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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. 17, 1948 (Friday)

Acting Mayor Frank J. Runtz calls for safety precautions during the holidays to make Christmas accident-free. The \$685,000 school district bond issue for constructing new classrooms has been approved at the polls by a large majority.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 17, 1938 (Saturday)

Seven or eight cars of Rogue River valley turkeys have been shipped in the last 10 days to eastern markets. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Quite a few are getting ready to scam to sunny Calif. around the first."

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 17, 1928 (Monday)

The Jackson County Fruit-growers league meets to elect officers and hear important reports. Porcupines at Prospect are chewing off the tops of pine trees while successfully intimidating the area's 26 dogs.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 17, 1918 (Tuesday)

Nine well-known citizens are captured in a raid for flu mask violations. A woman writes to Mayor Gates that the flu masks have improved people's looks by discouraging tobacco chewing and smoking.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Is the "Paul's Scarlet" a tea rose, or a climbing rose?
2. Which two valuable minerals were in the ores discovered in the famous Comstock lode?

3. Alexander C. (Lex) Barker Jr., gained fame as a movie actor in playing what character?
4. In the nursery rhyme, what did Peter, the pumpkin eater, do with his wife?

5. All owls hoot; true or false?
6. Who was Nellie Melba?

7. In radio, what do the initials FM stand for?
8. A four-sided figure with two sides parallel is known as a t-----d?

9. Who was the inventor of dynamite?
10. The area of Vatican City is under 2, under 5, under 10 square miles?

Answers: 1. Climbing rose. 2. Gold and silver. 3. "Puritan." 4. He put her in a turban shell. 5. False. 6. Famous opera singer. 7. Frequency modulation. 8. Trapezoid. 9. Alfred Nobel. 10. Under 2 square miles.

BIOGRAPHY ON SALE
Vatican City—UPI—The first biography of Pope John XXIII was on sale here today. The 170-page, 24-picture book was written by Andrea Lazzarini, an editor of the Vatican City newspaper Osservatore Romano.

All Are Important

A friendly call from a woman the other day got us started thinking about elementary school teachers.

Her call was motivated by the tribute paid to the high school and junior high school musical instructors who have brought the Medford music program so much praise during a high school concert last Sunday.

She said she agreed that they deserve praise. But she added that some individuals not mentioned on that occasion also deserve a word of appreciation—the instructors in the elementary schools whose work is little-noticed or mentioned, but which forms the entire basis on which the later successes are built.

SHE'S right, of course. But the same thing applies in all fields, not just music. It applies to the teachers who find and encourage the first spark of talent in future writers, teachers, administrators, mathematicians.

It applies to teachers who see in some first or second or third grader a quality which sets him apart, and who bend their efforts to help him develop that quality into what later will become a characteristic of usefulness and value.

OUR admiration for the teaching profession, as a whole, has long been great. It extends from those who find their most useful niche on the campuses of higher learning to those dedicated men and women who combine reading, 'ritin' and 'rithmetic with wiping runny noses and helping put on galoshes.

The accomplishments of teachers on one level of instruction do not detract from those on another level, for all are important, all are necessary, and all are devoted to America's greatest resource, its people—an educated and literate citizenry of the future.—E.A.

Economists Differ

Economics has never been one of our strong points, and we are inclined to believe that we share this deficiency with rather more than 90 per cent of the adult population of the country.

We can't even understand, fully, what Shorty Hibbard is driving at in a communication elsewhere on this page today. We had believed that the relationship of gold to our monetary system today was purely coincidental and exceedingly tenuous, and that the price of gold has little if anything to do with the credit system on which our economy—like it or not—is now based.

ECONOMICS is the study, basically, of resources and their wise use. Inevitably this involves money, in our complicated civilization. But economists, learned, studious men that they are, can and do quarrel violently about the significance and even the facts of a case, if they come from differing schools of thought.

A Keynesian, for instance, would probably tell Shorty Hibbard that he's barking up the wrong tree, blaming the ills of the economy on the shortage of gold and the manipulations of the Federal Reserve system.

A more orthodox (or, rather, old-fashioned, for Keynesianism is becoming the orthodoxy of the day) economist might agree that the nation should return to the gold standard, raise the price of the yellow metal, and liquidate the national debt which, in effect, is the basis for America's present monetary system.

SALEM Editor Charles A. Sprague points out how differing economic interpretations start at the same point and come out with diametrically opposed conclusions.

The basic premise is this: A teacher was instructing her students in the proper way to wash their hands in the rest-room at the school, and pointed out for reasons of economy, they should use only half a sheet of paper towel.

Whereupon an economist pointed out that if that practice were universally adopted, it would have an adverse effect on the pulp and paper industry, that they would have to reduce production, that loggers and mill-workers would lose their jobs, and the economy would be hurt.

SPRAGUE ruminates about this poor teacher who is wrecking the economy, and wonders why the "economist" didn't suggest that she begin a major boom by recommending the use of two paper towels. Then he thought some more:

Suppose the teacher succeeded in her original instructions to use a half-sheet of paper towel; she would be saving money for the taxpayers:

"This would mean that the taxpayer, instead of having to starve his children and skimp on their clothing to meet his tax bill, would have some money left, which then could buy more groceries and thus benefit the farmer, or more clothing, which would give employment to idle textile workers, or even build an addition to the house which would help the lumber mills and so get back to those loggers."

HIS basic conclusion is one we share: "Do you wonder I'm confused? And the teacher, too?"

Economics is still an inexact science, despite the charts, diagrams, graphs, and such-like which have been devised to describe the problems and to propose solutions.

It is a relatively new science, but has come far. It HAS developed techniques of description and of analysis which permit us to know far more today about the ups and downs and intricacies of our economy. And it is still learning.

But in a political climate where the voter is still boss, the economists, with their differing viewpoints and interpretations, hold only the roles of advisors, not the roles of leaders.

In these roles they are valuable, but not all-powerful. Which is the way it should be.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"DON'T TRY BRINGIN' MY RONY DOWN THE CHIMNEY! TIE HIM TO A TREE IN THE BACK YARD."

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 paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Merry Christmas, Medford

To the Editor: I added a new name to my Christmas gift list today. The name—Medford—and I write this letter hoping that others will wish to join me. The news that our UMC is nearly \$5,000 short of its goal is very disturbing to me. For several years we have felt great pride that our UMC always "hit the top". To fail now would indeed be tragic.

Christmas time is a time for counting blessings, and I count living in Medford high among ours. So instead of sending individual greetings to our friends in Medford, I enclose a gift (not a donation or contribution) to the UMC, and the gift tag reads—Merry Christmas To Medford. Fran Wimberly 30 Barneburg rd. Medford.

Editor's note: If people wish to follow Mrs. Wimberly's suggestion, gifts can be mailed to the UMC at Box 5000 until Dec. 22, when the UMC office will close. After that they can be mailed to the newsroom of the Mail Tribune, which will see they reach the proper UMC officials.

Whose Job?

To the Editor: Once more speaking of Beautifying our Highway: what is more depressing when you drive our highway daily and see crushed animals, dogs and cats, beaten into the pavement until they are powdered and blowing away. This has been in existence continuously between Medford and Ashland for the past 12 years, as I drive to work and back almost every day.

About a week or so ago a very large dog lay on the highway near Talent. Recently someone was kind enough to drag the dog to the curb. The animal was still there this morning.

This, in my opinion, is one of the most degrading things on our highway today. Roughly I would say that more than 100 animals have been crushed on this piece of highway since I have lived in Ashland for the past 12 years.

Whose job is it to remove the carcasses of animals when killed on the highway? We keep them cleared from near our premises, and we generally bury them. E. M. Tucker, Tucker Sno-Cat Corporation, South Pacific Hwy., Medford.

Bus Patronage Off
To the Editor: The authors of the letter printed Monday, Dec. 15, should familiarize themselves with the history of the bus system which for nearly 15 years has been operating in Medford and the surrounding area, and with the bus operations in Salem and Eugene, before pronouncing that bus service is the answer to downtown parking problems. Briefly, within the past 10

years buses were operated in Medford on two routes serving the East Side, three routes on the West Side, one route north toward Central Point and one route serving Ashland and the south part of Medford. All buses ran hourly. Evergreen Bus lines service is now limited to Medford-Ashland and Medford-Camp White. The decline in service was due to lack of patronage.

Service in Eugene and Salem was interrupted recently by a bankruptcy suit filed by drivers whose wages had not been paid, according to stories printed in the Mail Tribune. Bus service involves a willingness to walk from home to a bus stop, from store to store while shopping; from the bus stop to home. Too many housewives have found this less convenient than "rushing to work with our husbands, in order to have the car for the day."

Ralph B. Matthews, 601 Dakota, Medford

Dismaying Picture?

To the Editor: In regard to a situation that should not exist, I have talked to 20 persons, of whom only five, 20 per cent, knew that the Federal Reserve Banks are privately owned.

The following facts are, I believe, important to every one of us. The Treasury gold holdings are now \$22,700,000; the claims outstanding against this gold total \$22,300,000, consisting principally of gold certificates held by the Federal Reserve Banks.

Neither our government nor our citizens have any interest whatsoever in the Federal Reserve Banks except that of paying interest on the notes Congress allows the Bank to

UPI Man Sees Evidence Red China Might Suffer From Commune Resentment

(Editor's note: Earnest Hobercht, United Press International vice president and general manager for Asia, has just completed a five-day tour of Southwest Asia.)

By EARNEST HOBERCHT
Tokyo—UPI—There is evidence that Communist China is headed for trouble.

Competent students of Chinese affairs in Manila, Singapore, Bangkok, Taipei, Macao and Hong Kong told me these troubles could even include open revolt—on a scale much larger than anything the Communists obviously are experiencing and putting down with force right now.

Here is what has happened. Last year Chairman Mao Tse-tung and his comrades felt they had the situation so well under control that they announced a program permitting freedom to express views, to criticize the party and the government.

The result obviously astonished and shocked the Communist dictators. The criticism came and it came in such force that the Red government could not tolerate it. It came from the common man and from the intellectuals.

In China, the people always have had tremendous respect for the scholar. The position of the soldier always has been low.

So when the intellectuals started criticizing the Chinese Communist regime, held in power by the force of arms of the soldiers, the masses were impressed.

Quick Retaliation
Some of the intellectuals who took Chairman Mao at his

word and criticized things suddenly found themselves out of jobs and banished to distant places.

When the intellectuals got to the rural areas, they found willing listeners. Here the intellectuals were able to find supporters among the masses—the peasants—who could lead a real revolt against the Peiping regime.

With their system of spies, the leaders of the Communist government realized something had to be done. It was then, some students of Chinese affairs believe, that Peiping decided on the severest of all control measures—the unprecedented communes.

The communes provide effective control of the population. The voices of the intellectuals no longer can be heard in the villages and the home, for normal family life is wiped out by this latest Chinese Communist instrument.

But in hushing the voices of the intellectuals and in breaking up the families, what have the Communists done? There is feeling in many really competent quarters that Communist China may have made a fatal mistake.

Help Production
The communes help to increase production. They strengthen control of the workers. They further the cause of pure communism.

But what else? Since the communes destroy the family system, each man is more or less on his own. If he is separated from his family and made a mere unit in a machine, his family

no longer is a "hostage" and he has nothing to lose if he revolts to throw off his chains.

Since husband and wife are separated and can be alone together perhaps only once every two weeks, the commune system is not likely to be voted the most popular way of life, however much it may appeal to the political bosses of China.

Population Problem
In this connection, it is noteworthy that Communist China's population is increasing at a rate of about 15 million persons per year. Some quarters on the outside are speculating that the love-every-two-weeks policy established with the communes actually may be a birth control technique conceived by Peiping to halt population growth. It is certain that Peiping is concerned about feeding its more than 650 million mouths.

To control and push their millions of commune workers,

the Communists are reported to be sending more and more arms to distant areas.

As more and more arms are sent out to control the restless masses, the greater become the chances of these arms falling into the hands of revolutionaries.

Might Aid Landing
Western intelligence sources have reported there is reason to believe the people within Communist China would give considerable support to a Nationalist China landing force, if they thought it had a fair chance of success. This is an interesting and important bit of information, along with the latest unconfirmed reports that Marshal Chu Teh will replace Mao as leader of Communist China.

It all adds up to an increasing flow of evidence that Communist China is not riding down a smooth road. She has her troubles and they are beginning to multiply.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Dr. John F. Sly, reporting the other day to the Oregon Department of Planning and Development, made an attention-arresting statement. Oregon's tax spending, he said, is reaching a point that causes some concern.

He added: Oregon's ratio of taxes to per capita income is the HIGHEST IN THE FAR WEST.

WHAT to do about it? In his report to the Development Department, Dr. Sly said there are only two ways to keep Oregon's tax burden in line with the tax burdens of states that are competing with Oregon for industrial development:

1. Cut costs of government.
2. Increase the state's economy so that it will be able to support a bigger tax total.

PERHAPS, at this point, we'd better do a little explaining.

What does he mean by cutting costs of government? It's perfectly simple. He means SPEND LESS. In a previous report to the Development department, Dr. Sly pointed out that Oregon is known as a high level service state. That is to say, Oregon provides a lot of services to its

people. He added that as long as this is true, Oregon will be a high level TAX state.

By increasing the state's economy, he means getting more industries to provide more jobs for more people WHO WILL PAY TAXES, thus widening the tax base and lightening the PER CAPITA tax burden.

THIS is his point:

If we permit Oregon's tax structure—especially as it bears upon business—to get out of balance with the tax structures of states that are competing with Oregon for industrial development OREGON WILL SUFFER in the competition for new industries.

That's the long and the short of it.

WHO is this Dr. Sly?

He is the director of Princeton University Surveys. He was hired by the Oregon Development Department to study Oregon's tax situation, with particular emphasis on its tax CLIMATE so that an intelligent conclusion can be reached as to whether or not Oregon is competitive, tax-wise, with other states that are seeking industrial development in competition with Oregon.

He will appear before a joint session of the legislature early in January to discuss his report. He is an impressive character. He knows his subject. In talking with him, one gains the impression that he keeps his feet on the ground and his head out of the clouds.

He is PRACTICAL in his approach to the subject he has been hired to investigate and discuss. If the Oregon legislature gives heed to his advice and comes up with a tax program designed to accomplish the objectives he suggests—and if the people of Oregon support such a program—he will have earned his fee.

The Dalles Tries Teen-Age Jury

The Dalles—UPI—A juvenile traffic court using a jury of teen-agers who will recommend penalties for offenders will be tried here on a trial basis. The city council approved the proposal Monday night.

The court is designed to separate juvenile traffic cases from those involving adults. The panel will convene each Saturday morning in city hall council chambers, similar to a plan now in effect at Pocatello, Idaho.

The proposal to test such a court here was recommended by the Wasco County Juvenile Advisory Board.

The jury will be composed of six members and two alternates. Selection will be made from The Dalles High school by the principal. The juvenile court is expected to go into effect after the holidays.

PLANE DUE TODAY

Havana—UPI—The first of three big British-made turboprops which Cubana Airlines plans to use in its Transatlantic service is scheduled to reach here today.

NON-CENTS

Birmingham, England—UPI—Frederick Martin, 35, started a three-month jail sentence today for counterfeiting two shilling (28 cents) coins that he admitted "would not have fooled a child of eight."

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

AN ARISTOCRATIC lady—Knickerbocker family and all that—took an estate in the Berkshires for the summer and hired a localite to take her driving through the countryside every afternoon. On their first excursion, the well-intentioned driver began telling her all about the region and the characters who inhabited it—until the lady silenced him with a curt, "I hired you to drive for me, sir, not to converse with me."

That was the last time the driver opened his mouth. But when he submitted his bill at the end of the month, there was one item thereon the lady didn't understand. He explained it to her: "That's sass, \$10. I don't generally take it, but when I do, I charge for it."

Stephen Leacock is the man who originated the story about the inebriate in a saloon who picked up a sandwich and hurled it against the mirrored wall.

"There," said a bystander, "is food for reflection."
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