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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. 7, 1948 (Tuesday)
Magician Lee Grabel will
attempt Houdini's famous
"trunk escape" in a program
sponsored by the Medford
Active Club.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 7, 1938 (Wednesday)
Contractor Representatives
arrive for the preliminaries
leading to reconstruction of
Medford's paved streets.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 7, 1928 (Friday)
"The Ghost Train," per-
formed by Franks comedians,
opens at the Playhouse.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 7, 1918 (Saturday)
Mayor Gates renews the
ban on dances following a re-
surge of influenza.

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

1. The eruption of what volcano
under an avalanche of lava?
2. Bruin is another name
for what animal?
3. Which letter of the alpha-
bet is usually not shown on
pay telephone dials?
4. Color blindness is more
frequent among girls, or
boys?
5. Identify the Persian poet
who composed the Rubaiyat.
6. Identify whose likeness
was placed on a commemora-
tive U.S. 50-cent piece in
1946.
7. Who portrayed the role
of "Baby Snooks" on the ra-
dio?
8. Buenos Aires is situated
north, or south, of the equa-
tor?
9. According to the Greek
fable, Argus, the giant, had
how many eyes?
10. A bullock is a type of
locking device, a young ox, or
a canal gate valve?

Answers: 1. Vesuvius. 2.
Bear. 3. Q. 4. Among boys.
5. Omar Khayyam. 6. Book-
er T. Washington. 7. Fanny
Brice. 8. South. 9. 100 eyes.
10. Young ox.

TRADE AGREEMENT
Warsaw—(UPI)—Poland and
East Germany have signed a
trade protocol for 1959 under
which Poland agrees to in-
crease East German machin-
ery imports by 30 per cent.
Poland will export food, coal,
lignite and some machinery
to East Germany. Poland will
get raw materials, motorcy-
cles, automobiles, bicycles and
various kinds of machinery
from East Germany.

This Is the Centennial

Largely through the efforts of a relatively small number of men and women in Jackson county, considerable strides have been made in preparation for the local celebration of Oregon's Centennial here next year.

Setting up this sort of thing has a lot of intangibles to it, for attitude and awareness of the Centennial—which in turn create an atmosphere of hospitality for our expected visitors—are probably the most important factors in a successful celebration.

The Jackson County Centennial association, a non-profit organization of busy men who are working out the details, ably assisted by Coordinator Ernie Hood, has done much to create this awareness and favorable attitude.

BUT there are tangible things, too, which have been and are being accomplished—important things.

Probably the most important single job which is being done is that of raising \$275,000 to build a new Shakespearean Festival theater, to open during the Centennial year. The enthusiasm and understanding acceptance of the need—both practical and idealistic—for the theater, is widespread.

We predict a successful conclusion of the drive, both in Jackson county (where Ashland is leading the way), and throughout the state and nation.

MOST of the other tangible progress has been in relatively small things, but added together they amount to a rather amazing display of intelligent cooperation, hard work, and vigorous enthusiasm on the part of many, many people.

There is, for example, the "Make Medford Beautiful" campaign, which has generated so much interest on the part of so many, and which is going to result in a cleaner, more attractive city for the Centennial year.

There are the plans now going forward to create in Jacksonville an old-time, mining-town atmosphere, which will attract and hold visitors, to the benefit of all citizens of the county.

THERE are plans now well under way for visitors' information booths at one or more locations in the county—where tourists can stop and be provided with accurate information about the things to see, the places to go, the things to do, in which they are interested.

There are plans for marking historic sites in the county, which will not only make it more interesting for visitors, but will add to our own appreciation of the history of the place we call home.

There are plans for Surry rides and wagon trains, for Pony Express rides, for a week-long Centennial celebration at the time of the birthday itself, February 14; for observances in the schools, to let our youngsters know more of the heritage which is theirs.

THERE will be exhibits and displays and community celebrations in many parts of the county. Some men plan to grow beards, and many people will dress in old time costumes—partly to lend atmosphere, and partly just for the fun of it, in a festival mood.

Window displays, special tourist maps of the county, special articles, a movie, slide series—all these things are in preparation.

All these things can add up to a gala season. And most of all, and most important, it can be fun to do.

Sometimes it occurs to us that we have too little fun doing the mundane, everyday things that have become habit with each of us. If we look at this Centennial opportunity the right way, it can be the source of a lot of plain, old-fashioned fun.

THAT in itself is enough reason why all these things—and many others that space doesn't permit us to list—should be, and are being, done. But there is another reason, a practical one. The out-of-state tourist (perhaps "visitor" is a better word) constitutes the state's and Jackson county's third biggest industry.

They have always come in numbers to see us and our natural wonderland in southern Oregon, and they will come in even greater numbers next year.

They will enrich our economy. We want to be good hosts to them, treat them as the decent, friendly human beings they are, and encourage them to return again and again. We cannot do that with a get-rich-quick, soak-em-all-you-can, attitude.

BUT if we make our guests feel welcome, if we furnish them with things to do and see and enjoy, if we make them feel that they have been well-treated, and offer them entertainment and fun, they will reward this area with a bonanza of cash and goodwill which will enrich us in more ways than one, and it will be a lasting benefit.

That, as we see it, is what the Centennial is all about. We're grateful to the men and women who have done so much work to make it come true so far, and know that they would welcome all the help they can get, from everyone.—E.A.

Day of Infamy

Today is the "Day of Infamy"—Dec. 7. Seventeen years ago today the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor to begin American participation in World War II. It also was a Sunday. Only 17 years. But it seems a long, long time ago.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace

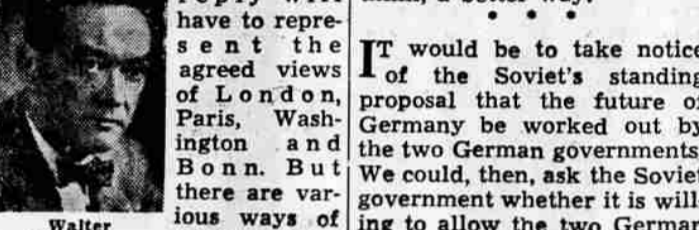


"WELL, H, MOM! CARE FOR A GLASS OF MILK?"

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

The Reply to the Soviets
A written reply will, of course, have to be made to the long Soviet note about Berlin. The reply will have to represent the agreed views of London, Paris, Washington and Bonn. But there are various ways of replying to the Soviet note, and we should think carefully before we choose which one.



It would be to take notice of the Soviet's standing proposal that the future of Germany be worked out by the two German governments. We could, then, ask the Soviet government whether it is willing to allow the two German governments to negotiate freely and whether it is willing to accept the result if they are able to agree upon the structure of a confederation.

It is almost certain, I believe, that the Soviet government will not agree to negotiations which are as free as that. It will insist on conditions. It will insist that the two Germanys must live within an arrangement which limits their armaments and their alliances.

Be that as it may, an Allied reply which took the line of a negotiation between the two Germanys would pose the basic question as to what are the practical conditions of a negotiated settlement—and what are the possibilities of an all-European security system.

I realize, of course, that a reply of this kind requires a serious modification of Dr. Adenauer's policy of the non-recognition of the East German state. If he vetoes such a reply, the United States cannot now go over his head. But nevertheless it is a sound way to approach the German question, and it would have powerful support in the Western world, including Western Germany itself.

Indeed, it is hard to see how there can be any successful approach which does not begin with and recognize the facts of life—which are that there are now two Germanys and two Berlins, and that only slowly over a long period of time, and in the climate of national freedom after the foreign troops have departed, can the two Germanys become integrated again.

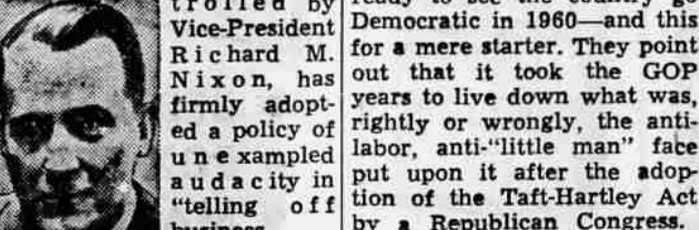
WHAT then would be a better way to reply? It would be, it seems to me, to focus upon the thesis that the problem of Berlin can be settled only as and when there is a German settlement—that no solution, only at the most a de facto arrangement, is possible if Berlin is treated as an isolated problem.

If this were our thesis, then the next thing to do is to propose the beginning of negotiations about Germany. There are several ways to do this. One way would be

Washington Report

By William S. White

GOP HITS BUSINESS
Washington—The professional leadership of the Republican party, largely controlled by Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, has firmly adopted a policy of unexampled audacity in "telling off business."



It is as extraordinary as though the Democrats had set out publicly to reprimand labor. Indeed, this is news of a kind that is said to result when man bites dog.

That the Republican pros have undertaken this course of danger—and of Spartan courage—is the best possible index of their fears for the future. The more they examine the why and wherefores of the Democratic Congressional election victories of last month the worse things look to them unless businessmen can be made to "see reason" before the Presidential test of 1960.

THE considered view of the GOP professionals is this: the insistence by business of putting the so-called right-to-work issue into the recent campaign must not be repeated unless business is ready to see the country go Democratic in 1960—and this for a mere starter. They point out that it took the GOP years to live down what was, rightly or wrongly, the anti-labor, anti-"little man" party put upon it after the adoption of the Taft-Hartley Act by a Republican Congress.

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. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the

Progressive Step
To the Editor: The letter from Mr. R. J. Crossman in the Wednesday Mail Tribune was well written and adequately stated the case for a favorable "Yes" vote on the off-street parking proposal to be voted on Dec. 10th. This is the type of positive thinking needed.

Amused by 'Propaganda'
To the Editor: It has been most amusing to study the propaganda that has been given us by the proponents of the proposed offstreet parking program. Too many public officials don't only feel but are free to state that if they do the public needs to be educated. The first thing the proponents did was to appoint an advisory board. Advice is the greatest surplus commodity that we have in America. Everybody is overstocked with it and are ready to give it away free, and most of it is worth about that amount.

From my own viewpoint, being in the real estate business, it is a very important matter, as in many cases our city is judged by the conditions noted by our out-of-state visitors. A recent advertisement of ours in the Southern California area brought in many replies from people interested in this area. Several made special trips here to look our town over. The majority of the people were interested in job and business opportunities, recreation, climate, schools and our shopping district.

Most were favorably impressed with the area, however, there were a few sour notes, chief among them being the downtown parking problem. Many of the people were used to adequate parking lots or a municipal transit system.

Many out of state people, who have visited here and have come back to live, commented, "If the people in the Southern California area knew what the Rogue River valley had to offer them, they would come up here in droves; however, your downtown parking problem is one of the real problems facing the area today and will get worse unless something is done about it."

This represents a good barometer of what the newcomers observe about the area. I, personally, believe it will be a real asset to the community to have a parking program geared to the anticipated future growth of our city. That a parking problem can be accomplished without a tax on the Medford home owners is a gratifying tribute to the majority of the business property owners who are willing to accept the assessments on their property for our parking convenience.

Anyone who will take time to study and analyze the upcoming ballot measure, will realize a great deal of our civic leader's time, thought and effort has gone into this measure. It represents several years of careful survey and thoughtful planning.

This measure is a progressive step forward for a city of Medford's size to take and will be the first step to giving Medford the shopping convenience it sorely needs.

Wallace W. Watkins,
526 East Main st.,
Medford.

Letters to Santa
Dear Mr. Medford Tribune:
Will you please print my letter to Santa Claus in your paper? Santa will be able to read it.

Dear beautiful Santa:
Hope you read this. I have just moved up here and I am sure you would never have found me. I would like a real set of drums, a bride doll with white trunk, and for outfits, a red velvet dress turned in white fur. Just like your suit. If you can't bring some of these will you please bring me a little white kitty with a red bow. Oh, yes tell Mr. Antony to bring a million dollars. Daddy needs a pair of suspenders because his pants fall down. Love,
Vicky Atkins
Route 1, Box 369
Central Point

Handicapped Week
To the Editor: This committee considers it not only an obligation but a privilege as well to extend its sincere thanks and feeling of deep appreciation for your helpful cooperation in furthering the program for the employment of the physically handicapped.

By means of the publicity given in your publication during the recent observance of National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week you helped in a very definite manner to call the attention of the public to the problems of the handicapped and to the advantages of using their

skills in gainful employment. We hope that your interest in this worthwhile endeavor may continue.

Jackson County
EPH Committee
Eric A. Allen,
President,
Victor E. Newman,
Secretary,
Medford

Defends GOP
To the Editor: I have noticed that some people of late are displaying their literary prowess by razzing and criticizing the Republican party. Since its inception Oregon has been a Republican state, until recently.

Therefore, the Republicans have had a tremendous part in her economy and development. I feel we need make no apology for the job we have done.

It is true we have made some mistakes. But who hasn't? I, for one, am proud of their record and proud to be a Republican Oregonian. Many of those that are now so critical have moved here from other states, some of which were dominated by Democrats. If they liked it so well why didn't they stay where they were?
Leila A. Morrow,
531 North Bartlett st.,
Medford.

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

Here is the weekly Centennial-whisker bulletin from the Mail Tribune:

In the newsroom, we still have five clean-shaven faces—three men and two women. (We don't REALLY expect the latter to conform.)

There are two modest mustaches left, but the impressive sights, in the hairy-face line, are the photographer, who gets more romantic-looking each day, with chin-whiskers and mustache, and the city editor, whose Cape Cod rim of whiskers are now long enough to give him a remarkable resemblance to Abraham Lincoln.

One lady visitor to the newsroom looked at him, noticed the similarity, and when he spoke to her, even commented that he even sounded like Lincoln. (How she knows that we don't know.)

Our favorite comment, though, came from a member of the Stereotyping crew, who took one look and said, "When's the assassination? I don't want to miss that."

About the only other department of the M-T where

whisker-madness has hit is in the circulation department, where a minimum of three beards - cum - mustaches have been noted, of varied styles and lengths. Our favorite is a full-faced red beard, which makes the wearer look almost exactly like Henry VIII.

In the back shop, there has been some talk about whiskers, but little has been done except by the proofreader, who has distinguished, battleship - grey adornment of burnisides, chinwhiskers and mustache.

Speaking of the Centennial (see editorial elsewhere on this page), the proofreader has a definition for the celebration: Laughing off 100 years of goofing off.

It is the general experience of police agencies that the Christmas season is a time when phoney-check passers get busier than at other times of the year.

Why this is, is speculative, but it may be that more people need more money then, or that the crowds make it easier to pass bum checks to harried clerks and salespeople, or maybe people are more inclined to be trusting as the birthday of the Prince of Peace approaches.

Anyway, the bad-check artists sometimes get pretty daring, and sometimes even have a sense of humor. Witness the check which was cashed in another county, signed "U. R. Hooked." He was, too.

When sheriff's officers recently destroyed a gambling device, a few bystanders helped to swing the sledgehammers. It may be that a couple of them were taking vengeance for times when they had lost out to the nickle-grabbing machines.

The office philosopher (Jg), who is one of the mainstays of this department, was approached this week to see if he had any items for the column. He said he'd try to dig some up.

A few moments later he was overheard, above the clatter and noise in the newsroom, talking into the telephone to someone we could not identify.

He said: "I'm looking for potluck items. With your large and varied experience with humanity, have you run across any this past week?"

The results are elsewhere in the column.

The problems of smog are real and serious, and real and serious efforts are being put forth to solve them. We have heard it expressed, however, that the scientists are going about it the wrong way. What is needed, it is suggested, is filter-tip people.

From the Hoover Hi-Lite: "I am Dick Thierolf and I'm writing about my little salamander that I caught at Lake of the Woods at the tules or marsh, if you want to call it that. Jack and I were snake hunting and Jack Hibbs saw his tail sticking out of the rotting log where the snakes are. I caught him and Daddy said I could take him home. I put him in a bucket and then transferred him to a box. He is related to the tiger salamander of the east. He is brownish black with yellow mottle down his back. He is about two inches long. He eats sowbugs, flies, and larva, grubs, earthworms, and caterpillars. He is very secretive and stays under his little piece of bark. At night he comes out to feed."