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Flight's Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of The Mail Tribune 19, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

40 YEARS AGO: Oct. 22, 1919 (Saturday) The Medford 20-30 club...

30 YEARS AGO: Oct. 22, 1929 (Sunday) Valley women are urged to...

20 YEARS AGO: Oct. 22, 1939 (Tuesday) A local cannery continues...

10 YEARS AGO: Oct. 22, 1949 (Wednesday) George A. Hunt, Medford...

What's Your I.Q.? Right or less correct is superior; even or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Which of these measures denotes the greater linear distance: rod, furlong, yard?

2. You are probably protected by the F.D.I.C.; what is it?

3. Was Confucius, the ancient philosopher, Japanese, Chinese, or Siamese?

4. Of what famous poem is the beginning: "This is the forest primeval?"

5. Upon the death of President Abraham Lincoln, who succeeded to the Presidency?

6. In what town is the University of Michigan?

7. In the nursery rhyme, who climbed up the beanstalk?

8. Does an owl see best in bright sunshine, partial light, or complete darkness?

9. From what animal is meat obtained?

10. Of what religious body was Brigham Young a famous leader?

Answers: 1. Furlong. 2. Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. 3. Chinese. 4. Longfellow's "Evangeline." 5. Andrew Johnson. 6. Ann Arbor, Mich. 7. Jack. 8. Partial light. 9. Angora goat. 10. The Mormons.

And Why Not?

One of an editorial writer's saddest chores is writing what is known as an "obituary editorial."

This is done when some distinguished citizen of the community or state or nation dies, and it is felt appropriate to comment on this loss, and to point out the things which the deceased has done for the community.

It is a sad chore because of the loss, and because it is realized that the object of the editorial isn't around to read it, and to know of the affection and respect in which they were held.

A FRIEND asked the other day why we nearly always wait until some outstanding citizen has died before writing about him and his good works. Why not, he said, do it while he is still alive and vigorous and acutely interested in what goes on about him?

It's a good question, and one we have often pondered.

In some cases it is because the subject of such an editorial would be horribly embarrassed.

In others it is because workers in good causes are many, and it is impossible to single out an individual for praise, however merited.

And once in a while it is because the person or persons involved have always sought anonymity in their good works, and would be upset if they became generally known.

EACH OF THESE objections is a valid one.

But our friend had another idea. Mentioning one Rogue valley couple, he said,

"Why don't you write something about them and what they have done and are doing for the community, but just call them 'Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous'?"

Why not, indeed? — E.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous

Without Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous there would be no Rogue Valley Memorial hospital.

Without them, there would be no bright, new Red Cross building.

Without them, there would be no impressive new Oregon Shakespearean Festival theater in Ashland.

Without their quiet financial assistance, and their encouragement, there are a large number of valley people who would not, or could not, have completed their educations.

Their gifts of money to community projects which they thought worthwhile have been more than substantial, they have been munificent.

BUT MORE important — far more important in the long run and to the tenor and temper of the community — has been their gentle and human leadership in getting these projects done.

Everyone who has been associated with any of the projects which they have assisted is familiar with their identity, but the fact that they have insisted on the pleasant fiction of anonymity is another clue to their character.

We know for certain that we speak for thousands upon thousands of people in this valley when we say, thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous. — E.A.

To the Counties' Credit

By and large, the 18 O & C counties of western Oregon have been responsible in their treatment of the financial "bonanza" which they enjoy because of their unique status.

(These are the counties — Jackson county is among them — in which lie the revested lands of the old Oregon and California railroad and the Coos Bay wagon road. By congressional action, they receive, "in lieu of taxes," 75 per cent of the revenues from these lands, mostly from timber sales.)

In most of these counties, portions of the income have been used to reduce or eliminate county tax levies.

BUT IN ADDITION, the Association of O & C counties has also agreed to devote portions of the funds for other purposes.

For some years now, one-third of the counties' share of the O & C funds, or 25 per cent of the total, has been voluntarily allocated for the construction of access roads into the timber areas. This aids in fire protection, and is to the "enlightened self-interest" of the counties, for it makes easier future timber harvests, particularly of over-mature or diseased trees.

Later, a substantial portion of these revenues was allocated by the counties for reforestation — to keep the land green and productive.

AND NOW the counties have voluntarily agreed to a third cooperative expenditure.

This is for the provision of campgrounds and picnic areas throughout the 18 counties on O & C properties.

For the next fiscal year, \$72,000 was allocated with \$100,00 the following fiscal year.

Thus the counties continue in their tradition of responsible and useful application of these monies, improving the lands for the benefit of future generations, and acknowledging the "multiple use" principle of public land use.

The recreational potential of these lands is tremendous, and it is to the counties' credit that they have recognized this, and are doing something about it. — E.A.

Dennis the Menace



* TELL 'EM I WON'T GET WELL 'TIL THEY MOVE THE TELEVISION IN HERE!

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

AFTER TAFT-HARTLEY

The attempts to settle the steel strike by mediation have failed and the President will now have to seek an injunction under the Taft-Hartley act. This is the only course open to him under existing law, given the fact that he followed the advice of those who told him early last summer to stand aside, to do nothing, and to let the strike run its course as a demonstration of "free bargaining."

This advice came to him, no doubt indirectly, from the leaders of the steel industry who thought, mistakenly as it turned out, that they had the union at a disadvantage, that they could defeat the strike and impose a settlement upon the union. Having decided not to intervene, the Administration did nothing to elucidate and define the issues. It did nothing to rally public opinion in favor of a good settlement. Now with winter approaching we are at a dead end.

NOBODY, not the companies or the unions or the Administration, wishes to see the Taft-Hartley act invoked. The act provides that for 80 days the strike shall be suspended, and that before 75 days have passed the workers shall vote on the latest offer from management. If they reject this offer, they can go on strike again on the 80th day. This will take us into the first weeks of January. As things stand now, in all probability there will be no settlement by that time unless meanwhile there has been built up a body of public opinion demanding a settlement which will find expression in the next session of Congress.

At the moment, then, it is useful to ask ourselves why the Taft-Hartley act does not fit the nature of this steel strike. Senator Taft was an extremely intelligent and experienced man, and we must not suppose that he did not realize the limitations of the Taft-Hartley act. Thus the act provides that the Board of Inquiry shall make a statement which "shall not contain any recommendations." At the end, then, of the 80-day intermission the strike can be resumed without any impartial and responsible judgment as to how it ought to be settled.

SENATOR Taft recognized that this was a serious limitation, and after the act had been passed he did in fact attempt to have it amended to permit the Board of Inquiry to recommend a settlement. He was not able to induce Congress to amend the law. But what he really counted on, as Mr. Joseph A. Loftus of the "New York Times" reminds us, is this: If a strike goes on and on and there is a national emergency — as there is in steel — then Senator Taft expected Congress to intervene and to pass an emergency act to deal with the particular situation.

This is what the country should now prepare for. During the coming weeks, while the strike is suspended by injunction but is not settled, the Congress should confer on special legislation to be enacted by the Congress. In one way or another this legislation would compel a satisfactory settlement. The threat of this legislation offers the best promise of a voluntary settlement before the Taft-Hartley intermission comes to an end.

HERE'S about what will happen: The 80 days will expire at about the time the congress will assemble. The congress, representing ALL the people, will be inclined to pass a law that will stop the ruckus. Such a law will be apt to make the American system of free enterprise MUCH LESS FREE. That isn't going to be good for us over the long pull.

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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Supports Basic Rule

To the Editor: The following letter has been sent to Glen Wellman, secretary of the Roseburg Highway Lifesavers:

Dear Sir: Regarding your letter in the Medford Mail Tribune concerning the acquittal of Senator Groener of violation of the basic speed rule, I feel I must reply. I am unacquainted with Senator Groener or the circumstances surrounding his case, and I feel, as a practicing attorney, that your attack by innuendo is the judge who rendered the decision is contemptuous, and your attack on the basic speed rule unjustified.

One portion of the basic speed rule statute provides that no person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the highway, the hazard at intersections and any other conditions existing. The statute clearly expresses a combination of circumstances to constitute a violation—speed and imprudence. Excessive speed alone, unless also imprudent under the circumstances then existing, does not constitute a violation, and interpretation concisely stated by the Oregon Supreme Court many years ago.

So, too, has the court upheld convictions where the speed, proved was less than the designated speed for the locality in which the violation occurred when that speed coupled with other circumstances, is shown to have been imprudent or unreasonable.

Every Medford police officer is acquainted with, and abides by this interpretation. No citations are issued unless both factors, speed and unfavorable conditions, are present; and though cases contested have been lost because the court has not been convinced the circumstances shown to have existed, coupled with proved speed, constituted a violation, have yet to hear serious complaint.

Your disrespectful comment toward the court concerned, particularly in view of your representation of an organization, "Roseburg Highway Lifesavers," leaves a great deal to be desired. You don't "find" a judge, Mr. Wellman. A judge is an officer of the court and the law as codified by the legislature and interpreted by the Supreme Court. If speed alone was the only proven factor in this case the court rendered the only decision possible. The citing officer knows this and so does any other officer of the law who is acquainted with his duty.

My personal feelings in the argument as to set speed vs. Basic Rule are in agreement with the editorial. Alan B. Holmes Municipal Judge Medford.

No Crater Lake Lift

To the Editor: Can you recall your first trip to, and glimpse of, Crater Lake? I can mine. 'Twas a long day by horse team and buckboard from Fort Klamath on a winding dirt road through unspoiled, awe-inspiring primeval forest.

But my first glimpse of Crater Lake was almost overwhelming in its immense grandeur and beauty. I stood entranced, motionless for minutes, silently trying to comprehend what I was seeing. It was almost too wonderful to be real. Then I moved slowly to nearer viewpoints. Others have told me they were similarly impressed.

I've walked down to the water's edge and up several times and viewed the lake from various angles. But the magnitude of Crater Lake, its real penetrating beauty, is to be seen from the rim. And there are about 40 miles of rim road from which, every little ways, one may get a new soul-filling view. Try it! ("Parks are God's plantations where decorum and sanctity reign." Ralph Waldo Emerson)

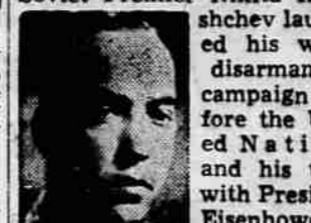
The view, the whole surroundings at Crater Lake, as in Carlsbad Caverns; or at Bok Tower when the carillons are played, should bring such reverence, thoughts of one's Creator and His wondrous works, and one's nearness to Him, that quiet, silence, is demanded. At Bok Tower, with a thousand or more people waiting for, and listening to the carillons, a pin could almost be heard if dropped on the greensward.

A chair lift at Crater Lake would soon be a race boat boost, a noisy boisterous crowd down and up; and then, and soon, just another sputtering race track on another polluted puddle. God-made Crater Lake has

Russian Propaganda Changes Slightly Since K's U.S. Visit

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

Russian propaganda has taken a turn in the weeks since Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev launched his world disarmament campaign before the United Nations and his talks with President Eisenhower.

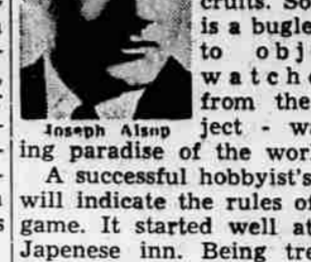


The charge has to do with Khrushchev's co-existence theme, while at the same time preserving the basic format which is to promote world communism and to castigate any nation or individual opposing Communist expansion.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

OBJECT-WATCHERS. UNITE! Kyoto—Object—watching is a happy and humane hobby, much less arduous and rather more rewarding than bird-watching.



Bird-watchers, like optimum-esters, are always seeking new recruits. So this is a bugle call to object-watchers, from the object-watching paradise of the world.

A successful hobbyist's day will indicate the rules of the game. It started well at the Japanese inn. Being treated like a piece of valuable but fragile porcelain induces just the right mood for object-watching. And the day's work had hardly begun at the Kyoto Museum, before this day's first high score—something like the bird-watcher's prothonotary warbler.

Why then were fat women

thought beautiful at this particular moment in the interminable history of China, and never before or since? There are those who say that this was because of the famous curves of Yang Kuei-fei, the "pearl concubine" who caused a throne to totter and to fall. But the lady with the pekingese slightly antedated Yang Kuei-fei. Only one answer remained. In China, at that time, there was a strong infusion of Steppe-Turkish blood in the ruling class. In Turkish eyes, amplitude is notoriously admirable in females.

The riddle solved gave sav- or to the Japanese version of a quick lunch. Then, coffee at the Shamrock Coffee House, deserving to be considered as an object in itself.

The Irish name was a mere facade for the wildest late Victorian English interior, a sombre riot of dark wood panelling, fringed lamps, and the curious sort of imitation plaster that looks as though it suffered from a pustule-causing disease. (It used to be called Lincursta Walton,

no comparable wonder and beauty. We should preserve Crater Lake and other natural scenic beauty spots. Let us keep Oregon's waters and waterways, and air, unspoiled.

We want no billboard alley highways, and no mechanical lift at Crater Lake. John E. Gribble 139 Kenwood Ave. Medford.

Detention Home Needs

To the Editor: Jackson county has a very fine Juvenile Detention Home which provides food, shelter and clothing during a child's stay there. There is a school room also, but no teacher.

The average length of time spent there by each child last year was one week.

It is discouraging for a child to return home and to school and have loads of make-up work to do. It is especially difficult for the slow learner. The necessary pushing by the parents and teacher are likely to cause more trouble. Why not a counselor-teacher? The expense should be very little more.

There is a need for a children's library, also. Anyone whose children are grown, who has books suitable for such a library, could do a very great service by donating them to the Juvenile Detention Home.

Public opinion can correct this sad situation. Why not? (Name on file), Medford.

Under present rules, Moscow Radio carefully avoids any attack on President Eisenhower or the head of any Western state essential to the summit meeting, ardently desired by Khrushchev.

But it retains many of its former targets, including Vice President Richard Nixon. One Moscow Radio broadcast said of him:

"Under the pretext of the danger of subversive activities by unknown Communist forces in the Near and Middle East, Nixon called for the intensification of war preparations."

Nixon's belief that the West must remain strong in the midst of peace talks is attacked as an undermining influence in disarmament negotiations.

Thus Nixon, with his support for foreign bases, is placed in the forefront of the warmongers.

Other targets have been Walter Reuther of the United Automobile Workers and George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO.

Reuther clashed with Khrushchev in San Francisco and Meany boycotted the session altogether.

Now Reuther is accused of having "nothing to do with genuine interest of the working classes."

In Soviet eyes, however, the real crime of both is that they are vigorously anti-Communist.

U.S. newspapers are accused of "grossly distorting the essence of the Soviet position" on disarmament controls. This because the newspapers have reminded their readers that it was Soviet opposition to ironclad controls which torpedoed the most recent effort to ban nuclear weapons tests.

Among nations, the Moscow Radio continues its criticism of Israel, Turkey and the United Arab Republic.

But the attacks on West Germany only very recently have been eased.

In other areas in which the Soviet Union works either to control or influence the minds of its own people and others there has been little change.

News correspondents in Moscow still submit their dispatches for censorship and some 2,000 Soviet transmitters regularly jam Radio Free Europe broadcasts to the satellite countries.

Pacific in that remote era. But was this astonishing similarity of the two designs a pure accident then? Or did both designs originate in a view of nature rooted in the infinitely remote past of the Mongol stock, to which both the old Chinese and the old Olmec Indians ultimately traced back?

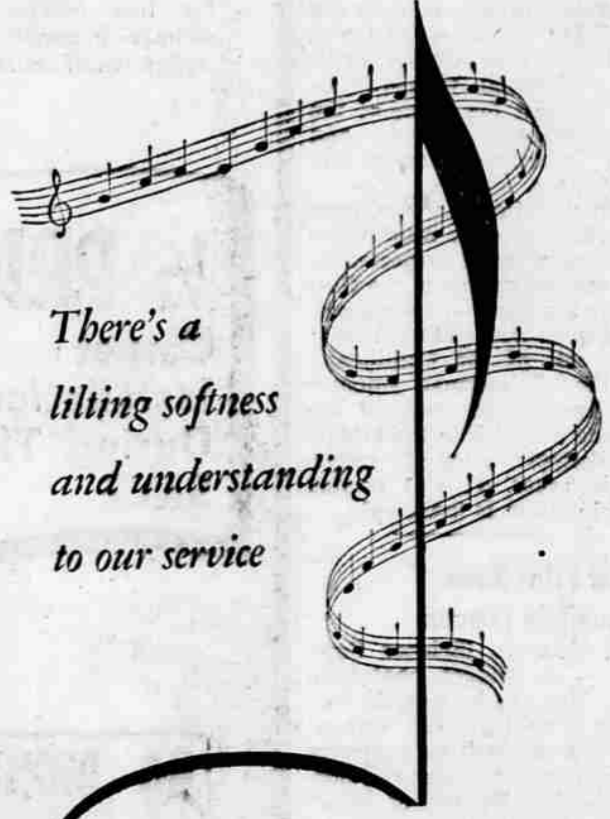
Who can tell? The answer of a single one of a long day's riddles is the best an object-watcher can hope for. If he is moved to wonder by the past, if he is moved to reflect upon the future, the true object-watcher is satisfied. For these purposes, I think, people with the right bent ought to unite and even to organize. After all, look at the bird-watchers.

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