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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

April 17, 1948 (Sunday)
Rural school district elections are planned for throughout the county Monday on the question of exceeding the 6 per cent levy limitation in the consolidated budget.

The Crater Lake National Park service is almost out of stamp money with a large portion of the year yet to run.

20 YEARS AGO

April 17, 1928 (Sunday)
Sale of a 320-acre ranch three miles north of Central Point, formerly known as the Willfrey orchard, was announced yesterday by L. G. Pickell, realtor.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "The wheat is up knee-high in some spots. Tillers have started sowing their whiskered barley."

30 YEARS AGO

April 17, 1928 (Tuesday)
Small gray squirrels have been suggested for the city park.
From local and personal column: "Fire of an undetermined origin destroyed the Mountain View Inn, two miles south of Wolf Creek, last Thursday."

40 YEARS AGO

April 17, 1918 (Wednesday)
A whirlwind campaign for recruits for the United States naval reserve is on in Oregon and a recruiting party of four naval officers and two yeomanettes will be in this city.
From local and personal column: "Miss Jane Allen, the public health nurse, accompanied by Miss Martin Gates, spent Tuesday in the neighborhood of Rogue River visiting two patients in the mountains."

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. What famous frigate was commanded by Isaac Hull?
 2. Bible: Is Jerusalem to the North or East of the Mediterranean Sea?
 3. Where is the Preakness race run annually?
 4. What was the principal difficulty that resulted in the failure of the French company that attempted to build the Panama canal?
 5. What is the birthstone for June?
 6. Socrates was born before, or after, Christ?
 7. In which state was the fabulous Comstock Lode discovered?
 8. Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise" is attributed to Thomas A. Edison or Benjamin Franklin?
 9. In what sport, played on ice, are brooms used?
 10. "When in the course of human events," is the first phrase in what document?
- Answers: 1. The Constitution. 2. East. 3. At Pimlico track near Baltimore, Md. 4. Tropical diseases. 5. Agate. 6. Before (469 years earlier). 7. Nevada. 8. Benj. Franklin. 9. Curling. 10. Declaration of Independence.

NEWS EDITOR DIES

Montreal — (AP) — Dermot O'Sullivan Baker, 44, news editor of the Montreal Star, died Wednesday. Baker joined the Star 27 years ago as a reporter.

How About the "S.P." in Arizona

We are always surprised to find there are some people in far-away places, who not only still take the Mail Tribune but much MORE surprising, read it.

There are not many of them. But we seldom take a trip and comment upon places, that — particularly if the comment is not liked — this office doesn't eventually get some reaction. And often from a Mail Tribune subscriber in the area.

THIS has been true as a result of the writers' recent vacation in Tucson, Arizona.

We have at hand, for example, a note from Mesa, Arizona, asking us to supply some evidence that the "Friendly Southern Pacific is as unpopular in Southern Arizona as in Southern Oregon."

The note adds: "We have lived here several months and have never heard the Southern Pacific even mentioned."

WELL, we don't know exactly where Mesa is, at the moment, and we know less about its conversational habits, but in our month's stay in Tucson we did hear the Friendly Southern Pacific spoken of disrespectfully many times, and there were several criticisms printed in the Tucson papers, with certain city officials registering vigorous protests.

One SP employee at the SP station in blue jeans volunteered the information that his railroad was not interested in increasing its passenger service much less bettering it.

In fact in four weeks in Tucson we heard much more criticism of the "S.P." than we ever hear in Medford, except in this paper, which we would say has a higher batting average in this "complaint" direction than either the Tucson "Star" or "Citizen."

BUT the real "pay-off" in this direction came from the Arizona Casa Grande Dispatch. The situation there regarding the Southern Pacific is almost identical with that of Medford, Ashland and other towns along the Eugene - Dunsmuir present "FREIGHT line."

On the 20th of March the SP announced it would discontinue all passenger service through Casa Grande.

As the "Dispatch" notes, this will deprive Eloy, Mariposa, Gila-Bend as well as Casa Grande, of all passenger service by rail and there will be no way to ship, quote: "Valuable livestock, personal valuables or corpses to or from any of the valley towns or passengers, express or baggage."

THIS paper goes on to say is quite in line with the Southern Pacific's greedy, selfish policy as well as its lawless attitude. The same being "only a further defiance of the state corporation commission and the Arizona attorney general."

Six months ago, it seems, the "SP" in defiance of the State Commission's orders, discontinued the main liner train "Argonaut," and so aroused the entire state that the state senate passed a bill appropriating funds to enable the commission to retain expert counsel securing evidence and bring the "arrogant and lawless" SP to trial—the trial date having been set for May 12th.

IT SEEMS this train to be discontinued was called the "goose" and enjoyed a reputation with the travelling public very similar to that enjoyed by the SP "infamous Midnight Rattler" that used to run from Ashland to Portland.

Mayor Ray Peterson of Casa Grande, for example, had this to say:

"All of us knew that the 'daily insult' the SP called a passenger train could not possibly make any money... One wonders why the railroad went to all the trouble of running the 'daily insult' at all when the ultimate result was so predictable."

Mr. Harold Jones, city manager of Eloy, had the following to say:

"It would be advisable to get our shippers throughout the valley together and ask them to short-haul the Southern Pacific... It would be feasible for shippers of non-perishable freight in the valley to specify that freight originating in the valley be delivered by the S.P. to the Santa Fe at Phoenix, Las Cruces or El Paso."

A GAIN according to the Casa Grande Dispatch, the city councils of the towns along the SP line have made special appeals to the Arizona Attorney General, Robert Morrison, to marshal EVERY possible effort to win the May 12th suit against the SP.

And finally the paper quotes George Senner, a member of the state corporation commission, as follows:

"It is obvious that the 80,000 people along the Southern Pacific's main line (in this area) are entitled to railroad service."

HOW about the 250,000 people along the SP line in Southwestern Oregon and northern California?

Well if citizens along the Eugene-Dunsmuir route would do what the citizens in Arizona are urged to do, by City Manager Harold Jones of Eloy, you would see some fast foot work in the Upper Brackets of the "Friendly S.P."—and it wouldn't be shadow-boxing.

But all appeals in this direction to date, have been met by most Southern Oregon shippers, by a gloomy shake of the head, and a tacit admission that with only one rail-line in the valley they just can't AFFORD to get tough with the SP "monopolists" regardless of what the benefits of

Dennis the Menace



WHY DON'T YOU GUYS PUT SINKS DOWN WHERE PEOPLE CAN REACH 'EM?

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This fantastic world note: A couple of medical researchers from Ohio announce that they have successfully replaced a dog's natural heart with a plastic heart and have kept the animal alive for an hour and a half after the operation.

Reporting on their experiments, they tell the American Society for Artificial Organs that replacing a heart is no different in principle from the replacement of any other part of the body, but add that it may be years before the delicate surgical techniques required are sufficiently perfected to make possible the replacement of a human heart.

THAT is to say: The time may come when people can go to the hospital and get a worn-out heart replaced in about the same way they now take their cars to the garage for replacement of a faulty carburetor.

IT SOUNDS wonderful.

But— As always— There's a fly in the ointment. History tells us that despots are apt to DIE WITH THE DESPOTS. Some despots like Stalin and Krushchev (not to mention Hitler and Mussolini) could make out by replacement of parts to live for centuries. That wouldn't be so good.

THAT brings up something else. Van Cliburn, a 23-year-old six-footer and better from Texas became the musical hero of Moscow when an eminent panel of SOVIET judges awarded him first prize in the international Tchaikovsky piano competition. He gets a medal and 25,000 rubles (\$2500 in bird of freedom money at the rate at which you could spend your dollars if you were a tourist in Russia.)

But that's a minor part of the Moscow audience, composed almost entirely of Russians, GOES WILD with enthusiasm for the good-looking and fabulously talented young American. Krushchev himself (who is a smart public relations practitioner, whatever else one may say of him) gives him a bear hug and goes all out in congratulations.

THAT isn't all of the story. On the same night a Russian dance company appears at the Metropolitan Opera House — the first Soviet dancers to appear in New York in more than 20 years. Like young Cliburn, they take the audience by storm.

The New York Times Reviewer calls them stupendous. The Daily News says they were high-spirited, superbly rehearsed and "just plain fun." The Mirror says they seemed inspired by desire to please the capitalists "or go back to the salt mines."

Following the performance, a thousand American fans clustered around the stage door and cheered and whistled and clapped.

HERE'S the point:

The AMERICAN PEOPLE and the RUSSIAN PEOPLE have nothing against each other. The Russian people have no desire to CONQUER THE WORLD. Neither have we. This world conquest business is reserved for the DESPOTS — who have too much power concentrated in too few hands. If — in one way and another — the AMERICAN PEOPLE and the RUSSIAN PEOPLE can be brought closer together it may be possible to avert the catastrophe of all-out war in the nuclear age.

Justice of Peace Courts Reinstated

Pendleton — (AP) — The Umatilla county court Wednesday reinstated the justice of peace courts in the cities of Umatilla and Stanfield.

Judge D. R. Cook said an abolition order signed two weeks ago was unconstitutional because Umatilla and Stanfield candidates were given no chance to run for the post of justice of peace at a consolidated court that would have been created at Hermiston.

such action might be to the people of Southwestern Oregon as a whole.

SO THERE we are. However, the point we particularly wish to make today is that we hope our anonymous correspondent from Mesa, Arizona, who wished for "some evidence" to support this department's claim that the SP is as UN-popular in Arizona as it is in Southern Oregon — has been amply supplied! — R.W.R.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

WHAT CONSTITUTES a "perfect woman"? Well, here's the Hindu recipe: "Take the lightness of the leaf and the glance of the fawn; the gaiety of the sun's rays and the tears of the mist; the inconsistency of the wind and the timidity of the hare; the vanity of the peacock and the softness of the down on the throat of a swallow. Add the harshness of a diamond, the sweet flavor of honey, the cruelty of the tiger, the warmth of fire, and the chill of snow, the chatter of the jay and the cooing of the turtle dove. Melt and mingle these ingredients and woman is the result."

What makes a woman march resolutely into a store to buy something? Margaret Kennedy lists these eight reasons: (1) Because her husband says she can't have it. (2) It will make her look thinner. (3) It comes from Paris. (4) Her neighbors can't afford it. (5) Nobody has one. (6) Everybody has one. (7) It's different, and (8) (most likely) "Because."

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Many Thanks!

To the Editor: At the April 8 meeting of the Medford Ministerial Association, space given by Medford Mail Tribune was brought to the attention of the group. As we discussed this service to our churches, week-by-week, we became aware of its value in money as compared with like space sold by the advertising department.

The Ministerial group felt that such service to all our churches in the area should not be taken for granted.

Gratitude was also expressed for the fine news coverage given the churches by the Church News Editor, Miss Peggyann Hutchinson. It was therefore resolved, "that we express our appreciation to Miss Hutchinson, (present at the meeting) and write a letter bearing like sentiments to Mr. Robert W. Ruhl, editor, for the cooperation of the Medford Mail Tribune with our association and for the coverage of church events in the news, and space given in each Friday issue to the Church Directory."

Mr. Ruhl, will you please accept this expression of our grateful appreciation to you and your staff?

Escil Hiser, Secretary Medford Ministerial Association.

Housecleaning The Mind

To the Editor: "Food is prepared for us by animals and plants, before we can assimilate it, so we digest thoughts more easily that have already been digested by other men's minds."

The above are profound thoughts of a great philosophical mind, we will all have to admit, words that deserve the hall-mark of originality, and thousands more of the same caliber are offered to us free, for merely digesting them. During this precarious period of time, when every day it is being proven to us how necessary it is to expand our power of comprehension, we are inclined to do some introspecting.

As it has always been said, "We are either going forward or backward." No chance to prevent deterioration, unless we advance. Even it has taken H bombs and satellites to jolt our mental sluggishness. The pre-digested ideas of great minds given to us incessantly, in translucent form, and in every available way conceivable, are bound to change our rigidity of ideas, and transplant noble, elevated inspirations for the benefit of humanity.

The crusade for knowledge is becoming so accelerated, all minds at all able to comprehend will no doubt recognize the rare opportunity that is presented to us daily. The blaze of enthusiasm needs to be fanned, we are told. Also we are told daily, America needs every good idea that can be produced by human minds, and carried out in every day practice. Some claim coddling our minds, by using the excuse of advanced years to be catered to by others, will finally be outmoded and too shameful for modern times. Father Time will simply have to copy Rip Van Winkle for keeps.

There are those who predict that the obliteration of ignorance will automatically eliminate all the rubbish that corrodes the human mind. Wouldn't that really be something? To be specific some say we live in our minds. Could be a polite way of telling us to spring housecleaning our minds, and exterminate the termites, beetles and hornets, that play havoc with our peace of mind. A sense of humor, for lubrication's sake, and to put minds on the right track, might help. Don't you think so too?

Emma Lou Carpenter, 811 Sherman st., Medford.

Bob Crosby Named in Internal Revenue Suit

Honolulu — (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service has filed a \$40,772 tax lien against band leader Bob Crosby and his wife, June, of Beverly Hills, Calif.

The IRS placed the lien on the Crosbys' \$100,000 home which they bought in 1956. The government claims the couple owes the money on their 1957 income tax.

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'Shadow of De Gaulle' Darkens Over French Government Chaos

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The chief question in the new French cabinet crisis seems to be whether a "strong man" cabinet will be formed now or later.

The political situation, confused since the end of World War II, is drifting toward chaos. Felix Gaillard, who resigned Tuesday after a defeat in the National Assembly on Tunisian policy, was France's 25th premier since the country's liberation in 1944.

Gaillard had been in office for five months and nine days. The average length of a pre-

mier's official life has been seven months. The longest period for which a premier has been able to remain in office by holding together an unwieldy coalition of divergent political groups has been a little over 16 months. One cabinet lasted four days.

Four possibilities seem to lie ahead:

Another patchwork coalition, whose leader will have no authority and who will be constantly at the mercy of the chief coalition groups.

Constitutional reform, to limit the power of the National Assembly, the controlling house of parliament, to overthrow a government and to give the premier adequate executive authority.

Formation of a "united front" by left-wing parties, including the government, with the certainty that the Communists would rule or ruin it.

Formation of a "strong man" cabinet, under either a formal constitutional reform act or emergency legislation, with a man of dominant personality at its head.

French Wartime Leader The only "strong man" in sight is Gen. Charles de Gaulle, wartime leader of free France who refused to admit defeat in 1940.

De Gaulle, now 67, is waiting for a call.

De Gaulle has been out of politics for six years. He has remained silent in crisis after crisis.

But during those years, and especially within the last few months, the "shadow of De Gaulle" as the political writers call it, has been lengthening and becoming plainer against the background of confusion.

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

ON THE NEVER-NEVER

Detroit—It is a little hard to believe in people like John and Jeannette; but they really exist—barely exist at the moment—in a grey little street of grey little houses in East Detroit.

John is a fine-looking fellow, 11 years an auto worker, who was doing setting up exercises when I rang his doorbell "because it's easy to get out of shape when you are laid off." Jeannette is a sturdy young woman whom John met on the assembly line at one of the Chrysler auto plants. They are not highly skilled workers, but they had over \$160 a week of take-home pay between them before Jeannette lost her job last September.

"I wouldn't of believed it until it happened," she said. "Seemed like you'd never be laid off, when you'd worked steady for seven years, like I had."

AT that time, John had the car paid for (it was a cash bargain from a fellow worker). But the house, the washer, the dryer, the television set and the furniture were all on the never-never. Altogether, the payments then amounted to \$83 a month (although John and Jeannette had never added them up, and Jeannette commented, "Gee, that's awful" when I did the sum for them.) Yet with Jeannette already jobless, they went in hock for another \$200 to buy Christmas presents at one of the cheap Detroit stores that will almost sell toilet paper on time. Three weeks later, John too was laid off.

"If I'd knew that, I'd never of went so deep at Christmas," said John ruefully. But the deed was done. Today, Jeannette's unemployment benefits have run out, and the family has nothing but John's benefits of \$43 a week. With time payments swollen to \$108 a month by the Christmas splurge, they and their boy live mainly on spaghetti. Worst of all, John's benefits will also run out in another 13 weeks. But even now they seem to have no sense of onrushing catastrophe.

WHAT makes John and Jeannette hard to believe in, of course, is the curious combination of industriousness — for both have always been hard, steady workers — with almost total, lotus-eating improvidence. They are not unusual either. I ran into one young auto-worker who had lost his job, had got married

on his unemployment benefits two months later, and had gone on the never-never for \$850 worth of furniture and appliances with no job prospect and only 17 weeks of benefits to go. He is on welfare now. The wife is pregnant, and their whole wretched little apartment smelled of ruin.

There was another brisk, bustling woman who had gone to work at Chrysler against her husband's will "because you don't never get ahead unless the woman works." With a big combined income, they had signed a really big note to a fly-by-night contractor for finishing their attic as an extra bedroom. Now their time payments were \$160 a month, or exactly half what the still working husband earns. The woman commented: "Anyway, we still got a little comin' in, so we're better off than a lot of people."

At first one hardly knows which is more shocking, the rapacity of the never-never traders who prey upon these simple people, or the shortsighted folly of the people themselves. Nothing, certainly, can excuse the dealers selling trash for "nothing down, easy terms," whose "easy terms" are such that the trash is generally paid for at least twice over.

BUT if you reflect on the matter, you cannot put the whole blame on these industrial workers for their fantastic uses of easy credit. They live, after all, in a society that measures achievement not by inner standards but by material objects.

Day after day, there are the voices—sometimes very respectable voices—warning them they have achieved nothing if their plumbing merely flushes but is not orchid colored, or if their cars merely get them from here to there but do not look like drop-silk juke boxes.

Then too, the really monstrous use of credit they have been making has been permitted, and even encouraged, by the society leaders. The auto manufacturers were not the least powerful of those who pressed the Federal Reserve Board to relax installment buying rules. And if tens of thousands of the General Motors workers, for instance, have outrageously mortgaged themselves because of over-confidence in their job-security, they have judged their job-security by the forecasts of General Motors' President Harlow Curtice, who so often swept aside every suggestion that the American automobile market might perhaps become saturated.

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