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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 Feb. 18, 1947 (Tuesday) Rogue Valley and Sacred Heart hospitals announced a new financial policy.

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 18, 1937 (Thursday) Formal spring opening of Medford stores announced for March 3.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 18, 1927 (Friday) Construction on Medford's new city hall, to be used as a temporary courthouse.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 18, 1917 (Sunday) President Wilson announces steps to ease foreign situation where German submarines have blocked ports.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. Was the first stereotyping in the U. S. done before 1812? 2. The pen name of Charles F. Browne, American humorist, is A. W. ...

\$100,000 Damage In Vancouver Fire

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — Damage was estimated at \$100,000 today from a general alarm fire which burned for five hours before being brought under control yesterday.

Flames destroyed the contents of the Vancouver Furniture Exchange. Smoke and heat damage spread through an entire block of buildings here.

Fire Marshal James Brown said he had asked the state fire marshal to investigate cause of the blaze. All available firefighters were called out to battle the blaze.

Lincoln Never Said It

We are indebted to the Corvallis Gazette-Times for pointing out some of the misquotations of Lincoln, which through the years have been so popular at Lincoln Day banquets.

- Here are some of them, quote: 1—"You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich." 2—"You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong."

Naturally the Gazette-Times seriously, devoutly and congenitally Republican, regrets that the revered founder of the "Grand Old Party" did not have the foresight to anticipate Roosevelt's New Deal and deliver himself of such soundly conservative sentiments.

BUT presumably after doing a bit of research the Corvallis paper felt compelled to admit that these "terse precepts" were originated not by Lincoln but by a Rev. William Boetcher in the presidential campaign of 1916.

THE Gazette Times was very disappointed. But why should it be except on behalf of the Lincoln Day orators. For these apocrypha, as far as Abraham Lincoln is concerned can still be used by the Republican National Committee.

FOR example, who, in politics or out, thinks the poor can be helped by DESTROYING the rich? Who WANTS to destroy the rich anyway? According to reliable statistics even though "Modern Republicanism" has taken over the basic principles of the "New Deal" there are more millionaires and multi-millionaires in the present G.O.P. administration.

TO SLIGHTLY paraphrase Governor Averell Harriman of New York—himself a multi-millionaire—we would say:

"The rich are here, they have their place only they should be kept IN it."

That is good sense. The boys and the girls in the "Upper Brackets" DO have their place, and an important one, but that doesn't mean they should run the country.

Neither does it mean that what is best for General Motors is NECESSARILY best FOR the country. The country of course should be run by the people—ALL the people—via majority rule and the secret ballot—regardless of their economic status, rich, poor or in between.

IN FACT the only declaration in this program, the soundness of which we would question is No. 4 namely, that:

"You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money."

That is ridiculous. You CAN do it, and hundreds of thousands of people in this country and throughout the capitalistic world have done and are doing it.

Of course the money borrowed must be paid back and with interest, but we doubt if there is a big business in the country that did not get its start and establish its security by borrowing on its credit.

THE final item: "You can't really help men by having the government tax them to do for them what they can and should do for themselves."

But this is just another truism and as an issue an absurdity. There is no influential group in the country regardless of party, that would favor giving financial aid to any citizen or citizens able to earn money and support themselves.

This is not to claim there are not abuses in the system of the "welfare state." There are abuses in any system, just as there are wastes in any system. But anyone who knows anything about welfare and its administration on the local, state or national level in this country, knows also that those who can make the grade without outside aid, have an extremely rough time getting it.

United Press Correspondents Predict Headlines of Future

United Press correspondents around the world look ahead at the news that will make the headlines.

West European diplomats look for Russia to bid for a Big Four summit conference after President Eisenhower meets the British and French prime ministers late this month.

Britain's first guided-missile regiment is being quietly formed at Crookham, Southwest London. It will be equipped with the American-made "corporal" missile.

Sit-Down Strike Was Used 20 Years Ago in General Motors Firm

By LYLE C. WILSON, United Press Correspondent. Washington — (U.P.) — Twenty years have slipped by since the left wing of organized labor imported the sit-down strike technique from France.



Lyle C. Wilson

Wyndham Mortimer, vice president of the struggling UAW, was a Communist closely associated with Bob Travis, UAW leader in Toledo, Ohio. The Worker recalled in discussing the Flint sit-down.

Reuther Brothers Mentioned. "While the major leaders at Fisher (a GM plant) were Communists, the group that led the sit-down at the Chevrolet plant were mainly Socialists.

Weight Reduction Class Is Planned. Plans for weight reduction classes in Southern Oregon have been announced by the Oregon Heart association.

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.

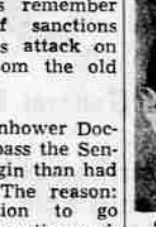
He Had Everything. To the Editor: All of us are interested in taxes. They are a national disgrace. More and more taxes, more and more programs, more and more social benefits.

Neuberger Point To Hells Canyon 'Hoax'. Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said today that Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton has exposed inadvertently a "gigantic hoax" in the administration's handling of Hells Canyon.

PIANIST DIES. Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Josef Hofmann, 81, celebrated pianist and prolific composer, died Saturday in a sanitarium of a heart ailment.

Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

WHAT IS "MODERN REPUBLICANISM?" Washington — In the six weeks during which the 85th Congress has been in session, a significant pattern has become evident.



Stewart Alsop

Look for the Eisenhower Doctrine resolution to pass the Senate by a bigger margin than had appeared possible. The reason: Eisenhower's decision to go along with the Democratic wording of the measure instead of his own.

Help For Gromyko. West German business men are pressing Chancellor Konrad Adenauer hard to negotiate a trade treaty with Russia.

Safer Safeties. Automotive experts are angry over published reports denouncing safety belts as worthless in most accidents.

Sports Outlook. If plans for a new professional football league materialize, look for the 12-member National Professional Football League to expand to several new cities in time for the 1958 season.

In the Day's News. By FRANK JENKINS. Let's spend more money now: U.S. Secret Service Chief Baughman says in Washington he's in favor of getting a more private home for the President of the United States.

13 Burned To Death In Japan Market Fire. Kagoshima, Japan — (U.P.) — Thirteen women and children were burned to death early today in a fire which destroyed a market near the Kagoshima railway station.

Message for a Dead Man. GEO. N. TAYLOR. God has no dead men in heaven. Here on earth, many think their own good works will save them.

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