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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. 26, 1948 (Thursday)
Harris Ellsworth files for reelection as Oregon congressman; E. H. Mann, Medford, files for Republican candidate from Jackson county to Oregon legislature.

The Mail Tribune begins publication of Frank Jenkins' column "In The Day's News."

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1938 (Saturday)
New silica plant for Bristol Silica company under construction in Rogue River.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Pussy-willows have reached their maturity, and keep the Older Girls busy ramming them in living room vases."

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1928 (Sunday)
Eleven-year-old Medford boy accidentally killed while playing with gun.

Sale of \$75,000 worth of bonds for Medford Irrigation district starts.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1918 (Tuesday)
No arrangements being made in Medford to feed troops passing through area.

From Local and Personal column: "C. C. Cate, county agricultural agent, who has been bothered for the past two years with a floating cartilage in his left knee, will have an X-ray examination."

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Sound travels through the atmosphere faster in high or low temperatures?

2. Bible: What has the first year of the public ministry of Jesus been termed?

3. Which U.S. president is noted for the statement: "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother"?

4. Are the rows of kernels on ears of corn odd or even numbered?

5. The four-inch measurement used as a unit of measure for the height of horses at the shoulder is called a—?

6. Are snow flakes always white?

7. Name the three U.S. presidents who were assassinated.

8. The sun is a planet, star, or meteor?

9. Dress seams are "pinked" by dyeing; true or false?

10. What is the German word for "mister"?

Answers: 1. High. 8. The year of obscurity. 3. Abraham Lincoln. 4. Even. 5. Hand. 6. No. red, green, orange and black sows, due to bacteria and algae, have been recorded. 7. Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley. 8. Star. 9. False (they are "pinked" with a special type of scissors). 10. "Herr."

Kreisman on Citizenship

We can think of few persons better equipped to address a gathering of students on the subject of government than the man who was so employed last week, at the banquet held to mark Student Government day.

The speaker was Arthur Kreisman, scholar, teacher, student and philosopher. He is widely known in the valley for his lucid discussions of literature on television, and, at one point, was even better known in his home town of Ashland for his clear-headed search for solutions, and his refusal to accept some of the stodge excuses why government "cannot" do some of the things it should do.

HIS talk to the students showed that Dr. Kreisman has given a great deal of serious thought to the problems of making local government work. And he is not blind to the hazards which lie in the way—misunderstanding, lack of information, and suspicion on the part of the public, on one hand, and inertia and disregard of the people's wishes (in too many cases) on the part of public officials, on the other hand.

But let Professor Kreisman speak for himself. Here paraphrased are excerpts from his talk, which reasons of space prevented from being reported as fully as they merited in the news columns earlier:

In government, people get what they deserve. When they gripe about their local government they are merely talking about themselves. Local government is what they make it.

Interest in local government is basic. It does little good to be full of theories on how the world should be run when a person knows little about how his local government actually should be run.

Good government, like charity, begins at home. All too few people have a deep and continuing interest in their local government.

Choice of people to run that government too often goes by default. During an election period, those interested in local government literally have to go out and beat the bushes and do some arm-twisting to get candidates for offices.

Local government, then, falls on the shoulders of a few public spirited, successful and busy people. Their friends and supporters—the people who put them in office—too often evaporate in their support when the heat is on. The average citizen sits at home and grouches about the government, pays taxes, and even votes if he happens to think about it.

It is the "average" citizen who is the curse of the community. Sunk in ignorance and apathy, he refuses to participate in community projects. This condition also extends to state and national levels. This same type of citizen howls down the people in his government who have vision and foresight. The average citizen wants all kinds of services, but he won't pay for them.

For example, a man's gutter plugs up with a little mud. However, instead of shoveling it out by himself in a few minutes time, he gets on the phone and calls the city. The city sends out a truck with all kinds of equipment and a crew. The job is done, but it is such demands which cost the taxpayer plenty. Then he complains when his taxes must be raised to pay for such services.

Mr. Average Citizen is law-abiding man. He thinks laws are fine—for everybody else. He cuts corners, then squawks when he is penalized for it. During election time a big campaign is put on to get these people to vote. This is a silly kind of trouble to go to just to get out the vote of people who are actually little interested in their government.

Just think what would be accomplished if every citizen believed he had to give some time to public service. This is not an unworthy ideal. It's the kind of ideal these young people are being invited to adopt. Through this program (Student Government Day) more citizens become thoroughly familiar with the problems and needs of their community and government.

The average city council meets in solemn silence. The only time citizens appear on the scene is when they anticipate fireworks because of some controversial community problem.

Every time the people fail to support their elected officials or to back them up, it is costing the people money. Eventually the elected officials get tired after constantly having to fudge public opinion, and continually make explanations. Then, eventually, they refuse to submit a needed bond issue, and community needs pile up until something has to be done. Then it costs the taxpayers about four times as much as it would have originally, when the needs were first recognized and a bond issue submitted to their vote.

DR. KREISMAN concluded his talk with a plea for more cooperation, more understanding, and a better-informed and more interested citizenry.

His points are valid and his conclusions sound—up to a point.

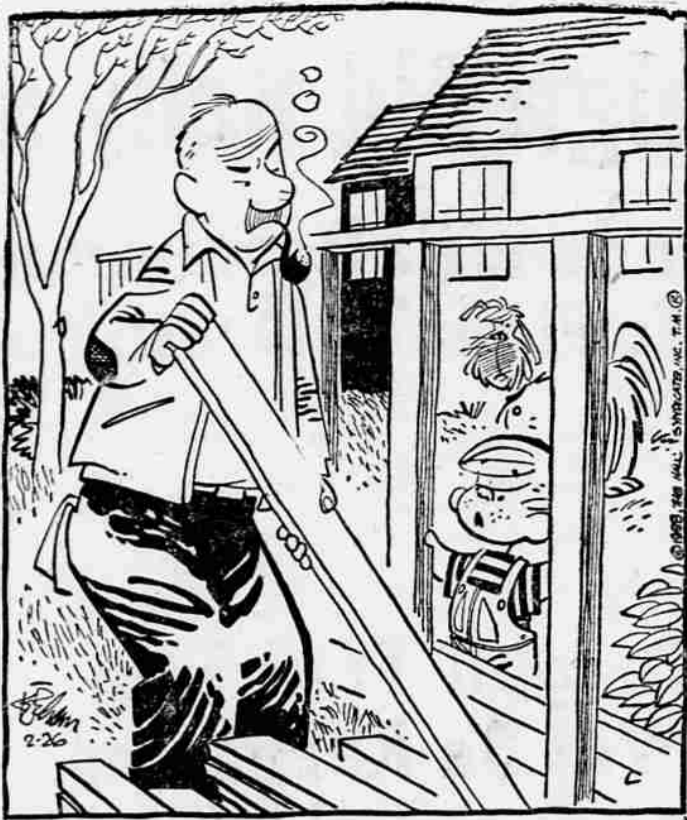
But it occurs to us that he may be just a bit on the pessimistic side. We, too, have seen the type of behavior of which he complains, have seen needed improvements delayed time after time by apathy or unthinking and short-sighted opposition.

But there's a bright side to the coin, too.

We do have people who are willing to sacrifice their time and their talents to the public service. We do have men and women who are sincerely concerned with local government, and who are willing to work at it.

AND it is a good thing this is so, or else local government would founder in a sea of suspicion, befuddlement, cynicism and inefficiency. We join with Dr. Kreisman in believing that participation by students still in their formative years in local government—learning of the problems and difficulties at first hand—is the best possible kind of training for citizens of the future.

They will be needed in years to come to join with those now so engaged. And there are such. Dr. Kreisman should know. He served four years on a city council—an unpaid and largely thankless job—himself.—E.A.



HOW AM I GONNA CUT THROUGH YOUR YARD IF YOU PUT UP A FENCE?

Republicans Seeking Man To Tackle Reply To Truman's Speech

By LYLE C. WILSON, United Press Correspondent

Washington—A Republican anguish under the hurt of Harry S. Truman's campaign oratory is matched by a similar anxiety to make an adequate answer to the former president's Washington Birthday address.



Lyle C. Wilson, a Republican reply is tentatively scheduled for March 4.

It would be a wonderful opportunity for somebody. As Bert Williams, the old black face comedian, used to sing, some Republicans are saying: Wonderful opportunity for somebody; somebody else, not me.

As of 72 hours after HST raked the administration in a give-em-hell sendoff to the 1958 Democratic congressional campaign, Republican strategists had not picked their man to answer the former President. The search has been on for weeks because it long had been known what Truman intended to do last Saturday night.

If such an attack had been made on Franklin D. Roosevelt during his presidency, FDR most likely would have come out of his corner swinging and the attacker might soon have wished he never had been born. Failing that, President Roosevelt had a stable of hatchmen and the incomparable political poison pen of the late Charley Michelson.

FDR not only had them, he used them to the utmost. "Mow the man down," FDR would say to Charley Mike or to the late Harold L. Ickes and the moving proceeded in the roughest kind of style. The Ickes, as Honest Harold familiarly was known to FDR, was known around town, also, as Donald Duck in recognition of the sustained staccato of his quackery.

Charley Mike was a sure shot with his trusty typewriter, a political gun slinger unmatched before or since. Old Charley was publicity director of the Democratic National Committee, an asset to the party near the weight of James A. Farley and of FDR, himself.

Takes on Tough Ones

Deadly in debate as were Michelson and Ickes, it was FDR on his own who usually took on the tough ones and when Mr. Big mowed 'em down they were likely to go down for good. That's what Republican strategists would like just now to happen to

Harry S. Truman. So it might be if President Eisenhower would do the job himself, bringing to the task, as did FDR, the great prestige of the White House. Some Republicans think the President should do that but that largely is wishful thinking. DDE has no stomach for the rough and tumble of politics, and accordingly, he probably will duck this party job.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon may have to do the honors although it is reasonable to presume he is not eager. His reluctance, if any, would not be for distaste of political conflict. The vice president is a rough man in political debate, as Truman and other wounded Democrats well know. But the White House on occasion has required Nixon to soften his campaign speeches. Given full freedom to answer Truman's kind, to slug him with bare knuckles, Nixon might welcome the opportunity to answer HST. It would be quite a show.

Republican Rally Slated in Salem

Interested Republicans from Jackson county have been invited to participate in an "old-fashioned Republican political rally," in Salem Friday, March 7, according to State GOP Chairman James F. Short.

Local candidates, as well as party members from throughout the state have been invited, he said. The majority of candidates for statewide offices, as well as many county officials and candidates, have indicated they will attend.

Don Stathos, Jackson county chairman, has been asked to report on Republican activities in this area.

Governors Oppose National Guard Cut

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Federal cuts that would reduce Oregon's National Guard by several hundred men have been opposed in a resolution of western governors.

The conference gave full support to the resolution protesting plans to reduce National Guard strength in the United States from 400,000 to 360,000. Some 21 units of the Oregon Guard would be affected under the proposal.

Gov. Robert Holmes, who is chairman of the conference's resolutions committee, presided today at a roundtable discussion on natural resources.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

LIFTON FADIMAN, eminent critic, believes in the encouragement of authentic (NOT publicity-crazy) eccentrics, and cites as prime example (1) the French dandy who paraded the Champs Elysees

trailing a live lobster at the end of a string, because, he explained, it knew the secrets of the sea, and (2) the late Joe Gould, of Greenwich Village via Harvard, who, inheriting \$1,000, bought a big radio, took it out on Sixth avenue, and kicked it to pieces. "Kip" Fadiman also recalls an off-beat mathematician professor who vacationed in Brussels to the highest point in Belgium. How high was that point? The prof replied, "12 feet above sea level."

David Niven asked a shoeshing producer how his latest picture was faring at the box office. "It'll be perfectly honest with you," the producer replied. "I won't answer."

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Wet

To the Editor: For thirty days and thirty nights, The rain came tumbling down, Until upon my brow appeared A dark forbidding frown.

Don't tell me that it's over, That soon we'll see the sun, I know from past experience The worst is yet to come.

Don't tell me that tomorrow, A little sun we'll get, Forecast for tomorrow? The weather will be wet.

D.O.R. (Name on File) Grants Pass

Boom, Boom, Boom To the Editor: We raised billions, and we had a boom. We raised more billions, and we had a boom, boom.

Then we lose a boom. We'll have another boom again soon, you'll see it, if you're looking at the moon. Everett Acklin, Ashland.

No Noise Makers? To the Editor: We are writing you this letter concerning the coming Subdistrict A-2 Basketball tournament at Southern Oregon college this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening.

We received a letter telling us not to bring our noisemakers to these games. The noisemakers we would take consist of a trumpet and a few of smaller volume. We have these noisemakers to boost our spirit at games. This is done in a friendly way and we like any competition we can get. We feel that we should be able to bring the noisemakers because they are an important part of our winning the game.

Three Eagle Pointers

Golden Age Club To the Editor: I wonder whether the oldesters in Medford—or nearby—would be interested in a Golden Age club where we could get together to sing, visit, or play canasta?

At 75, I do not want to sit on the shelf and knit. I am a nature lover who has fished, hiked, hunted, and watched wildlife.

Alone now I feel grounded. I have a lifetime membership in Denver Heights' Golden Age club in San Antonio, Tex., but that is so far away.

Anyone who is interested, please write to: Mrs. P. Morava, 1109 N. Maric st. Medford

Townsend Plan To the Editor: Let's look back to your editorial of July 31, 1946, headed "Another Townsend Plan," and my reply of the same date.

And for a few minutes consider what has happened in the meantime. Instead of having in effect the Townsend Plan for National Insurance on the pay as you go basis, with only a 2 per cent gross tax, we have now a record national debt of \$270 billions with \$8 billions annual interest, and still millions out of work, thousands of bankruptcies in all states, and still no one knows how to stop it.

Even the press still short-sightedly will not expose the foreign legalized counterfeiting agency politely known as the Federal Reserve, and which is and has been for 42 years the real cause of depressions.

Oregon also now has nothing to offer the new manufacturer, business man, but Indiana has, where they have a large surplus; also Hawaii, which is shortsightedly become one of the states.

The Townsend plan was and is, the only plan that would also put the country on a business basis instead of the screwy Social Security, now so lopsided, and as the authors now admit is not founded on the right basis.

It is like using the waters of the Rogue river to make electricity, and then the waters go on to the sea. We likewise could control the flow of money with 2 per cent gross tax, use it, not hoard it, as it is only a medium of exchange.

But, don't take my word

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Serious Split Develops Among E. German Communist Leaders

By CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Correspondent

A serious split has developed in the leadership of the East German Communist party.

Three first-ranking men have been ousted from their posts in the last few weeks.

Others are under attack. It is reported persistently despite denials, that Walter Ulbricht, the party leader, and Premier Otto Grotewohl are on opposite sides in what looks like a critical situation.

The split stems from disagreement on party policy—"Stalinist" Ulbricht, who favors a harsh dictatorship, against a number of "revisionist" leaders who favor a relaxation like that which has taken place in Poland.

But the quarrel also is reported to be due to the increasingly serious East German economic situation.

Ulbricht and his supporters are trying to speed up production at the expense of industrial workers, by increasing individual output quotas without raising wages.

Ulbricht's opponents favor concessions to industrial and farm workers. The fear that popular unrest might lead to a new uprising like that of June, 17, 1953.

There is no evidence that such an uprising is likely. Nevertheless, East Germans obviously are unhappy. They have only to contrast conditions in Red-ruled East Germany with those in free West Germany, which is about the most prosperous country in Europe.

Ulbricht seems to be firmly in control of the party machinery. But dissension is so serious that it is bound to weaken the Communist regime unless it is ended.

In consequence, it is be-

ing reported that Ulbricht may soon order a sweeping purge of his enemies.

The party split first became apparent when Karl Schirdewan, Ernst Wollweber and Fred Oelsner were expelled from their posts in the ruling Communist Party Politburo and central committee. Oelsner later was ousted as a deputy premier.

Paper Attacks Selbmann Communist Party newspapers now are attacking Fritz Selbmann, one of East Germany's leading economic experts, who only last week was made deputy chairman of the state planning commission.

Selbmann is under attack at present on the ground that he thinks too much along "capitalistic" lines in his ideas about factory management.

Party leaders also are making demands in newspapers that additional punishment be imposed on Schirdewan, Wollweber and Oelsner for opposing Ulbricht.

An interesting angle of the report of dissension between Ulbricht and Premier Grotewohl is Grotewohl's personal position in East German leadership. He was a leader of the Social Democratic party and led a wing of it into cooperation with the Communists.

He is valuable to the Reds as a symbol of unity between Communists and Socialists. Hence Ulbricht might think it unwise to oust him even if, they disagreed.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Government figures show the nation's output of goods and services climbed to a record 434.4 billion dollars last year (1957). That figure represents a five per cent rise over 1956.

The new high was achieved despite a decline in the production rate in the final quarter of 1957.

SOUNDS pretty good, doesn't it? But wait a minute. The figures are quoted in DOLLARS. Because of inflation, the value of the dollar has been shrinking. In periods of inflation, it takes MORE DOLLARS to buy a given amount of goods.

So the figures aren't quite as good as they sound. WHAT is inflation? Put it this way: You're a dairyman. You begin to feel the pinch of rising costs. So you put water in the milk. Thus you have more milk to swap for other things.

It looks like a good scheme. But, sooner or later, the sugar merchant gets the same idea.

So he puts sand in the sugar he swaps for your milk. The flour merchant, caught in the same tight spot, puts chalk in his flour.

So, in the long run, nobody really profits.

BUT—Secretly—We all love inflation and hope it never ends because in inflationary periods prices and wages KEEP ON RISING, thus creating the illusion of prosperity.

That's the long and short of it.

SO MUCH for the inflation problem. Let's take a look now at another ancient sore spot—the Middle East problem.

OVER in the Middle East—where men have been fighting each other as far back as the historical record goes—little Syria and bigger Egypt have gone together to form what is optimistically termed the New United Republic of Egypt and Syria. In Cairo, Colonel Nasser (Egypt's new man on horseback) tells a half million of his jubilant countrymen the union of the two nations has RID THE MID-EAST OF FOREIGN DOMINATION.

He adds: "ARABS NOW RULE THE MIDDLE EAST."

I'M afraid he's wrong, but I hope he's right.

If the Arabs would—or could—run the Middle East and EVERYBODY ELSE WOULD GET OUT and quit meddling in the Middle East's affairs, the world would run much more smoothly.

Navy Examination Issued for Positions

An examination for skilled positions with the Navy on Guam has been issued by the Navy Board of United States Civil Service Examiners, 45 Hyde st., San Francisco 2.

Applications are being accepted for central office repairman, liquid fuels gauger, lineman, power plant and telephone electricians, office machine repairman, refrigeration mechanic and upholsterer.

Other positions are open for duty in this region, Alaska and Washington, D. C. Information may be obtained at post offices, or the eleventh U. S. Civil Service region, Federal Office building, Seattle; or the Civil Service commission in Washington, D. C.

The six leading coal producing states—West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky and Ohio have yielded more than 22 billion tons of coal since the year 1800.

Old timers in Wall Street recalled that the gold tinkering of the 1930s was an expedient to raise commodity prices. Commodities never budged until real demand developed, they asserted, adding it would be difficult to make a case for new gold tinkering today.

Bondex hears that a committee of the International Monetary Fund is currently studying the problem.

"As the recession in this country deepens," says the Bondex article, "official opposition to a higher gold price may diminish. The need for augmenting the world's liquid resources could also be met by more liberal U.S. trading and still more foreign aid.

Increasing Opposition "As a matter of fact, however, such proposals are encountering increasing opposition in Congress. By contrast, raising the gold price may appear politically defensible, even though some of the benefits from such action would fall to the Soviets."

Bondex has compiled a table showing mine production of gold for leading areas in terms of various prices—\$35, \$52, and \$70 per fine ounce.

United States production for 1956 amounted to \$65,280,000. This figure would rise to \$96,990,000 with gold at \$52 an ounce and to \$130,560,000 at \$70 an ounce. The sterling area would rise from \$650,460,000 at \$35 an ounce to \$1,300,920,000 at \$70 an

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