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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
Dec. 2, 1948 (Thursday)
Nearly 115 service station and garage owners here agree to raise the price of gas two cents per gallon and the price of oil five cents a quart.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 2, 1938 (Friday)
The Jackson county combined tax levy for 1939 shows a 1.1 mill reduction from this year's, the new figure being 13 mills.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 2, 1928 (Sunday)
George Johnson, radio operator at Medford airport, loses his only free day, Monday, as Pacific Air Transport company air mail service goes on a seven-day week.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 2, 1918 (Monday)
The society chimney sweep is in town.
Hot lunches are now being served in about half of Jackson county schools.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. Both male and female crickets make the chirping sound; true or false?
2. What is the surname of the discoverer of radium?
3. Nathan Bedford Forrest was a noted Civil War general; did he serve with the Union or the Confederate?
4. Current, regular issues of U.S. 3c postage stamps are green, red, or purple?
5. "Magnolia State" is the nickname of which Southern State?
6. A neck of land connecting two bodies of water is called an isthmus?
7. Name the eight parts of speech.
8. The average composition of which one of these dairy products has the least water content - buttermilk, skim milk, whole milk?
9. Polytheism is a belief that there is only one god, or that there are many gods?
10. Sex reversal is commonplace among oysters; true or false?
Answers: 1. False. 2. Curie. 3. Confederate. 4. Purple. 5. Mississippi. 6. Isthmus. 7. Adjective, adverb, conjunction, interjection, noun, preposition, pronoun, verb. 8. Whole milk. 9. Many gods. 10. True.

VETERAN
Roanoke Rapids, N.C.—UPI—Mrs. Haldie Frances Jones of Henrico gave birth to triplets at her home, attended only by her mother, Mrs. Katie Owens, who now has 55 grandchildren.

Lessons From California

A trip to the San Francisco Bay area over the Thanksgiving week end — a trip we have made at least once each year for the more than a decade — strongly reinforced some prior conclusions, and gave us a few additional thoughts about life in America.

First and foremost it revived in us a great thankfulness that we live in a small town. Secondly, it proved that the automobile is probably the biggest single factor in the American way of life.

Third, it showed that, if nothing else, America is going to have to solve the problems of automobile traffic, air pollution and diminishing space if the amenities which make life worth living are going to remain.

THE first conclusion, obviously, is the result of the other two. We are far too fond of "elbow room," of forested hills and untrammelled fields, of driving to work in 7 1/2 minutes, and of all the other things which can still be enjoyed in the Rogue Valley, ever to be seriously tempted by the lure of metropolitanism.

As for the automobile, no one can gain say its convenience under most circumstances. But when it takes a full hour to drive from Berkeley to downtown San Francisco across the giant Bay bridge, and every inch of the way in bumper-to-bumper traffic which barely crawls along; when it takes five to ten minutes to drive a city block in San Francisco itself; when the fumes from exhausts sting the eyes, and when it becomes a necessity to be ill-mannered if one ever gets anywhere — then the automobile is more than a convenience.

A car by itself is wonderful; en masse, it is a monster which is choking cities, threatening life and limb, destroying important values, and making the faces of the cities, and not always to their advantage.

WE CAN propose no solution, although the development of super-fast, super-convenient mass transportation (if there could be such a thing) would solve some of the problem.

Our own solution is to live where life, while getting constantly more complicated, still is far less so than in the burgeoning thousands in the Bay area, or the already overgrown and overcrowded Los Angeles coastal plain, both of them capped by a layer of dirty, polluted air.

As to the air pollution, it isn't a joke any longer.

There was a day when no smart comedian could resist taking a crack at the eye-stinging, nose-clogging stuff. They still do. But to residents plagued with it, it's far from funny any more. Los Angeles, for instance, and to an only slightly lesser degree, San Francisco, must find out what to do about it, and then do it.

FINALLY, diminishing space is a problem posed purely by two things — more people and more automobiles. People need space to work and live, and cars need space to move and park.

In the growing suburbs of great metropolitan areas, housing developments and freeways seem to be the greatest space-gobblers.

And the best solution for this is, of course, fewer people and fewer cars — a solution which is unrealistic to say the least.

So the next-best solution, one becoming more and more important to all growing communities and those which can logically expect continued growth, is to provide for that growth in an orderly manner. This means planning, and zoning, and rules and regulations to channel the growth into bearable patterns.

THE alternative is municipal (and suburban) chaos.

The sad fact is that people are only too prone to "let George do it," or "let it slide" until it is too late. Then come massive relocation and reconstruction programs.

Jackson county stands in the path of a tide of northward and westward creeping population.

Any official, and group, any responsible citizen who obstructs vitally needed programs of planning to accommodate it is, in effect, cutting off his area's nose to spite its face. — E. A.

St. Paul's Cathedral, London

A special American chapel has been dedicated in St. Paul's Cathedral, London. It honors American soldiers of World War II who are buried in Britain or who, buried elsewhere, had been based there.

The cathedral with the new American chapel is second only to Westminster Abbey in fame among the churches of London. St. Paul's is the outstanding example of Renaissance church architecture in all England. Located in the financial district, its magnificent dome dominates the London landscape.

LIKE THE Westminster Abbey that tourists know, the earlier St. Paul's had been in Gothic style, although incorporating some of the earlier Norman architecture. But it was destroyed beyond repair in the great London fire of 1666.

To Sir Christopher Wren was entrusted the plan of the new cathedral, and of the original Gothic he kept only the floor plan. Construction took 35 years, 1675 to 1710.

St. Paul's suffered one direct bomb hit in World War II but assiduous fire-fighting squads kept it from being destroyed by fire bombs. The surrounding area suffered more heavily. Indeed, the open spaces around the Cathedral today as a result of war bombing allow it to be better seen and appreciated than when hemmed in by all manner of buildings before the war. — E.R.R.

Dennis the Menace



"I DON'T THINK HE'S FEELING WELL. NOBODY'S COMPLAINED ABOUT HIM ALL DAY!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

THE NEW KREMLIN LINE
Baghdad, Iraq — Despite the romance of its name and past, this squalid, teeming, mud-colored city has always been one of the dreariest capitals of the Arab lands. It is no less dreary now. But now Baghdad is vividly, even painfully interesting, as the place where you can see the Kremlin's new Middle East line.

The Kremlin's adoption of a new Middle Eastern strategy is a less dramatic development than the Kremlin's power play at Berlin. Yet it is comparable, all the same, for it is another striking proof of the Kremlin's growing boldness.

The essence of the change of strategy is simple. Formerly the Soviets supported and worked through Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser. Nasser's Arab nationalist movement was, and so to say, the dagger the Soviets hoped to plunge into the West's soft belly. For this purpose, the Communist parties in all Arab countries were formerly ordered to serve under Nasser's command, as mere auxiliaries in his movement.

THIS system of using Nasser as the sole instrument of Soviet purposes in this area has now been abandoned. The Arab Communist parties are being encouraged to hope for a "greater Kurdistan," including huge chunks of both Turkey and Iran. The organizer of all this is the Kurdish Communist agent, the Mullah Mustafa Barzani, who weaves his web nowadays from the Semiramis Hotel here in Baghdad.

The agitation among the Kurds is so important for two reasons. On the one hand, the Kurds will be harder to control than a mere city crowd. On the other hand, almost all of Iraq's mineral resources, and especially the vital oil sources, are in predominantly Kurdish Northern Iraq.

SUCH is the progress that the Communists have already made outside the government. Inside the government, they have also made progress in three different ways. In the first place, they have posed and are still posing as the most enthusiastic supporters of Brigadier Kassem, who wants Iraq to be independent of Nasser for his own, quite different reasons. They gave Kassem valuable support during the crisis caused by Colonel Aref. Leading Communists are endlessly singing their Syrian songs to the Prime Minister at this moment.

In the second place, Communists now occupy at least one and probably two or three key ministerial posts. Thirdly, the Communist and Communist-sympathizing ministers are doing their best to create opportunities for Soviet and satellite technicians to enter Iraq in uncontrolled mobs; to run the new projects planned under the Iraq's stepped up development program, to exploit formerly under-exploited oil concessions, and so on.

Altogether, the Communist effort here is very formidable indeed. Yet a visit to Baghdad is an oddly cheering experience. As already recorded, Brigadier Kassem does not look like the kind of man who will consent in the end to be the Kremlin's Nuri. And, as will be shown, Kassem can still master the Communists just as he mastered the Nasserites, if he decides to do so before it is too late.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

TWO ADVERTISING tycoons, dining in an expensive restaurant that befitted their expense accounts, fell into a violent argument. One beckoned a waiter to ask, "Could you lend us a dime to settle a bet?"

The waiter produced the dime, the coin was flipped, the argument settled — and eventually the check was produced. One item thereon startled the tycoons — even though they were only signing the agency's name. It read, "Loan of a dime: 25c."

Cedric Adams tells of two dauntless fishermen who were trolling for muskellunge on a lake in northern Minnesota. The muskies were vicious that day, and snapping at everything — but they absolutely refused to be hooked.

"I say we quit," said one fisherman finally. "Okay by me," agreed the other. "I don't mind them having Sunday dinner off my bait, but what gets me is when they shove their heads up, lean back on their flippers, and use my line for dental floss!"

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Crazy Music

To the Editor: It strikes me the radio stations of this area have the worst selections of music, if it could be called that, possible. I've got some selections on an old Edison cylinder - type phonograph here which are far better than any can get by tuning in to one of our local radio stations. One never hears on our local stations, at least I've been unsuccessful, such tunes on a fiddle as "Turkey in the Straw," "Hell Among the Yearlings," "Fishers' Hornpipe," "McLeod's Reel," "Dunung's Hornpipe," "Eighth of January," "Did You Ever See The Devil, Uncle Joe," "Haste to the Wedding," etc., etc.

All one can get on our local radio stations is rock and roll with a whang bang crash bang squal and blare from some kind of horn. I'll say the "music" of today is very low quality and too much quantity. I usually turn off the radio except for the news. TV is no better, in fact it's a tossup as to which is worse. How any sane person can enjoy most of it is beyond comprehension. I heard a psychiatrist say on a TV program about a year and a half ago that the time was coming when they'd put the normal people inside and turn the rest loose as it would take less room. Personally I think he is right and the craze (?) for music such as is being played today certainly proves it.

Floyd R. McCabe
Mt. Pitt Star Route
Butte Falls.

Thanks to Medford

To the Editor: The Medford Pathfinders have asked me to convey their very sincere thanks to members of this community for helping to make the Halloween and Thanksgiving season especially pleasant for them this year. These boys and girls, aged 10 to 15, went out before Halloween, ringing doorbells and asking, instead of a treat for themselves, a can of food to be used in Thanksgiving baskets.

May I say to Medford folks who answered those doorbells, "Your response was wonderful." When the 40-some youngsters who went out in the project counted the things you so generously contributed they had 837 cans of food in addition to walnuts, pumpkins, squash and some cash for a "greater Kurdistan," including huge chunks of both Turkey and Iran. The organizer of all this is the Kurdish Communist agent, the Mullah Mustafa Barzani, who weaves his web nowadays from the Semiramis Hotel here in Baghdad.

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Nixon at Work Shoring Up GOP Organization in California

By WILLIAM THEIS
Washington—UPI—Vice President Richard M. Nixon, pointing at the presidency in 1960, labored today at shoring up the Republican party structure in his own vineyard.

Post-election forecasts that Nixon would take over the GOP organization in the wake of its Nov. 4 debacle bore first fruit in a series of huddles with California Republican leaders here.

Nixon met individually with 15 county and state leaders from his home state at his Capitol office Monday. Then he conferred with the entire group until midnight at his Washington home. He invited GOP State Chairman George Milias and his 14 California Republican associates to dinner and a review of the day's earlier individual talks.

Milias, who said the group did not even discuss presidential aspirations with Nixon, reported the talks resulted in a Republican party organizational program for California.

He said it would be refined and presented to the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee Jan. 10 in San Mateo, Calif. He said it dealt essentially with party organization, registration of voters, and fund-raising through a drive aimed at small contributors.

The Leader
Milias said he thought all California Republicans were looking to Nixon as their leader.

Nixon's action made it clear he intends to be a takeover party leader in his own state, at least to the extent this is satisfactory to his fellow-Republicans. Milias himself said he had asked the Vice President to confer with the state leaders.

The conferences came on the heels of Nixon's selection of one of his former campaign lieutenants, Robert H. Finch of Los Angeles, to be his administrative assistant for the next two political cycles.

Finch is a young attorney when has been serving as chairman of the Los Angeles County GOP Central committee. His job, it was understood, will be to work largely on Republican organizational problems. Nixon's Monday conferences were the first step in this program.

Milias said in an interview that Monday's discussions were part of a party effort rather than a drive to push Nixon for the presidential nomination.

Work Needed
However, it has been clear since the congressional elections that Nixon would have to assert his own leadership and shore up the GOP in his home state in advance of the Republican national convention in 1960.

Milias said that while the party leaders all were "supporters of the vice president," they included friends of Senate GOP leader William F. Knowland and Gov. Goodwin Knight.

Knowland was beaten for the governorship by Democratic Attorney General Edmund Brown. Knight lost the race for Knowland's senate seat to Democratic Rep. Clair Engle.

Others conferring with Nixon included John Krebbel, Los Angeles; Glen Collidge, GOP caucus leader in the California State Legislature; State Sen. Jack McCarthy; Robert Steels, San Francisco County chairman, and leaders from the Los Angeles, San Diego and Orange County GOP organizations.

And I wish you could have seen the shining eyes and heard the stories of the evening's experiences from boys and girls who were learning the true meaning of the words that is more blessed to give than to receive.

Thank you all for your kindness to our boys and girls and to the less fortunate members of your community.

Mrs. Alvy Bowman
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Liked Editorial

To the Editor: Your editorial (E.R.R.) in today's M.T., World Wide Ship Boycott is so timely and constitutes such a warning to us as a nation as well as individuals, that a letter of commendation would seem quite worthwhile. Especially so when such factual publications as the U.S. News and World Report and Christian Science Monitor carry such a wealth of information of what labor union monopolies are up to, it surely is encouraging when our own daily newspaper gives us a kibitzer view into the editorial think tank.

It has been quite some time since our president kindly asked labor and industry not to make any further price demands. What was union labor's answer? A rash of strikes including the crippling jurisdictional that does not include the industry concerned but is a wrecker of it just the same. So, thanks again for a most timely and heart warming editorial.

F. J. Clifford
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Central Point, Ore.

Bus Riders

To the Editor: The Communists seem to think they are pretty smart. They've been sitting in the bus and leaving the driving to us. Maybe they got a lot of learnin' to do yet. We don't always take our back seat drivers where they want to go.

Everett Acklin
Ashland, Ore.

Editorial Comment

DUNCAN GROOMED?

Democratic members of the Oregon Legislature have elected Walter Pearson and Robert Duncan to lead them in the upcoming session, Pearson as president of the Senate and Duncan as Speaker of the House. Pearson, once state treasurer, has been active in Democratic party affairs for many years. We doubt that he has aspirations to seek a major office. Duncan is another story. A young Medford lawyer, he served his first term in the legislature two years ago. It is no secret that he is being groomed for a shot at a major office. — Pendleton East-Oregonian.

PAROLE FOR HUGH D'AUTREMONT

The State Board of Parole and Probation has awarded a parole to Hugh D'Autremont one of three brothers who were convicted for one of the most dastardly crimes in the annals of Oregon. That was the attempted robbery of the Southern Pacific mail train at a tunnel in the Siskiyou Mountains of Southern Oregon in 1923. The train was halted, three trainmen were shot to death and a mail clerk was killed in dynamiting the mail car. The robbers failed, however, to get any loot. The three D'Autremont brothers, Ray, Roy and Hugh, the youngest, were indicted but were not apprehended for four years. Hugh was tried and convicted in 1927 and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Factors which led to the parole were Hugh's good conduct in prison where he has spent 31 years, and his youth at the time of the crime—23 years of age. For years parole boards have regarded Hugh's case with some favor. Hanging over him, however, were other indictments growing out of the crime. Postal authorities were long adamant against any parole or commutation. It was necessary to clear these indictments before a parole would have much value. This was done when Hugh pleaded guilty to a state and a federal charge. Other charges were dismissed.

The sentence on the former was the same as for the first offense and on the second he was put on probation by Judge Gus Solomon who noted that the state had jurisdiction over and custody of the defendant. These actions opened the way for Hugh's parole which now has been approved by the parole board.

It is not surprising that protest has been made by some of those who participated in the trial. George Neuner, who assisted in the prosecution, called it a "damned outrage," and Charles A. Wing, of Grants Pass, one of the jurors, said he was "strongly opposed" to the parole. Undoubtedly many felt that the D'Autremonts should have been executed, and many will feel that Hugh should be confined in prison all his life. But if rehabilitation is an objective of imprisonment, then those who achieve it deserve mitigation of punishment, even for the blackest of crimes. Hugh's case has been studied so long by the parole board and prison officials that the board's decision should be accepted and respected.

The board sometimes makes mistakes. The papers which reported Hugh's parole reported also the arrest of one Jess William Neal in Portland, just 12 days after his release on parole from the Oregon state prison. But the percentage of parolees who "go straight" is high, and the system has fully justified itself. Hugh now seeks employment and obscurity. We hope that he finds both.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

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DIVIDEND NOTICE
The Board of Directors has declared a dividend of \$4 per share from net investment income and a distribution of \$64 per share from net realized gain on investments, payable December 26 to shareholders of record December 5, 1958.
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