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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. 25, 1957 (Tuesday). O. Ewaldsen, vice president of local Toastmasters, named best speaker in contest finals.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: History repeated itself for Central Point last week. In a tournament nine years ago, they walloped Port Orford, 70-12.

20 YEARS AGO. Feb. 25, 1937 (Thursday). Possibility of a three-way tie between Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass High school debate teams for southern Oregon district championship appear as Medford wins 2-1 decision over Grants Pass.

30 YEARS AGO. Feb. 25, 1927 (Friday). County Agent R. G. Fowler says southern Oregon poultry outlook for 1927 is better than it was last year.

Roy Hockett elected president of Southern Oregon Bankers' association.

40 YEARS AGO. Feb. 25, 1917 (Sunday). Two inches of precipitation is recorded after Saturday's storm. About 120 tracts, totaling 10,000 acres of timber land, grazing land and irrigable land on Klamath Indian reservation will be advertised for sale by Superintendent William Freer.

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

- 1. A Roosevelt's image is on a 6c stamp; what is his given name? 2. 1834: The streets of New Orleans were lighted for the first time with what kind of an illuminator? 3. Bible: Does the Book of Ruth have four, six or seven chapters? 4. Is Rowena or Rebecca the queen princess in Scott's "Ivanhoe"? 5. Was Robert Lansing the Secretary of State during Roosevelt's administration? 6. Is Salzburg in Germany, Austria, or Czechoslovakia? 7. Can jangle salt be used successfully in freezing ice cream? 8. Name the capital of Bermuda. 9. Does the delta describe the land at the mouth or source of a river? 10. In the proverb, "The mountain labored and brought forth a what?"

State Department Seeks Assurances from Poland. Washington — (U.P.) — The State Department has assured Congress it will grant no aid to Poland without first getting assurances the help goes to Polish people and not Russia, officials said Saturday.

The pledge is aimed at spiking congressional criticism of economic aid talks with Poland scheduled to begin here Tuesday. A five-man Polish team arrived in the United States Thursday for the discussions.

Taxes and Schools

A quotation from James A. Garfield says: "Give me a log hut, with only a simple bench, Mark Hopkins on one end and I on the other, and you may have all the buildings, apparatus and libraries without him."

Perhaps the citizens and voters of School District 6C had something of this sort in mind when, last Monday, they voted down a couple of bond issues for school improvement at Crater High school.

This is a time of high taxes, and with every indication that they will go higher. When taxpayers vote down an added tax on themselves, it can be understood.

BUT there are at least three fallacies in that Mark Hopkins quotation when it is applied to the situation in the big school district in the north of the county — fallacies which the 42 students who last week protested the outcome of the vote know well.

The first is that few teachers, however qualified, are of the caliber of Mark Hopkins.

The second is that, today, it is hardly sound economy to have one teacher per pupil, as Garfield asked in his whimsical tribute.

The third is that, lacking one-Hopkins-per-student, "buildings, apparatus and libraries" are vital and necessary to the process of education.

WE HOPE that the members of the "Jackson County Tax Payers League" (whatever that rather mysterious organization may be) will accept the invitation of the Crater High school students to visit the plant, the school rooms, the laboratories and the halls of that school.

We hope they DO conduct an "extensive survey" of the school to find out whether or not their tax dollars are being well spent on the young people of the community. School patrons, we are informed, are always, and always will be, welcome to inspect the schools.

The students at the school included in their letter what we consider to be a powerful indictment of too many of us:

"... We would like to make a plea—a plea to our parents and friends to please look up the facts and to be careful of the propaganda that comes their way before putting a mark on the ballot sheet of any election..."

THE bond election in 6C last week, similar difficulties in other school districts elsewhere in the state, and other symptoms, indicate that people are feeling their property taxes, which are piled on top of state and federal income taxes, and a host of others, some disguised and some not.

Property taxes are high, there's no disputing it. Yet, measured in "real" dollars, not the inflated, 48-cent dollars of today, we doubt they are a great deal higher than they were in the day of the 100-cent dollar.

THERE'S one more thing, too. If school populations continue to rise (and they will), additions to schools are going to continue to be necessary. By postponing the "evil day," the cost is going to be no less, and, if the trend of inflation continues, will be considerably more.

Voting down necessary additions to "save money" will make the ultimate cost higher. It's a little like cutting off one's nose to spite one's face.

Personally, there are few things in which we'd rather invest than the future of the nation, through our youngsters and the schools which train them. And, as the Crater High kids said, "You will give your children more money than that (the proposed tax increase) over 20 years for less important things than an education!"—E.A.

Boredom and Idleness

The Devil, according to the old axiom, finds work for idle hands.

Like so many of the old maxims with which we are all familiar, it is based on observation of human nature, and generally has more truth in it than it does falsehood.

One can see it operating in a dozen fields. Bright youngsters who don't have enough to do to keep busy are apt to get into trouble. Bored matrons, freed from much household work by modern appliances, too often devote their lives to little more than the bridge table or the cocktail bar. Older people, "freed" from work through retirement, sometimes go all to pieces.

THIS is the reason that the development of recreational facilities is so important. This is why hobbies have come to be such big business. This is why participation sports have grown so rapidly recently. It is all complicated by the fact that the average working week has dropped from 50 or 60 or 70 hours down to little more than 40, and with the prospect that it will decrease further.

People, in short, do not appear to be constructed so that they can spend their time in simple, harmless idleness for very long. They've got to DO something. And the choice is between something constructive on one hand, and "the Devil's work" on the other.

RECENT experiments tend to support this thesis on a scientific basis. Researchers tested human subjects in complete isolation, cutting off most noise, vision and tactile sensations.

The reactions started with reminiscence, reviews of recent studies, and so on, but soon degenerated into irritability. Then came hallucinations. They "saw" dots of light, lines, geometrical forms. Later the visions became more complex, colorful and vivid.

Afterwards they were dazed and confused, their thinking ability was impaired, there were childish emotional responses.

As Carlyle said, "Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness."—E.A.

Victory for Nehru in Election In India Appears To Be Certain

By CHARLES H. McCANN United Press Correspondent. Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru apparently is thumping election victory.



Charles H. McCann

The first of about 200 million Indian voters have started to elect a new "house of the people," the lower house of parliament, which like the British House of Commons is the legislative authority.

The voting will continue until March 14. When the final results are announced, about Mar. 31, there seems to be no doubt that they will show a triumph for Nehru.

Since India attained its independence in 1947, Nehru has been unchallenged in his position as his country's head man.

Nehru is the leader of the Indian National Congress, as his party is called. Against him are the Communists, the Socialist and the small right wing Jan Sangh party.

No Real Issues. In the last election in 1952, Nehru's men got only 45 per cent of the votes. But they won 362 of the 489 seats contested. The Communists won 23, Independents 41. The rest went to small parties.

There is every reason to believe that this proportion will not be changed substantially in the present election.

There are no real campaign issues. The Indian Communists, like those in other countries, are still suffering from the effects of the big wrangle over Josef Stalin's demotion from political sainthood. As Nehru's own domestic policies are socialistic, the Socialists have little to offer.

Hence the vote will be largely for or against Nehru, and he remains as he has been, the idol of his people.

May Meet Setbacks. He may meet some setbacks in scattered areas where the Communists and Socialists have ganged up against Congress party men.

But the election as a whole is certain to constitute a vote of confidence for Nehru's somewhat odd way of looking at things.

Nehru might be called the world's most benevolent dictator. He isn't a dictator in the

traditional sense. His leadership is unchallenged because the people like him.

They follow his stand on Communism. He likes Russian and Chinese Communists but not his own. He faces the world as a friend of man. He is for self determination. Everywhere that is, except where he is concerned.

He has defied the UN in his attempt to grab the disputed state of Kashmir, and his army is fighting the Naga tribesmen who demand self determination for themselves. His attitude on matters of that sort, is like the physician's injunction to his patients: Do as I say, not as I do.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The Big Question: What shall we do with obstreperous Little Israel?

Shall we take her out in the wilderness and spank her for going on the warpath last fall—meanwhile telling her it hurts us worse than it hurts her, but we're doing it for her own good?

Or shall we pat her on the back and tell her we think she did the right thing?

IT'S quite a problem. Among other things, the problem of what to do with her is complicated by emotion. All fair-minded persons must feel sympathy for the Israelis. With the help of their people all over the world, they are trying to build themselves a home in the land of their fathers out of what was a hopeless desert when they started in.

All in all, they have done a rather wonderful job of it.

BUT—There are practical complications.

One of them is the fact—amply demonstrated in the fighting last fall—that if turned loose and given a reasonable amount of sympathetic backing they could lick the socks off all the Arab countries in short order.

One reason for that is that if they should go to all-out war they would know they were fighting for their homes and their lives. The strength of men who know they are fighting for their lives and their homes is as the strength of ten.

All history has proved that fact.

RUSSIA knows that if turned loose and given a free field, Israel could wipe up the inefficient Arab nations and become the DOMINANT factor in the Middle East.

Russia knows also that Israel's leanings are all toward the West.

It is highly probable that in the event of an all-out Israel-Arab war Russia would back up the Arabs with limitless "volunteers" and munitions of war.

That could lead to World War III.

It is the PRACTICAL complication in the situation. It is what Ike is trying to avoid.

SOMETHING to keep in mind: Ike can't disclose his hand—any more than a poker player can. But it is inconceivable that he is out to destroy Israel.

He certainly must be trying to find a way whereby the Jews and the Arabs can live together more or less peacefully in the troubled Middle East.

Mine Tax Opposed. To the Editor: A rather unpopular bill now in preliminary stages of the Oregon state tax committee at Salem would place a tax on all raw minerals newly mined including stone, gravel, minerals from water, sand, precious, semi-precious gemstones and rare earth elements.

The enactment of a kindred law would in our belief be more of a hindrance to the legitimate prospector or mine operator of Oregon than a boost to the mining industry. With more mineral production needed instead of less, mining would quite naturally increase Oregon's potential wealth. Average small operator to be successful must be able to buy equipment that is required before any minerals can be processed.

To levy a production tax may have a tendency to discourage all future mining for Oregon. We disapprove of the contemplated tax plan.

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman, Medford, Ore.

COMPETITION. East Hartford, Conn.—(U.P.)—The local Chamber of Commerce ordered an advertising agency to remove signs from utility poles which pointed the way to a huge shopping center in adjoining Manchester.

Anniversary of Law Guild Reminds Wilson Of Problems of 30s

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Correspondent. Washington — (U.P.) — The National Lawyers guild concluded in New York over the week end a 20th anniversary convention



Lyle C. Wilson

which is a reminder that back there in February, 1937, FDR's New Deal both came of age and began to wither.

That was the month and year in which John L. Lewis' brash Congress of Industrial Organization (CIO) put an armlock for keeps on big industry in the United States.

The first week of February, 1937, saw Mr. Roosevelt's plan for reorganization of the Supreme court presented to Congress.

The National Lawyers guild was born in the Washington hotel here after four days of labor pains ending Feb. 22, 1937.

Mr. Roosevelt's Supreme court plan broke the fighting front of the New Deal coalition in the least expected of sectors—that held by the Democratic party itself.

All of this came in a matter of months after the 1936 New Deal political sweep which gave FDR every state but Maine and Vermont. The Republican party was prostrate, its congressional membership reduced to a handful.

Mr. Roosevelt's court plan was denounced as a program of court packing. The bitter debate became more bitter as it progressed in a matter of six months to a smashing Senate repudiation of the President's court plan.

Emboldened by FDR's sortie against the Supreme court, a group of New Deal lawyers decided to attack an almost equally strong point of tradition and political conservatism—the American Bar association. These New Dealers set up their own association and called it the National Lawyers guild.

On the evidence available, the Guild from its inception, as was the New Deal, became infiltrated with Communists and fellow travelers.

But the Guild remained in business, often busily propagandizing left-wing projects and from time to time feuding with Director J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities soon tagged the Guild as a "Communist-operated front organization, primarily intended to serve the interests of the Communist party in the United States."

Years elapsed, however, before an attorney general acted on committee charges officially to add the Guild to the Justice department's list of subversive organizations. Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. did that in 1953, and the Guild at once sought judicial relief in proceedings still pending.

U.P. Correspondents Forecast Future News

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

Atom Battle. Cut-throat competition is building up between the United States and Britain over "atoms for peace." Both are trying to capture the free world's atomic power market. The British are striving to sell other countries copies of their Calder Hall power reactor. America's Westinghouse Electric Corp. is pushing another kind—a bigger, improved version of the highly successful Nautilus submarine propulsion plant and the nearly complete nuclear power station at Shippingport, Pa. The British have one advantage—their Calder Hall plant, the world's first big atomic power facility, is already operating.

Little Lady. Insiders in London now confide that it was Lady Eden—not his doctors or his political advisers—who finally persuaded Sir Anthony Eden to step out from the prime ministry of Britain last month. Eden is genuinely sick. Some people believe he never will recover from his present bout of recurrent fevers after his gall bladder illness.

Protection. Then Senate Labor Rackets Investigating Committee is issuing subpoenas for all likely witnesses—for their own protection. Anybody who tampers with a subpoenaed witness is liable to prosecution for contempt. A carpenters union official who was questioned by investigators but not subpoenaed was threatened with bodily harm. The committee could do nothing about it. Hence, the decision to subpoena all witnesses from now on, as a warning.

C-Bomb Hint. Allied intelligence agents in Europe are trying to find out whether Russia could have developed a cobalt bomb, more destructive even than the H-bomb. The Moscow newspaper Red

Star, the Russian Army organ, said last week that if a world war broke out atomic hydrogen "or even more powerful bombs" might fall on the North American continent. Allied authorities figure it might just be loose talk—and might not.

Nix On Nike. It hasn't been in print yet, but the United States Army in Germany is running into strong local resistance in planning its first big European base for its surface-to-air "Nike" missile. The bases for Nike, like those which guard New York, Washington and other big American cities, is planned on a sand flat near Darmstadt in southwestern Germany. Local German officials got wind of it and are objecting strenuously. What Army officials would like to know is how the Germans found out about the highly-secret plan.

One Wife A Witch-Doctor. Geo. N. Taylor. His witch-doctor wife could not help him get well and too late, he was taken to the Mission Hospital.

Now the ambulance was carrying him back to die in his own hut in the jungle. The graduate African nurse, blacks also, were looking after the man and telling him what the Lord was to do.

Almost in sight of his own hut, the man broke out to take that right then, he had also taken Christ as his own Lord and Saviour and the way to glory was his. SUM IT UP—Have Christ; have life; else have God's wrath—John 3:36—Bible. This message sponsored by a Scappoose family.—Adv.

Editorial Comment

UGHT TO BE A LAW. Marjorie, how about taking a letter, a vigorous, mad letter, and please make seven copies—one for each of our senators and representatives. If I don't make this tough enough, add some words of your own. Start it out, the Hon. So-and-So and say: "You guys sit around up there in the nice dry Capitol Bldg., which is fine for you. But you probably don't realize what is happening on the streets outside—assuming, of course, that Salem is having the kind of weather we're having."

"At last look you had before you upwards of a thousand bills, memorials, resolutions, joint resolutions and personal gripes. Many of them were trivial. Why don't you do something important?"

"You and your predecessors in that great deliberative body have taken care of the drunken driver, the coyote, the careless hunter and the footpad. But not a one of you has given any consideration to the lady with the umbrella."

"Why don't you amend ORS whatever-the-number-is to provide banishment to the Sahara for any female person over the age of three who does knowingly, willfully, maliciously, and with intent to do great bodily harm carry, poke, jab or thrust an umbrella, parasol or similar device into the eyes, ears, scalp, neck, hat, throat or Adam's apple of any male person over the age of three while he is peacefully going about his business on any public street, highway, square, scramble-able crosswalk or other thoroughfare?"

"And then since you're spending so much money anyhow why don't you appropriate a little sum, say maybe \$50,000, for the advertising, promotion and encouragement of the old-fashioned sou'wester rain hat, that lovely garment that never poked out an eye in more than three centuries of glorious American history?"

Sign that "indignant constituent." Thanks.—Eugene Register-Guard.

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