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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. 14, 1948 (Tuesday)  
Medford votes Thursday on a \$685,000 school bond issue to provide additional class- room space.

Permission from downtown property owners for anchor- ing Christmas street decora- tions to their buildings are slow in coming, according to one of Santa's helpers.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1938 (Wednesday) - A prospective bridegroom irked with red tape from Ore- gon's new marriage license regulations declares he has "spent his last dime" in this fair state.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The need of the world, a noted cleric states, is 'religious unity in one church.' The Fletch Fish school of wisecracks would whittle from this a quip, alleging religion is los- ing its sect appeal."

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1928 (Friday)  
The Medford Chamber of Commerce sponsors a Christ- mas yard illumination con- test.

Medford police may be mov- ing soon from their present quarters in the old Jackson- ville railroad depot on West Main st.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1918 (Saturday)  
The newspaper circulation at the public library sets a new record.

Traveling men stopping at local hotels show a tendency to get out of town as soon as possible when told they must wear flu masks.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. A group of female seals associated with a single male comprises a h—?
- 2. With which now-deceased star do you associate the song "Mammy"?
- 3. A men's basketball team has how many players?
- 4. What is a bassist?
- 5. A barrel of flour contains 96, 196, 296, lbs.?
- 6. Ostriches can outrun horses, true or false?
- 7. Which one of the States of the Union has four 's' in its name?
- 8. In 24 hours, an hour- striking clock would strike a total of 48, 64, or 156 times?
- 9. In straight stud poker, which ranks higher — a full house, or a flush?
- 10. At the exact South Pole, how many compass directions are there?

Answers: 1. Harem. 2. Al Jolson. 3. Five. 4. One who sings bass. 5. 196 lbs. 6. True. 7. Alabama. 8. 156 times. 9. Full house. 10. Only one — North.

The Senators' Differences

We have known Senators Dick Neuberger and Wayne Morse personally for many years. We like both, we admire many of the characteristics of each, and we are convinced that each, in his own way, has done great and good service for Oregon during his years of public life. The rift which has developed between the two did not particularly concern us for most of the time it was growing, for the two men are both independent, courageous and thoughtful, and it was inevitable that on some occasions differences would arise between them.

BUT the most recent stories which relate an intemperate and in some respects petty exchange of letters between the two indicates that the differences of opinion have gone so far as to create a serious doubt that the two can ever work together again for the benefit of their state. We hesitate to give an opinion as to who is at fault in the heated and bitter exchange. On the surface, Senator Morse appears to be not only the worst offender but the first offender. Senator Neuberger's letters were more temperate, engaged in no personal vilification, and in each case held out the hope of reconciliation.

BUT the letters are only one phase of a long and complicated relationship, and there may be unknown factors which would show that the blame rests equally on each side. We don't know. But we do know that two able, highly gifted men, who have each won the votes and confidence of a majority of Oregon's citizens, have engaged in a spat which would do little credit to ninth-grade girls. The causes are obscure, and one cannot, without more details, make any attempt to assess credit or blame. That's probably not important. But if the spat is allowed to continue, every- one stands to lose, the senators themselves, and the people of the state of Oregon. No one asks them to agree all the time, but let's have an end to personal animosity.—E.A.

Social Security Grows

Wage-earners who are covered by social security are due for a cut in take-home pay on January 1. On that date, the payroll deduction for social security will be increased from 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 per cent. Employers' contributions on behalf of employees will increase by the same amount. Salaried employees who this year received over \$4,200 have not been paying this tax since their gross pay passed that point earlier in the year. The tax is levied only on the first \$4,200 of wages — so in effect they had a "raise" in take-home pay of 2 1/4 per cent at that time, and in January will have a "cut" of 2 1/2 per cent. Beginning next year, however, the higher tax will be levied on the first \$4,800 of pay, rather than the first \$4,200.

THESE increases were approved by congress to help meet the added cost of increased benefits, which average about 7 per cent. The in- creases will begin with February checks. The increases, incidentally, will be automatic. Growth of social security has been a little slower than was envisioned when it was first enacted early in the Roosevelt administration. Congress in some instances has been reluctant to boost either benefits or tax levels as called for in the original schedule. But social security has been probably the most popular of the social legislation of the past half- century, and despite some die-hard's charges of "socialism" is so strongly entrenched as part of the American scene that it is inevitable that it will remain, and as the years go by, grow to be the bulwark against old-age hardship that was first envisioned more than 20 years ago.—E.A.

Wrong Criterion

Down in Gold Beach recently, the school board passed a ruling barring from high school students who are married. The board's ruling drew fire from some state officials, who claim that under Oregon law one cannot exclude a student from classes solely on the basis of being married. The Coos Bay World, commenting on the dis- pute, comes to the reluctant conclusion that the Gold Beach board was right, morally at any rate, in ejecting married students from school. WE DISAGREE. The Gold Beach board is wrong as a matter of policy, wrong morally, and worst of all, wrong because it is storing up grief for itself and others by passing a flat ruling on the matter, and establishing marriage or non- marriage as a criterion of school attendance. And the World is wrong for encouraging the board. There are, obviously, some criteria which must be established for school attendance. Equally obvious, in some instances marriage results in situations where those involved should not be in school. BUT it is an injustice to married students, to the schools, and to the community, not to make the decision on an individual basis. If married students maintain the required high standards of school citizenship, if they cause no undue disturbance or upset among their fellow students, and if their grades hold up, we see no reason why they should not remain in school. If the reverse is true, they should be asked to leave. A flat and unequivocal rule is fair to no one, and can mean headaches for everyone.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"I'M HIDIN' THESE SO SANTA CLAUS WON'T THINK I HAVE TOO MUCH ALREADY!"

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

We Should Wake Up

To the Editor: About the only correct statement we could find in your editorial, "Wake Up, Dreamer," (Dec. 10) was your closing state- ment that you were dreaming. We certainly have no quar- rel with West Coast Airlines but since you have cited it as being all that you claim we are not—"young, vigorous, . . . not afraid to spend huge sums in new and expensive equip- ment," etc.—may we call your attention to an AP dispatch from Washington, Dec. 3, which stated that West Coast Airlines will receive approxi- mately \$2,694,000 in subsidies during the next fiscal year, this being its share of the record-breaking sum of \$139,592,000 worth of "youth and vigor" being allocated by the Civil Aeronautics Board in air mail pay and subsidies. As to new equipment, Southern Pacific, a few weeks ago, announced purchase of 70 new diesel locomotive units, costing \$13,500,000 and bring- ing Southern Pacific's outlay for diesels during the past few years to \$326,000,000. These will be paid for by rail- road earnings. Just in passing, you might have noted that Southern Pacific last month paid Jackson County \$67,723 in 1958 prop- erty taxes. This is 1.15 per cent of all property taxes paid in the county. We understand the three airlines serving Medford paid \$6,662.

Have you ever compared the payroll of the Southern Pacific company in Jackson County with other forms of transportation? Now that you admit you're dreaming, don't you think it's about time you woke up to face some of the facts of the economy in which we are liv- ing? Bernal S. Quayle, Passenger Traffic and Public Relations Manager Southern Pacific Co., 622 Pacific Building, Portland 4, Ore.

Appeal From Hawaii

To the Editor: Immediately after the Congress voted state- hood for Alaska last June, I wrote you a letter asking edi- torial support of Hawaii's at- tempt to secure statehood be- fore Congress adjourned. The results of my appeal were heartwarming indeed. But once again, in spite of the help we received, we did not get to first base! So, start- ing on Jan. 7, 1959, we must start all over again. We know in our hearts that no territory seeking admission as a state has ever more com- pletely fulfilled the require- ments of statehood, or has been in as excellent a finan- cial position to pay the costs and meet the obligations in- volved. Nor has any territory been in a position to give more to the Union in terms of un- derstanding of the needs of Amer- ica for friendship and solid business relations in the entire Pacific area, and help in their accomplishment. We believe that is going to be increas- ily important in the years to come. National opinion polls, and polls conducted in their con- stituencies by members of the Congress, as published regu- larly in the press and in the Congressional Record, show that sentiment for the admis- sion of Hawaii as a state is at an all-time high. The admission of Alaska, to which the press and the peo- ple of the country gave over- whelming and enthusiastic ap- proval, has swept away, once and for all, the myth of non-

Place Changed

To the Editor: The meeting for the dissertation on the Constitution of the United States previously arranged to be in the Auditorium of the county courthouse has been changed to the "Little Theater" of the Hedrick Junior High school building on the ground floor at the west end of the school building. The public is invited, especially the lawyers and judges of Jackson County. No entrance fees and no contributions. Come and hear what is said. Col. W. H. Paine, whom everyone knows, will preside as chairman. Tuesday, the 16th, at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Andy Unger 634 Pennsylvania ave. Medford

Rivers and Gold

To the Editor: There is gold galore, enough to pay off the U.S. national debt, and plenty left over for to supply an adequate retirement income for every citizen over 60 years of age in America. Here is a brief summary. For nearly half a century be- ginning in 1851, three rivers in southern Oregon, the Rogue, and two tributaries, the Applegate and Illinois rivers, have produced un- known quantities of placer gold. One unofficial estima- tion regarded as most likely to be near accurate, is \$1,000,000 a mile, providing there

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

The Crucial Internal Question

The statement of policy put out after last week end by the Democratic party's advisory council covers quite a bit of ground. But in one long passage dealing with the growth of the American economy it has raised the crucial question on which everything else depends — defense, foreign policy, welfare measures, public services, and the people's standard of living. The statement raises the question. It remains to be seen whether the Advisory Council has found the answer, and that will require an intense and thorough public debate.

In its essence, the question is whether the United States can afford to do the things which it needs to do. Can it afford to run successfully in the race of armaments? And can it also afford a foreign policy which sustains our alliances and helps to finance the undeveloped countries? And can it also pay for the schools, hospitals, roads, air- ports, the reclamation and the conservation and the other public services and facilities which our rapidly ex- panding urbanized population requires? And can it also make it possible for the people as private individuals to raise their personal standard of life?

THE obvious answer at the present time is that the pie is not big enough to be cut into such big slices. The issue, which is posed by the Democratic statement, is whether the pie can be made larger, more exactly whether the average rate of economic growth, which has been about 3 per cent a year during this century, can be raised to 5 per cent a year. If the rate of growth can be raised to 5 per cent, then the country will be able to afford what it needs to do. If the rate cannot be raised, it will have to cut back — as President Eisenhower is try- ing to do — on all the essential public needs, including de- fense.

SINCE the Democratic state- ment was put out by ac- tive politicians, what it says must be examined skeptically. Without setting up as an expert in this matter, it seems to me that while the state- ment puts the right question, the answer it gives makes ev- erything sound easier than in fact it is. The raising of the rate of economic growth from an average of 3 per cent a year is a very formidable under- taking.

Over a ten year period (taking 1957 as a base for cal- culation) it would mean rais- ing the gross national product from 434 billions to 707 bil- lions. It would raise the gov- ernment purchases of goods and services from 86 billions to 153 billions. It would raise gross private investment to support the growth of the economy from 67 billions to 123 billions, and it would raise what is left for private consumption from 281 to 431 billions. The figures which I have just quoted are taken from

was a sure and efficient method to recover all the gold. The other three richest gold producing rivers in northern California are the Klamath, Salmon and Trinity rivers. We foresee for the not too distant future a way will be de- vised to siphon the water from one river in relays to another river that will permit the installing of portable chrome iron sluices and riffles for the recovery of all the gold dust and nuggets now not available to dredging opera- tions. Our idea of "nature" doing the work of sluicing most of the gold bearing gravel by a water siphon system would greatly enhance the present day methods of fuel operated machinery and other power. Undoubtedly most of the heavier river gold lies wedged in the many bedrock crevices, and providing the rivers' beds could be exposed to re- veal the many gold-laden riffles, the great gold pro- ducing west would soon again surpass the roaring days of the fabulous past. There is an immense store of potential power locked up in the surplus amount of wa- ter that flows back to the mighty ocean that is capable of doing wonders every day and every year. The lure of the rivers' gold may yet un- fold. Bert Kissinger 520 Boardman st. Medford

what is known as the "Rockefeller Report"

— one of the series of reports issued during the past year which has been financed by the Rockefeller Brothers fund. The question of increasing the rate of growth is not a partisan question. It is the key question of policy in these times, and it is receiving the earnest study of serious students who cannot by any stretch of the imagination be labeled as "spend- ers" or "radicals." Besides the Rockefeller Report, there is, for example, one by the highly respected Committee for Economic Development, which sets its sights a little lower than the Rockefeller Report, and hopes for an annual growth rate of 4 per cent.

THE problem of increasing the rate of our economic growth is difficult and complex. It involves the budget and the tax structure and credit policy and labor union practices and corporation price practices and many other things besides. But while all these things are debatable, one thing is certain. This country must solve the problem in the years ahead of us. If it does not, it will be in great danger and as a power in the world and as an ex- ample of the free and democ- ratic society, it will enter into its decline.

It is not at all an exagger- ation to say that the grim competitive challenge with which we are confronted can be met only by a hard and sustained effort to increase the productivity of our econ- omy. This is the way in which the Soviet Union is challeng- ing us — by their own hard and sustained effort over the coming seven to ten years to surpass this country in per capita productivity. The Com- munist will win this competi- tion unless our productivity is raised rapidly beyond what it is now.

THE real challenge which confronts us cannot be met by balancing the budget at a rate of production which is far below the country's po- tentiality — and by cheese- paring on defense, and by cheese-paring on the develop- ment of under-developed na- tions, and by hugging the il- lusion that Communist China and Communist East Germany are all going to disappear if we dig in where we are and make grim faces at them.

In the real world, we are up against great mass socie- ties of powerfully disciplined people, and unless we can re- store and concentrate our own energies to outdo them, it will not matter at all how many adjectives we hurl at them in the battle of words. Copyright 1958 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Oregon's glamorous young governor elect, talking in- formally the other day in sunny Honolulu at a gather- ing of local Republicans and community leaders in general, gave out with some advice on how to get elected to office even though a Republican. "Get out among 'em," he is quoted by the reporters as having said in effect. "We got out of headquarters and got out among 'em. We broke out of the hallowed halls of the Republican party. We went out to meet the people." And — he told his hearers, although he didn't say it in such blunt words — WE GOT ELECTED.

I HOPE our charming gov- ernor — elect isn't getting what in polite circles is re- ferred to as a case of inflated ego. In an effort to prevent an unfortunate development of that sort, I'd like to point out some circumstances that con- tributed to his victory. In the campaign that result- ed in his election, he profited by some mistakes made by his Democratic predecessor. The Democrats, led by Governor Holmes, threw a conviction fit over the individual income surtax that had been saddled on the people by a Republican legislature. Governor Holmes called on the legislature to cure these Republican-inflicted ills. The lawmakers wound up by imposing what amount- ed to an even higher surtax. That didn't sit too well with taxpaying voters.

THEN — In the closing hours of the 1958 gubernatorial cam- paign in Oregon maverick Senator Morse launched a bit- ter, poisonous, unprincipled and utterly uncalled for per- sonal attack on Mr. Hatfield that for personal spleen and all-around poor taste has sel-

POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)

The mayor of Medford has many duties and responsibilities. In addition to occasional city business away from home, he is on the board of directors of the League of Oregon Cities (which calls him for meetings sometimes), the League's highway committee (ditto — including a recent trip to Boston), and is on the Oregon Centennial commis- sion, and several of the commis- sion's subcommittees, (also ditto) to say nothing of the fact that he is a successful businessman, with business trips to make once in a while. All these things keep him on the move — more often, in fact, than he, or his family, or his friends, or his asso- ciates, quite like. They're thinking of chang- ing his middle name to Foster — John Foster Snider.

A young married man we know reports that most of the books on how to make a success of marriage ad- vise young people to avoid the use of the word "al- ways" when referring to the faults of one's spouse. He added that one young wife has gotten around that nicely — instead of "al- ways" she says "A hundred- million times."

Members of the Medford Kiwanis club are busy mak- ing arrangements so that youngsters of this area can "telephone Santa Claus next week." Jimmy Bolton (whose par- entage was Russian and who has never quite gotten rid of his pleasant accent) is in charge of the project, and Dr. Ab Clark (whose south- ern drawl is thick enough to cut with a knife) is helping. So if you have a youngster who wonders why Santa speaks with a speech a little different than that usually heard, simply assure him that Santa is universal — and that the wide membership of the Kiwanis club has nothing to do with it.

This has no reference to the above-mentioned and worthwhile civic club, of course, but a man we know not long ago was talking about another organization. "It's like perhaps 90 per cent of the organizations in this country," he said, "neither very good nor very bad — just unneces- sary."

Up in Lebanon, the little town a few miles east of Albany, an oil-drilling rig is at work, and they've struck what they hope may turn out to be oil-bearing sands of commercial potential. And we learn by papers of that area that if you are send- ing a card to people in Leb- anon this Christmas, it would

be just as appropriate to send a "Get Well" card. One man we know showed up at the Goose Tatum basketball game last Tuesday, walked right by the ticket — window, right past the ticket — taker and into the auditorium. The ticket-taker chased him and asked if he had a ticket. "Ticket?" was the reply. "I'm here to vote!" We understand he came back the next night to cast his ballot on off-street parking.

We almost forgot our week- ly whicker report, that is, the count on M-T employees who are growing whiskers for the Centennial. Chief (and perhaps the hairy rooster this week was our late- starting stubble passed the disreputable, unshaven stage, and began to look like some- thing until he shaved Satur- day, giving a variety of weak excuses. One promising beard in the circulation department has vanished, leaving two im- pressive ones. In the newsroom, the count is just the same — but the facial adornments are longer. The photographer could now get a job in the movies, play- ing such characters as Fran- cisco, Vilton, D'Artagnan, or similar swash-bucklers.

And a bit of unsolicited advice (meant, we are sure, in a kindly manner) comes from the Applegate area, where a subscriber asks if anyone has tried Vigoro as yet. "Mean- while," she adds, "eyebrow pencil gives a really impres- sive effect for those making a first attempt and becoming discouraged with lack of re- sults."

Yes. How well we know. A young, unmarried em- ployee (female) in the court- house is reported to have secured a clump of mistle- toe over the door to her office, and to have affixed a small bell to it. The office philosopher says he sup- poses that, after bussing the unsuspecting males that come through the door, she reaches up and rings the bell in triumph. And he adds that he supposes that this is sort of the equivalent to cutting notches in her lipstick casing.

The obituaries which are printed in the Mail Tribune each day usually are fur- nished by the various funeral homes. But we found a different kind of obituary on our desk the other day. It read as fol- lows: OBITUARY Charter amendment for off- street parking, a newcomer in the fair city of Medford, died quietly at the city hall on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 11 p.m. It had been ill for some time, having suffered a severe stroke at the time of the general election in November. Earlier that day, long queues of citizens left their busy desks to stand in line for hours in silent tribute at the polls. Interment will be at city expense in some spot in the downtown business area. Pall- bearers will be members of the city council. The mayor will offer a short prayer, and the eulogy will be by the city manager. A brief message will be offered by Eric Allen of the Mail Tribune. Please omit flowers. Contributions should be sent to your favorite merchant mark- ed "Parking Lot Fund." The epitaph will read: The council's pride That up and died.

Coos Health Officer OHOA President

Portland—UPI—Dr. E. E. Berg, Coos county health officer, Friday was elected president of the Oregon Health Officers' association at the windup of the organization's three-day conference. He succeeds Dr. Leonard Kalk of Clatsop county. Dr. P. H. Rozendal, Benton county health officer, was elected vice president. Association secretary for 1959 will be Dr. Gordon C. Edwards, state board health officer.

CHESSMAN PERSEVERING Los Angeles — (UPI) — Con- vict-actor Caryl Chessman yesterday worked in his jail cell on documents which he plans to present to the U.S. Supreme Court in his contin- uing fight to avoid execution in the state's gas chamber. Let's put it this way: We DON'T want to go back to the standpat Republicanism of the Mark Hanna days, when everything that IS was sacred and ANY CHANGE was regarded as a mortal sin. But — If in these days the GOP drops the mantle of intelli- gent conservatism and decent regard for the lessons of the past and goes all-out in an

effort to outdeal the New Dealers, may the good Lord have mercy on us. Our country will then be a 500 horsepower automobile WITH NO BRAKES.