

Medford Mail Tribune

"Everyone in Southern Oregon Reads The Mail Tribune"

Published Daily Except Saturday by MEDFORD PRINTING CO. 27-29 North Fir St. Phone 2-6141

ROBERT W. RUIH, Editor
GARY GREY, Advertising Manager
GERRARD LATHAM, Business Manager
ERIC ALLEN JR., Managing Editor
PAUL H. ADAMS, City Editor
FERRY CHAPMAN, Telephone Editor
RICHARD JEWETT, Sports Editor
OLIVE STARCHER, Society Editor
DALE ERICKSON, Circulation Mgr.

An Independent Newspaper

Entered as second class matter at Medford, Oregon, under Act of March 3, 1879.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Mail-In Advance Per Copy 10c
Daily and Sunday—One year \$15.00
Daily and Sunday—Six months \$8.00
Daily and Sunday—Three months \$4.25
Sunday Only—One year \$4.25

Carrier—In Advance—Medford
Ashland Central Point Eagle Point
Jacksonville Gold Hill Phoenix
Shady Cove Rogue River Talent
and on motor routes:
Daily and Sunday—One year \$18.00
Daily and Sunday—Six months \$9.00
Carrier and Dealers—10c per copy
All Terms Cash in Advance

Official Paper of the City of Medford
Official Paper of Jackson County
United Press—Full Leased Wire
MEMBER OF AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATION

Advertising Representative
WEST-HOLIDAY COMPANY INC.
Offices in New York Chicago, de-
troit San Francisco, Los Angeles
Seattle Portland St. Louis Atlanta
Vancouver B.C.

1957 PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION

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
Nov. 11, 1947 (Wednesday)

Concerts in Central Point and Medford will be given tomorrow by a 60-piece University of Oregon band which will be en route to Palo Alto where the band will support the university football team.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Oregon motorists are warned against the use of certain anti-freeze fluids. From some of the driving it has long been suspected the fluid was in the driver instead of the engine."

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 11, 1937 (Tuesday)

A heavy downpour drenching the city during the night brings total rainfall of 1.20 inches.

The Phoenix grade school will present "The Magic Beanstalk," an operetta, in three acts with children from all grades participating.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 11, 1927 (Friday)

Following the firing of 11 bombs at 11 a.m. today in commemoration of Armistice hour, biggest feature of Medford's annual Armistice day celebration, the parade, marched through flag-decorated streets.

Among exchanges of farm property said to be occurring in rapid order throughout the county, was the sale of Jesse Glass dairy ranch in Sams valley.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 11, 1917 (Saturday)

An enthusiastic meeting of the Red Cross was held at the workrooms in the Cowley building Thursday afternoon.

From Local and Personal column: Jackson county stockmen much interested in the new selling rules for hogs on the Portland market that have been ordered by the food administration.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Manuel Quezon was a statesman of what country?
 2. What bird was portrayed as an ensign of Napoleon Bonaparte's armies?
 3. Bible. Acts is followed by a number of letters from Paul and other Christian leaders: what are these letters called?
 4. Complete the following pairs: Romulus and —; Anthony and —; Gog and —; Chang and —.
 5. Is "amnesia" a mythical food for the gods?
 6. What river drains the Great Lakes of North America into the Atlantic?
 - Does a numismatist collect rare books, coins, postage stamps or paintings?
 8. Would you be pleased or displeased if you received a "Bronx cheer"?
 9. "The singer was accompanied by a flutist. He was also accompanied with a piano." Are "by" and "with" correctly used?
 10. What was the chief characteristic of the "miller" in the ditty that "lived on the River Dee"?
- Answers: 1. The Philippine Commonwealth. 2. Eagle. 3. Epistles. 4. Remus; Cleopatra; Magog; Eng. 5. No, it is a mental ailment. 6. The St. Lawrence. 7. Coins. 8. Displeased. 9. Yes. 10. He was "jolly".

Quillpig and Fisher

The quillpig (which is an alternative name for that offensive little rodent, the porcupine) is, as has been noted, in low favor with loggers, ranchers, foresters and others who object to his habits.

These include chewing up anything which tastes even faintly of salt (including ax-handles, tractor seats, leather goods of all kinds, and even rubber tires and hoses); girdling and thus killing or maiming trees, both fruit and lumber varieties; and leaving his sharp, barbed quills in the noses of cattle, sheep or domestic pets, which can result in their death.

In recent years, this has resulted in a concerted campaign to decrease their numbers in Jackson and Klamath counties, specifically by paying a bounty for porcupine noses, and by contests with prizes for the youngster with the largest kill.

THIS campaign has aroused in us no great enthusiasm, largely for the reason we can think of more wholesome pursuits for young people than slaughtering the little beasts, slicing off their noses, and drying and salting them, for 50 cents each.

And, while many thousands of porcupines have met death through this plan in the two counties, their population has not decreased in any great degree. Experts seem to agree that the best that can be expected from this method of control is to keep the already-high numbers from mounting even further.

Poisoning and trapping also have their drawbacks, and are of questionable value in controlling the quillpigs.

BUT a group of lumbermen and foresters in this area have an idea which might be worth considering for a "natural" means of control.

One of them is O. K. Puckett, who has a lumber operation in the Green Springs area. He recalls hearing "old-timers" tell of the time when a weasel-like animal called a "fisher" was prevalent hereabouts. They have been gone for years, he says, but in the days when they abounded, porcupines were much rarer.

His story is corroborated by an article in the October, 1957, issue of the Journal of Forestry by a couple of men who have done considerable research on the ecological relationship of the fisher and the porcupine.

THE fisher is a natural enemy of the quillpig, they say, and they cite instance after instance of cases where the porcupines have been numerous until fishers move in, then decline as the fishers increase.

Fishers once ranged the entire northern part of the country, chiefly in coniferous forests, but their range now is limited largely to New England and the Andronack country in northern New York state. The animals are about the size of a fox, and have the bodily shape of a large weasel or a small wolverine. They are tough and fast, and suffer far less from porcupine quills than most other animals. Puckett says they can even swallow them and get away with it.

The article concludes:

"Re-establishment of the fisher in areas of the United States where porcupine control is indicated might well solve, or at least minimize, the damage caused by this obnoxious rodent. We feel that it would be well worth a try."

In this area particularly, where fishers once were numerous, it might indeed be worth a try.—E.A.

"Traditions"

Among the two dozen or more newspapers which cross our desk daily are several college or university papers.

Occasionally, in the latter, are items which intrigue or amuse or instruct us. Once in a while there are items which irritate us. The following, from the Daily Emerald of the University of Oregon, is an example:

"The Order of the O will enforce the following traditions beginning today:

1. Freshmen men are to wear beanies and women are to wear ribbons every Wednesday until Homecoming. They are to be worn every day during Homecoming Week.
2. All students must speak on the hello walk and not walk on the seal.
3. No smoking on the old campus.
4. No walking on the grass.
5. During all of Homecoming week all honoraries must wear their uniforms, and everyone must wear a Homecoming button.

"All violators will be punished."

TRADITION? Eyewash! Those aren't traditions. They're either just plain ordinary rules of conduct, or else tribal rites of the late-adolescent.

Tradition, Webster tells us, is "the oral transmission of information, beliefs, customs, etc., from ancestors to posterity without written memorials," or "something handed down from the past; an inherited culture, attitude, etc."

One does not "violate" a tradition and get "punished"; and traditions don't get printed in lists with burly lettermen wielding paddles to "enforce" them on Wednesdays.

The only tradition we can espy in this business is the ancient one of college students making silly asses of themselves.

And if the writer of these ill-tempered lines is suspected of never having joined in such hi-jinks, let it be known he once was kidnapped at 5 a.m., dumped in a field 20 miles away, and hitch-hiked back in time to participate in an inter-class brawl before being pulled through a lake, fully clothed, in a tug o' war.

Now THERE'S tradition for you.—E.A.



Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

AT THE EAST GATE

Sahnar, Turkey — (Editor's note: This column describes the first visit to the Turkish defenses on the Soviet frontier ever permitted any Western newspaperman since the end of the second World War.)

The high steel Soviet guard towers, exactly like the guard towers of a prison camp, mark the Turkish-Soviet frontier; and the Soviets daily plough and harrow a broad strip between their guard towers, so that no man or beast can cross without leaving telltale prints behind.

The high Anatolian plateau drops down towards the frontier in a wild tumble of lion-tawny hills, treeless and rocky-flanked. On one high crest, the ruins of a Seljuk Castle still gauntly stand guard. And all along the lower slopes, you can see the line of modern Turkish guard posts, humble structures, but fully, watchfully manned, day and night, in bad weather and good, from year's end to year's end.

Beyond the Soviet guard towers there is a broad valley dotted with collective farms. Across the valley, seeming wonderfully close in the bright autumn air, there surges up the frowning, unbroken mountain wall of the Russian Caucasus.

On the towering twin peaks of Alagur, snow lies sparkling in the sun against the palid, pure-blue-of-autumn sky.

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

Grateful To Medford

To the Editor: When a stranger from another state with an extremely serious and involved problem meets up with the warm hearted treatment such as I received in Medford a few weeks ago, it should be made known—this is the kind of news that lifts the hearts of all parents in troubled times such as these.

During my stay in Medford I had the extreme pleasure of meeting Judge Kelly, District Attorney Tom Reeder and his assistant A. Allen Franke, along with Lt. Lyle C. Perkins of the City Police Department and Officer Austin Murray of the State Highway Patrol, also G. E. Milligan of Mercy Flights, Inc. Together these gentlemen handled my situation to such an extent that it was settled far above my greatest expectations. It is, without doubt, a great asset to your community to have such men as these in office. The warm understanding and kind consideration shown my wife and I during our ordeal will be remembered always.

About two years ago I read in the Coronet magazine about Mercy Flights, Inc. of Medford. Little did I realize then that some day I too would be benefited by this service. If only more cities knew the vital role that Mercy Flights, Inc. plays, I am sure that before long this would be a national organization.

We send our deep felt thanks to all and may God bless each and every one of you.

Robert Levinson
7727 Cowan ave.
Los Angeles 45, Calif.

He's "Agin" the S.P. Too

To the Editor: I am glad to see how you people are going after the S.P. railway gang for depriving Medford and other cities of good passenger car service. So far I have no answer to the letter I sent President Russell of the S.P. Co. at his San Francisco office.

I am always anxious to get our copy of the Mail Tribune.

Carl J. Brommer
8 Riverway Lane
Milwaukie, Ore.

Khrushchev Again Rebuffed in Proposal for High-Level Talks

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent

Nikita S. Khrushchev has been rebuffed again in his persistent attempt to arrange a high-level East-West meeting and on world issues.

The Soviet Communist party leader has called repeatedly for a Big Four meeting in which he and Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin would meet President Eisenhower and the prime ministers of Great Britain and France.

He has intimated that he would like to deal directly with the United States in the absence of a Big Four meeting, and thus pass over the heads of British and French leaders.

He has disclosed that the Soviet government unsuccessfully tried to get Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov, just ousted as Russia's Defense Minister, to visit Washington.

Now Khrushchev, in his speech on the 40th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, has called for a "high-level meeting of representatives of capitalist and socialist Communist countries."

The meeting, Khrushchev said, would be intended to "reach an agreement based on the consideration of true realities and mutual understanding about the exclusion of war as a method of settling international problems."

Four-Point Program

His program, he said, would be to (1) Stop the cold war, (2) Stop the armaments race, (3) Establish relations between states on the basis of co-existence, and (4) Settle disputes of an ideological nature by means of peaceful competition.

Considering that Russia has made the cold war its No. 1 instrument of foreign policy, that it has blocked every attempt to reach any agreement however limited on disarmament and that its idea of co-existence is to harass and attempt subversion in all free countries, the program for the proposed conference seems a bit ambitious.

Khrushchev's proposal is interesting for one thing because presumably it would mean a jumbo meeting of countries of all kinds, the Western Allies, the Communists, including Red China, and the "neutralists," including India.

Khrushchev's new proposal follows immediately upon Russia's unsuccessful attempt in the United Nations to scrap the present 12-member Disarmament Commission in favor of one which would contain all 82 members of the U.N., and obviously would get nowhere.

The proposal for the high-level meeting was promptly slapped down in Washington, London and Paris.

Unhappy Despite Successes

Khrushchev's persistence seems to justify the suggestion that perhaps he is not too happy despite Russia's recent impressive successes.

The launching of the "Sputnik" satellites and the testing of an intercontinental ballistic missile have awakened the United States to the necessity of really getting into competition. Those developments also have brought the decision that the heads of all 15 members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization met all reacted to the threats in the same way. As Gen. Tajan said:

"I was Chief of Staff on this frontier when we had Stalin's big threats after the war. I remember getting a government message that there might be an attack in 24 hours. We were weak then, we stood firm and nothing happened. We are strong now, and your country is our ally. So we think that if we still stand firm and are always alert, we shall be all right."

Only once did a younger officer, perhaps moved to impoliteness by his own vigorous intelligence, so much as mention the "Sputnik" and its implications.

"Since America is our great ally," he said almost wistfully, "we have always liked to think America was far ahead of the Russians." It was unpleasant to be reminded in this manner that our self-indulgent folly of the last five years has been a betrayal, not of ourselves alone, but of a great many other very brave people as well.

(c) 1957 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

tion shall meet in Paris next month to tighten their alliance. Khrushchev is acutely aware of the fact that bomber planes and missiles of limited range can strike the most vital parts of the Soviet Union right now from quite a number of Allied bases.

There also is the fact that the two shake-ups in the Kremlin leadership within four months are a sign of weakness, not strength.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Today's BIG questions: How did President Eisenhower's speech affect you? After hearing it, did you feel better?

Or did you feel worse—that is to say, lower in your mind? Let's forget what he said.

After all, he was dealing with highly technical issues—issues that you and I can't be expected to understand because we are neither military strategists nor scientists.

But—We know how we FEEL. If Ike's speech left us feeling confident of the future, it means

Editorial Comment

OTHER WORLDLINESS

Some hold man's present aspiration to conquer space and to reach other planets a high and noble adventure.

Rather it is another example of the folly of man.

This is "other-worldliness," in a new form. Formerly man was obsessed with the world after death. He was so concerned about the state of his soul in the next life that he neglected to learn how to live in this one. Modern theologians have got him out of that.

Now man is looking for other planets.

We've made a mess of this planet. The scars of soil erosion are seen on every continent. The damage below the surface is even greater.

With the multiplied consumption that comes from a mass production system allowed to run wild, we are using up our mineral resources at an even faster rate, with only a hope, unwarranted by any known science, that somehow we'll find a way to replace them.

A truly civilized race would reduce and use over all materials. If for no other reason than cleanliness, but our devastated landscapes grow wider and our refuse heaps grow higher and higher.

We talk gaily of a wonderful new age to come from the peaceful use of atomic energy—ignoring the fact that science does not know any method of disposing of atomic wastes safely.

Now, like the old-time destructive farmer who wore out one farm and moved to another, we are looking for new planets.

Our spiritual leaders have taught us to give up obsession with a future life in the sky and give our attention to the eternal life we are now living. Wise men agree that if we learn how to live on earth we'll not only find a home in heaven but feel at home there.

This present obsession with other planets, this new other-worldliness, is just as unreasonable. It will take all our thought to learn how to live well on this planet. Any other planet we may reach will probably not prove to be a bit better than earth—no easier to wreck, no more pleasant to live on, if we care to learn how to live.

Why investigate to see whether man can survive in space? Why not first see whether man can survive on earth? Between uncontrolled population and the atom bomb, it's doubtful.

And what's this chatter about spacemen? When we haven't yet learned to live with earthmen of different color, how could we ever get along with inhabitants of another planet?

Let's stay home.—Memphis Press-Scimitar.

that he possesses the qualities of great leadership our country must have if it is to maintain and improve our position in the critical months and years of the future.

With inspired and capable leadership, there is NOTHING we can't do.

Without it, we will be in a bad way.

MORALE is all-important.

It is immensely important to an individual, but it is more important still to organizations of individuals. No football team whose morale is at a low ebb ever won any critical games.

Morale depends to a very large extent upon confidence, or the lack of it, in the LEADER.

LET me offer a little advice.

Don't pay too much attention to world reaction to the President's speech, last week. The Communies will be AGAINST it. They will pooh-pooh it. They will be against it because their job is to destroy the confidence of others in us and, if possible, to destroy our confidence in ourselves.

Our friends and allies will praise it, because they will have to swim with us or SINK with us.

PAY little attention to the politicians' estimates of the President's speech.

The Republicans will have to be for it.

The Democrats will have to be against it.

That is politics.

IN estimating Ike's speech in the first of a series he plans to make—just be yourself. If it left you feeling better, it was a good speech with great promise for the future. If it left you feeling less down.

Well, that would be bad. There are 170-odd million people in our country, and you can bet your bottom dollar that most of them were affected by the President's speech very much as you were affected.

THIS much can be said. He told us the bad along with the good.

Only great leaders have the courage to do that.

Dreams
In Your
House?

Make the Dream a Reality

By . . . **Borrowing the American Way**

LOANS
\$25 to \$1,500

Auto • Salary • Furniture

American Finance Corp.

Phone 5Spring 2-8886
123 W. Main • Medford

FUNERAL SERVICES

In Every Price Range

Since 1908

PERL

Funeral Home

•

Phone SP 2-6675

•

AT PERL'S every family may make funeral arrangements which are in keeping with its means. A selection of services for every price range is offered to satisfy individual preferences and to meet all financial circumstances. Convenient Terms?

Certainly!