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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. 24, 1948 (Sunday) A group of snow surveyors will travel Oregon's Cascade mountains by Tucker Sno-Cat, measuring 35 snow courses en route, senior engineer in charge of snow surveys for department of agriculture announces.

20 YEARS AGO Jan. 24, 1938 (Monday) Changes in train service between southern Oregon points and Portland and San Francisco, to become effective Feb. 6, are announced by J. A. Ormandy, general passenger agent for Southern Pacific.

30 YEARS AGO Jan. 24, 1928 (Tuesday) Seven Gold Hill residents scheduled to appear before justice court on charges of blasting fish in Rogue river by exploding dynamite in a pool.

40 YEARS AGO Major E. E. Kelly, Medford, like all fishermen, while in England paid homage to the shrine of Isak Walton. Douglas Fairbanks in "Reaching for the Moon" will be presented at the Page tonight.

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

1. Manuel Roxas died suddenly in 1948; who was he? 2. Bible: Was Hadassah the mother or sister of Esther? 3. What do these have in common: Matthew Walker, becket bend, inside clinch? 4. It is said that "April showers bring" — what? 5. The U. S. Attorney General is the cabinet officer who heads which department? 6. Was Mrs. Malaprop a character in one of Dickens' or Twain's novels? 7. In Army usage, what time of day is 2200? 8. Who was the hero of Sinclair Lewis' novel "Arrowsmith"? 9. The city of Szeged is in which European country? 10. In what part of the globe are the antipodes of the United States? Answers: 1. President of the Philippine Republic. 2. No. ("Esther" is the Anglicized name of Hadassah.) 3. They are named for knots. 4. "May flowers." 5. Department of Justice. 6. Neither. (A character in Sheridan's "The Rivals.") 7. The 22nd hour (10 p.m.). 8. Martin Arrowsmith. 9. Hungary. 10. The Indian Ocean.

Threshold of Space

Since Sputniks I and II began their journeys around the earth, and even before, much has been heard about "outer space."

Definitions vary. Some people have made the error (even President Eisenhower) of saying that the Sputniks were circling in "outer space." But, according to scientists' definitions, the satellites are only barely on the edge of the atmosphere, in "space," surely, but in no sense in "outer" space.

EVEN scientists differ as to where outer space begins, but all agree that at a minimum it is beyond the exosphere, which begins 600 miles above the earth's surface (and beyond the orbit of the satellites) and extends for some 600 miles more.

Terrestrial space is the area above us extending to one radius of earth, about 4,000 miles. "Near" space is defined as the area where a space vehicle would still be under the gravitational influence of gravity, or about 1,000,000 miles.

And, according to the same list of definitions, "outer" space is all the area beyond that.

BUT there are other definitions, too, and there probably will be some conflicts among them until mankind does reach into space, and then, perform, agree on terminology.

For instance there is interplanetary space—the space between the planets of the solar system, Earth, Mars, Venus, and the others.

Beyond that is what some people call true "outer space," the distances, unimaginably huge, between the stars—the space which others call interstellar space. In this space distances are no longer measured in miles, as they are in the solar system, but in light years—the distance traveled in one year by light, traveling at a speed of 186,000 miles per second.

And beyond that, again, is intergalactic space—measured in thousands, millions, even billions of light years—between the galaxies whirling through the void like so many pinwheels, their immeasurable hugeness dwarfed by distance, most of them even invisible to the naked eye.

AND beyond that—who knows? The day may never come when mankind will find the answer to that eternal question. He is only on the threshold of space travel, and still may find it beyond his capabilities.

But, again, who knows? Mankind, despite his progress, despite the marvelous discoveries of his science, has only scratched the surface of potential knowledge. It has been his drive for knowledge that has brought him this far. Perhaps, some day, it will take him to the stars.—E.A.

County Job Survey

The survey of county jobs and salaries, to begin next week by the state civil service commission, is a much-needed step.

There has been much talk that county employees are paid too much, are not paid enough, have too much to do, don't do enough to earn their pay, and so on—and on.

The civil service commission, with background in similar work throughout the state, and with a time-tested set of job standards and pay scales, is ideally suited to the job.

THE results of the survey may make some changes in job classifications and salaries, or it may not. The important thing is to find out whether salaries are in line both with other public employment, and with competitive lines of work in private endeavor, and whether job classifications are realistic.

In the long run, adequately-paid public servants (and there are some good ones in the courthouse) who are in jobs that are neither too tedious and difficult, nor too limited, are among the best assurances taxpayers can have of efficient and economical government.

Our only complaint is that the survey is five or ten years later than it should be.—E.A.

A Better Method

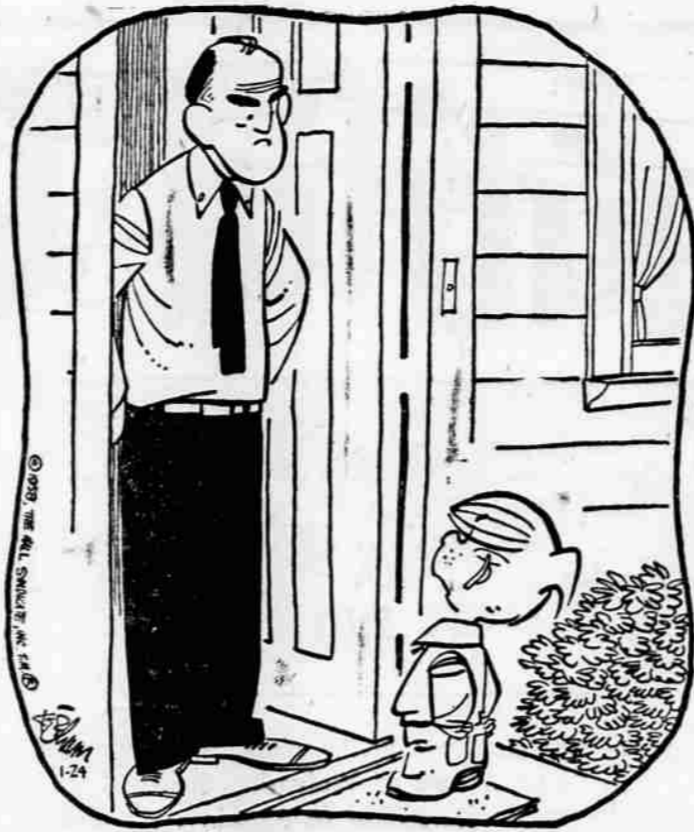
The district attorney of Lane county has sent letters to magazine dealers in his jurisdiction, warning them that if the "trash" magazines, which cater to prurience, are not off their stands in 10 days, they will face possible prosecution in court.

He named no magazines, and left the job of "policing" up to the dealers themselves, but pointed out that Oregon law has a prohibition against selling indecent and lewd materials.

THE problem of controlling these "trash" magazines is not a simple one, involving as it does a man's right to make a living, and even more basic questions about freedom of the press.

But this much can be said: The Lane DA's method of using established laws, and if necessary prosecution in the courts, is a far, far better method than in setting up some "board of censorship" to decide what the community may be permitted to read.

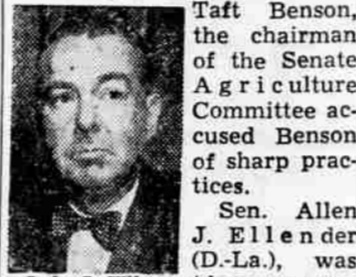
Every one should be entitled to his day in court. No one should be subjected to intimidation by any self-righteous or self-appointed monitors of morals.—E.A.



"If ya didn't want me to come over so much, why'd ya buy color TV?"

Agriculture Funds Gone, But Basic Problem Remains

By LYLE C. WILSON, United Press Correspondent Washington—In last week's slashing attack on Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee accused Benson of sharp practices.



He objected to Benson's estimate of the 1957 cost of the farm price subsidy, contending that other costs were included in the lump sum which Benson was reading from a prepared statement.

The lump sum was \$3,200,000,000 and Benson was accused in his text to a mention of the economic, military and other activities abroad which also were included in the figure. He failed to get that far, however, before their charge that Benson was attempting to mislead the public with a padded estimate of farm subsidy burdens on the federal Treasury.

Republican senators joined Democrats in giving Benson as rough a congressional going over as any cabinet officer is likely to face unless he were up for impeachment. Benson would have been better off explaining his program before the Senate in its chamber than he could hope to be before the Agriculture Committee.

That committee was loaded against him. It reflects the opinions, prejudices and aspirations of one of the most effective pressure groups operating in American politics. That group commonly is called the farm bloc.

Benson spent six somewhat disorderly hours before the Senate committee attempting to state the administration's case for its farm proposals which are intended to reduce

Connelly, Caudle Request Reversal

Washington—Two Truman Administration officials sentenced to jail for handling of a St. Louis tax case have asked the Supreme Court to reverse their conviction.

Separate appeals were filed Thursday by Matthew J. Connelly, former White House appointments secretary and T. Lamar Caudle, former head of the Justice department's tax division.

If the Court decides to reverse the case, arguments will be heard sometime next term. Connelly and Caudle were indicted on charges of conspiring to defraud the government in connection with an income tax fraud case against Irving Fuchs, a St. Louis broker and Shu-Styles, Inc., a corporation which Fuchs controlled.

Guatemala Solons Seek Protection

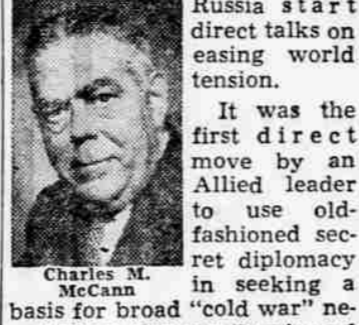
Guatemala City—Congress, meeting behind a screen of Tommy guns, appealed to Guatemala's interim government Thursday night for protection in its ticklish task of choosing the nation's next president.

Most members of the national legislature received anonymous death threats in Thursday's mail. Soldiers armed with submachine guns stood guard outside the capitol during Thursday night's meeting.

Negotiations, Propaganda Top International News of Week

This week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

By CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Correspondent



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The North Atlantic treaty powers. Adenauer suggested, in a letter to Soviet Premier Niko-

lai A. Bulganin, that the current Russian-German trade discussions in Moscow might be turned into cold war talks. Alternatively, he said, "any other promising point of departure" might be chosen.

President Eisenhower opened the diplomatic week by replying in just 44 words to a 10,000-word letter from Bulganin proposing that a conference of leaders of countries of every political slant be called to discuss world problems.

Eisenhower said that Bulganin's letter contained nothing which he had not covered in his reply to a previous communication from Bulganin.

Following its new propaganda technique, the Soviet government alleged that the United States would use the meeting of the Middle Eastern Treaty Organization, which starts in Ankara, Turkey, Monday, to try to get NATO members to set up nuclear missile bases on their territory.

The allegation was made in a statement issued by the Soviet Foreign Ministry. It proposed the establishment of a missile-free zone in the Middle East.

Similar blasts had been issued by the Kremlin just before the North Atlantic treaty "summit" meeting in Paris and President Eisenhower's State of the Union message to Congress.

President Marcos Perez Jimenez, one of Latin America's leading "strong men," was thrown out as the result of a dramatic revolt after nearly 10 years as Venezuela's dictator.

Army leaders, workers, intellectuals and the Roman Catholic church combined against Perez Jimenez. A general strike in protest against a dictatorial rule marked the beginning of the end.

Wild disorders broke out in Caracas, the capital, and other cities. Casualties were estimated at from 145 to several hundred killed and more than 1,000 persons wounded.

Perez Jimenez fled in his private airliner to the Dominican Republic, where he asked asylum by that country's "strong man" regime.

French Premier Felix Gaillard won a vote of confidence by 334 to 226 from his National Assembly, the controlling house of Parliament, after a two-day debate on foreign policy.

It was the second vote of confidence in six days. The first, which Gaillard won by a majority of only 20—253 to 233—came on the budget.

He still faces critical votes on plans for Algerian home rule and for constitutional changes intended to make it harder for the National Assembly to overthrow its premiers.

France got itself into an argument with Communist Yugoslavia when its warships intercepted, in Algerian territorial waters, a small Yugoslav merchantman en route for Morocco.

The Yugoslav ship was escorted to Oran, Algeria, where 150 tons of arms were taken from it. France said the weapons were destined for the Algerian rebels. Yugoslavia denied it and called the seizure "piracy."

In addition, the service officer's duties include assistance with the VA, assistance with insurance claims, tax filings, both property and income, and whatever other problems veterans have under the laws enacted for their benefit, both state and federal.

Pat Graham, Adjutant and Service Officer Chapter 8, Jackson County Disabled American Veterans

SUEZ PAY TALKS REOPEN Cairo—The Egyptian government has agreed to reopen discussion on compensation for shareholders in the Suez Canal Co., it was announced today. World Bank Vice-President W. A. B. Illiff made the announcement after two days of negotiations with the Egyptian government. He said the talks will reopen in Rome late in February. The Egyptian Suez Canal Authority took control of the waterway when the canal was nationalized 18 months ago.

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 initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Bouquet For the Kids

To the Editor: I have intentionally waited to see what the public's reaction would be to the Teens Against Polio Fund Drive.

I do not know what took place in Medford and other places, but I believe it was much the same as I saw going on in Central Point at Stewart's Chevron Station where a group of Freshman girls from Crater Hi washed cars for 75c the entire afternoon, all proceeds going to fight polio.

The day was cold and raw, unfit for the cattle to be out-of-doors, yet these girls worked on to 5 p.m., wet and cold, to do their bit in this great cause. What did you do?

I made me ashamed of myself and the small amount I had contributed as I watched them work with hands stiff and numb from being in cold water and their lips blue and quivering.

I cannot forget the vigor and cheerful spirit throughout the afternoon and believe it high time we recognize how many good kids we have and give them a little PUBLIC praise.

It came to me as I watched some 20 girls take part in this project on an in and out, off and on basis, what a flood of adverse publicity there would be if only a fraction of their number did some of the things that most of us elders disapprove of (and substantiated our disapproval by the trial and error system).

How about reaching out a hand to pat the kids even lightly upon the back when they do good and the other hand to help them when they too stumble by trying the trial and error system.

It is too bad that more parents, grandparents and adults in general do not get around to learn what things these kids are doing and the courage with which they are doing them.

Delinquency would receive a severe blow the moment adults begin to understand and work with these kids, for then the grown-ups would start to drop their own delinquent acts and attitudes and see the kids in a true and more realistic light.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

YESTERDAY IT WAS penicillin and chlorophyll that people were excited about; today it's tranquilizer pills. One old lady in a small town actually demanded these pills because,



"...and I don't bother to answer him." In Texas, an old oil driller heard that his wife had been rushed to the hospital. He hastened to her side, then asked the doctor, "What ails her?" "We're not sure," frowned the doctor. "May we have your consent to perform an exploratory operation?" "Nothing doing," roared the driller. "Ain't nobody going to wildcat with my wife!"

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

News from overseas: Mount Etna is pouring lava with increasing force from the crater it blasted open the other day in a spectacular explosion. Villagers on the slopes say the explosion hurled molten rock 6,500 feet (about a mile and a quarter) into the sky.

The blast was seen 50 miles away. H mmmmm. Do you reckon Mother Nature, after watching all the atom and hydrogen bomb tests and listening to all the rockets to the moon talk, may be flirting with the idea of showing man what she can do if she takes a notion?

WELL, the old lady has been quite a performer in her day—and she has been at it for a long time. Etna's first recorded eruption occurred 700 years before the birth of Christ. She staged more than 80 honest-to-goodness eruptions since then, not to mention countless spells of shaking and rumbling and lava-spitting.

The ruggedest of these occurred in 1669, when she staged a violent eruption accompanied by an earthquake. Some 20,000 persons were killed in this disturbance.

HERE'S a thought: The region around the slopes of Mount Etna is the most thickly populated area of Sicily. Sicily is the big island that lies just off the toe of the Italian boot. It is one of the oldest areas of the historically known world.

In spite of all Mount Etna's shenanigans down through the centuries, the area around her base is still heavily populated.

MORAL: People don't scare too easily. That's worth remembering in these days when too many people are peddling gloom and doom.

NW Corporation Bill Introduced

Washington—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) Thursday introduced a bill which would authorize creation of a regional power corporation in the Pacific Northwest.

The corporation would have power to build dams by revenue bond financing. Neuberger listed five sponsors for the measure as Sens. Wayne Morse of Oregon, James E. Murray and Mike Mansfield of Montana and Lister Hill and John Sparkman of Alabama.

Neuberger said he wanted to make clear that "the request for to introduce this bill has come from the Northwest Public Power Association and I am offering the measure in the form in which that group transmitted it to my office."

He said the Senate Public Works Committee planned hearings on the measure. Many persons, he said, had contacted him since he announced last December his intention to sponsor such a bill. He said he felt the bill offered by the NWPPA should be modified especially with respect to the preference clause. He said, however, the measure deserved a thorough hearing before changes are attempted.

The measure would establish a corporation which would assume the dam building and power distribution responsibility for the Columbia Basin.

Neuberger Suggests Klamath Manager

Washington—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) Thursday recommended the appointment of Earl Wilcox as a management specialist in the Klamath Indian termination program.

In a letter to Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton, Neuberger said that because of resignations the specialist team has been reduced to one member, Thomas B. Watters. He said that Seaton should appoint two more to bring the team up to strength.

Neuberger made no recommendation to fill the third vacancy, but suggested Wilcox for one of the positions. He said Wilcox, who is presently a forester in the Klamath program, would be a "capable" member of the team.

Advertisement for the Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon, featuring Richard D. Werner as Musical Director and Conductor, presenting The Symphony Orchestra on Sunday Afternoon at Three P.M., January 26, 1958, at Medford Senior High School Auditorium. Adults \$1.00, Students 50c.

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