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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. 26, 1948 (Sunday)
Visitors are invited to the Jackson County Model Railroad society's weekly meeting, but reminded that trains will not necessarily be running.
A third baby born on Christmas is reported.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 26, 1938 (Monday)
Postal authorities are faced with 1,200 inadequately addressed Christmas cards whose addresses must now be tracked down.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "It won't be long now until the robin who has been here all the time, will be heralded as the first harbinger of spring."

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 26, 1928 (Wednesday)
Delegates representing Medford and Jackson county depart for Portland to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon State Teachers society.
The Eagle Point Grange plans a gala dance on New Year's eve.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 26, 1918 (Thursday)
Delayed Christmas packages are still keeping postal employees well occupied.
The "day after" at the public market finds little business as most families are subsisting happily on left-overs.

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

1. For what sea mammals are the Pribilof Islands the protected breeding grounds?
2. During which war was "John Brown's Body" a famous marching song?
3. Complete the following pairings of names: Gilbert and Anthony and
4. Where is the body of Abraham Lincoln buried?
5. Insert the middle names of these two men: William Bryan, Alexander Bell.
6. Who wrote the novel "Ivanhoe"?
7. Interest charged beyond the legal rate is called u.....?
8. If a person was born in the year 60 B.C. and died in the year 17 A.D., how old was he at death?
9. For what do the letters B.T.U. stand for?
10. What is a person who models new styles called?
Answers: 1. Seals. 2. The War between the States. 3. Sullivan-Cleopatra. 4. Springfield, Ill. 5. Jennings-Graham. 6. Sir Walter Scott. 7. Usury. 8. 77. 9. British Thermal Unit. 10. A mannequin.

Car Damaged When Hit on Griffin Creek
A car operated by Ira Imhausen, route 3, box 180, was damaged and forced off the road Wednesday night by an unidentified vehicle, according to a report made by Imhausen to state police.
Imhausen said an unidentified vehicle tore off the left front fender of his car while he was driving on Griffin Creek rd. near the Pioneer rd. intersection. Police are investigating the incident.

Denial of House Seats

Keep Dr. Dale Alford from his seat until a further check is made on how he beat Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.) for it, the new House will be asked by a special committee under Rep. Clifford Davis (D-Tenn.). The committee so decided by 3-2. It voted no recommendation on the defeat of Rep. Cora Knutson by Odin Langen (R-Minn.)
Unless actual fraud is proved in the casting or counting of votes, the House usually accepts an election result. Hearings on a contest take many months. And any member with a tainted seat must go before the voters in two years in order to retain it.

THE Senate with its six-year term is a little more prone to withhold a seat for improper campaigning. In 1947 it refused to let Theodore Bilbo (D-Miss.), accused of intimidating Negroes from voting, take the oath of office. Two decades earlier it declared vacant the seats won in 1926 by Frank L. Smith (R-Ill.) and William S. Vare (R-Pa.). Each was charged with acquiring and spending huge campaign funds unethically.

On the other hand, in 1953 the Senate seated Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.) though a majority of its Rules committee found widespread fraud in his re-election. In 1942 it let Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.) keep his seat though a special committee called him politically unfit to occupy it.

IN 1951 Sen. John M. Butler (R-Md.) got his seat despite the distribution in his campaign of a faked picture purporting to show his opponent, Sen. Millard E. Tydings, chatting with Earl Browder, Communist leader.

Butler, Langer and Chavez were seated "without prejudice." This left the door open to reject their elections later by majority vote. Otherwise a two-thirds vote is needed to expel a member once seated.—E.R.R.

State Birth Control Laws

The constitutionality of the anti-birth control law of Connecticut is under challenge in the state courts. This is the strictest state law on the subject in that it forbids the use of any "instrument for . . . preventing conception." And anybody aiding in the use is made equally guilty with the user.

In 29 states the law restricts birth control in some way. However, 13 of the 29 in effect make the restriction meaningless by letting doctors and/or druggists give contraceptive information for medical necessity. In actual practice "information" includes service or a device.

IN THE other 16 states, with one exception, court decisions and executive policy have riddled the law with loopholes by classifying birth control for health reasons as outside the "obscenity" which the laws are designed to prevent. The exception is Massachusetts, which has had fairly strict enforcement.

The New York City Hospital Board last September authorized city hospitals to give contraceptive data and devices to patients. But two doctors must first certify that pregnancy will jeopardize the patient's health and then she, and if possible her husband, must consent in writing. If current experiments prove successful in developing a contraceptive pill, will this be held a contraceptive "device" under the laws? Contraceptive "device" under the laws?—E.R.R.

Structure of Gains Taxes

As the liberals draw up their battle lines for the new session of Congress, they are caught on a dilemma of three horns instead of the traditional two:—(1) More Government spending will hike the deficit. (2) A higher deficit means, other things equal, a trend to more inflation. Yet (3) increases in tax rates are politically unfeasible just now.

So many liberals are wondering about getting more revenue by changing the tax structure rather than the tax rates. One part of the structure under scrutiny is the present dividing line, in computing income tax, between long term and short term capital gains (or losses).

THE line has been, since 1942, six months of ownership. That is, gains or losses from sales of capital assets—securities, real estate, etc.—are short term ones if the assets were held six months or less, long term if held over six months.
Only 50 per cent of long term capital gains needs to be listed in taxable income. An alternative in computation—advantageous on individual returns over \$18,000, joint ones over \$36,000—in effect fixes a maximum rate of 50 per cent on this 50 per cent. In other words, gross long term capital gains are taxed no more than 25 per cent.

PROFITS from an asset held a long time—that is, profits spread out—should not, runs the principle, be taxed as heavily as profits from an asset held briefly. That's true enough, many liberals agree, but call it unrealistic, if not tax-dodging, to specify that anything over six months is a long time.

So there's a move on foot to raise the dividing line between short term and long term assets from six months to two years, or at least to 18 months. From 1938 through 1941 the tax was 100 per cent on gains from assets held less than 18 months, 66 2/3 per cent if held 18 to 24 months, 50 per cent if held over 24 months.—E.R.R.

Dennis the Menace



"I'M GOIN' OVER TO THE WILSONS. I GOTTA GET SOME SLEEP!"

Four Congressmen Find No Room for Them at Washington

Washington—UPI—Four newly elected House members have no place to hang their hats. In a drawing for office assignments they came in last, and as of today, there wasn't enough space to go around.
Reps. John Brademas (D-Ind.), Seymour Halpern (R-N.Y.), Robert W. Kastenmeier (D-Wis.) and J. Edward Roush (D-Ind.) will be cared for eventually, but probably not before the frantic climax of what may turn out to be a hectic game of musical chairs.

The game will be played—some members say fought might be a better word—in the two House office buildings in the first few days of January.
Hundreds of moves are involved. Moving men will out-rank and may outnumber congressmen as defeated and retired members move out, hold-over members grab choice of spots, and 81 new members—including the four who so far don't know which way to turn—take whatever is left.

Moving Day Rugged
Moving day in the House Office Building is rugged with the start of every Congress. This time the turnover was bigger than usual. And compounding the complications is the fact that House leaders ordered four of the fanciest, choicest, biggest suites withheld from the shuffle.

These offices, all being vacated by outgoing Republicans, reportedly are to be saved for chairmen of additional committees which so far haven't even been created. That means they may not be assigned until the first round of musical chairs has been played—and their assignment may start the whole mad game going again.
Choice of office space

Agreeing that it HAS TO BE, rugged though it is, it winds up its editorial with this statement: "The day when Christmas trees were as free as the air definitely is no more."

WELL—
That's the way it is. And that's the way it has to be.

HERE in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California, we have two great assets—water and trees. There was a time when our water was a nuisance, to be got rid of, if possible. The Klamath river offers a good example of that. The first proposal to divert it away from its natural basin had as one purpose to DRY UP ITS BED so that the gold in the riffles could be more easily recovered.

That would have been wonderful then, but it would be TERRIBLE now. If it had been done, the valley of the Klamath would now be another Owens valley.

EARLY forest conservation programs were sharply limited by the fact that timber was worth so little that the early protectors of the forest had to be VERY careful not to spend more on fire protection than the timber was worth.

In those days, there was a big to-do about "Indian forestry." Indian forestry consisted in burning off the forests every year. It was argued that in that way the brush

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

AN EAGER-BE AVER press agent was engaged to publicize a new after-shaving lotion and dreamed up the device of a pretty young model calling on prospects with a live, honest-to-goodness tiger in tow.

Trouble was no animal trainer would guarantee the behavior of a tiger. "First thing you know," warned one, "there'll be no more pretty young model." Suddenly, however, he had a hopeful idea. "Tell you what we can do," he proposed while the model made for the nearest exit, "we can paint stripes on a lion for you!"

Clifton Webb says he has "lost the girl" in so many motion pictures in the past five years, he's having new cards printed that read, "Clifton Webb, General Futility Man."

"The first lesson," notes Emily Kimbrough, "that a child learns at his mother's knee nowadays is to be very careful of her stockings."
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Opera Star Helen Traubel May Get Letter from Harry Truman

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press International
Washington—UPI—Opera Star Helen Traubel should be getting a letter any time now from Harry S. Truman. It could be quite a document, but scarcely in the pattern of the holograph communique the former President dashed off to Paul Hume, music critic of the Washington Post and Times Herald.

Mrs. Margaret Truman Daniel, the former President's daughter, was a professional singer before her marriage. Hume caught Miss Truman's act here on Dec. 5, 1950, and reported in his critique that she was flat a good deal of the time and had no professional finish.

The President did not like that and fired off to Hume the same day a letter which was reported, as follows: Pegler Comment

"I have just read your lousy review . . . I have never met you, but if I do you'll need a new nose and plenty of beefsteak and perhaps a supporter below. Westbrook Pegler, a guttersnipe, is a gentleman compared to you." Peg's comment on that was:

"Let us pray." For Peg, that was like turning the curtains of my box . . . The funny thing is that Margaret really has a nice voice—nothing great but good enough. She never knew what a real amateur she was."

Well, friends, that should get Miss Traubel a letter, even with stamps at four cents a copy. Your correspondent is not in Peg's class and does not fancy himself as being able to cope with HST by mail or otherwise.

So be it recorded that your correspondent knows little of music and heard Margaret sing only once, at a White House correspondent's dinner. I thought she sang pretty good and I know it was a gracious gesture, typical of the all-American girl that she was, for Margaret to come to our dinner and sing as a surprise to her father, who was our guest.

Margaret Truman was as nice a person as ever lived in the White House and our town liked her a lot. We all admired the closeness of the Truman clan, too, their love and respect for each other. They are real nice folks.

Spanish Pilot Plans Balloon Trip

Madrid—UPI—A veteran Spanish pilot said today he would attempt to cross the Atlantic in a balloon next spring, following the trail of the adventurous English crew of the balloon Small World.

Jose Maria Ansaldo, a director of Spain's Iberian airlines and an experienced balloonist, said he began making plans for the trip before the Spanish Civil war broke out in 1936, and that he hopes to be able to fulfill them next year.

The three men and one woman aboard the Small World left Tenerife Dec. 12, but no reports from them have been received here since Dec. 16, when their last radio report was heard in the Canary Islands.

Try To Remove Air Crash Victims

Anchorage, Alaska—UPI—The Air Force planned today an attempt to recover the bodies of 15 men killed when their C54 transport crashed into the side of Mt. Illiana, 130 miles south of here.

A raging storm Thursday prevented a helicopter from landing in the area, but veteran bush pilot Don Sheldon, of Talkeetna, Alaska, got close enough to the wreckage to positively identify it as the C54 and say that there was no sign of survivors.

The crash debris was first spotted Wednesday by Air Force planes searching for the C54 which had been missing since Monday en route from Elmendorf Air Force base here to Shemya in the Aleutian Islands on a routine supply mission.

ALL CHARGED UP
Palm Springs, Calif.—UPI—Frank Patencio, 70, was booked on suspicion of drunk driving Thursday when police saw him allegedly driving an electric golf cart erratically in the middle of a main thoroughfare here.

Large Scale Bloodshed Possible In Cuba Shortly, Writer Notes

(Editors note) The revolutionary situation in Cuba is growing increasingly tense. United Press International has collected reports from correspondents in Cuba, Washington and New York and Miami, centers of rebel activity. Their findings were summarized by a reporter who also spent some time in Cuba earlier this year.

By JACK V. FOX
United Press International
The once gay Cuban capital of Havana is a somber place today. It appears quite possible there could be large scale bloodshed in the city and throughout Cuba within the next 60 days.

The revolutionary army of Fidel Castro has swelled in two years from a band of 25 men to something like 10,000. They control large chunks of the eastern end of the island.

President Fulgencio Batista dominant figure on the Cuban political scene for 17 of the past 25 years, has made Havana almost an armed camp. Military police prowls cars roam its streets, each carrying five men armed with five tommyguns. Tank reinforcements arrived this week at nearby Camp Colombia.

Batista's term of office ends Feb. 24. His hand-picked successor, Andres Rivero Aguiar, is to take office then. But Castro and other opposition elements have refused to recognize the validity of his election.

was kept down, the duff was got rid of and fire was thus prevented.

INDIAN forestry was all right in its day and in its way. It did just what was claimed for it. It did protect the big, mature trees. But, at the same time, it DESTROYED THE YOUNG GROWTH.

Thus it took care of the present, but wiped out the future. The future of Southern Oregon and Far Northern California is all bound up in keeping the timber crop growing. The timber crop MUST be kept growing if there is to be a continuing harvest of FIBER.

Just as the vines must be kept growing if there is to be a harvest of potatoes and the stalks must be kept growing if there is to be a harvest of corn. The only difference lies in the fact that if this year's potato crop or this year's corn crop is put out of commission there will be another crop cycle SOON.

Another forest crop requires generations of time.

IT'S TOO bad that people can no longer go out and cut Christmas trees with the happy abandon of the old days—when one might cut as many as half a dozen, one after another, before one that was JUST RIGHT was finally spotted and cut and carried away.

The old ways of forestry—including the reckless cutting of Christmas trees—were a good deal like going into a watermelon patch in early summer and pulling melon after melon until one of the exactly right degree of ripeness was found. That was a lot of fun, but it resulted in an eventual shortage of watermelons.

IF WE keep our timber crop GROWING, our future will be sound. If we don't keep it growing, the time will come when we'll wish we had. But—It will then be too late.

Portlander Gets Airplane as Gift

Portland—UPI—Dr. A. J. Daack, Portland, got a real surprise Christmas gift from his wife, and one he hopes eventually to do something about.

His wife got him an airplane for Christmas. Dr. Daack saw it on the front lawn of his home Thursday morning, under a large tree. Dr. Daack doesn't fly an airplane. Neither does his wife. But she thought a Piper Pacer would be just the thing and so she bought him one.

Now flying lessons are in order for the doctor.

Mrs. Daack made arrangements for purchase of the plane Wednesday. She talked her husband into going to bed early Wednesday night, and she sat up practicing her music—loud enough so that no one in the house heard workers taxi the plane to the front yard of the Daack home.

PROTEST FILM SEIZURE
Paris—UPI—Pathe Newsreel protested to police today against the seizure of a newsreel containing allegedly offensive remarks about the heads of state of France and other countries. The newsreel, in which comedians Poret and Serrault Guy discussed world politics, was confiscated after it was shown to a few audiences.

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