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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

Jan. 7, 1948 (Wednesday) Protection and services provided by the city fire and police department does not extend beyond Medford's city limits, councilmen emphasized last night.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "A brief session with the flu, should be sufficient to convince any one there is something in the world more low-down, no-account, and ornier than a Russian diplomat."

20 YEARS AGO

Jan. 7, 1928 (Friday) The state commission has agreed to designate the old Pacific highway, from Klamath Junction to Siskiyou as a secondary highway.

The new tabernacle of the Central Avenue Church of Christ will be ready for use Sunday.

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 7, 1928 (Monday) A local attorney complained about an unsightly wood pile back of the public library building and called for drastic action at a meeting of the city council.

The coldest day of last month at Crater Lake national park was five degrees below zero on Dec. 7 and Dec. 31.

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 7, 1918 (Monday) Organization of the Rogue River Oil company, which was incorporated late in 1917 has been completed with Dr. E. B. Pickel as president.

From local and personal column: "Big 5-cent milkshakes at DeVoes."

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. A snake will not crawl over a hair rope; true or false?
2. Is the Kyber Pass between Afghanistan and Burma?
3. Exodus, in part, deals with the slavery of the Hebrews in which country?
4. What is an amendatory addition to a last will and testament called?
5. What is the equivalent rank in the Navy to that of a Major in the Army?
6. Is rayon fibre used in the manufacture of synthetic rubber tires?
7. Which year of life is considered to be the most critical for babies?
8. Was Augustus St. Guenese a priest, composer or sculptor?
9. Is a "skink" a skunk or a kind of lizard?
10. In modern English what does John Skelton's (c. 1520) saying: "By hoke ne by croke" mean?
Answers:
1. False; 2. No. And India; 3. Egypt; 4. Codicil; 5. Lieutenant Commander; 6. Yes; 7. The first year; 8. Sculptor; 9. Kind of lizard; 10. "By hoke or by crook."

"W.K." Meets the Press

Any resemblance in the following dialogue to the performance of Senator William Knowland of California, before "Meet the Press" broadcast on January 5th is purely coincidental.

"W.K." represents the California Senator, Minority Leader and successor to the late Senator Robert Taft as "Mr. Republican" and the various members of the press panel are designated as "M.P."

Here we go: M.P.: Senator Knowland, a year ago you said, and we quote:

"The Republican party is giving this country the highest standard of living and the greatest prosperity in all human history." Would you consider that statement correct as of today?

W.K.: Well, there has been some slight decline recently, but I believe it is of a temporary nature. In fact it is my belief that when this year's balance is computed, 1958 will be as prosperous, if not more prosperous than 1957. You see I don't agree with those who would sell the United States of America short.

M.P. There are millions of Americans unemployed and the numbers according to your administration's Labor Department are steadily increasing. Would you maintain that is proof of record-breaking prosperity and its continuance?

W.K.: When all the figures are in next December, I feel confident they will show, as I have said, the highest standard of living and the greatest prosperity any nation on this globe. I don't agree with those who would sell the United States of America short!

M.P.: Let me change to another subject. Jim Hagerty, President Eisenhower's press secretary declared the other day that the Gaither report does not, as claimed, show this country to be weak militarily as compared with Soviet Russia, but just the reverse. Do you agree with that statement?

W.K.: I have not as yet read the report, so I can't say. It is a secret report.

M.P.: Well in recent months you have toured all parts of your state of California, what would you say was the general reaction as a result of Sputnik No. I and No. II?

W.K.: It was mixed. There was some disappointment, some surprise, some doubt that this country could really be surpassed in any field by a communist country and in a few isolated cases, ANGER.

M.P.: Was any of that anger directed toward the Republican party?

W.K.: Yes, some, but it is my conviction it will be temporary. All the facts will be known by November and when they are this effort to make political capital out of our defense situation will prove futile.

M.P.: Then I take it, senator, you agree in general with Secretary Hagerty, that as of today as compared with Russia, this country is not leading from weakness but from strength?

W.K.: Russia is probably ahead of us in some directions where they have unduly concentrated, but it is my belief we are ahead in nuclear weapons and in the power of our strategic air-force. Again, I don't agree with those who sell this great country short.

M.P.: According to the testimony of an overwhelming number of experts before the Senate committee, our "S.A.C." is not properly equipped or protected from sudden attack, our submarine fleet is too small and poorly equipped to be effective, and as far as Intercontinental missiles are concerned, we are just not in the race. You don't agree with these experts.

W.K.: I don't agree with them or anyone who would sell this nation, the most powerful in the world, short. No sir that is not my kind of Americanism. And it is my strong conviction that not only is a large part of this "doom and gloom" talk politically inspired, but there are many selfish interests taking advantage of the Sputnik panic, to get their heads under the tent and indulge in an orgy of indiscriminate spending which might threaten what is just as important to our national security as "ICBMs" and that is balancing the budget and maintaining our financial solvency.

M.P.: You would put national solvency above national security?

W.K.: Well you can't have the second without the first.

M.P.: Then you don't agree with President Eisenhower who said the American people would never worship a balanced budget at the expense of national security?

W.K.: I have not seen the President since I returned, and I have not kept in touch with Washington in my long absence, but I have disagreed with the President before and I may again. I disagreed on the extent of giving foreign aid. My record for support of the President is second only to that of Senator Dirksen of Illinois, however, yet as my record shows when my party goes one way and my CONSCIENCE counsels another, I feel justified in following the latter.

M.P.: Then you place principle above party?

W.K.: I do.

M.P.: Then you agree with Senator Morse of Oregon. W.K.: I did not SAY that!

M.P.: I only meant that is also the Oregon Senator's basic political creed—But I wonder Senator just what you mean by this "Talk of Doom and Gloom" being politically inspired. According to press gallery statistics, not only a majority of the critics of the administration's defense policy, both before the Senate committee and as members of the Gaither and Rockefeller committees, are not only Republicans but as a group contributed over a million dollars for the continuance of the Republican administration. Is that correct?

W.K.: I have no information of that sort. As before stated I am not one of those who would sell this great country of ours short and let me say this . . .

Chairman: Sorry Senator but our time has expired, thank you Senator Knowland and thank you gentlemen . . . (Curtain)

Three Confederate Generals Cleared

Bowling Green, Ky.—Three Confederate generals today were cleared of 96-year-old treason conspiracy charges lodged by a grand jury here during the Civil War. Indictments were brought in 1862 after Confederate troops were forced to withdraw from this community, then the Confederate capital of Kentucky. They named Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Maj. Gen. John Hunt Morgan and Maj. Gen. John C. Breckinridge, who was U.S. vice president under James Buchanan from 1857 to 1861. The Confederate officers, all Kentuckians, never were tried. The indictments were carried on court records as "continued" until 1866 and then lost in the files until found recently. Commonwealth Attorney J. David Francis moved for dismissal Monday and Warren Circuit Judge John B. Rodes granted it. The historic documents were turned over to the Museum of Kentuckiana here.



"Who's Margie? An' does Mrs. Wilson know you're always thinkin' of her?"

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Interesting science note: A Polish scientist—Dr. Leon Nowinski—has been granted political asylum in the U.S. after fleeing from behind the iron curtain. He has been here since October 16, but didn't ask for asylum until his wife and daughter arrived safely in England the other day. They will be granted entry permits to join him here.

He says he deserted Poland because he wants to raise his daughter in free schools and because of political, moral and religious conditions in his native land. He is an expert theoretical researcher on thermo-elasticity—a field of mathematical theory dealing with stresses and strains on metals and other materials under varying temperature conditions. His specialty is important in the study of missiles and outer-space travel.

I hope he gets a good permanent job (he has been lecturing recently at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore) and that word of his good fortune gets back to Russia and its communist satellites.

I have complete faith in our way of life as contrasted with the communist way of life. If the truth about it can be brought to the attention of intelligent people behind the iron curtain in such a way that they will BELIEVE it, large numbers of scientists and other useful technical people will GET TO AMERICA, by hook or by crook, just as Dr. Nowinski did.

We can use them. OUR government reports that U.S. exports last year climbed to a record peak. But—Assistant Commerce Secretary Henry Kearns says it appears likely that 1958 exports will DROP—due in part to DEPLETION of foreign gold and dollar reserves.

THAT sounds disturbingly technical. Let's see if we can clear it up and make it understandable. What he means is that foreign countries have been BUYING more from us than they have been SELLING to us. On the face of it, that sounds good. But, over the long pull, it isn't so good. Here's why:

When a foreigner buys American goods, he can't pay for them in HIS money. We demand payment in American dollars—or in gold, which is an international medium of exchange. So, when he buys goods from us, he has to BUY DOLLARS with which to pay his bill. If his country hasn't sold us enough of its goods to get the dollars he needs—or if it hasn't got enough—he can't buy American products.

In other words, foreign trade is a TWO-WAY street. If we are to go on selling goods abroad, we must BUY goods from abroad.

THAT brings up an interesting thought: For years, we have been GIVING AWAY dollars by the shipload. The total runs far, far into the billions. We call it FOREIGN AID. A lot of hard-headed Americans think TRADE would be better than AID.

AS YOU are aware if you read the news, we haven't been very successful in buying friends with the dollars we have been shelling out in the way of aid. The more we GIVE to people all over the world, the less they seem to think of us.

If we traded with people—if we bought what they have to sell—It might be better. Nearly everybody loves a good customer. Nobody has much respect for a Lady Bountiful who goes around throwing money away right and left.

What do you think about it? PORTLAND COUNCIL TO ELECT OFFICER

Portland—Members of the Portland Central Labor council voted Monday night to settle the question of who is to be council secretary-treasurer at a new election next Monday.

The new election was ordered by AFL-CIO President George Meany because of a protest by the firemen's international union that the Dec. 9 election was illegal. The firemen complained that 35 Teamsters voted last month, although the union had been expelled from the AFL-CIO on the national level three days earlier.

The firemen complained that Gust Anderson, veteran union leader, had been re-elected with Teamster support. The vote had been 131-121, favoring Anderson over Ed Whelan, member of the firefighters' union.

Members of the Teamsters and laundry workers unions will be barred from next Monday's election, the council said. The laundry workers were also expelled from the AFL-CIO.

MOSCOW FASHION FAD London—Radio Moscow reported today that a "straight cut" similar to the Paris "sack look" is sweeping the Russian fashion world. Western fashion experts here believe this will mean very little change in the appearance of Russian women.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

AT HER NEIGHBORHOOD butcher shop, a lady refused to pay 90 cents a pound for hamburger steak. "There's a shop on the next block offering the same meat for 70 cents," she declared. "So buy it from them," said the butcher. "They're sold out," she admitted.

"Hmphh!" snorted the butcher. "When we're all out of hamburger, we sell it for 50 cents a pound!"

The town's leading banker was guest of honor at a fine banquet for his eightieth birthday, and five speakers said some wonderful things about him. Finally it was his turn. "Gentlemen," he said with a broad smile, "I must admit I'd rather hear the taffy than the epitaphy."

Accompanying her mother to a fashionable shoe shop, a little girl asked innocently, "When will I be old enough to wear shoes that are too small for me?"

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Study of School Curriculum Set By College Heads

Portland—Heads of nine Oregon colleges and universities Monday night accepted the invitation of the Portland school board to study the college preparatory curriculum in Portland schools in order to pinpoint its deficiencies.

The college heads were enthusiastic over the potentials of the study and Dr. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Oregon, said "this experiment could redefine the rate of progress through the first 12 grades." He added, "anything you do to make the student achieve within his abilities in high school could revolutionize the colleges."

A committee of six was drawn at the joint meeting to outline the study so as to attract financial support from a national foundation.

Dr. Dorothy Johansen, chairman of the Portland school board, said to the college presidents, "We are asking you to make a study of our curriculum, and of the teaching going on in our schools, and of the obstacles, if there are obstacles, that prevent good teaching."

But Director Herbert Schwab emphasized that the plan was not "a panic program caused by Sputnik."

Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State College, hoped that the program might lead to a "two-track" system in the schools. Speaking of college freshmen, he said "The thing that really ticks them in college is that they haven't learned how to work, and in order to learn to work they have to have subject matter."

OLCC Cannot Arbitrarily Deny Eugene Licenses

Salem—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said today that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission has no right to deny retail liquor licenses in a five-block "dry zone" around the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Thornton said the zone was set up not by law but by commission action.

"The establishment of fixed 'dry zones' within certain distances of schools, colleges, universities, churches, etc., is a matter which should be addressed to the Legislature for its consideration," Thornton said in his opinion.

Must Be On Facts "This is not to say that the commission cannot, on reasonable grounds, deny an application for a license to premises immediately adjacent to universities and colleges," the opinion continued, "but the commission's action on each application must be based on the particular facts presented and cannot be based merely on whether the premises fall either within or without the boundaries of an arbitrary 'dry zone.'"

Thornton said the Liquor Commission may deny a license when "the granting of a license is not demanded by public interest or convenience."

He added that the power to deny licenses on the basis of arbitrary zoning should be long exclusively to the Legislature.

Skelton Reported 'Out of Danger'

Santa Monica, Calif.—Comedian Red Skelton was reported "out of danger" today at St. John's Hospital where he was admitted a week ago near death from an acute "cardiac-asthmatic" attack.

Dr. Garth K. Graham, his physician, said the red-haired funnyman would be hospitalized a few days more for treatment of a "moderate pneumonitis" in the right lung.

Skelton was stricken a week ago at his Bel-Air home. His 10-year-old daughter, Valentina, found him gasping for breath on the floor and he was rushed to the hospital.

At the time, Graham said that assuming there were 10 steps to death Skelton had taken "nine of them." Skelton rallied strongly and made a quick recovery.

Altogether, Johnson's handling of the issue has been a

Allies Mapping Next Moves in Cold War; Letters Prepared

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The United States, British and West German governments are about to decide on the next Allied move in the cold war.

They are now drafting replies to the letters which Nikolai A. Bulganin sent last month to President Eisenhower, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Bulganin proposed a high-level meeting of leaders of the chief Allied powers on cold war issues.

Presumably the Allied replies will be coordinated through the North Atlantic Treaty organization and through direct exchanges between the individual governments.

Replies Foretell Events In any event, they may foretell the course of attempts to ease the cold war during the next few weeks or even months.

Russia, at the moment, is in a strong position after its startling successes in the earth-satellite nuclear missile fields.

The United States also sees no use in holding another "summit" conference unless there is some prospect of success.

There is, in addition, the remarkably adept performance. Johnson, it should be said, is most sincerely concerned about the national security, and his record on defense has been better than most. But he is also capable of recognizing a decisive issue when he sees one. And above all, he is shrewd enough to see that any appearance of political partisanship in handling such an issue would destroy its effectiveness once and for all.

Thus Johnson's theme song has been "non-partisanship and responsibility," a theme he has stressed so often that some of his colleagues have nicknamed him "Responsibility Johnson." His avowed purpose is to get a unanimous report from his committee, signed by all the Republicans as well as the Democrats.

YET despite, the Johnson theme song it is perfectly obvious that the defense issue nowadays has a profound political impact. It is an issue, moreover, which is made to order for Lyndon B. Johnson.

Johnson insists, even to his closest friends, that he is not and will not become a candidate for his party's Presidential nomination in 1960. In the past, his warmest admirers have agreed that he has had virtually no chance for the nomination in any event. The accident of his Southern birth, the oil interests which dominate his native state of Texas, and his heart attack have seemed together more than enough to bar his nomination. But now there are beginning to be second thoughts. The defense issue is one of the few on which the Democratic party is united. It is precisely the kind of over-riding national issue which will tend to remove from Johnson the damaging sectional label.

Finally, of course, there is Johnson's remarkable gift for political leadership, which even his enemies concede him. Johnson is obviously still an outside bet for the nomination. All the same, it will be interesting to see how this remarkably able man handles himself in the turbulent months to come on Capitol Hill.

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Remaining Penguins Claimed Holding Own

Portland—The 16 remaining Emperor and the 11 remaining Adelle penguins here appeared to be holding their own today. One ill Emperor appeared to be responding to oxygen treatment and a sick Adelle, given up for dead a week ago, was improving after drug treatment. A lung disease has killed many of the birds.

Oregon Gets Fund for Soil Rehabilitation

Washington—The Agriculture Department Monday allocated \$150,000 to Oregon for emergency soil rehabilitation. The allotment was part of \$2,843,000 for 10 states where cropland was damaged by freezes, floods and hurricanes.

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To the wonderful people of the Rogue River Valley for making 1957 such a wonderful year for us. Our Lord's richest blessings is our wish for you in 1958.

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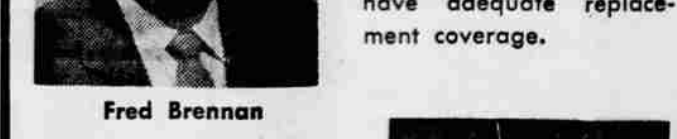
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