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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1947 (Thursday) Dr. E. T. Hubbard, Portland postmaster and state chairman for the infantile Paralysis March of Dimes campaign, is in Jackson county this week.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A number of valley natives have delayed trips to the Southland, upon receipt of word, they can get as cold at home.

20 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1937 (Saturday) Airplanes using the Medford airport in 1936 totaled 867 in addition to the United Airlines maintaining six schedules daily.

Work on Bear creek parkway started last week, according to Fred Scheffel, city superintendent.

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1927 (Sunday) John Carkin, former Medford city attorney, will be speaker of the house in the Oregon legislature.

Rogue river was higher in water flow this winter than in normal seasons, according to W. R. Coleman, state superintendent of fish hatcheries.

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 9, 1917 (Tuesday) Oregon State Poultry association's annual show opens in Medford today.

County court appoints George Stacy of Beagle, road supervisor of district 12 to replace Lee Vincent.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. Was New York's East River Bridge opened for travel before or after 1880? 2. Did Swift, Pope, or Macaulay introduce the name "Yahoo"? 3. What medicinal product is obtained from the bark of the cinchona tree? 4. Babylonia: Was king Jeholachin ever released from prison by Evilmerodach? 5. Is it permissible to award the Purple Heart medal for frostbite? 6. Name the five senses. 7. What is the name for a pencil in which graphite is used for the writing material? 8. Is Zaragoza in either Portugal or Italy? 9. "If you knew John" is a converse statement of what? 10. Name the book in which Cervantes wrote "The proof of the pudding is in the eating."

Answers:

- 1. After, (1883). 2. Swift, (in "Gulliver's Travels"). 3. Quinine. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. Sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch. 7. Lead pencil. 8. No. Spain. 9. "If John knew you." 10. "Don Quixote."

RUSSIAN LUXURIES

London —(U.P.)— Radio Moscow said today that television sets are a luxury in Russia because "there are not enough TV stations in the country." Other luxuries listed included automobiles, fine chinaware, works of art and Bokhara rugs. But radios, phonographs, cameras, sports goods, musical instruments and books "have become necessities," it said.

No Panacea

Following a series of brutal incidents involving teenage delinquents, largely in Portland but not limited to that city, pressure is building up for an amendment to Oregon's compulsory school attendance law. The thinking goes this way:

The law was amended a few years ago raising from 16 to 18 the age until which students must attend school, with few exceptions. This requires youngsters who are not interested in or not fitted for the higher levels of secondary education, to attend school against their will. This group, a small minority, is bored, resentful, antagonistic and troublesome. They detract from orderly schooling for the majority, and take out their resentments by acts of delinquency and trouble-making. If they were permitted to leave school at an earlier age, the schools would have one less problem, and the youngsters could get jobs and stay out of trouble.

THIS is all right as far as it goes. There is no question that there is a small group of students who cannot, or will not, benefit from schooling beyond a certain level, and keeping them in school does detract from the rights of others.

But the casual assumption that they "could get jobs and stay out of trouble" is too casual, too easy, and not necessarily correct.

The number of jobs which unschoolable youngsters can obtain and hold is strictly limited. This is partly because they lack the training and experience and perhaps the stability to be desirable employees.

It is also because of the barriers placed in their way by well-intentioned laws limiting "child labor"—which in this type of situation have an adverse effect on society, rather than a healthy one as was intended.

FOR these reasons, dropping these problem kids from school is an easy "solution" which really solves nothing. The kids are still at loose ends, resentful, bored—and usually idle, which is a dangerous condition for undisciplined youngsters who have no basic respect for others and for society.

It might be a step in the right direction. But we can't avoid the feeling that anything which tends to give young people—even recalcitrant ones—a better grounding in the skills of society should be continued as long as is humanly possible. The world needs literate, intelligent people. We may not achieve this by forcing young people to attend school for an added two years. But it's a cinch we won't achieve it by tossing these same young people out into the "cold, cruel world," either, particularly if they cannot find jobs.

NO, THE solution to juvenile hooliganism—and adult hooliganism, for that matter—does not lie in any easy panacea, in any snap of the fingers by the legislature, in any trick plan.

It lies only in the slow, oh-so-slow, progress toward a society where individuals recognize and accept their responsibilities to that society.

This sounds like an impossible idea. And yet if each generation is only a little more aware of its role than the one before it; if each time a child is born its parents are a little more aware of their responsibility in raising that child with a decent respect for the rights of others; if each time a new class begins the teacher is a little more aware of the need to inspire in his charges the ideals of citizenship, of responsibility, of the enduring values that make life good—if these things happen, we can hope for gradual progress. But, humans being what they are, it will, we fear, be painfully slow.—E.A.

Who's "Elderly"?

When one is 10 years of age, a person who has achieved 20 summers appears to be an adult, a "grown-up," presumably on the verge of senility.

At the age of 20, of course, that viewpoint has changed, and one then regards himself as in the prime, and anyone of 30 or more years as "middle-aged"—a view no longer held at 30.

And so it goes. One's estimate of when the prime of life is reached changes with age. "Life begins at 40" is a consoling thought to those near that milestone; at 50 one has barely reached full maturity, those who are there believe. Sixty is the beginning of the mellow middle years to those in the 60s.

AGE is a relative thing—as a youthful reporter on a Salem newspaper found out when he referred in print to a woman of 51 as "elderly." She called his editor and with vigor denied it.

That word is another one of those invidious labels which come too easily to the tongue and typewriter, but which are only relatively correct at best, and downright insulting at worst.

Others of the genre which have always appalled us are "senior citizen," "golden ager" and "oldster"—which are nothing more than sloppily-sentimental synonyms for "elderly" or "old," and we deem them to be opprobrious.

We were glad to find our opinion substantiated by a group of men and women in the over-60 age bracket, one of whom asked "Can you imagine calling Winston Churchill or Herbert Hoover a 'senior citizen'?"

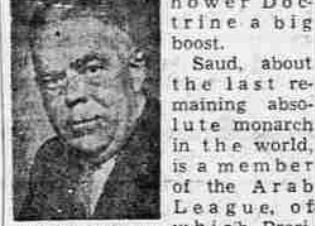
THE point, as we see it, is that, to paraphrase the saying about beauty, "age is as age feels." We know some people who are old in their 30s, and others who are sprightly in outlook, vigorous in mind and youthful in appearance in their 70s and 80s, and woe betide him who permits chronological age to obscure the facts of resiliency and spontaneity.

If a man admits to being "elderly," that's his own affair. But let us not assault the dignity of mature years with silly euphemisms.—E.A.

King Saud's Visit May Assist Arab Acceptance of 'Doctrine'

By CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Correspondent

The visit of King Saud of Saudi Arabia to the United States is likely to give the new Eisenhower Doctrine a big boost.



Charles M. McCann, United Press correspondent, is seen here in Washington.

Saud, about the last remaining absolute monarch in the world, is a member of the Arab League, of which President Nasser of Egypt regards himself as the leader. He also has entered into a military alliance with Egypt.

But Saud has kept himself somewhat aloof from the adventures of Nasser and he is firmly anti-Communist.

Saud also enjoys an income of about \$200 million a year in royalties from the Arabian American Oil Co., which exploits the vast Saudi Arabian oil reserves. He lets the United States maintain, at Dhahran, one of the most important air bases in the Middle East.

The first Arabian reaction to the Eisenhower Doctrine, under which the President proposes that the United States shall combat any armed Communist aggression in the Middle East.

ranged from caution to open hostility.

Imperialism Chief Fear

The chief Arab fear is that United States "imperialism" may move into the Middle East to take the place of the British-French "imperialism" which is being thrown off.

Except in the case of Egypt, Arab comment on the Eisenhower doctrine is now softening somewhat.

King Saud has not committed himself to it. But his state visit to Washington on Jan. 30 certainly will give Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles the best possible opportunity of convincing him that there are no traps in their plan to make it harder for Russia to penetrate the Middle East.

If Saud is sold on the plan, he will be able to exert a great deal of influence in its favor among the leaders of other Arab countries.

Saud actually is a much stronger figure than Nasser. Nasser is noisy and spectacular, and has managed to make himself a nuisance and a danger to peace. But he is bankrupting his country, already impoverished, in pursuit of his ambitions.

Many Countries Hostile

He has earned himself the hostility of many countries, and he has failed so far in his ambition

to make himself the leader of the Arab world. He may easily outsmart himself and be ousted by his present followers.

Saud, impressive 6 foot 6, hawk-nosed, fearless, sits securely on his throne as ruler of about 7 million Saudi Arabians and more than 900,000 square miles of territory. His oil revenues enable him to maintain a fabulous court.

It ought not to be too hard for Eisenhower and Dulles to convince King Saud that the United States aims solely at opposing aggressive Communism in the Middle East. There are indications that Saud does not approve the way in which Nasser is mortgaging his country to Russia.

It is likely also that Saud's visit will result in a new agreement covering the Dhahran air base.

New Anti-Filibuster Attempt To Begin; Defeat Predicted

By HERBERT FOSTER, United Press Correspondent

Washington —(U.P.)— A group of Northern senators seized on part of an advisory opinion by Vice President Richard M. Nixon today for a new and probably doomed attempt to curb filibusters.

At the same time the group proposed a dozen civil rights bills—many past victims of filibusters or threats by Southern senators.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), said he would introduce a resolution this afternoon declaring that Section 3 of Senate Rule 22 is unconstitutional. He said he would ask for an immediate vote.

Section 3 allows unlimited debate on a motion for the Senate to consider any bill. Southerners can use this device to talk civil rights measures to death before the bills are even formally before the Senate for a vote.

Southern Senators huddled Tuesday and were ready for the move. Under Senate rules, Humphrey's call for an immediate vote could be countered by debating it until 11 a.m. (PST) when his motion would automatically go to the Rules committee.

Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), said, "I think we are ready for any contingency." Humphrey said his resolution—co-sponsored by Sens. Joseph S. Clark (D-Pa.), Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.), and Wayne Morse (D-Ore.)—would "focus attention on the unconstitutional aspects of Rule 22" in light of Nixon's advisory opinion last Friday that Section 3 is unconstitutional. Nixon said the section denied the majority of the Senate in a new Congress the right to adopt Senate rules.

Elvis Presley Gets 1A Draft Listing

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—A pre-induction physical report which will make singer Elvis Presley's draft classification 1A was mailed to his draft board today.

Capt. Elwyn Rowan said the singer passed his pre-induction physical with ease and "qualified for 1A."

However, Rowan said it would probably be six months or more before Presley is called in service, despite the top draft-eligible classification.

Kefauver Again Loses Bid for Foreign Post

By RAYMOND LAHR, United Press Correspondent

Washington —(U.P.)— For the fourth time, Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) has lost out to a senator with less seniority in his bid for a coveted seat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Kefauver was passed up Tuesday in favor of Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) to fill the only current vacancy on the committee.

Kennedy, Kefauver's unsuccessful rival for the Democratic vice presidential nomination last year, has been in the Senate for four years, Kefauver for eight.

Rule Cracking Up

The time-honored seniority rule for doling out committee assignments is cracking up among Senate Democrats. Thus, the Senate Democratic Steering Committee voted 14-0 to give the foreign relations seat to Kennedy, despite Kefauver's senior claim, in making a new set of committee assignments.

Republican senators, who enforce the seniority rule much more strictly, expected to complete their committee assignments today.

During the four years that Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas has been Democratic floor leader, the party leadership has been bending the seniority rule. Johnson has fought for a policy that every Democratic senator, even a freshman, should have at least one "good" committee.

Disappointed

Kefauver, who had not waived his seniority, said he was disappointed.

"Of course, I do not blame Sen. Kennedy for trying to be-

Nixon Observes 44th Birth Date

Washington —(U.P.)— Vice President Richard M. Nixon celebrated his 44th birthday today with a heavy day of work and his wife away from home.

The family's traditional, but simple, home celebration won't be held until Thursday because Nixon's wife, Pat, was out of town for the day on a personal trip. But they will gather quietly then with their two daughters, Patricia, 10, and Julie, 8, for a little get together at home.

Nixon was born Jan. 9, 1913, at Yerba Linda, Calif. When he first was nominated for vice president in 1952, he was only 39—the youngest man ever put up by the GOP for the post.

However, he is not the youngest vice president in history. That honor belongs to Democrat James C. Breckenridge, who served with President James Buchanan.

Eight Hungarian Refugees Sent Back

Washington —(U.P.)— The United States has sent eight Hungarian refugees back to Austria for giving false information to immigration officials.

The justice Department announced the action late Tuesday as Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) charged that many Hungarian refugees admitted to the United States did not receive the thorough screening which the law he helped write requires.

The refugees were the first to be returned to Austria since thousands began arriving by plane during the Christmas season.

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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

The "Giving" Problem

To the Editor: Sure is hard to know just what to do in these drives for money to help out in obviously worthy causes. We try to contribute to every one, even though it's sometimes little more than the widow's mite. So, when one drive is ended and here is another with its plea for help, being a part of the community we feel that giving is an almost must, for such is our way of life, to help one another.

But there is that "inner self," warning to be careful, that feeling sorry for others is quite all right but it's also important to think of one's self, that an accident around home or out on the new letinal highway with a doctor and hospital bill will make the little bank balance disappear like the snow-flake in the dark river.

So, we get all mixed up when it became known that some of our contributions to "TB" were used in a controversial health issue that health authorities felt was all right but the majority of voters thought otherwise.

Now, we're all mixed up again with information that former Allied commander in Europe, Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, retired, has been found permanently 40 per cent physically unfit, and so 40 per cent of his retirement pay of \$11,487 per year goes free of income tax. But, the Red Cross evidently considers him "worthy of the \$30,000 a year salary that goes with that high office.

Maybe my thinking is all twisted up but it does seem that a man 40 per cent physically disabled could retire comfortably on \$11,487. If he is unfit for army duty, how can he be considered fit for the involved duty of Red Cross work, that demands so much—does it?

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Eternal Reward

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"No man can come to Me except God who sent Me draw him and I will raise him up the last day." Christ's word—John 6:44. You pray for them and God draws them to Christ. There they see Him in death for their sins.

Yes, pray God to draw your lost to Christ. So you earn eternal reward. This Message sponsored by a Scappoose family.—adv.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS  
Memphis, Tenn.—Capt. Elwyn Rowan on singer Elvis Presley's 1A draft classification:  
"Physically Presley is an A-profile, and that's as high as you can go."

Cambridge, Mass.—Hugh Gaitskell, British Labor party leader, believing Red China should be admitted to the United Nations Security Council:  
"I believe the Chinese Communist government should be allowed to take its place because it is the government of China and there is more chance of the U.N. functioning effectively when it does."

Hollywood—Jerry Giesler, Marie McDonald's attorney, criticizing police for trying to prove the actress' kidnap story a hoax:  
"It is about time the police were proceeding with the investigation of the kidnaping instead of investigating Miss McDonald."

Honolulu.—Plane Commander Walker J. Lawton of Alamo, Calif., sending a frantic radio message that the stork was about to visit his airliner:  
"We're having a baby—get a doctor quick."

London.—Yemenite spokesmen predicting the Arab world would spring to their country's defense in the event of large-scale hostilities with Britain:  
"Yemen can make or break Western plans in Arabia."

Alexandria, Va.—Judge James N. Colasanto refusing to suppress a conviction of a Negro janitor accused of molesting two newly arrived Hungarian refugee women:  
"The reason we have freedom here is because we do not con-

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

State Secretary Dulles goes before the house of representatives foreign affairs committee to fill in details of President Eisenhower's new Middle East policy.

Congressional Democrats and some Republicans have indicated they will have plenty of questions for him. GOP Congressman James Fulton of Pennsylvania, for example, says he wants to know exactly how long the proposed stand-by authority will last and precisely where it will apply.

WITH no desire to be frivolous, one might suggest that Congressman Fulton might like to know PRECISELY what the weather will be at 3 p.m. next Christmas Eve and EXACTLY how many votes he will get the next time he runs for office.

The point is that in situations as confused and "iffy" as the present struggle between communism and the free world it isn't given to human beings to be able to look that far forward into the future with precision and exactness.

About the best we can do is to guess as accurately as is humanly possible how Russia proposes to achieve her objective of destroying us and thus extending communism over the world. Our next step after that must be to figure out how we will STOP her.

That, it must be assumed, is what we are undertaking to do.

SECRETARY Dulles, explaining the new policy to the house foreign affairs committee, says it would be a disaster to the West to let the Middle East—with its strategic location and its immense supplies of oil—fall under Soviet domination.

But, more than that, he adds, it would encourage the Kremlin to resort to force everywhere in the world.

That seems a reasonable statement.

MOVING over from the grave and serious to the peculiarities of human nature, I suppose you are aware of the hullabaloo over Princess Grace's and Prince Rainier's impending baby.

Reporters and cameramen and commentators are ganging up around the toy palace in the toy principality of Monaco. Presently, they are seeking gossip. The big prize, when the baby arrives, will be the FIRST PICTURE. That will be a scoop of the first magnitude, and it is reported that sizeable bribes are being offered to palace retainers all the way up from scullery maids to the first lord of the royal bedroom.

Anyone who can hide a camera and sneak a shot of the infant seems to be eligible for backsheesh.

SNOOPING?

Inexcusable invasion of privacy? Sure! But I'll risk a bet. I'll wager you're reading the stories, instead of skipping 'em. That's why the reporter and the cameraman and the gossip writers are converging on Monaco.

DISGUSTING?

Let's not go that far. It's just of human nature. We human beings are built that way. Before losing faith in human nature, it's well to remember the ancient jingle:  
"There's so much good in the worst of us  
"And so much bad in the best of us  
"That it ill behooves any of us  
"To speak evil of the rest of us."

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