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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. 9, 1948 (Thursday)
J. J. Newberry company opens its new downtown store tomorrow.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1938 (Friday)
The Southern Oregon Movie club elects new officers here.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1928 (Sunday)
Finley Henderson, daredevil aviator, will deliberately crash his airplane into a wooden building at the fairgrounds today.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1918 (Monday)
Arrangements are practically completed for the Southern Oregon Poultry show here.

A large crowd watches Jack Williams, "The Human Fly," scale the wall of the Medford hotel.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. In the British peerage system, which ranks the higher—and earl or a baron?
- 2. How many inches in a fathom?
- 3. James Fenimore Cooper is noted for his series of "Leatherstocking Tales," "Cottonstocking Tales," or "Leatherstocking Tales"?
- 4. What is the correct pronunciation of "viscount"?
- 5. Did limburger cheese originate in The Netherlands, Germany, or Belgium?
- 6. The standard length of an unsmoked (regular) cigarette is 2 1/2, 2 3/4, or 3 inches.
- 7. Identify the rich financier, now deceased, who was noted for distributing thousands of dimes—one at a time.
- 8. During World War I, what was the highest military rank attained by Adolph Hitler?
- 9. Does the word octapodic refer to six, eight, or ten feet?
- 10. Which has more teeth per inch—a rip saw, or a cross-cut saw?

Answers: 1. Earl. 2. 72 in. 3. "Leatherstocking Tales." 4. VIE-kount. 5. Belgium. 6. 2 3/4 inches. 7. John D. Rockefeller Sr. 8. Corporal. 9. Eight feet. 10. Cross-cut.

NAMED GRAND MARSHAL

Pasadena, Calif. — Gov. ernor-elect William A. Egan of Alaska has been named grand marshal of the 70th annual Tournament of Roses parade on New Year's day. Egan and his wife will arrive here Dec. 28 to attend the coronation and ball for this year's rose queen, Pamela Parther.

"Go-Ahead" Needed

We wouldn't be a city councilman for love nor money.

Members of the council don't do it for money, so they must do it for love. We suspect some of them on occasion must think they should have had their heads examined.

For it seems to be the nature of some citizens to question the integrity, the motives and the intelligence of members of the council, who they themselves elect, when a substantial matter of public policy is involved.

Disagreement is understandable. But charges which boil down to misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance are not.

A CASE in point is the proposal, to be decided at the polls tomorrow, which would permit the council and city administration to proceed with an orderly development of off-street parking in the city.

There are a few debatable arguments against the way in which the matter has been presented. But some of the opposition has not been satisfied to use these legitimate arguments. Instead it has resorted to "scare" tactics, misrepresentation, and more or less personal attacks against the integrity of city officials and members of the council.

We've seen this done before. The wonder of it is that we still find men willing to make real and considerable sacrifices necessary to serve on the council.

PARENTHETICALLY, right here, we'd like to point out that this is the first time we recall that the mayor and the council have come right out in favor of a city measure.

In the past they have recognized the need, passed the necessary ordinances, called an election, and let the people decide without any word, pro or con, from the council as such.

This time, they believe the matter is of sufficient importance that they have all come out unequivocally in support of the proposal — something which takes a certain amount of courage in a controversial situation.

This is the kind of leadership we need.

AS TO the parking proposal itself, the Mail Tribune is on record as supporting it.

It will raise no taxes. It will cost no more money than anyone is paying the city now — except for the downtown merchants who will pay the assessments levied against the parking district. And even in the case of these merchants, the costs will not be prohibitive.

It will be a major and progressive step forward.

To defeat the proposal would just postpone a solution. And this at a time when costs are rising, when the problem is growing more pressing, and when Medford is attempting to attract industrial payrolls to bolster its economy.

IT HAS been argued:

1. Procedures in state law should be followed, and an assessment district be set up, before a vote is taken.

2. Revenue bonds, not bonds backed by the city's credit, should be used.

The answers, which seem entirely logical, are these:

1. That the state law is adopted by reference in the charter amendment itself; that it would be getting ahead of oneself to set up an assessment district before the authority to do so were expressly given by the voters.

2. Revenue bonds for parking, at the present, are not salable. Backing by the credit of the city is necessary to make them so. The city is being asked to back the bonds with its "faith and credit," which is about as risky as an individual co-signing a note with Nelson Rockefeller.

IF THERE is any risk involved (and we doubt strongly that there is any), it is being born entirely by property-owners in the downtown assessment district.

It is they who have encouraged this development, who will pay a substantial part of the bill, and whose properties will be standing behind the bonds in the unlikely event there is any default in payment.

People have said: "Let the merchants pay for it; they're the ones who benefit."

That is true in part; it is also true that they ARE the ones paying a major share of the bill.

It is also true that everyone in the city (to say nothing of out-of-town shoppers) will benefit from easier parking in the downtown area.

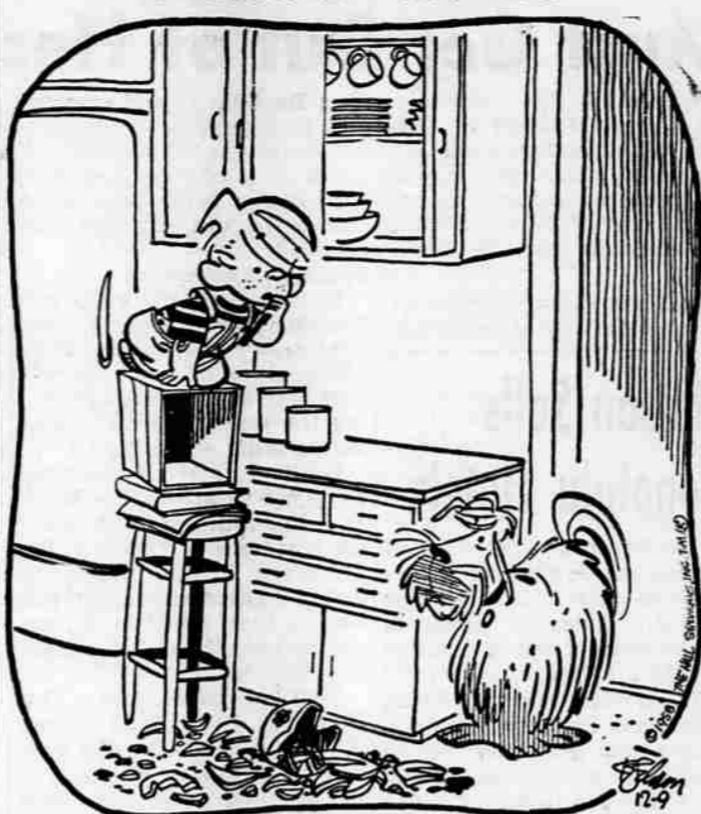
And it seems entirely equitable that the payoff should be divided roughly into thirds: from the merchants and property-owners downtown, from the off-street parkers, and from the on-street parkers — all of whom benefit to a demonstrable degree.

A SOMEWHAT similar proposal was defeated by Medford voters just over two years ago. The margin of loss was 393 votes.

It seems to us that most of the undesirable features of that proposal have been removed, and that anyone can vote for this plan with a clear conscience, knowing that it is a progressive step for the city, and will result in benefits, both tangible and intangible, to residents, merchants and shoppers.

We hope the voters agree, and give the city the go-ahead to work out the further orderly development of the project. — E. A.

Dannis the Menace



"Well, that's the way the cookies crumble..."

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

A MOST CURIOUS CONVERSATION

Cairo, Egypt—One of the most curious conversations in this reporter's sadly long experience is doubly worth recording, just because it was so revealing.

The circumstances themselves were curious, to begin with; Akram Hourani, co-founder of the United Arab Republic and one of the cleverest men in the Arab world, has changed a good deal lately. When he was the most powerful man in Syria, Hourani received one in a squalid office and talked with great fire and frankness.

Now that he is Vice President of the new Syrian-Egyptian Republic he helped to found, Hourani has an office that verges on the pompous, but the fire of the man has been somehow extinguished. Possibly this lack of fire is traceable to the fact that he now has "planning functions only" without executive power.

At first, he even seemed to wish to limit his talk with an old acquaintance to subjects of tested conventionality, such as the inequities of Israel.

BUT of all Arab leaders, Hourani is the one who best understands the role of the late Charles McNary: "Never demagogue when the doors are closed." He was asked about the new situation in Baghdad, where the Communists have roundly defeated Hourani's own former party, the Baath, and have thus blocked the drive for union with Egypt.

At first he grandly proclaimed that "all Arabs must rejoice" because the Iraqis have thrown off the "yoke" of the hated Nuri Pasha. But then another question was put to him:

"But what if Nuri, whom you say belonged to Britain, is merely replaced by another Nuri belonging to the Kremlin?"

"The East and West are getting together on problems of the Arab lands," he answered with apparent irrelevance but with a flash of the old fire.

"The Communist party and the western powers now seem to have an understanding. Both work to block our movement of Arab union."

HE WAS reminded of an earlier conversation, in the old Syrian days. Then Hourani was cooperating with the Communists himself, and he then explained that this was safe to do, because the Communists were also "good Arab nationalists."

"Oh," he replied, "that was entirely temporary." But, "now the Communists and the West agree on certain points, which are against the Arabs. They join in fighting the movement of Arab unity."

Two facts were pointed out in reply: First, that the western powers certainly do not wish to see a Communist victory in Baghdad or anywhere else; and second, that western influence in Baghdad has been rather less than western influence on the moon since the coup de etat in Iraq. But this only evoked an incredulous smile, plus the reply that "the pressure of the Baghdad Pact on the people of Iraq was in the interests of the Communist Party." So the strength of the Iraqi Communists was all the fault of the West from the very beginning.

"I do not think the Communists will win in the end," Akram Hourani continued. "Or at least I hope they won't because I believe the Iraqi people like all Arabs want independence and union. We are against all foreign interference of whatever sort. Interferences may differ in character but they are the same in purpose."

The suggestion was put forward that nothing was more surprising than the silence in the Arab world about this new Communist interference in Iraq, which was so much more seriously menacing than the old, weak British influence of the past. The first reply was a repetition of the argument that it was all the fault of the West anyway, because of the Baghdad Pact.

"As a result, there is a Communist tendency in Iraq," Hourani continued. "But there is also a strong Arab tendency, and the Iraqi people will decide."

"But if the Arabs so bitterly attacked the old interference by the Communists, which is really an interference by the Soviets?" he was asked.

"Do you want us to attack Russia?" he was visibly surprised. "There is a difference between Russia and the Communist party. Although we are friends with Russia, we fight the Communists. Meanwhile, does not the American Embassy in Baghdad cooperate with the Communist party there?"

THIS last question was not asked rhetorically but with meaning and almost with a prosecutor's air. It did little good to reply that no American Embassy had ever cooperated with Communists anywhere. But once again the answering smile expressed unbelief, and so ended this most curious conversation.

It was a revealing conversation for two reasons. The idea that the western powers are now promoting a Communist triumph in the Arab world, for the sole purpose of frustrating "legitimate Arab aspirations," is genuine. It is held here by serious persons on the highest level of government. And besides this interesting idea, the conversation also revealed a good deal about the probable local reaction to the Kremlin's new intervention in the Middle East.

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Editorial Comment

IN BEHALF OF NEW SHAKESPEAREAN THEATER

In this season of giving, an appeal for donations in being made by a most meritorious group. The Oregon Shakespearean Festival building fund committee, 216 Levelette building, Medford, is seeking the sum of \$275,000 to build a replica of an Elizabethan theater.

The structure is to rise in Ashland, replacing a building condemned three years ago as a firetrap, now in process of demolition. The appeal for aid is going far beyond the boundaries of Ashland or Medford, or even of Oregon, for the annual Shakespearean Festival in Ashland is famous internationally, and it is believed that its friends wherever dispersed will answer the call.

The Shakespearean Festival originated in 1935, presenting works of the Bard to small audiences from the stage of a former Chautauque shell. So well were the dramas and comedies presented that each year saw an increase in attendance until the audiences were counted in the thousands and actors and actresses of national reputation sought roles in the productions.

The season of 1958 had a total attendance of 29,585. It enjoyed its greatest box office. But with progress came the problem: Expand or perish. The fire marshal had permitted the stage to be used three years after finding it a menace to the safety of the actors. In 1958 he decided it was hazardous for an audience to sit near the flimsy

TV Columnist Faces Jail Term After Appeal For Refusing to Divulge Source

New York — (UPI)—Television columnist Marie Torre today faces 10 days in jail unless the federal judge who sentenced her on a criminal con-

tempt of court conviction suspends the sentence. The U.S. Supreme Court Monday refused to review the conviction. Miss Torre was

sentenced Nov. 12, 1957, by Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan, who found her guilty of contempt for refusing to divulge the source of a story

she wrote about Judy Garland.

Miss Torre, whose column appears in the New York Herald Tribune, had no comment on the high court's action. Ogden R. Reid, editor of the newspaper, indicated he would have no comment until he had discussed the case with counsel.

The Herald Tribune supported Miss Torre's appeal of the lower court ruling, in which she said the Supreme Court decision would have "an immediate effect on the willingness of news sources to transmit news in confidence to reporters and news media."

May Suspend Sentence

Miss Torre has been free in her own custody. It was understood that a date will be set for her surrender within three weeks, when official word of Monday's decision is received in the U.S. Court House in New York.

Ryan has the prerogative of ordering Miss Torre to serve the full sentence or part of it, and if he wishes, he may suspend sentence.

Months ago Miss Garland was feuding with the Columbia Broadcasting System about contractual obligations to appear on CBS television. In a Herald-Tribune article of Jan. 10, 1957, Miss Torre quoted an unidentified CBS employe as saying, in part, that Miss Garland had a "highly developed inferiority complex."

"... Something is bothering her," the story quote continued. "I wouldn't be surprised if it's because she thinks she's terribly fat."

Judy Files Suit

Miss Garland filed a \$1,393,333 breach of contract and libel suit against CBS, in which she charged that CBS had authorized publication of false and defamatory matter about her.

In the pre-trial examination, Miss Torre was asked to identify the CBS employe. She refused, contending that such revelation of sources would dry up a newspaperman's source of information.

Ryan ordered Miss Torre to name the source. She refused and Ryan sentenced her to 10 days for criminal contempt of court.

The Second U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the ruling.

and devotion are studied and exemplified. All the great leaders of the world are hailed as the men they were when they were at the top; all but Jesus, that is. We forget that they were even babes at all.

So why do we keep Jesus a babe in our worship, when He is truly King of the World, and King of Kings? Why don't we adore that King on His Birthday according to His Majesty and Power? A man courageous and gracious enough to be crucified for our sakes. A man kind and loving, patient and understanding. A man ready to forgive and ready to help. A man who reached greater maturity and divinity than anyone has ever achieved and through our God healed many who suffered from disease and affliction.

He is on His throne in Heaven. It is to this throne we should approach to worship Him at Christmas time, in awe at His great Majesty and Love. The birthday of our King! We need to think of Him as a King, not a babe. We need to raise our voices in His praise and thanksgiving that God has given us this wondrous gift. And when we have raised Him up, He will return unto us to remove the evils from the earth.

Frances Ray Ralston, Wash.

Liberal Democrats Seek New Rules to Aid Broad Program

Washington — (UPI)—Liberal Democrats in the House, pushing for passage of broad welfare legislation proposed by the Democratic Advisory Council, said today a change in House rules must come first.

They called a strategy session for early next week to lay plans for a rules fight on Jan. 7, opening day of the 86th Congress. Their main objective is to curb the power of the conservative House Rules Committee.

Other House sources said the liberals' chances of changing the rules are slim. These sources discounted the need for a change, asserting that the newly-strengthened Democratic majority in the House should be able to work its will.

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. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Pig in a Poke?

To the Editor: We are asked to vote for something that we know very little about in the off-street parking issue. The whole plan is so vague and tentative. Why don't they present a concrete plan with detail as to who will pay and how much. They claim it will pay for itself but they plan to take up to 25 per cent or \$125,000 from parking revenues which actually amounts to the same thing as taking that amount from the general fund which is desperately needed elsewhere.

Let's Vote Yes

To the Editor: I would like to commend the mayor and the council of Medford for their orderly approach to Medford's parking problem.

As one who has worked on this problem for many years (having been on the original parking committee appointed by the late Mayor Flynn) I well appreciate the many and varied problems involved.

Set Own Course
Congressional leaders made it plain that the new Congress will set its own course, although advice from such groups as the Democratic Advisory Council always is welcome.

Speaker Sam Rayburn hinted strongly that Congress' final choice will be moderate—and considerably less costly than the "state of the union" proposals issued by the council Sunday night.

The council—made up mostly of top non-congressional leaders—issued the proposals after a meeting attended by Adlai Stevenson, former President Truman and National Chairman Paul M. Butler.

Keep Spending Tight
"We'll spend money for whatever we think is necessary for defense and for the welfare of the country," Rayburn said. "We'll keep it pretty tight, but we are not going to cut off the beneficial things we have done in the past or find necessary in the future."

At the same time, Republicans assailed the council's proposals. They said the council's program could boost government spending by 20 billion dollars a year.

Chairman Styles Bridges of the Senate GOP Policy Committee said the proposals would result in "new and backbreaking taxes and a breakdown in our economy."

There have been a number of very comprehensive articles in the Mail Tribune, both newswise and editorially, that should by now have informed the voters on the facts about the Dec. 10 ballot.

It is in no way a tax measure — regardless of what some have said to the contrary. It amounts to enabling legislation which will make the eventual assessment district bonds more marketable to potential bond buyers. This step was recommended as a "must" by one of the outstanding bonding authorities in the state of Oregon.

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The news articles have quoted various city officials and councilmen — people who know what the problems are and who are trying to do what they feel is best for all the people. If one, will support these, our elected officials, against any of the self-appointed parking and tax experts that have tried to confuse the public relative to this election, and by the obvious content of their statements have not taken the time to study the true issue being requested.

There are 37 towns in Oregon with an off-street parking program; Medford, the fourth largest, has none. The city request for voter approval for the charter amendment is the first orderly step to fill this gap. It is a step recommended by responsible people who have studied the issue. It is not a tax measure.

Therefore, let us go to the polls on Wednesday, Dec. 10, and vote YES. YES, we approve the amendment; YES we have faith in our elected officials that they are trying to do their honest best for the present good and true growth of Medford. That spells PROGRESS.

Otto A. Ewaldsen
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Medford.

Praises Officials
To the Editor: Please print this letter in defense of the Mayor, the City Council, the Planning Commission and the citizens advisory committee who have been working so diligently for a number of years to find an equitable solution to the parking problem in Medford.

Every one of these men and women are, first of all, citizens and taxpayers, and secondly interested, public spirited citizens who have taken the time, God bless 'em, to do what you and I should have been doing a long time ago — face up to the realization that something needs to be done and then giving thoughtful consideration to the methods of accomplishing it.

This they have done in the presentation of the enabling legislation contained in the proposed Charter Amend-

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