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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. 28, 1947 (Friday) With the \$190,000 J. C. Penney company structure underway Medford was second high city in Oregon in building volume during October.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Abe Kromling, 77, who admits 72, Apple-gate prospector-trapper, is trapping mink, lynx, coons, cats, (wild and domestic) also many of his neighbors."

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 28, 1937 (Sunday) Annual Jackson county dramatics institute will open Monday evening, Nov. 29, at the courthouse auditorium, according to Mabel C. Mack, county home demonstration agent.

An intensive promotions campaign to produce the proper marketing and to stimulate retail sale of winter pears is being conducted at interior markets by the Oregon-Washington pear bureau.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 28, 1927 (Monday) A local authority announces the opening of the Mountain King quicksilver mine located 12 miles north of Medford.

The first commercial pack of domestic rabbit meat is now ready for the market in eight ounce cans with an attractive label.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 28, 1917 (Wednesday) The orders of State Food Administrator Newell restricting the sale of sugar to consumers went into effect last Monday.

Under authority of the secretary of war, a campaign will be begun tomorrow to enlist every loyal member of forest industry in the Pacific Northwest to promote airplane and ship construction.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. Name the 5-letter county seat of Silver Bow county, Mont. 2. Bible: "And he showed me a pure river of water of life..." etc. 3. Bourbon whiskey is named for a royal family, county, or French city? 4. Even numbers only are used to designate U.S. highways? 5. Is Holland or The Netherlands the correct name for the country? 6. How much is 2x2x2x2x2? 7. What quadruped was called "tiger-ass" by the ancients? 8. Who said, "I shall never ask, never refuse, nor ever resign an office?" 9. Does the Navy or Army have a goat or elephant for a mascot? 10. Does milk average 67, 77, or 87 per cent water?

Answers: 1. Butte; 2. Life; 3. A county (in Kentucky); 4. No; 5. The Netherlands; 6. Thirty-two; 7. Zebra; 8. Benjamin Franklin; 9. Navy has a goat; 10. 87.

When a king penguin is swimming, its striking "formal dress" becomes camouflage, says the National Geographic magazine. Seen from above the dark blends with the sea. From below, the light breast seems to merge with the sky.

"Ike" the Indispensable Man?

There is a popular saying that no man is indispensable. Like many other popular sayings that is not completely true.

That is, from the standpoint of the universe and the world revolving in it, the presence or absence of any one individual, of course is "incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial". The solar system goes on regardless, and with it the universe as well, much the same.

But it is not true today or historically when the welfare of a country is concerned — then conditions often arise when one man IS indispensable.

Not to go back into antiquity — which is full of examples—but to take a recent incident in history—what would have happened to England at the time of Dunkirk, if there had been no Winston Churchill?

Would someone have been there to have taken his place? We doubt it very much. Sir Winston was, as of THAT moment, England's "indispensable man".

OR HOW about George Washington at the end of his first term? This great country of today was then an infant in swaddling clothes, crawling a bit but practically helpless, surrounded by skeptics and enemies, hopelessly in debt, and its one former ally France, bitter, suspicious and estranged.

Who was available at that time to take up the reins of government and carry on? Even more important, who was there in public life who if elected to the Presidency, would have had the prestige, the respect and confidence of the people — ALL the people — essential to even a minimum degree of success?

VICE President John Adams, at the time, who had ambitions of his own, and a very low regard for the capabilities of his President — once declared George to be the colonial replica of a wooden-head and a stuffed-shirt. But he admitted that under the circumstances EXISTING, the "father of his country" was "the indispensable man". V.P. Adams did not use those exact terms but that was his idea. And it was overwhelmingly the idea of the American people regardless of party—although the USA of course did not have a clear cut two-party system at that time.

Commenting later Vice President Adams observed privately that it was not what General Washington really WAS, but what an overwhelming majority of the people of the country—and many in Europe—believed him to be, that rendered the consideration of any other candidate at THAT time "unthinkable".

SO WE come down to the present situation, President Eisenhower's third illness, and what should be done about it.

Well, President Eisenhower successfully survived his first two illnesses — both of them according to official, and we believe entirely reliable, medical reports—more serious than this one.

We, therefore see no reason to doubt, that in a matter of a few weeks he will be able to resume his duties—perhaps slightly restricted—as before.

And that—of course always assuming there will be no relapse and there will again be unanimous medical approval—is what, as we see it, would be best for this country, the free-nations of the world, and last, but far from least, President Eisenhower himself.

FOR as we judge the man, nothing would more seriously impair his health and outrage his self esteem and high sense of duty, than to quit in the middle of such a crisis as this country and the democratic world now faces, when conditions of health had NOT plainly compelled such action.

And as the President has often said when he feels he is, for any reason no longer capable of doing the job as it should be done, he will tell the people so and retire.

We believe him. We also believe that he senses, in perhaps not a very clear-cut way, that he has become a SYMBOL not only in this country but abroad, of victory in the struggle for freedom—a symbol of dependability, security because of trust in his eventual success.

With the world in its present state, such symbols are vitally important.

WE DOUBT if the President thinks there is no one in sight that could take his place, and do what he with normal health can do.

But as we see it that is the truth. We don't mean General Eisenhower is the "indispensable man", in the sense there would in case of his incapacity be no one to take his place. Someone would.

But we do mean that as of TODAY, no one who did take his place, could do the job, as he could do it, or maintain the confidence of the Democratic world in their cause, as his continuance in office would.

So with the latest cheering news of the President's rapid recovery from his "slight stroke", and his complete recovery prospects officially termed "excellent" there is the situation as far as this country, the world and President Eisenhower are concerned, as we see it.

SO AS Vice President John Adams, the outspoken and crusty Old Curmudgen of post-revolutionary days said of "the father of his country" it wasn't so much what "G.W."—to drop into the vernacular—really "had on the ball", as what an overwhelming majority of the people of his country and the world THOUGHT he had.

It was that public confidence in those perilous days that mattered. So there is a "father image" involved at the present time, and it is not necessarily what the facts are but what the people, as a whole, both here and abroad, believe them to be that is — or should be—the determining factor.—R.W.R.



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Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE Before his illness, the President committed himself to go to Paris in December for the purpose of over-coming the crisis of confidence which now prevails in the NATO alliance.



Walter Lippmann

It was a big order. No one opposed the task he carried out by speeches like the two which he has addressed to the American people. There is no panacea for the crisis of confidence, but there is a therapy that can begin to cure the trouble. It is a cold realism about the situation we are in.

There are, I believe, two paramount reasons why we find ourselves in a crisis of confidence. The first is that we have lived since World War II in the belief that we command the air — as Britain in the 19th century commanded the sea. Now suddenly, we and all our allies have realized that we have already lost, or are soon about to lose, the command of the air and that it will not be restored, if it can be restored, for many long years to come.

The second great reason for the crisis is that as our military technology has fallen behind, our diplomacy has become frozen and sterile, and without a vision and a purpose of better things to come. The political disunity of the NATO alliance reflects the fact that the leaders of the alliance, particularly our own government, have no cause and no project which enlists the hopes and the enthusiasm of the nation. Unlike Wilson and Churchill and Roosevelt, Eisenhower has no great cause to which the nations can be rallied. So the nations fall back into their miserable quarrels about the remaining fragments of the old empire.

THE central question for the Western allies is how they can retain their influence and protect their vital interests during the long years when the Western world is struggling with the task of closing the gap. They cannot do this, we may be sure, by a policy of standing still because that is the only policy that all of them can agree upon.

The alliance today is in a profound deadlock because on all the critical issues one or more of the larger members has a veto. We are all prohibited by Dr. Adenauer from any serious exploration of the conditions under which the two Germans can be reunited, and the European continent brought into a security system. We are prohibited by the French government from working for peace in Algeria and for an understanding with the Western Arabs. We are paralyzed in the Middle East by our own dogma that we must not recognize the fact that the Soviet Union is a great power in the Middle East.

THERE is a widely held view that while we are no longer in a position of strength, no longer in command of the air, the only thing to do is to stand pat, and to prove that if we are not quite so strong as we would like to be, we can at least be stubborn. This is a great fallacy, born of fear and lack of faith and a dull and wooden spirit.

There is no plausible ground for the fear that we are in danger of being destroyed and that we must huddle in our bomb cellars. It is ignoble and mean

to lack faith in the power of good ideas—like the United Nations, like the Marshall Plan, like the Point-Four Program, like NATO itself—the power of good ideas to rally men and revive them. It is dull and wooden to make a foreign policy which has no higher and larger prospect than to stand still where we and our allies happen to be.

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In the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS

Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas—who, along with other jobs, is chairman of the senate preparedness subcommittee that is investigating the U.S. missile and satellite program—says the United States needs a highly trained corps of engineers and scientists if we are to win the race with Russia.

He adds "We must match Russian missile progress. But that alone is not enough. Our technological skill must be raised to where we can beat the Russians in ANY scientific race."

TRUE enough. That fact stares us in the face. The problem is HOW TO DO IT.

IT CAN'T be done with money alone. We must develop among our people a deep and abiding respect for scientific progress. We must mobilize our scientific brainpower. Not just for today. Not just for tomorrow. For a long time to come.

It will be quite a job. If we are going to develop among our people the deep and abiding respect for scientific progress that will be necessary if our nation is to remain secure, we must go clear back into our schools and interest our young people in SCIENCE.

That is going to mean some revolutionary changes in our educational system.

LITTLE ROCK breaks into the news again. The last 225 U.S. paratroopers left there will be air-lifted out of Arkansas this week. When they leave, 900 Arkansas National Guardsmen, federalized by President Eisenhower, will take over the job of protecting nine Negro students at Little Rock's Central High school.

WELL, that's good to that extent. If, in order to prevent riots, ANY school in the United States has to be guarded by troops it is better under our system for it to be guarded by LOCAL troops.

But— It is a shame that any school in the United States has to be guarded by troops in order to prevent race riots. It shouldn't have been necessary in Arkansas. It shouldn't be necessary anywhere in our country.

WHY did it happen? The answer is simple. Somebody — or MANY somebodies—put politics ahead of patriotism. If the politicians who are counting votes and looking forward to the next election would keep their hands off the segregation question the natural decency of the American people would settle it much sooner than it can be settled with bayonets.

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.

Governor Asks Safety

To the Editor: The American press, radio and television, as the greatest news and information media in the world, have been generous in their contributions toward the promotion of traffic safety. Oregon newspapers, radio and television stations have been among the leaders in this field.

Once again I am calling upon you to assist in combating the ever-increasing problem of traffic accidents and deaths. With the rush of the Christmas season approaching, drivers must become more than ever aware that they should follow the commandment: "Thou shalt not kill."

Drinking drivers, the rush of shopping and social activities, and adverse weather conditions all make the Christmas season the worst time of the year for traffic. The season of giving and good will is becoming one of taking—the taking of lives—and of ill feelings by an increasing number of drivers. On the average during the past three years, 43 persons have died in Oregon traffic accidents during December — more than in any other month.

I sincerely hope you will find it possible to stress that it is the responsibility of every citizen to be a safe driver and pedestrian. You can be of great help in making the Christmas season one of rejoicing instead of mourning.

I have asked the Department of Motor Vehicles to stand ready to assist you in any way.

I will continue to do everything in my power, during the Christmas season and thereafter, to promote safety among the citizens of Oregon. But I need your help as community leaders and spokesmen to prevent the needless taking of lives that will otherwise sweep the state. I know you will want to help.

Robert D. Holmes, Governor.

What Are Nudists? To the Editor: We are just like the rest of you people. We work among you, live among you, and go to the same religious gatherings as you, and perhaps your next door neighbor might be a nudist.

We do not worship any idols, not even the sun. We are not a cult or religious fanatics, as many think.

We disrobe to get the health-giving rays of the sun. A nudist has no idea of the benefit received from the sun. There are many ailments of the body that the sun either relieves or cures.

Nudism binds husband and wife closer. A nudist divorce is a very rare thing.

Now what about the children? They are a curious little lot. There is no need to hide out for a free show, which among teenagers often leads to shame for the girl, and the whole family. How about their morals? Since the first camps were organized, more than 20 years ago, there has not been a sexual delinquent in any of our more than 100 camps containing many thousand people. Now stop and really think this over seriously, then ask yourself, where or how does nudism mar their little minds?

We teach our children at an early age the facts of life and what to look out for in the days to come, and this at an age they will fully understand what we are saying. Boys as well as girls have a lot to know about what dangers lie ahead, and many a boy has had his later life ruined by the wrong girl.

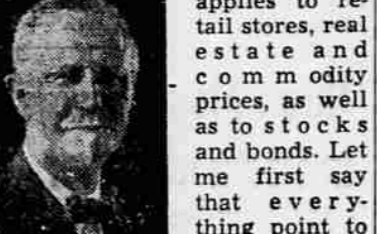
It is the proper thing, yes, the duty of parents, to teach their children these important things.

Did you see the show at the Star Light Driveway a little while ago starring Joan Blake? If you really love your youngsters, do

Bear Market Eyed by Babson; Methods Told

By ROGER BABSON

Babson Park, Mass. — Most readers are anxious to know whether we are now in a bear market.



Roger W. Babson

I personally have been guided by the area theory, so-called. Briefly, this means that as long as business remains near its normal line of growth we have nothing to fear, except for some very unexpected eventuality.

When, however, business begins to form an area of prosperity above the normal line larger than previous areas, we must be on our guard. When the area becomes too large, an area of depression below normal line begins to develop. Stocks and retail profits usually begin to decline in the last part of the prosperity area, and begin to come back in the early part of the depression area. The word "area" is used rather than high or low because if the area above or below the normal line is deep, then it will last a much shorter length of time than if it is shallow. Contrariwise, a shallow area will tend to last longer.

Thus, under the area theory, you cannot make a forecast as to the length of a period of prosperity or of depression until you know its height or depth.

Study The Public Pulse During previous periods of prosperity, a very small percentage of the people owned securities, or even real estate. Today, however, markets can be very much influenced by the thinking of small investors scattered throughout the country,—that is, "John Q. Public." Furthermore, owing to the strict supervision of the Securities & Exchange Commission, the bankers, investment dealers, and large investors cannot form pools to influence the market as they did before the Roosevelt regime.

This was very clearly illustrated during the second election of President Eisenhower. Most stock and business analysis felt that the "bloom was off the rose" in 1955 and believed a bear market had started. The tremendous victory of Mr. Eisenhower in 1956 entirely changed the attitude of John Q. Public. This caused another uplift to the market and an extension of the period of prosperity. Therefore, the real criterion now of whether or not we are in a bear market is how you and your neighbors feel. If most of you have faith in the present Administration, then a real bear market has not yet started. But, if you are fearful and unhappy, my guess is that the Bear market has started in earnest.

Forecasting Bear Markets When we were on a gold standard, the best sign of the approach of a bear market was very high interest rates. Today, however, we are no longer on the gold standard, but on a political standard. The government in Washington cannot forever extend prosperity; but they can certainly stretch it out.

Another system which has worked fairly well in forecasting markets is the Dow theory. This was originated many years ago by one of the former owners of the Wall Street Journal. I presume any reader can secure an explanation of it by writing to the Wall Street Journal in New York City. Just now, however, this Dow theory is out of style.

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We do not disrobe to show our nakedness to others but to get the blessing the sun gives us.

The question has been asked, why not wear shorts? The medical profession has stated many times, that the parts covered thusly need the sun even more than the rest of the body. Many doctors would heartily recommend nudism to many of their patients, but fear what some would think of them for doing so. Then too, if their ills, in many cases, were cured, they would lose another patient.

Read this article again, slowly this time, and really see what we are, then perhaps you will have a different opinion of us.

Another slam sent our way, is that we are not upholding the constitution of the United States. To that I will say it is a dirty and false lie. We love our country and all of its leaders. If it comes to defending our free country we will sure do our share.

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