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Those Later Years

People at the age of retirement, or above, have two principal problems.

These are, first: an income adequate for their support, and, second: sufficient activity to keep them busy, active, interested—and relatively happy.

Of the two, the second may be more important than the first, in the long run. Both furnish a problem and a challenge to society as a whole—a problem and a challenge which have not yet been fully solved nor met.

THE PROBLEM of an adequate retirement income is slowly, but increasingly, being solved. Social security has been broadened and increased, and probably will be more so in the future.

As the number of elderly people grows, so too will their political influence, and it is reasonable to believe that government will respond more readily to their demands for ease and security in old age.

BUT THE questions of activity and interest in the "golden years" is something else again, and does not lend itself to the rules and regulations—nor even the appropriations—of government.

It depends on other things, many of them. It depends on the resources of the individual, for one thing. A person who has led a life filled with hobbies, interests and enthusiasms should find little difficulty adjusting to greater leisure, for this is the kind of individual who has always complained that he just didn't have time for all the things he's always wanted to do.

Others find themselves in the enviable position of having jobs which do not require quick, final and absolute retirement, but which offer a gradual tapering-off of duties and responsibilities. This man is lucky, for as the pace slows he still has a center-point for his life and his interests.

IT IS ANOTHER type of person with whom we are chiefly concerned—the man or woman who has worked for years at a job which was the center of interest, and which is finished at some arbitrary age.

This person, without outside interests or resources, can find himself lost, lonely and at times almost hopeless in a world which has lost its focal point and much of its meaning.

As our life expectancy grows (and statisticians tell us that it is higher now than ever before and still climbing), this problem will be of increasing concern, both to the elderly people themselves and to society at large.

IT IS FOR THIS reason we can expect an increase in the type of retirement home as that being planned here for people of adequate means.

We can also look forward to more social, hobby and special-activity clubs and groups for people in their later years.

It is also good reason for younger people, who have never thought much about outside activities, to develop their inner resources for the years ahead when work will not be the sole answer to the human need for activity of the mind and body.—E.A.

Our Airport

The growth and development of aviation in and around Medford has been an interesting phase of the growth of the area as a whole. With the aviation industry, despite its size and strength, still in its infancy, it will continue to be an increasingly important part of Jackson county's economy.

A history of Medford's airport, from the days when it was little more than a pasture in what is now the Fairgrounds area, until today when it is a modern, well-equipped airport, second largest and most important in Oregon, was given briefly in a story in this paper last Sunday.

MEDFORD residents have every right to be proud of their support of the airport. They have consistently and willingly voted funds for its development. As a result it is now second only to Portland International airport in the number of passengers handled and flights accommodated.

The roster of business organizations and other agencies and firms at the airport is an impressive one. Not the least of these is Mercy Flights, Inc., which has made Medford widely and favorably known throughout the Pacific states. (Incidentally, Mercy Flights is the subject of an article in the forthcoming February issue of Fortnight magazine.)

THE RECORD of airport support goes on. With federal help, an extensive and continuing program of development, including clear lanes at the end of the runways, will permit the airport to grow and continue offering service as the industry itself grows. Medford can be proud (and we could gently suggest the rest of southern Oregon should be grateful) for creating and maintaining a top-flight airport. —E.A.

Judge Overrules Indictment Attack

Portland — (U.P.) — An attack on an indictment with jointly charged William Clarence Peddicor, blind chemist, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Joyce Keller, 28, with bombing Meier and Frank department store here April 15, was overruled today by Circuit Judge Martin W. Hawkins. The judge's ruling means that Mrs. Keller must appear in court

'Declaration of Washington' Among International Good News

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

THE GOOD

1. President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Anthony Eden issued a "Declaration of Washington" which spotted Russia as the No. 1 oppressor nation of the world. The United States and Britain, the statement said, have helped 600 million people in nearly 20 countries to attain freedom since World War II.

2. Japanese Premier Ichiro Hatoyama, in an important statement of policy in Parliament, said that ever-increasing political and military cooperation with the free world must continue to be the basis of Japan's diplomacy. He said that Japan will seek increased trade with Communist China. But he pledged his government to pursue a strict anti-Communist policy in Japan itself.

3. The great independent newspaper La Prensa of Buenos Aires resumed publication under Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, its editor and publisher. Ousted Argentine dictator Juan D. Peron had seized La Prensa and made it a propaganda organ. Gainza Paz went into exile. The newspaper was restored to him by the new Argentine government.

4. The weather bureau says two more storms are rolling in from the Pacific. The weather is the chief topic of conversation—as it is all over California in this year of our Lord when the rains are coming down. If there is ANYTHING that California—especially Southern California—needs more than anything else, it is RAIN.

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 initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Ho Hum for Bridey

To the Editor: I read your editorial "Undreamt of Things" with interest and considerable consternation. How can a hard-headed newspaperman say "Maybe yes, maybe no," to a tale such as "The Search for Bridey Murphy"? Come man, hop off the fence. Do you believe in Bridey or don't you?

I do not. And although I tell you frankly I can't prove a thing I say, I would like to tell you what I believe.

Believing it is not true nor possible, I note a few odd details. These strengthen my conviction that the story is cleverly faked. To begin with, there is the sequence in which the girl, Ruth Simmons, at the age of one year, is told to ask for a drink of milk. Whether she thinks she is actually one year old, or only remembers being one year old, her answer is incongruous. Do you know any one-year-old babies? If so, please tell any ten of them to ask for a drink of milk. If one is very smart, it may say "Gubb" or "Glink," but at least eight will give you nothing but stony stares, and I'll bet not one will come out with a complete sentence like "I can't say that."

The author, however, admits cutting them down in interest of brevity (just the dull, monotonous part, you understand). While thousands have heard the tapes, only a few friends attended the sessions when they were made. How many tapes were considered unsuitable no one knows, nor how much time elapsed between sessions. If this girl would be hypnotized before a board of experts including those versed in Irish history and dialects, the results would be interesting. But the Simmons are bored with the whole affair.

How was the hoax managed? One can only guess. Suppose young Morey Bernstein found an old diary written years ago in Ireland? After all, his father wrecked old houses. Suppose Ruth Simmons was an actress with a fairly good memory? Brogues can be learned.

For me, the ending gives the whole thing a rank commercial smell. The author rushes his story off to the printer without time to finish it properly, but another exciting episode is coming (ala soap opera). Meantime, send \$4.95 to the author if you want a recording of the voice of Bridey Murphy. Ho Hum! Mrs. Ruth Clark 3438 Madrona lane Medford, Ore.

THE BAD

1. France got its 22nd post-war government when Socialist Guy Mollet was confirmed as premier by a vote of 420 to 71 in the National Assembly. No sooner was the government formed, with Radical Pierre Mendes-France as co-leader, than rivalries in the coalition cabinet threatened a new crisis before long. The turmoil in the French North Africa was the most urgent problem which faced the new government.

Editorial Comment

HE PROVIDED HIMSELF WRONG

The other day we applauded Gordon W. Olcott of Eugene and the Oregonian for their advocacy of a state park named for Oswald West.

Subsequently there appeared in the Oregonian a letter from Oregon's one-time illustrious governor eschewing the honor. We think Os West's letter worth repeating:

I wish to thank you for the kindly editorial found in Sunday's Oregonian. I had received a pleasing letter from Governor Patterson making similar suggestions, but it is my sincere wish that "you" forget it.

The desired monument will be found in the homes of hundreds of injured workmen; it will be found in the regulated working hours and pay checks of our Oregon women; and it will be found in the joyful hearts of little children playing in the sands of their seashore inheritance.

We think it worth reprinting because it reveals some of the reasons why a state park should be named for Oswald West. He has worked for others rather than himself. The letter places Os West in the category described Thursday night by Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Oregon, which Dr. Wilson illustrated with a quotation from Mark 10, "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be the servant of all."

The Oregonian in an editor's note appended to West's letter noted "We think many who admire his judgment in most matters will disagree with him on this one." We are among the many. — Albany Democrat-Herald.

SIGNS OF SPRING

Cars are still skidding on the ice, the air is still raw and we haven't had all the chilling rains we're going to get—but, there are definite signs of spring.

If you don't believe it, go look at the spot where you put those daffodil bulbs last year. They're poking bravely up through the frost.

If you don't believe it, watch the sun (when you can see it) break over the eastern foothills. It doesn't sit on the hills like a blob of putty anymore. It snaps up over the horizon. It's climbing higher overhead every day now, melting the frost quicker.

If you don't believe it, step into the woods. The birds are flitting back to their old haunts. Sure, we'll get our share of late winter rains. And some of that Portland snow might reach us yet. But cheer up. It's February now, and it won't be long.

Keep your eye on the barometer instead of your fuel bill. There's nothing so good for the soul as anticipation, so long as it's optimistic.

—Eugene Register Guard

Sub Chaser Named After McMinnville

Portland — (U.P.) — The city of McMinnville, Ore., will be immortalized on the nameplate of a U.S. Navy submarine chaser but it will have to share the honor with the town of McMinnville, Tenn.

Rear Adm. A. M. Bledsoe, commandant of the 13th Naval District, said the PSC 1401, a 136-foot sub chaser now operating in the south-eastern Atlantic, would become the USS McMinnville on Feb. 15.

Adm. Bledsoe said that when a ship is given a name that designates more than one American city, both would be equally associated with its namesake.

German Tours Many Middle East Countries

Bonn, Germany — (U.P.) — Alfred Krupp, Germany's former armaments king, will leave Monday on a high pressure salesmanship trip to India, Pakistan, Thailand and Egypt, it was reported today.

Krupp, accompanied by his wife, a U.S. citizen, and a team of experts, will try to counteract Russia's trade drive in the strategic Middle East, his friends said.

Babson Discusses Politics Relations to Stock Market

By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Fla.—Since my recent weekly column which favored the nomination of President Eisenhower, I have received letters from publishers stating that my column is supposed to discuss business and the stock market, and not politics.

This column started over 30 years ago after I retired from my position as financial staff writer for the "Saturday Evening Post." I began with only 10 newspapers, but with the help of the magazine's wonderful editor, George Horace Lorimer, the column became popular and is now published weekly in over 400 papers.

During the early years of my writing, this column was taken almost exclusively by Northern publishers. As the years advanced, the column began to be used by Southern papers, which are mostly Democratic. I therefore am having the same difficulty with David Lawrence, Robert Ruark and Drew Pearson are having, as my column spreads to all sections of the country.

Business Under Democrats From the time of the Civil War up to 1932 our country was

on the "gold standard." This gave both a certain "ceiling" and a certain "floor" which it was difficult for business or the stock market to break through. Furthermore, this made it fairly easy for any impartial statistician and economist to make reasonable forecasts, irrespective of party politics. My forecast of the 1929 break was made during the Hoover Republican administration when his managers were forecasting "two chickens in every pot and two cars in every garage."

Since 1932, however, the country has been on a political standard, and the gold standard has been discarded. This is no criticism of the Roosevelt administration, because I feel that the gold standard had outlived its usefulness. We will probably continue on a political standard, whether in a Republican or a Democratic era. I have not the figures here in Florida which show just what business and the stock market have done in Presidential years; but anyone sending to my Babson Park, Mass., office will be welcome to them.

Do Not Follow Business It is generally assumed that one can forecast business by watching the stock market, but this is not true. In the long run, there is of course a correlation, but it cannot always be depended upon. In other words, we may have a Democratic victory in November and yet have fairly good business through 1957. I go even further and say that if the tide should shift naturally—due to the Law of Action and Reaction—during a Republican administration, the result could be worse than if the Democrats were in power. This is because the Republicans stand for less interference with business and would not so freely use artificial stimulants.

President Eisenhower, for instance, is determined to have a balanced budget. It would be very hard for him to agree to any inflationary projects, even for the sake of helping business. On the other hand, the Democrats believe the government is entitled to issue more bonds and create greater indebtedness as the country grows in population and assets, just as any large corporation is entitled to do. Therefore, although the Republican party may be more friendly to "Big Business," the Democratic party may try to be more friendly to all business; but please do not make use of the word "try."

Ike and Stock Market Remember the old saying, "There is an exception to every rule." notwithstanding the fundamental principles stated above, I still believe there is today a very close relationship between the re-nomination of President Eisenhower and the stock market. I perhaps should not have included in my forecast for 1956 the re-election of President Eisenhower in November; but—due to reasons which I cannot disclose—I did then believe he would be re-nominated and re-elected. I may be absolutely wrong; but I am still of this opinion.

This one thing I am certain of: As soon as President Eisenhower assures his intimate friends and party managers of his intention, readers should see an abrupt stock market movement, either downward or upward, depending on whether he will not run or will run. I shall now try not to discuss politics any more until October, but rather will "stick to my knitting" as my publishing friends request. At any rate, with this column my conscience is clear, whatever happens in 1956!

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This is written in Laguna Beach. It isn't raining at the moment. But it rained all night, and it looks like it could start raining again at the slightest provocation.

The weather bureau says two more storms are rolling in from the Pacific.

THE motel at which this job of writing is being done has a pleasant custom. It serves coffee and doughnuts to its guests in the morning hours. There is quite a little gathering this morning in the cheerful recreation room where the serving tables place.

The weather is the chief topic of conversation—as it is all over California in this year of our Lord when the rains are coming down. If there is ANYTHING that California—especially Southern California—needs more than anything else, it is RAIN.

Up to the time the precipitation (I think "deluge" would be a better word) started, Southern California was just about ready to dry up and blow away.

But is the copious rainfall of the past week popular? It is about as welcome as a skunk at a lawn party. People almost cry when they mention it.

DOWN here along this far southern coast of California, there is of course a reason why rain isn't looked upon with enthusiasm. This beautiful little city of Laguna Beach is a good example. It lives almost entirely on what for want of a better word is called the tourist trade.

It has no agriculture. It has no industry. The skies are unscathed by factory smoke. Smog isn't one of its worries, because it has none of the modern conditions that create smog.

It lives exclusively on the visitors who come here to enjoy its fabulously pleasant climate and its exotically lovely coastal scenery, which when the sun is shining closely resembles the Mediterranean Riviera.

BUT when the sun doesn't shine—

Well, that's another story. And the sun hasn't been doing a very good job of shining in recent weeks. So the visitors are getting out their maps and picking out the quickest routes to Arizona, and some of them are reaching for the phone to make reservations in Phoenix and Tucson and way points such as Palm Springs and Indio.

That isn't so good—for when people pull out en masse from places that live exclusively on the tourist trade the inhabitants thereof are left with nothing more productive than washing each other's shirts and shining each other's shoes.

That soon gets tiresome. THIS morning's coffee session, however, wasn't wholly

gloomy. Present there was a couple from Seattle. Seattle has been having a rugged winter. And they had just picked up in the papers the story AND THE PICTURES of Portland's foot of snow.

They were positively gleeful. When you live in the northern latitudes and have pulled out—at the cost of a considerable chunk of what in Mexico is called dinero—for the sunny Southland, nothing makes you happier than to learn that the weather you are missing at home is bad.

AND— On the contrary— Nothing upsets you like learning that the weather at home turned BEAUTIFUL right after you left. You're inclined to regard that as a personal insult.

ANYWAY, this Seattle couple could look through the windows into the drizzle outside and simply GLOAT. But— They had reservations already for Palm Springs and as soon as they finished their coffee they were going to begin packing up to leave this wet spot. I reckon nobody loves rain.

Co. Assessor Asks Flood Damage Reports

Property owners who suffered damage during the recent flood have been asked by the county assessor's office to report by letter the amount of damage sustained.

Information should include the amount of loss as determined by insurance appraisal or other means and a clearly stated name, address, and location, either by lot number or section, township and range.

Appraisers are working now on damaged property appraisals and all information must be in and processed by late April in time for the board of equalization meeting May 14, according to Andy Hawver, deputy county assessor.

Wheat Growers Elect Nebraska Man Head

Portland — (U.P.) — Herbert Hughes of Imperial, Neb., was elected president of the National Association of Wheat Growers at their annual convention here yesterday.

John S. Newlin, Lewis, Kan., was named new secretary-treasurer.

Elected vice-presidents were: Carrol Boyd, Dumas, Tex.; R. L. Patterson, Oxford, Kan.; Floyd Root, Wasco, Ore.; Lester Mort, Venango, Neb.; Theodore F. Fiedler, Holyoke, Colo., and John Stevenson, Benge, Wash.

Ike's Name Placed On Preference Ballot

Anchorage, Alaska — (U.P.) — A petition to place President Eisenhower's name on the Alaska presidential preference ballot has been filed by the Anchorage Young Republican Club, Ray Morley, president, announced today.

More than 400 names were gathered on the petition circulated in the Anchorage, Matanuska Valley and Kenai Peninsula areas.

Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) already has been entered in the election. The consent of the candidate is not required to have his name put on the ballot. The election is scheduled for April 26.

NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE MEMBER

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 Feb. 3, 1946 (It was Sunday) Federal Communications commission give Mail Tribune conditional grant for frequency modulation radio station.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The new spring styles for the fair sex are showing up. The girls will wear their legs long again this year.

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 3, 1936 (It was Monday) Project designed to prevent flooding of streets in southwest Medford awaiting WPA approval; plan class for drainage ditch on south side of Stewart ave.

H. C. Obye, assistant supervisor of Rogue River National Forest, investigates reports of "blue" snow near Union Creek; finds reflections from surroundings.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 3, 1926 (It was Wednesday) Dancing masters of Europe announce they do not want the Charleston.

High winds in valley blow down power poles, barns.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 3, 1916 (It was Thursday) Oregon-Utah Sugar company lets contract to Ohio company for construction of sugar factory in Rogue Valley.

From Local and Personal column: The Rogue River Valley Canning company will send out the first car tomorrow of a shipment of 2,000 cases of tomatoes to Dodge City, Kan. This is probably the first shipment of Oregon tomatoes to go that far east. The fame of the Rogue River canning company's goods is spreading.

What's the Answer? Can You Get 4 of the 7? Copr. 1935, Editorial Research Report

1. After a committee reports a bill to the House it comes to a vote by action of the Speaker, Ways & Means or Rules committee, or Democratic caucus?

2. About one-third, one-half or two-thirds of boys and girls graduating from high school enter college?

3. Which one of these is sometimes called the "Free State": Virginia, Massachusetts, Nevada, Maryland, Texas?

4. Immigrants of the last few years can't become U.S. citizens unless they can read and write simple English; right or wrong?

5. Did population increase in every state in the last five years?

6. The drink called slivovitz is a whiskey, gin, champagne, brandy, sherry, or vodka?

7. The man who throws the ball is forbidden to bend his throwing arm in what game? The Answers: 1. Rules committee; 2. About half; 3. Maryland; 4. Right; 5. No (decreased in six); 6. Brandy; 7. Cricket.

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