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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
Oct. 28, 1949 (Friday)
About 1,957 cars of pears have been shipped out of the valley this season.

20 YEARS AGO
Oct. 28, 1939 (Saturday)
Medford's Black Tornado beats Bend lumbermen 34 to 13 in local stadium.

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 28, 1929 (Tuesday)
Phoenix schools highest in the county in savings by children.

40 YEARS AGO
Oct. 28, 1919 (Wednesday)
Congress passes dry bill over President Wilson's veto.

50 YEARS AGO
Oct. 28, 1909 (Thursday)
Medford to start on new system of storm sewers.

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

1. Does the Constitution give the power of originating lesser federal courts to the Congress or the Supreme Court?
2. Adolpho Lopez Mateos is the President of what country?

3. In what ocean is the island of Iwo Jima?
4. Is a double eagle gold piece of the denomination of \$5, \$10, or \$20?
5. Does a tricenial denote a period of 3, 30 or 300 years?

6. Who presided over the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, which wrote the U.S. Constitution?
7. What is a farrier?
8. The people of what country presented the Statue of Liberty to the U.S.?
9. Do any trees grow in Iceland?

10. What holiday always falls on the first day of a month?
Answers: 1. Congress. 2. Mexico. 3. Pacific. 4. \$20. 5. 30 years. 6. George Washington. 7. One who shoes horses. 8. France. 9. No. 10. New Year's Day.

INITIAL DEFENSE PACT
Athens-Turkey, Greece, and Cyprus initiated a defense alliance treaty Tuesday night, but terms of the pact were not disclosed.

A Norwegian wood-processing firm is planning to build a plant to produce synthetic vanilla, from spruce and pine trees.

FAA on Trial

In this space, just over a year ago, there was comment on the vital necessity of the new Federal Aviation Agency taking giant strides in overcoming a long lag in air traffic control.

In theory, the FAA has far more authority than did its predecessor, the Civil Aeronautics Administration. In practice, it is up against many of the handicaps faced by the CAA.

Among these—to quote that earlier editorial—are "lack of money to purchase the highly complex and expensive equipment . . . and a certain amount of foot-dragging on the part of the CAA executives—those in the middle echelons who are high enough to have a decisive say in policy execution, but low enough to escape ultimate responsibility for the CAA's actions."

IT ADDED:

"If these reports are correct, the middle echelons resisted the initial use of radar for 'ground controlled approach' instrumentation, for example, as well as other means of increasing man's ability to detect and guide aircraft under all conditions."

General E. R. Quesada, administrator of the FAA, has moved vigorously to bring his agency to a point where it can meet the needs of military jet aircraft, the new jet airliners, the many other large airplanes, and the thousands upon thousands of smaller aircraft.

But it appears that he may be hampered in doing so by some of those "middle echelons."

THAT earlier editorial, incidentally, was rather widely read in FAA (then CAA) offices throughout the west coast. It resulted in our receiving an example of what we were talking about, in the form of a directive from the Los Angeles regional office of the FAA, over the signature of a man named L. Ponton de Arce. It was distributed to all FAA offices in the region. It says:

"Although the Notices of Proposed Rule Making issued by other Regions or by the Washington Office state that comments should be forwarded direct to the originating office, air traffic control facilities of this Region should submit their comments to the Planning Branch, LA-510 in order that a consolidated Regional recommendation may be submitted to the appropriate office."

This can be roughly translated to read: "Don't follow instructions from other offices, including Quesada in Washington; send your proposals to us so we can censor them first." If that's the sort of thing Quesada is up against, the Lord help him.—E.A.

Protegee's Patron

If Errol Flynn bestowed nothing else upon us, he did add a new and peculiar meaning to the word "protegee."

(Incidental note to the wire services: Webster says the feminine form is protegee. Protege is the masculine form—and the one you've been using incorrectly.)

The word is defined as meaning someone who is under the care or patronage of another. It is an odd word to be used to describe someone who usually is talked of in much blunter terms. But the wire services (and newspapers, too, of course, including this one) continue to use the euphemism.

ERROL Flynn's situation at his death was, to an ordinary mortal, not an enviable one.

But, at worst, he had lived the kind of swash-buckling, completely amoral, hedonistic life he wanted to live.

He was a non-conformist—to which no one should object. But he also, all his life, violated the moral standards of his society. And he managed to get away with it.

He lived high, and was promiscuous, a heavy-drinking adventurer, and, in many ways, the very antithesis of the sober, responsible and moral citizen we all theoretically should admire.

BUT he had charm. Never a real actor, he nonetheless managed to convey on the screen the screen gay, irresponsible, devil-may-care attitudes of his personal life. And a generation of movie-goers ate it up, came back for more, and forgave him his sins.

The Oregonian raised a minor ruckus among some of its readers the other day when it suggested editorially that Flynn and his like "have performed a useful function in this workaday world." It added:

"They bring a glimpse, mirage though it may be, of the life we sometimes think we'd like to trade, if we could, for our own. But when we see it, we know we don't want it. . . . He reminds us, in a way, of the lilies of the field. They neither toll nor spin. They accomplish nothing essential to the survival of mankind. But it would be a drab world without them."

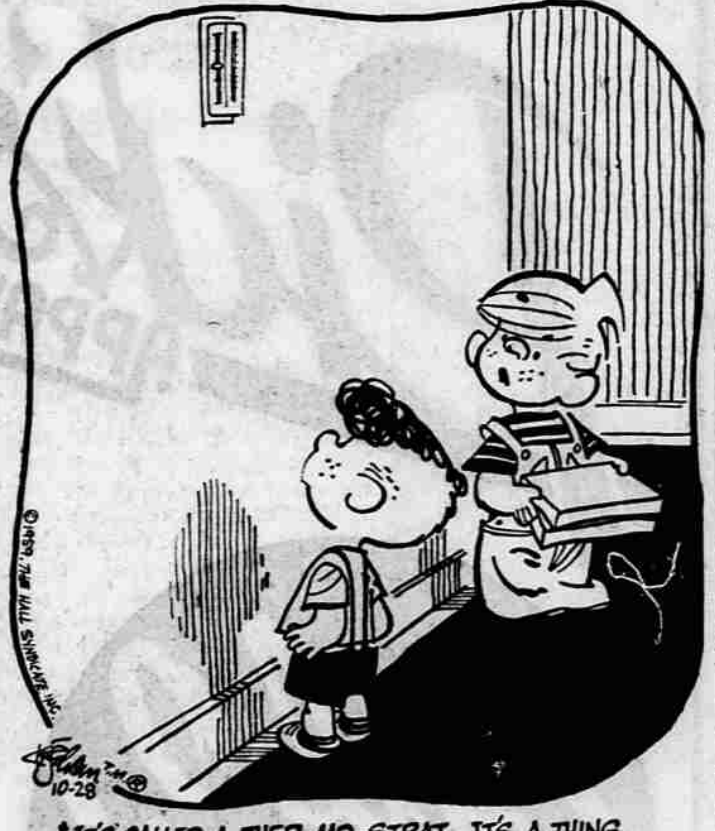
As a result, letter-writers chastised the Oregonian for what they felt was its condoning of immorality, and holding up a bad example for the youth of the nation to admire.

THE letter-writers have a point. How can one explain to an adolescent that the much-married screen idol, in and out of trouble all his life, with a long history of sordid affairs, and a 17-year-old—"protegee" at his side when he died, is really undeserving of the adulation he received?

How can one explain that his gay unrepentance and love of life are reprehensible, when he violated society's standards with impunity? Obviously we should all tsk-tsk and tut-tut.

But then, our society also has another set of standards, including the admonitions, "Judge not that ye be not judged," and "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



IT'S CALLED A THER-MO-STRAT. IT'S A THING MOM PUSHES UP AND DAD PUSHES DOWN!

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 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.

Football "Machine"

To the Editor: The following letter is being sent to the Medford superintendent of schools, with copies to you, the Oregonian, the Eureka newspapers, and the Eureka superintendent of schools: Dear Sir: I live in Eureka, Calif., and I attended the Medford High school football game vs. Eureka, Calif., High school, held in Medford, Ore., on Oct. 23, 1959.

You have the finest coached team I have seen. That's my opinion only but I believe it's a fine coached team—it's gone beyond being a game, it's a machine of destruction. Attached hereto is an article indicating the destruction—but still is the finest coached team I have seen.

But, Mr. Superintendent, in my opinion, the following should be recorded: I was in an automobile with one gentleman and three ladies with a California license tag on it and at 7:15 p.m. on Oct. 23 within a block of your stadium and we were in a line of automobiles, and a group of boys and girls ages 10 to 14 years, were crossing a street and one boy about 12 years old let go with a blast "Hey, mister—you from California? . . . on you," and let go with an obscene four-letter word.

The Planning Committee stuck Eureka High school rooters or boosters on the 10 to 15 yard line down low to the end of your stadium and we got kicked out of there and eventually bought seats on the 50 yard line, first row. We might as well have listened by radio. It reminded me of inviting someone to your home for dinner and when dinner has been prepared and ready for serving, you serve your guests in the garage while you remain in the dining room.

An automobile parked next to the stadium with a California license plate had the air let out of all four tires and one tire slashed beyond repair.

In my opinion, you gentlemen should do something about making human beings out of those people in addition to being a football machine. I need an answer. J. Heird P. O. Box 770 Eureka, Calif.

Editor's note: The clipping mentioned by our Eureka correspondent, presumably from the Humboldt Times-Standard of Eureka, follows: "Medford's Tornadoes left some serious injuries in its wake as sophomore quarterback Danny Ball and half-back Gene Albionco were pronounced out for the season following the game. Ball suffered a broken collarbone and Albionco broke his wrist.

"Center Dick Holt was on the questionable list today with a shoulder separation. There is a possibility he may also be lost for the remainder of the season. It is almost a certainty that he will miss the next game.

"Mike Thompson, a swift halfback, and guard Dennis Dinsmore returned from Medford with broken noses but will be able to continue playing.

"Keith Darling, assistant Logger coach said, 'I've never seen a team like that. I can see why they are ranked the number one team in Oregon. It was like taking Eureka High school and letting them play the Humboldt State College varsity. The line was sharp and all four backs were exceptionally fast.'"

Conflict of Interest?

To the Editor: The editorial of a couple weeks ago stated that private enterprise could and was solving the parking situation in downtown Medford and that tax money was not required to make it a success.

A leading citizen, Mr. Fred Robinson, of Medford, was a strong advocate of a "Plan" for the citizens of Medford to finance "Off Street Parking" to be operated by the city of Medford. The "Plan" was twice turned down by the people. Mr. Robinson then sought and worked for a Merchants' Cooperative Parking Plan through our Chamber of Commerce; he succeeded to the extent that a "Parking Corporation" was formed and options on certain locations were secured. It seems that from then on it bogged down because of disagreement. Mr. Robinson then, himself, bought up the master leases previously secured and went into a personal parking enterprise with a "working agreement" with local merchants and the Chamber of Commerce.

There should be no reason why the present "Park and Shop" plan won't work if continued support of merchants is maintained. We can see a need for Mr. Robinson getting out of the parking business as he is qualified better for other types of business, but here our agreement with him ends. He advocates and wants the city of Medford and its tax payers to bail him out and relieve him of his parking business. We suggest that he now sell his parking business to the "corporation" formed for that purpose and not look to the idea of selling to the people "by force" through the "city government" and the "enabling legislation" referred to by Mr. Robinson in his statement to the League of Oregon Cities at its last convention.

We feel also that if Mr. Robinson intends even to try to sell his parking business to the city of Medford and its citizens he should first resign as a city councilman (note, Chapter IV, section 18 of our city charter). It is malfeasance of office to be interested directly or indirectly in any "deal" with the city when involving his parking business.

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General Motors Lays Off 11,000

Detroit—UPI—General Motors laid off another 11,000 workers today because of steel shortages, thus boosting the total number of idled auto workers to more than 125,000.

Over 2,000 of those sent home today were from the Pontiac, Mich., Fisher Body plant.

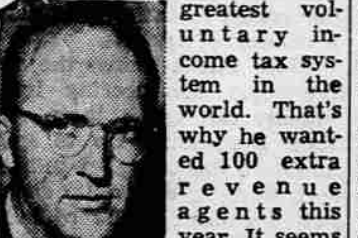
Two other auto supply firms also announced they have been forced to lay off another 2,000 men.

GM's layoffs included over 3,100 workers in the Parma, Ohio, Chevrolet plant and a Fisher Body plant in Cleveland.

Thursday, 2,500 will be furloughed at GM's Doraville, Ga., plant and 3,000 will be sent home Friday from a Linden, N.J. plant.

Tax Agents Find 'Volunteer' Taxpayers Use Multitude of Tax Avoidance Plans

By FRANK ELEAZER Washington—UPI—Our top tax man, Dana Latham, keeps reminding us we have the greatest voluntary income tax system in the world. That's why he wanted 100 extra revenue agents this year. It seems the best when somebody is watching.



Congress thought this was reasonable, and told him to go hire the agents. So I got to wondering how this has worked out.

Well, there was the case of the baldheaded salesman. His tax offering seemed shy to the agents. They wondered especially about a big deduction for cost and upkeep of a hairpiece.

Just a necessary and normal cost of his business, the salesman explained. What he sold was vitamins, to help hang onto youth. Latham's agents regretfully knocked the claim in the head.

About 60 million of us volunteered something, on or before last April 15, as the voluntary tax law requires. But the expanded staff of revenue agents every day now turns up fresh indications we weren't always enthusiastic enough in our filings.

Take the question of casualty loss. That's what you suffer when a tree falls on the roof or a hurricane smashes the windows. These are acts of God and you can claim deductions for 'em when you figure your taxes.

Recently, it develops, a few bereaved ladies have been claiming deductions for the loss of their husbands. Latham's helpers are sympathetic of course. But the fact a man has been killed on the highway doesn't make him a casualty loss in the eyes of the tax man.

But keep trying, ladies. Times change. Consider the matter of termite damage as a casualty loss. Internal Revenue agents just as regularly have been bouncing the claims back, disallowed.

Now comes the U.S. Tax court with a ruling which blows the tax man at least half out of the water. In the case of a Winter Park, Fla., fellow it said recently that under some circumstances termite damage can, too, qualify as a casualty loss.

These circumstances may not be too clear in every case. I'm afraid. The question of "suddenness" seems to be crucial. And when the termite claims start winging in next April 15 Latham's extra

tax men may wish they could crawl right into the woodwork.

Even this year I guess they've been busy. A lady taxpayer, unfortunately not otherwise described in reports to the revenue boss, thought her three great dunes might qualify as dependents. She said they were necessary to her health and safety. She explained they kept away wolves.

A male volunteer sought to deduct from his income for his several purchases of bourbon. He termed these outlays civic contributions. He said local authorities during a drought had asked residents to go easy on water.

In addition to our other failings, Latham suspects that many of us volunteers were forgetful this year about some of our income. He has reason to think we overlooked maybe \$3 billion in interest, for instance, and another \$1 billion in dividend checks.

He is pushing now a subtle scheme to help us remember, by easing the pain. He suggests we work out our withholding from wages so that at the end of the year he owes us money instead of vice versa. To do this, just have your boss figure one less dependent for you than you actually have.

But when claiming your refund, don't send off any carbons.

Latham's men turned up a fellow in Chicago who filed not one return but 56, claiming refunds totalling \$21,070.89. He got back \$20 checks, totalling \$17,857.50, before somebody noticed.

For the next 10 years, anyway, this fellow's troubles with taxes are solved, unless the parole board lets him out early.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS In the news as this is written: A giant rally in Havana to whip up anti-American feeling to fever pitch.

WHAT'S COOKING? One wouldn't know—but here's a fair guess: Castro's economic program ISN'T producing two chickens in every Cuban pot, and the Cubans are getting unhappy about it. So he's looking for a counter-irritant. More or less all over the world, a sure-fire counter-irritant for rabble-rousers who are getting into trouble is to stir up ill will toward America and Americans.

WHAT'S A counter-irritant? Webster defines it thus: "An irritant to produce a blister, a pustular eruption, or the like, to relieve an existing irritation elsewhere." That is to say: If you have a toothache, produce an ache SOMEWHERE ELSE to take your mind off the toothache.

CASTRO possibly figures that if he can get Cubans mad enough at Americans they'll forget their growing irritations over Castro's failure to provide two chickens in every Cuban pot.

That's an ancient dodge—and it has WORKED surprisingly often.

WHAT BRINGS up Mr. K. again. He's alleged to be promising the Russians that if they'll just sit tight and give him time he'll provide more of the good things of life for them—such as more clothes, more food, more gadgets. He's hinting strongly that the wicked American capitalists are the fly in the ointment. They're afraid, he claims, that world peace would wreck their war boom profits.

Do you reckon Mr. K. could be getting SCARED of the Russian people and feels that he too must promise them more chickens in every pot. If so, it would be important.

HERE'S some GOOD news! Two Americans (both Westerners, by the way) win the 1959 Nobel PHYSICS prize. That helps to ward off inferiority complexes based on the growing notion that Russians are outdoing us in the fields of science.

The prize winners are Dr. Emilio Segre and Dr. Owen Chamberlain, both attached to the staff of the University of California at Berkeley.

WHAT DID they do to win? They discovered the anti-proton. Using the giant atom-smashing bevatron at Berkeley, they found that by clashing their newly discovered anti-proton and a proton together, both dissolved into LIGHT.

WHY IS THAT important? It's of course over the heads of us laymen. But—Lead can be CHANGED INTO GOLD by knocking three protons out of each lead nucleus. If protons can do things like that, maybe anti-protons can do things even more astonishing.

Anyway—KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.

Staunch, Troubled Viet Nam Celebrates Fourth Anniversary

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor Another new nation born of strife and delivered by compromise celebrated an anniversary on Oct. 28.



It is the Republic of Viet Nam, one-time part of the three Indo-chinese associated states of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia tied to France and after World War II one of the numberless targets of Communist conquest.

A parade of weapons, most of them U.S.-supplied, marked the event in Saigon where on Oct. 26, 1955, interim premier Ngo Dinh Diem proclaimed the republic and became its first president.

Up to the end of 1958, the United States had poured nearly one billion dollars into the republic of Viet Nam. It is primarily responsible for training its army, and through the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO), is responsible for its defense.

Strategic Key to Asia It is a neighbor of Communist-threatened Laos and, along with Laos and Cambodia, is the strategic key to Southeast Asia. Under Communist domination, it could threaten Burma, Thailand, Singapore, Malaya and all the nations beyond, including the Philippines and Indonesia.

long on history but with only a brief background of independence, emerged from the Geneva conference of 1954 which ended a nine-year fight by the French against Communist forces led by Ho Chi Minh, a revolutionary who once lived in Paris and received his basic training in Moscow.

The 1954 conference carved Viet Nam into two zones at the 17th parallel. The northern half went to Communist control and the southern half, with a population of some 10 million, to forces friendly to the West.

By the war's end, it had cost \$5 billion, including \$2 billion in U.S. aid and more than 253,000 casualties.

One year after Geneva, Ngo proclaimed the southern zone's independence.

Worst Now Over The worst is over now, but few Vietnamese care to venture out at night because of the terror which still stalks the little nation.

Communist Viet Minh guerrillas still roam parts of the countryside.

Diarch remnants of warlike religious sects still refuse to recognize the new government. Bandits are plentiful.

The republic of Viet Nam's problems closely paralleled those of Korea, also divided between Communists and non-Communists.

The Communists in the north control mines, raw materials and industries, but are short on arable land. The anti-Communists control a rich agricultural area but have little in the way of resources and power.

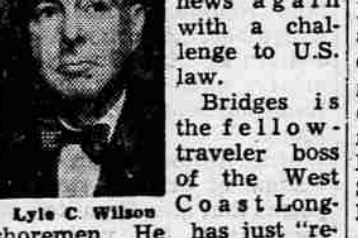
South faced an enormous problem of reconstruction and resettlement of one million refugees from the north.

In the slowly emerging order from chaos, President Ngo has run into frequent criticism. He has kept the country in a virtual constant state of emergency and has kept a stern grip on the press and public opinion.

Unfortunately also, his relations with his neighbors have not always been the best. Like President Syngman Rhee of the Republic of Korea, his actions frequently are high-handed. But as a staunch friend of the West, he is a valuable ally.

Harry Bridges Again Challenges Federal Government on Law

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington—UPI—Harry Renton Bridges, whose record of Communist front performance is as long as your arm, is in the news again with a challenge to U.S. law.



Bridges is the fellow-traveler boss of the West Coast Longshoremen. He has just respectfully declined to comply with a federal request for a list of Communists and ex-convicts in his union. The request was made under authority of Section 56 of the new Labor Reform law.

The federal government already is a two-time loser to Bridges in matters of law. In June, 1953, the Supreme Court relieved of a prison sentence and restored his citizenship. This decision was based largely on technicalities. A lower court had convicted Bridges of perjury and fraud in obtaining citizenship by naturalization. The offense charged was that he had concealed membership in the Communist party.

Perjury Charge Rescinded The Supreme Court in 1953 held that the statute of limitations had outlived the perjury charge of which Bridges had been found guilty. The Communist party, thereby, triumphed in a contest which began midway in Franklin D. Roosevelt's second term.

On March 2, 1938, the Labor department ordered Bridges' arrest and deportation to Australia on charges that he was an alien Communist.

The Communist party supported Bridges in legal maneuvers until that order was carried to the Supreme Court and cancelled. Bridges then obtained naturalization.

Attorney General Francis Biddle officially tagged Bridges as a Communist on May 2, 1942, in support of the 1938 deportation order which then was bogged in long hearings. In 1948, the CIO removed Bridges as regional director

for Northern California because he insisted on supporting Henry A. Wallace's Communist-sparked presidential campaign.

Over the years the House Committee on Un-American Activities and Biddle cited Bridges as a Communist, as advocate of class warfare and of the overthrow of the U.S. government by force. The committee named the Communist party as director and Bridges as sponsor of the 1934 San Francisco general strike.

Revolutionized Workers After that strike, Jack Stachel, Communist trade union specialist, wrote: "What will happen if the workers elect not only one Bridges, but hundreds of Bridges in section and district leadership? There will be big struggles. The workers will become revolutionized."

The committee reported that from the moment of the 1938 deportation order, the Communist party sponsored Bridges' defense, assessing members and otherwise raising funds and making propaganda.

Bridges reached for strategic Hawaii. When FBI agents in August, 1951, arrested seven persons described as Hawaii's top Communists, one of them was Jack Wayne Hall, a regional director of Bridges' longshoremen's union.

When Nikita S. Khrushchev visited the United States, the lone labor leader he sought out with whom to exchange kind and comradely greetings was this same Bridges in his San Francisco headquarters.

The foregoing are some of the notable aspects of the career of technical citizen Bridges.

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