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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
Feb. 12, 1948 (Thursday)
Checks totaling more than \$7,000 delivered to Ralph Sweeney, county treasurer, for the Medford chapter for the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

Work begins in Ashland on installation of a 9,000-foot eight-inch water main from junction of Highways 99 and 66 through Bellview district.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 12, 1938 (Sunday)
Northwest aviation planning council votes in Vancouver, B. C., to hold 1938 summer meeting in Medford.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "R. Singler has cast his lid into the race for sheriff."

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 12, 1928 (Monday)
A successful demonstration of the new Tucker snow sled held on the Crater Lake highway.

A welfare baby clinic scheduled at Central Point library.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 12, 1918 (Tuesday)
Ben Sheldon, who was temporarily night editor of the Medford Sun, resigns to accept the management of Ashland's campaign for a state normal school.

Final preparations made for Lincoln day celebration, banquet and talk-fest at the Medford hotel today.

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

1. Correct the following: "I read in the paper where the invaders were torturing prisoners."
2. Bible: Is there any mention of Adam and Eve having daughters?
3. Does "inflation" produce a rise, or a fall, in the general price level?
4. Mandrake is the name of a breed of duck, a medicinal herb, or a sailing vessel?
5. Greyhounds hunt chiefly by sight, or by smell?
6. Who was Dr. George Washington Carver?
7. Two U. S. state names end in the letter Y; name them.
8. Name the author of "The Forsyte Saga."
9. The name "Seabees" is derived from the initials of what words?
10. Name the largest species of fish that inhabits the ocean.
Answers: 1. "I read in the paper that the invaders were torturing prisoners." 2. Yes. 3. A rise. 4. Medicinal herb. 5. By sight. 6. Famous Negro scientist. 7. New Jersey and Kentucky. 8. John Galsworthy. 9. (Construction Battalion). 10. Whale shark.

Slaughter Bill Progress

The House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress last week passed and sent to the senate HR 8308—the so-called Humane Slaughter bill. The measure is a compromise. It has been supported by the American Humane Association, with the support of the Society for Animal Protective Legislation, the Humane Society of the U.S., and similar groups, who have long been up in arms about the methods used to slaughter food animals in this country.

Opponents have included the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Grange, the American National Cattlemen's association, and many meat producers and packers. THE widest support—and the kind of support which makes a big impression on Congressmen—has come from individuals, who are revolted by the slaughtering methods used by many packing houses, and who have written letters to their representatives protesting them.

It is doubtful that the bill would have passed the House had it not been for this type of "grass-roots" support, for the farm and packing organizations are powerful in Washington—perhaps more so in the Senate than in the House. The final show-down, then, will come soon in the Senate, where Oregon's Richard Neuberger is one of its strongest proponents.

THE bill itself is modest enough in its provisions. It would establish as national policy that livestock would be slaughtered only by the "most humane practicable methods," would direct the government to buy meat only from packers using the prescribed methods, effective Jan. 1, 1960; would direct the secretary of agriculture to conduct research on humane slaughtering methods and report by mid-1959, would authorize a 12-man advisory committee to make recommendations and reports on new methods, and would prohibit no slaughtering methods in conformity with the practices and requirements of any religion.

It provides no flat ban on the cruelties now imposed on meat animals, but it would have a strongly persuasive effect on major packing houses to bring their standards up to those now in effect in most European nations.

IT STRIKES us as odd that some similar legislation has not been enacted long before this, for by and large Americans deplore gratuitous cruelty. It may be they simply were unaware of the practices of slaughterhouses in this country.

It is also odd that packers generally have not adopted the more humane methods, for those which have done so have found they are equally economical, with added costs being offset by a smaller percentage of meat spoiled when animals thrash around in their final agonies.

No one knows, of course, how the bill will fare in the Senate. But "insiders" in Washington are quoted as saying that "Nobody votes for cruelty."—E.A.

Mr. Perboby's Spring Song

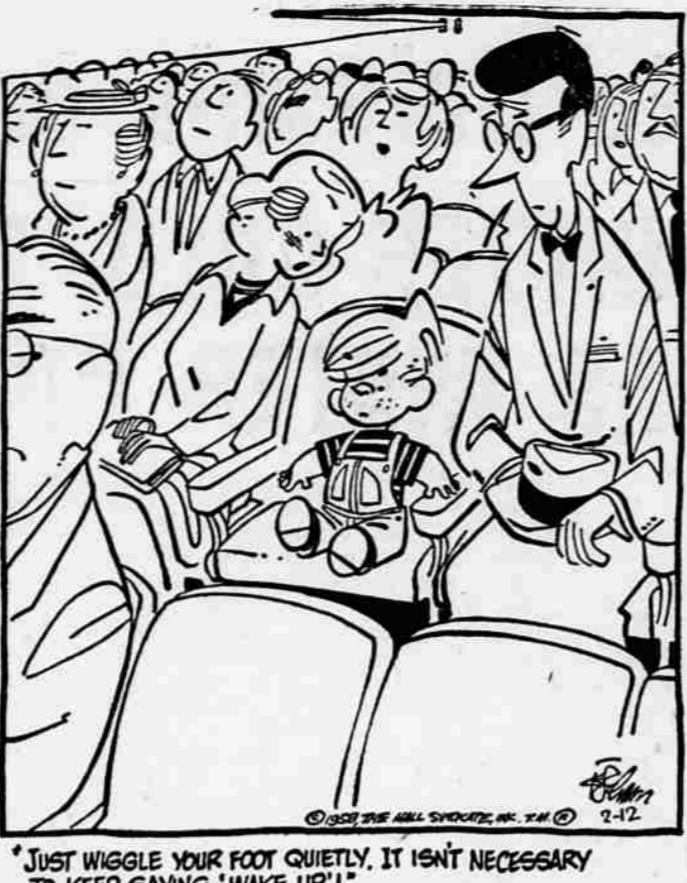
Mr. Perboby is a relatively recent arrival on the Oregon scene. He is the creation of Charles Alexander, who performs a variety of chores for the Albany Democrat-Herald—such things as setting type, writing book reviews, and on occasion writing about Mr. Perboby in that newspaper's editorial column.

Mr. Perboby is a middle-aged, well-meaning, disgruntled sub-suburbanite, who fights a never-winding battle with life, in the form of Mrs. Perboby, the weather, his old jalopy, salesmen, the neighbors, cats, dogs and an occasional Martian.

But Mr. Perboby (whose favorite comment is "probably"), though he may never quite win, never quite loses, either. There is something within him which is a compound of courage, humor, sensitivity and realism.

WITNESS, then, Mr. Perboby's latest adventure, this time the advent of Spring:

Mr. Perboby's mouth opened down to his chest and from the cavern issued a thundering "Croar-rk." Tall trees shuddered, lights went up in neighboring houses, for it was dusk; parents called in children, hound dogs slunk into hiding. All because on this bummy evening Mr. P., out in his backyard, heard the Song of the Frogs. A rising chorus in swale and rill, they praised spring and the time of new life: "Roak, Roak, Yelk, Yark." And such an outpouring the Old Gent hadn't heard winter-long. A moment after he launched his own second bawl, something whirled him about by the backside of his belt. "What do you mean?" demanded Mrs. P. fiercely. "Bellering like a bull, scaring the neighbors. What will people think? Like a bullfrog—that noise—" "You know what," said Mr. P. persuasively, "you listen to them daggasted happy frogs. You know what they're up to? They looked at the calendar. They climbed out of bed in the mud, rubbed their great big Eddie Cantor eyes and began to get ready to prepare—" From over the fence somewhere a cow grunted and Mr. P. grunted back, in some prehistoric tongue. "That for you, too," Mr. P. translated. "I'm going in," snapped Mrs. P. "You stay out here with your frogs. Crawl in the cold mud with them." "The high Yelps and Yarks" the Old Man explained, "those are the girl frogs." But he was alone, and the night swam up and over everything. The Song of the Frogs seemed to mute, as from far away. It swelled again, and he knew it was here, next to him, everywhere. For they had climbed out of the despond of winter, they had cheated death, and life, new life was acoming. All the hope and happiness and destiny of the new, thought Perboby. Here in the Song of the Frogs. Mr. Perboby is right. Probably.—E.A.



JUST WIGGLE YOUR FOOT QUIETLY. IT ISN'T NECESSARY TO KEEP SAYING 'WAKE UP!'

East German Purge Evidence Of Stalinist-Liberal Trouble

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent



The purge in East Germany shows how seriously the denunciation of Joseph Stalin continues to affect the Communist world after two years.

"Stalin's" leadership are still in firm control in East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania.

But they are on the defensive, and they are still being opposed by prominent Communist Party members. Walter Ulbricht, the East German Communist leader, defeated an attempt to depose him by ousting three first-ranking party members who demanded a drastic liberalization of his regime.

Two weeks previously, Hungarian Communist Party leader Janos Kadar had turned over his post of premier to his deputy, Ferenc Munich. Both are "Stalinists."

Both Kadar and Munich are "Stalinists" and Kadar retains his power as first secretary of the Communist Party. But Kadar apparently gave up the prime ministry party because he is detested as the man who betrayed his people to the Russians during the Hungarian revolt and partly because he wanted to devote his energies to keeping his party under control. Diplomatic advices reaching London disclose that Bulgarian Communist leaders are conducting a drastic tightening-up campaign.

They have arrested an estimated 3,000 teen-agers who showed too much fondness for the "capitalist" way of life, including public dancing, addiction to rock-and-roll dancing and western-style clothing. Many of these are being sent to forced labor camps. In Russia itself Communist

Party Chieftain Nikita S. Khrushchev, who started it all by denouncing Stalin-type dictatorship in February, 1956, is tightening up party control over the government, the armed forces and industry. The effect of the denunciation of Stalinism is still being felt not only in Russia and its satellites but in Poland, which won at least partial independence in 1956.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Missile note: The navy blamed a "simple wiring defect" for the second failure of the Vanguard rocket to launch an earth satellite. Scientists issued the explanation after divers recovered the first stage of the fallen Vanguard from the waters of the Atlantic.

They said a bad wiring connection disabled the guidance system of the first stage so that it couldn't keep the 72-foot missile on course. As a result, they explain, it "whipped" so sharply in flight that it snapped like a dry twig.

HMMMMMMMM. LITTLE things can have BIG consequences. A good example of that is the literary fable of what happened when a horseshoe nail failed to hold. Back in the early 1600's, George Herbert, an English clergyman and a one-time public orator of Cambridge University who turned poet, wrote these lines:

"For want of a nail the shoe is lost, for want of a shoe the horse is lost, for want of a horse the RIDER is lost."

MORE than a century later (along in the 1700's) our own Benjamin Franklin came across Herbert's nail story and liked it so well that, like Homer, he "went and took it" and embodied it in a maxim

area, but this Milwaukee (Wisc.) Journal editorial raises some doubt:

American-Canadian relations are not too happy these days. The Canadians are annoyed with our tariff and trade policies, oil import restrictions and agricultural dumping. They are irritated at what they consider Washington's indifference to their problems and wishes. This feeling has been growing. It played an important part in last summer's upset of the Liberal party government by the Conservatives.

And now we come to Secretary of State Dulles and his recent concession to a house appropriation committee group that "relations with our good neighbor on the north are not what they should be."

"Why is this, and who is at fault?" he was asked. "I should say," declared Dulles, "that most of the difficulty is due to the inexperience of the present Canadian government in handling diplomatic relations."

"And we have made no mistakes?" "I wouldn't say so," said Dulles. Having thus brushed off Canada's serious complaints and having antagonized the members of the current Ottawa government, the secretary of state was off to Turkey.

And thus closes our latest lesson in how to lose friends and alienate people: Instructor—John Foster Dulles.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

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 a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Beloved Abe To the Editor: A certain author claims he never stands before a statue of Abe Lincoln but he sees in the background the arms of the Godman stretched out on a cross. Abe could be compared to the pipe that brings the mountain spring into all our Medford homes. In the case of the mountain spring we don't think of the pipe, but of Medford's pure water. In Abe's case we think the opposite, of the marvelous human and honor him and rightfully should. Could that author's insight be unique, with a life of its own? Or could millions of others have felt humble reverence while standing looking at America's beloved Abe? We doubt those who sat at the same boarding house

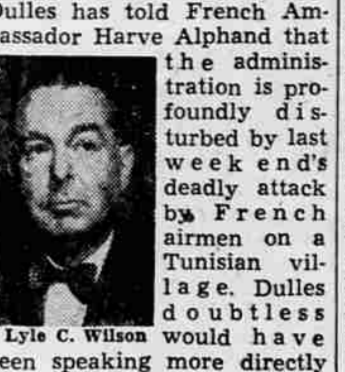
table when Mary (Abe's wife) dashed a cup of scalding hot coffee in her husband's face, got an insight also of a nature that was in tune with the infinite when no resentment was evident. No doubt pity for his temperamental wife was what he felt, and the others saw. Perhaps as the hot coffee burned his face, he too saw in the background the same figure the author saw, with Ann Rutledge standing by. The united souls of Abe and Ann surely go marching on, waving America's flag and perhaps we all feel humbly inferior. Emma Lou Carpenter, 811 Sherman st., Medford.

Oregon Power Bill Praised To the Editor: In August 1953 Bonneville Power Administration was forced by former Secretary McKay to sign the 20-year private utility contracts. These contracts prohibit BPA from serving any new industry until 1,500,000 kilowatts of surplus power, or more than three Bonneville Dams, is set aside for the entire 20-year period for exclusive use of private power. This means untold millions of dollars per year in guaranteed private power profits. These are anti-industry contracts. They contain a private power preference clause which gives preference to private power ahead of industry and jobs. For the past five years and for the foreseeable future this contract clause has placed an "anti-industry" curtain around the Pacific Northwest. It is an economic albatross around the neck of the region. It is a contributing cause for the present unemployment and hard times. These anti-industry contracts are now catching up with the private utilities. The Oregon Power Development initiative which was filed with the Secretary of State January 3rd would enable Oregon as a preference customer to buy power directly from the Federal system on a non-profit basis for resale to industry and thus get around the notorious contracts. Private utilities are attacking the Oregon Power Initiative by blaming the lack of industry on the anti-monopoly or preference clause of the Bonneville Act. Of course this charge is untrue as witness all the industry which came into the region before BPA was grounded by the anti-industry contracts. The Oregon Power Development initiative should effectively by-pass the anti-industry contracts as far as Oregon is concerned. Gus Norwood, Executive Secretary Northwest Public Power Assn., 210 West 13th Vancouver, Wash.

On Sunday Closing To the Editor: Since early this fall when interest in Sunday closing of business came to the attention of the public we have been queried by various groups and individuals regarding our official position on the subject. We have decided to share with you as briefly as possible our feeling on this important subject. We believe that the observance of the Sabbath day is vital to the religious life of the community. We feel the American home will be a stronger unit with the entire family praying and worshipping together. Along with most Christian churches, we urge our members to keep the Sabbath day holy. As Seventh-day Adventists, we believe that every person must give an account to God for his conduct. We are equally convinced, however, that his course of action must be based upon personal and individual convictions. For it is our firm belief that in matters of religion, each person must make his own decisions. The state should not, indeed can not, legislate on religious matters. There are some aspects of the present Sunday closure movement which cause us deep concern. During the last session of the Oregon legislature, attempts were made to initiate a Sunday closing law. It has been stated that "these activities would continue."

U.S. Disturbed by French Use of U.S. Planes in Attack

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Correspondent



Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has told French Ambassador Harve Alphan that the administration is profoundly disturbed by last week's deadly attack by French airmen on a Tunisian village. Dulles doubtless has been speaking more directly for his fellow American citizens if he bluntly had put to the ambassador this question: "Why and under what authority did United States-built airplanes comprise the bulk of the French strafing force against the Tunisians?"

The count of dead and injured approached 200 which is approximately 10 per cent of the population of the bombed village of Sakiet Sid Youssef. Among the dead were 9 women and 12 children, 1 or more of the latter were mere infants. Used B26's, Corsairs More significant to the United States government, however, was the Tunisian roundup on the airplanes involved in this bold venture. The Tunisians reported 25 airplanes on the French strafing mission which, in miniature, matched some of the triumphal sorties of Hitler's airmen and of Mussolini's against helpless civilians.

The Tunisians said the French attacked in eight jet fighters of their own manufacture plus 11 B26 bombers and 6 Corsair (Navy) fighter bombers made in the United States and paid for, of course, with American tax dollars. A fair question to Ambassador Alphan right now would be: "Were those American-made aircraft a part of the armament supplied to France at the expense of the U. S. taxpayer as a part of the American contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)? If so, how come they are being used in an endless French colonial war?"

Should Ask Dulles It would be equally appropriate for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to put to Dulles the same question. The U. S. government scarcely can escape a considerable measure of responsibility for the use to which American made arms are put by those nations receiving them.

If it had been Soviet Russian airplanes with satellite pilots who were out last Sunday blasting an Arab civilian population, the United States would be making big propaganda out of those circumstances today. The Russian Communists are not miffing the opportunity now offered them by the Tunisian incident.

The United States has just participated in a substantial dollar advance to the French government whose trouble basically seems to be a prideful and expensive determination to cling to empire without the next loan or the next shipment of NATO weapons, it might be a good idea for the United States to have an understanding with the French as to the purposes for which the dollars and the arms might be employed.

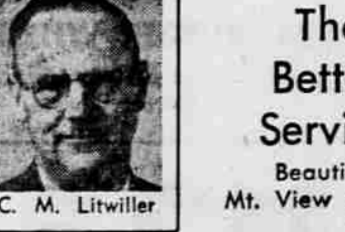
An understanding which would exclude such dangerous action as that of last Sunday against Tunisia. Dave Epps is Scored To the Editor: David Epps, new chairman of the Democratic Party of Oregon, has injected himself into the Republican primary through a favorite identical letters to the favorite editors of the state attacking the selection of former Governor Elmo Smith as head of Mark Hatfield's campaign for Governor. Mr. Epps thus points the way for Democrat leadership to badger Mark Hatfield because Hatfield is recognized as the stronger Republican competitor in the fall election. If the Democratic party leadership can destroy him in the primary they apparently think the Fall campaign will be a breeze. Secretary Hatfield's voting record in two House terms and one Senate is open for examination. You know where he stands. He has a bipartisan following. Mr. Epps has disappointed many of his own Democratic party members by concerning himself with the Republican primary but perhaps that is his way of standing aloof from the Robert Holmes-Lew Wallace-Wiley Smith competition. Better he should be busy with Democratic affairs between now and May 16. Jack Miller, 648 North High St. Salem

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