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Flight 'o Time
Medford and Jackson County history from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Feb. 19, 1949 (Saturday)
Preparations are made for the Camp White veterans' domiciliary dedication tomorrow.
Sen. William McAllister says he is not sure he favors the bill that would allow a dam at Lewis creek on the Rogue river.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 19, 1939 (Sunday)
Jacksonville voters approve a special bond election to finance new water mains.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pit" column: "The county is fixing the road up the Applegate, so it won't be such a narrow squeak at the bends."

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 19, 1929 (Tuesday)
Two state senators engage in a fist fight over the salary increase bill before the legislature.
A public hearing on construction of Midway rd. is scheduled.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 19, 1919 (Wednesday)
County agent recommends a new dormant spray for orchards.
D. E. Millard accepts the pastorate of the Christian church.

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 19, 1909 (Friday)
The Crater Lake road bill gains 23-7 approval from the state senate.
The Portland Beavers accept Medford's invitation to conduct spring training here provided satisfactory arrangements are made.

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

1. Salmon can buck a current and swim 15, 20 or 30 miles per hour?
 2. A pintail is a Western saddle horse; true or false?
 3. A weapon known as a "claymore" was used where?
 4. Name the capital of Florida.
 5. The City of Galveston, Texas, is built on an island; true or false?
 6. What substance, found in fruits, is important in jelly making?
 7. On what island was Napoleon Bonaparte first sent into exile?
 8. How many dozens are in a great gross?
 9. About one-third of what important food commodity is imported by the United States from Cuba?
- Name the Secretary of the Treasury.
Answers: 1. 30 m.p.h. 2. False. (Duck) 3. Scotland. 4. Tallahassee. 5. True. 6. Pectin. 7. Elba. 8. 144. 9. Sugar. 10. Robert B. Anderson.

PLANE SETS RECORD
Birmingham, Ala. — (UPI) — A four-engine Delta Airlines DC7B set an unofficial flight record from Dallas, Tex., to Birmingham Wednesday of one hour and 27 minutes. It flew at speeds up to 600 miles per hour.

SCHOOL OFFICIAL DIES
Mineola, N.Y. — (UPI) — Miss Loretto M. Rochester, 83, a retired assistant superintendent of the New York City school system, died Wednesday.

Laws' Effects

A law is a weird and wonderful thing. Consider, for instance, a bill now before the Oregon legislature which would require railroad freight cars to be equipped with reflectors. It was motivated by a number of crashes, more than one of which was fatal, which occurred when a car approached a railroad crossing at night, failed to see an unlighted and unmarked string of boxcars or flatcars, and slammed into it.

WOULD IT do any good to pass the bill, or would it be harmful? The Salem Capital-Journal, the daily newspaper in Oregon's capital city, declares that the bill is worthy, that it would in effect, become "national" legislation, for at one time or another cars of virtually every major railroad come into Oregon, and that since cars without reflectors are banned in this state, each railroad would need to reflectorize its cars.

This, the C-J declares, would be a good thing, a safety measure, and a cause for rejoicing.

THE Oregon Statesman of Salem, the morning paper in the same city, takes a somewhat dimmer view of the reflector situation. While granting that the idea behind the bill is a good one, it fails to go along with the C-J's theory that it would have nationwide impact, and opines that, to the contrary, the law would either be ignored by out-of-state railroads, or that Oregon would be "boycotted" by incoming cars.

That's one of the difficult things about law-making. No one knows, for sure, what all the implications of a new law may be. And that's one of the reasons (there are others) why we have courts of law.—E.A.

Too Many Words

On this page some time ago was noted what was, up to that time, the shortest editorial we'd ever read. It appeared in the Capital-Journal of Salem, and under a headline which said something like "Still 100% Wrong" the text of the editorial, in full, said: "Robert Y. Thornton."

We've found one that's even shorter. It is in the current issue of "Oregon Education," the publication of the Oregon Education association. It had a headline which said "Governor's Message on Public Schools."

The text of the editorial was a blank space three inches deep. These two editorials stand as a message to those editorial writers (present company included) who often use too many words to try to get a message across.—E.A.

Improper Function

Two years ago the legislature refrained from passing a bill which would have forced banks in Oregon to close on Saturday. It was an improper function of the state's police authority, members believed, and was an unwarranted invasion of the freedom-of-choice of business establishments. This session, the same bill has cropped up again. It should be killed again.

SOMETIMES it is necessary for the law to put restraints on people or firms. But it should be clearly shown to be in the public interest before this is done.

Another freedom-limiting bill, one which would have forbidden dentists to advertise their services, was quite properly killed by legislative committee this year.

It appears in this writing that the current legislature is in no mood to pass many bills of this ilk. At least we hope not.—E.A.

We Disagree

We have, in the past, agreed with Charlie Porter in many things. The active, aggressive Congressman from this district is usually both forward-looking and constructive in his approach to problems.

We have also, on some few occasions, disagreed with him. Now is one of the latter times. We think his idea for a Disneyland-like chairlift from the rim of Crater Lake down to the lake itself is abominable.

IT WOULD increase the "use" of the lake, he says. And who says Crater Lake is to be "used" in the same sense that Shasta, Emigrant, or Klamath lakes are to be "used"?

Crater Lake was created as a great National Park because it is one of the world's gems of scenery; a place to go to have one's soul refreshed by the utter magnificence of God's handiwork; a place to see nature's unimaginable beauty.

To slap a mechanical contrivance on the slopes of that unsurpassed caldera; to permit any gum-chewing, beer-drinking yokel with four-bits in his pocket, to ride down to the crystal-blue waters of Crater Lake, with no sense of effort or participation in the meaning and loveliness of it all—this smacks of sacrilege in our book.

TILT with Trujillo, Charlie. Confer with Castro. Build flood control dams, pass housing bills, and open up Oregon's trade with the Orient, and more power to you.

But put an aerial choo-choo train into the most beautiful crater in the world and we'll spit in your eye.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



WAS THAT JUST THUNDER? I THOUGHT IT WAS AT LEAST AN EARTHQUAKE!

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.

Nation Under God

To the Editor: According to the recent letter to the editor written by Mr. R. B. Watkins of Jacksonville, the dominating influence that has molded the lack of moral substance in South America and some of the European countries is the influence of Catholicism. I believe the crux of Mr. Watkins' letter was his statement that "Catholicism and Democracy cannot exist together." I am certainly happy to get this clarified for I always thought the persecutions against Catholicism by the Caesars, the Caligulas and the Neros was designed to stamp out this seditious Christianity which was threatening a Godless type of government. Mr. Watkins has shown me otherwise. I can see now that these persecutions by such benign emperors and rulers was for the sake of preserving the Democracy that existed. I can also see the persecutions of Catholicism in Red China today. Undoubtedly the Mao government is doing this to preserve their Democracy which Mr. Watkins says cannot exist with the Catholic church. Why, even in Hungary, Cardinal Mindszenty was imprisoned and tortured. Perhaps, there too, the USSR was fighting this Catholicism which was threatening the Democracy of Joseph Stalin.

It's quite obvious that Mr. Watkins isn't averse to the Catholic church. He even said so. And it is crystal clear also that the "unbiased" source of information Mr. Watkins referred to is as unbiased as an appraisal of the Grand Duke Alexis would be in the archives of the Kremlin. We should be thankful for our democratic form of government. Here, no one person has any degree of power that cannot be moved by the vote of the people. This can only be lost by first losing the moral vertebra of government—Christianity. Our founding fathers referred to it as a "Nation under God." We remove God and we have a "Nation under."

Wayne Ratty

2970 Madrona lane Medford.

School Consolidation

To the Editor: This is intended for the voters of Medford on school consolidation. First we would like very much to keep our school in Jacksonville, not only because we prefer a smaller school that would give us a better scholastic record because there would be less students per teacher than in Medford, but we feel that it is and should be the cultural and entertainment center of any community. We believe there is less chance of delinquency among juveniles in a school that our parents supervise by serving on the school boards and being able to have control through their votes of our activities.

We can see no advantage Medford would gain by consolidating with Jacksonville, Ruch, Griffin Creek and Applegate, to offset the added cost of your district for new buildings, buses, teachers, and all the other expenses of operating that large a combined district that will have to come out of your pockets in much larger taxes that there will be no end to.

So please vote against consolidation and let us have a good school of our own.
Lynne Smith
Judy Matheny
and 18 others
Box 443
Jacksonville, Ore.

Two Budgets

To the Editor: Governor Hatfield and some newspapers have attacked former Governor Holmes for presenting what they have called a "spite" budget—a deliberately scaled-down budget from what he would have proposed had he been re-elected.

Hatfield is trying desperately to divert attention from his own \$314 million budget. But the fact is that Holmes' budget as presented is less than \$2 million lower in areas where he had control than the budget he had planned for 1959-61 in September, 1957.

At that time, his finance department director, John Richardson, listed controllable operating expenditures (which excluded basic school support and the building program) for 1959-61 at an estimated \$181.3 million. Holmes' final budget for this area calls for \$179.4 million, only \$1.9 million less than he had counted on 17 months ago.

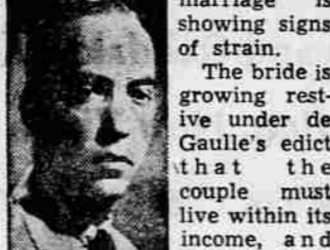
The real difference between Holmes' present budget and the one he had planned is in immediate expenditures for the building program. He had expected to ask for about \$33 million.

Instead, seeing that the voters had not only elected Hatfield on an economy platform, but also had turned down every money measure on the ballot, he quite naturally assumed that the public didn't want to spend money now.

Still he didn't scuttle the

Honeymoon Between France, de Gaulle, Not Over—But Marriage Shows Strain

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Editor



Phil Newsom, UPI foreign news editor, is having trouble with the marriage of France and de Gaulle but the bride is showing signs of strain.

The honeymoon isn't over yet for Gen. Charles de Gaulle and la belle France but the marriage is showing signs of strain. The bride is growing restive under de Gaulle's edict that the couple must live within its income, and they're also having trouble with the relatives in Algeria.

France was on the verge of civil war last May 15 when de Gaulle announced he was ready to come out of retirement and take over the government of France.

Committees of public safety in Algeria were in outright revolt against the weak Paris government of Premier Pierre Pflimlin. There were ominous signs that French paratroopers in North Africa were ready to invade the mainland, link up with other dissidents there and march on the capital itself.

Planes Fly Over Home In those closing days of the French Fourth Republic, French air force fighter planes flew in symbolic Cross of Lorraine formations over de Gaulle's home in open invitation for him to take power by whatever means he chose.

And so, whatever regrets or misgivings the professional politicians had, it was in an atmosphere of general rejoicing that de Gaulle first took over emergency powers and then on Jan. 8 of this year emerged as the first president building program, as Hatfield has charged. Instead, Holmes simply asked that the buildings be built immediately, but be financed through bonding, to be paid off gradually over the years.

From all of this, Holmes emerges as the man who 1) told the people truthfully during the campaign that the budget couldn't be cut, 2) said after the election that if the public didn't want to spend money immediately, he'd cut the cash building program, and 3) stuck to his guns that the buildings were needed, and called for a bonding program to build them.

Hatfield shows up as the man who 1) told the people untruthfully during the campaign that he could reduce the budget, 2) said after the election that we had to have buildings and we had to pay cash, so he'd have to increase the budget, and 3) has tried to dump his whole mess into Holmes' lap.

Ken Johnson, Public Information Director Democratic Party of Oregon 360 State St. Salem, Ore.

Schools Policy
To the Editor: Our attention has been called to a recent "Letter to the Editor" which commented on the lack of business education classes in the second semester adult education program of the Medford Public Schools. Previous publicity had indicated announcement of additional classes to be given later. These additions include commercial courses for those interested. Information on further classes will be announced later.

Last school year over 1,000 adults took advantage of 75 adult evening classes provided in our adult education program. These classes are self-sustaining as to cost, as the school district only provides facilities and the personnel services involved in administering the program. Instructor salaries and material costs are cared for through tuition charges and funds received from the Division of Vocational Education of the State Department of Education.

It is Board of Education policy to provide classes for adults in those areas where a sufficient demand exists and where a qualified instructor is available. We welcome suggestions as to ways and means by which we can better serve our community through the adult education program.

Further information may be obtained by calling adult education office at Medford Senior High School, Spring 3-5341.
Lindsay Vinsel, Director Adult Education Medford Public Schools

Do Unto Others

To the Editor: Last night my neighbor and I were standing on our front porch when we saw a man leading a dog down Columbus. He led that dog right up on the lawn of the house at the end of Bryant and waited while the dog did its dirty work, then went on. Wasn't that a nice trick?

The other day I got out of the car at home when some little neighbors kids said "Our dog went to the bathroom on your lawn and if you kill our dog for doing that on Daddy is going to come over and kill some of you." Now these little kids aren't old enough to go to school, so you know they had to hear that at home.

These dogs cause more friction among neighbors than anything else. If the ones that don't want a dog wanted to clean up dog messes, they would have a dog of their own. They say if you don't want the neighbor's dog, well, fence.

Well that isn't fair. If the dog owners had to fence and keep their dog in and clean up the mess or have the lawn not fit for the kids to play on, they wouldn't have a dog, but as long as they can go to the door and kick them out and say go to the neighbors and do your dirty work, they will have a dog, and if they see the neighbor chase them off they are mad.

We always had a dog before we moved to town, but

ment and take over the government of France.

DeGaulle, backed by new powers which placed him in a position similar to that of the president of the United States and by an overwhelming majority in the French Assembly, announced three main objectives. They were: To restore France to its place among the great nations.

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At home, his austerity campaign already is meeting widespread opposition. In industrial Lille last week several thousand heavy industry workers went on strike to protest the lay-off

of more than 800 workers in a plant making steel machinery. It was a token strike but it could establish a pattern for others.

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It is no mere accident, nor is it a sign of the fickleness of public opinion, that even before his present illness there had begun a marked change in world sentiment about Secretary Dulles. This change of public opinion is not due only to his indomitable personal behavior. It reflects a change in the temper and tone of his diplomacy. It is a response to the sign of "flexibility" which Mr. Dulles has judged to be prudent and desirable both in the Far East and in Germany. In these changes the rejuvenated Department of State has played its necessary part.

THIS IS the first reason why it would be a mistake to bring in from the outside a new and eminent personage. There is nobody on the outside who now possesses the kind of experience needed for negotiation in the current phase of our encounter with the Soviet Union. Whoever he was, he would be a novice, and long before he could hope to master the situation in his own mind, the climax we are now approaching would have come and gone.

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