proposal to abolish capital punishment for murder.

The debate collapsed in a gale of laughter when a deputy said: "All right, but let the murderers abolish capital punishment first."

President Eisenhower summed up the situation when, at the recent Christmas tree lighting observance at the White House, he departed from the prepared text of his speech to say: "There are some who have believed it possible and desirable to hold aloof from today's worldwide struggle between those who uphold government based upon freedom and dignity and those who consider man the pawn of the state.

"The times are so critical and the difference between these world systems so vital that grave doubt is cast on the validity of neutralistic argument."

Tito Visits Nehru Tito is now in India on a state visit to Nehru. It is a strange meeting.

Nehru, educated by English tutors in India and at Harrow and Cambridge in England, has lived in luxury all his life. His political philosophy is pacifistic, though he is ready to fight when need be.

Tito, the son of a peasant blacksmith, grew up the hard way. A veteran Communist who conducted an amazing partisan campaign against the Germans in World War II, he is about as far removed from being a neutral as anybody could be. In fact, he is aligning himself with the Western Allies.

The trouble is that both Tito and Nehru have "bought" Russia's coexistence propaganda.

In The Day's News By FRANK JENKINS

It's a strange and troubled world we live in. Only a few hours before Christmas Eve, in this critical year of 1954, the French assembly refused to ratify the rearmament of Western Germany, which is a move on the part of non-Communist Western Europe aided by the United States, to protect itself against the march of world Communism, led by Russia.

By its action, the French assembly says plainly that it is more afraid of the Germans than of Communism.

IT IS a strange complex. The action of the French assembly came on the day before Christmas. Christmas is the great festival of the Christian world. France is a Christian nation. On this day when the French assembly was declaring that its fear of the Germans is greater than its fear of Communism, the French people were busy with their preparations for Christmas.

WORLD COMMUNISM LED BY RUSSIA, IS THE DECLARED ENEMY OF CHRISTIANITY.

That is what makes the action of the French assembly so strange. Fear is a terrible thing.

ON THE eve of this Christmas day of 1954, when so many strange things are afoot in the world, I think it will be well to remember that it was a troubled world into which Jesus was born.

Greece, that brightest spot in the ancient world, was drifting back into darkness due to the inability of her city states to get along with each other and work together.

Rome had already become a dictatorship, in which the common man amounted to little. On every side, there were examples of what happens when too much power is gathered into too few hands.

LET'S close with this thought: THE world of today is a FAR BETTER WORLD than the world into which Jesus was born. It is a better world because of the influence of His teachings.

The Golden Rule is a part of the teachings of Jesus. It is a rule, or a way of life, that was set forth by Him in His Sermon on the Mount. As quoted by

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