

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

The Mail Tribune has a new "staff member," a tiny kitten that somehow arrived in the back shop the other day.

It won the hearts of the printers by dozing on a high desk, friendly when petted, but mostly oblivious to what was going on. Gradually, it got better acquainted, and has started following the men around the shop. The other day it was an attentive spectator to the process of "pasting up the mats" in the stereotype department.

The little gray kitten, as yet unnamed, has become a regular visitor to the table where the men eat their lunches. We would not be too surprised if some of them add an extra tidbit or two to their lunches just for the kitten.

If it ever gets into the newsroom and starts using a typewriter, we may have to name it mehtabel.

A Medford woman, manager of an institution which includes a coffee shop, visited Portland the other day, and decided to buy some menu paper for use on Christmas day. After considerable time devoted to picking out "just the thing," she made her purchase and returned. It wasn't until she got back to work that she realized the coffee shop was not going to be open Christmas day.

W. A. Hoskins, 208 Tripp st., Medford, for several months now has been receiving occasionally what he calls "funny phone calls." People have asked him such things as "Has my marker come in yet?" or "When do you want me to haul that gravel?" or "What time can we hold such-and-such a service?" or "Do we have any more room in our lot?"

He would carefully explain to the callers that they must have the wrong number.

After a while, however, his curiosity got the best of him, and he went through the Hoskins in the "phone book, and found a Carl Hoskins in Jacksonville. Last week he paid him a call, and found that the Jacksonville Hoskins is sexton of two cemeteries. This explained the telephone calls.

Well, the two got to talking, and tried to discover if they were related. No luck. But they started talking fishing, and discovered that here, at any rate, they were at least kindred souls. They now plan to make a deep sea fishing trip next summer.

A Prospect woman visited Medford the other day. Having safety contests under way, she decided to see if she could spot one of the jaywalkers planted by the Medford Safety Council and win herself a prize. She approached one woman crossing the street in the middle of the block, and asked her the required question, "Are you Mrs. Jaywalker?" Apparently the woman wasn't one of the Safety Council's jaywalkers, for she gave the Prospect woman what was described as a lulu of a bawling out, winding up with the request that she mind her own business.

In a letter to Medford police, the Prospect woman somewhat ruefully, but good naturedly, said, "Even though she was rude, she may have taken it to heart, who can tell? Keep up the good work."

A total of 38,103 children were born in Oregon during 1954, according to the state board of health. The most popular boy's name was Michael, for a total of 1,026, and the most popular girl's name was Debra or Deborah, 976.

Other names, in order of popularity, included Susan, Linda, Mary, Patricia, Karen, Nancy, Pamela, Cynthia, Sandra and Kathleen, for girls, and David, Steven, Richard, Robert, John and James for boys.

Leading the list alphabetically were Aaron for boys and Abbie for girls. At the other end of the alphabet, they were Zean and Zora. Among the girls there were also Zandra, Zela, Zelma, Zenaroe, Zenie, Zenith, Zetta, Zipporah, Zonnie and Zora.

Some of the babies got single letters in place of longer names. There was a boy named D, and other youngsters named J, K, and R.

They shouldn't have trouble spelling their names, anyway.

4-H Club News

Butte Falls Sewing Club. The Butte Falls Sewing club, Division 1, was organized on Dec. 1. Elected were: president, Darlene Edmondson; vice-president, Linda Webster; secretary, Dorothy Fuiten; reporter, Carolyn Fuiten; recreation, Martha and sergeant-at-arms, Bonnie McKen. There were eight members registered.

Carolyn Fuiten, Reporter.

Matter of Fact

By Joe and Stewart Alsop

THE BIGGEST ISSUE

Washington — The biggest, noisiest, and most politically explosive domestic issue of the coming session of Congress is almost certain to be the farm issue. In the view of many shrewd politicians, the way the farm issue is handled may well decide the outcome of next year's Presidential election. It is already becoming fairly clear how both the Eisenhower administration and the Democratic Congressional leadership mean to handle the issue.

The present intention in the Administration is to make one rather reluctant gesture of appeasement towards the farmers, and to stand pat otherwise. The gesture will take the form of a "soil fertility bank," which is an elegant way of saying that farmers will be paid to take part of their land out of production, and put it into grass and trees.

No less than 18 different plans for doing this have been considered, and the details remain undecided. But the final version of the plan is expected to call for an annual outlay of about half a billion dollars.

There will be other smaller gestures. But on the two central questions there is not now the slightest apparent disposition to back down.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson and fixed high price supports have become the twin symbols of farm discontent. But Benson has no intention whatsoever of abandoning his flexible support program. And President Eisenhower has no intention whatsoever of firing Benson.

The President is, of course, perfectly aware of the explosive nature of the farm issue. He could hardly not be. Both before and since his heart attack, the White House has been bombarded with desperate pleas from Mid-Western Republicans to "do something" meaning to fire Benson, return to 90 per cent parity, or both.

To all such pleas the President has turned a deaf ear. Sen. Frank Carlson, of Kansas, for example, some time ago showed the President a furious anti-Benson letter, as typical of sentiment back home. The President handed it back in stony-faced silence, and not long afterward publicly re-affirmed his confidence in Benson.

The President's attitude on the issue is much influenced by his brother Milton, who greatly admires Benson. As for Benson himself, he is quite simply convinced that his fixed price supports are a snare and a delusion, and that farmers are beginning to see the light.

Agriculture Department surveys indicate that farmer sentiment is in fact turning against fixed supports, particularly in the South, where high supports have priced cotton almost out of the world markets.

At any rate, Benson is prepared to battle it out without budging an inch on the central issue. This is a prospect which delights the Democrats, who have laid careful plans to take the offensive at the first opportunity.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey, of Minnesota will carry the ball for the most part. Humphrey is ready with a whole series of measures, starting with a bill to restore full 90 per cent supports. He is confident that it will pass, with the votes of mid-Western Republicans.

Democrats measures also include a "soil bank" Humphrey claims that he originated the idea and that "Benson has been trying to steal my baby"; measures for altering the farm credit structure; for a food stamp plan to use up surpluses; for graduated support prices to favor the poorer farmers; and for a modified and experimental version of the old Brannan Plan.

The Democrats, in short, smell victory in the issue, and mean to exploit it for everything it is worth. They may be right. If Congress votes to restore 90 per cent supports, for

example, the President will be faced with the problem of whether or not to veto. To fail to veto would look like backing down ignominiously. To veto would look like opposing the farmers' interests. It is difficult to imagine a tougher choice in an election year.

Whatever the outcome of the battle on the farm issue, one thing is clear. The American government is now in the business of subsidizing the American farmer. It is in the business today, for the simple reason that the traditional one-family American farm system can hardly survive without subsidy. Despite a lot of mealy-mouthed oratory, the real issue is not whether the subsidizing should continue, but about how it should be done, and at what cost.

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"The world is on the eve of a new Industrial Revolution. Industry will require \$160,000,000,000 in new public financing in the next 10 years to meet the industrial expansion that will be required by this new revolution."

WHERE should these tens of billions of new investment money come from? Why, FROM THE SAVINGS OF THE PEOPLE.

In that way, the people will share in the advancement and the profits of industry. When the shares of our great industrial corporations are owned by the people, who have bought them in the open market with money they have saved up, the profits of these corporations are scattered out among all the people. That makes REAL prosperity.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

President Eisenhower sends to the Republican national committee, which is meeting in Chicago, an inspiring message from which I'd like to quote these passages:

"You are assembled, as leaders of a great national party, to prepare for the election next year of a President, of senators and representatives, of officials at every level of government from the capitol to the county courthouses and the village halls of the nation. No job is more important. You approach it as citizens, concerned with the integrity, the efficiency, the soundness and the heart that are essential in our American system, so that government may serve all the people well . . .

"CONTINUED progress in the healthy expansion of our economy, even more equitable sharing of the productivity of that economy, rising levels of health, education and welfare for all, and untiring search for a just and enduring peace must remain our goals, you and Republican candidates everywhere will be

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Sunday, December 4, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Oregon Program Wins Top Award

The top national community award of the Foreign Policy association Friday night was awarded to the World Affairs Council of Oregon for its "Great Decisions" program. The award was made in Washington, D.C.

fits of the new industrial revolution.

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at the conference of World Affairs Organizations Dec. 2-5.

George V. Allen, under-secretary of state, was principal speaker.

Mrs. Hilmar Grondahl and Dr. Frank Munk of the World Affairs Council of Oregon accepted the award for the council.

The "Great Decisions" program, sponsored by the council, The Oregonian, KOIN radio and TV, public schools and civic organizations, was termed "the year's most significant contribution to citizen education on world affairs."

The award carried a \$1,000 prize.

More than 80 home discussions were carried out during the Portland program which ran from February to April. They

Damage Suit Filed In Circuit Court

A suit asking \$1,408.24 damages from the Medford Ice and Storage company was filed in circuit court Nov. 30 by George R. Frohreich, doing business as the Ashland Poultry and Egg market.

Frohreich charges that most of 103 cases of eggs stored by his market in the Medford Ice and Storage between March 29 and May 15 became unmerchantable because of storage conditions.

were based on news issues of the week, and involved public opinion balloting and extensive publicity through newspapers, radio, TV, schools, and other organizations.

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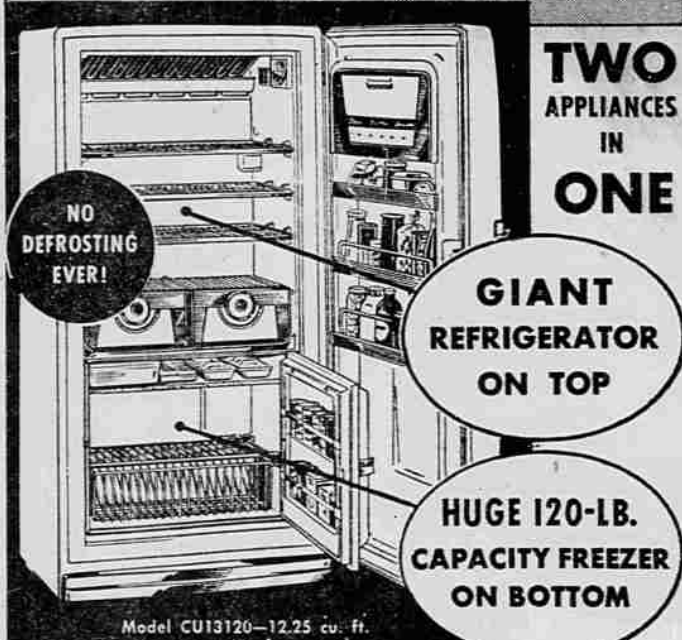
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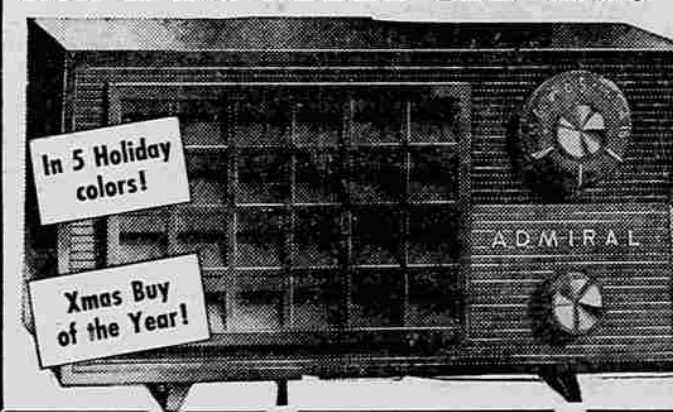


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