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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
Dec. 2, 1949 (Friday)
Fifteen thousand persons jam streets to see Medford's first city-wide Christmas opening.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 2, 1939 (Saturday)
Russian incendiary bombs set Helsinki afire.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 2, 1929 (Monday)
Weather bureau reports last month was Medford's driest November in history.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 2, 1919 (Tuesday)
Rumor says many Medford schoolteachers will be married during Christmas holidays.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 2, 1909 (Thursday)
Medford Comice pears selling in London at \$3.36 a half box.

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

1. Is Morocco located in the northern, or southern part of Africa?
2. What is the only bird that has eyes that look straight ahead?
3. What is a samovar?
4. A blanket of snow keeps the soil warm; true or false?
5. What relationship are the children of first cousins?
6. Does saccharin have any food value?
7. Is the Tropic of Cancer in the northern or southern hemisphere?
8. Is cerebellum the name of angels, a part of the brain, or a period of peace after a war?
9. Which Amendment to the Constitution limits a President to serving not more than two terms?
10. Insert the missing name: _____ the Moocher.

Answers: 1. Northern. 2. The owl. 3. Waterheating vessel used to make tea. 4. True. 5. Second cousins. 6. No. 7. Northern. 8. Part of the brain. 9. XXII Amendment. 10. Minnie.

ANGEROUS SPORT
Iowa City, Iowa—Two University of Iowa law students, Tasso Coin and James L. Chopokus, face an eviction threat today because they allegedly banged up the furniture in their apartment by hitting golf balls around.

Disaster in Government

The date is Monday, Jan. 9, 1961. The scene is the house of representatives at the state Capitol in Salem. The members of the legislature are assembled in joint session to hear the governor's message.

On the rostrum are the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, the speaker of the house, the president of the senate, the chief justice of the supreme court.

Other members of the supreme court, and most of the high appointive officials of the state, including the superintendent of state police, director of civil defense, and commanding general of the Oregon National Guard, are in attendance.

SUDDENLY, out of the sky, a disabled Air Force bomber, with live bombs aboard, plunges into the west end of the Capitol.

Or, an "enemy" missile destroys the Capitol. Or (as in Roseburg), a dynamite-laden truck explodes on State street, collapsing the house wing of the statehouse.

The government of the state is wiped out. What happens then?

THIS grisly picture may not be worth worrying about, but it poses a definite problem in today's hazardous age. One need think only of Roseburg, or Texas City, or Hiroshima to conclude that it is within the realm of possibility.

Justice William C. Perry, of the state supreme court, is concerned about this problem, particularly the atomic bomb hazard.

Such an event, he points out, would destroy civil government in the state. There would be no leadership with authority to act. The federal government, to be sure, could move in to provide law and order. But civil authority would cease, and could only be restored through an election.

BUT there would be no one to call an election, no one to tell the state police what action to take, no centralized direction of the court system, no one to tell state departments what to do.

Justice Perry believes that the continuity of government must not be left to chance, and suggests that the constitution be amended to provide for such a contingency.

The last legislature passed a measure, which will be voted on by the people in next year's election, which would authorize the legislature to provide for such continuity. It allows the seat of state government to be moved in an emergency, for one thing. And also it says:

"The legislative assembly, in order to insure continuity of state and local government operations in periods of disaster resulting from enemy attack, shall provide for prompt and temporary succession to powers and duties of elected public offices, and may provide for temporary succession to the powers and duties of appointed public offices, the incumbents of which may become unavailable to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of such offices."

THIS is all to the good, and we shall vote for it next November.

We wish, however, it was broadened to include natural and accidental disasters, rather than limited to enemy action. For, as Roseburg and Texas City show, today's hazards are not limited to warfare.

In any event, we can certainly agree with Justice Perry when he says:

"If we would be vigilant, let us now set our house in order and make as secure as is humanly possible the preservation of our present form of government under atomic attack."—E.A.

New Pilot Requirement

The Federal Aviation Agency's recent ruling that all pilots must have instrument training is an important and comprehensive one, but not quite as drastic as the first press stories hinted.

A press release from the FAA arrived by mail yesterday, and detailed the new regulation.

It does not require that all pilots hold instrument ratings, as we understood at first, but it does require that all pilots, commercial and private alike, have training in instrument flying.

THE important paragraph of the release said:

"Private pilots will be required to have dual instruction in the basic control of the aircraft in attitude control simulating the loss of visual reference during flight. In addition, both commercial and private pilots must be familiar with and demonstrate the use of radio for communications and navigation in cross-country flying. The new regulations do not affect pilots who already meet the new requirements."

The new regulation gives pilots until next March 16 to comply.

IF the regulation seems a bit drastic to casual "Sunday fliers," the FAA makes a good case for it.

During 1958, for instance, private pilots were involved in a total of 272 major accidents, in which 345 pilots and passengers were killed and 155 seriously injured. Of these accidents, 120, or 44 per cent, resulted from inability to cope with emergencies, and 125, or 46 per cent, resulted from fundamental weaknesses in pilot judgment or technique.

Considering the thousands of private aircraft now in use, the number of accidents does not seem excessive — at least in comparison to the number of automobile accidents.

It might even be a good idea to require stricter rules governing the qualifications of those licensed to drive cars on today's busy highways, which are far more dangerous than the air lanes.

Dennis the Menace



"WATCH THIS GUY, MOM! HE'S FUNNY!"

Oregon Man Reports on Time's Slanting of Story on Porter

(Editor's note: Forrest Amsden, executive editor and associate publisher of the Coos Bay World, is now on leave of absence in Washington, D. C., on a study award. While there, he writes occasionally for his newspaper. The following article, reprinted from the World, concerns a recent Time magazine article concerning Charles O. Porter, congressman from this district.)

By FORREST AMSDEN
Washington, D. C. — Rep. Charles Porter was energetically whacking his typewriter keyboard, wearing a thoughtful and angry frown, when this writer blundered into his office late the other afternoon.

Spectacles alternately thumped down on his nose and shoved high on his thinning dome, the Oregon congressman was composing two letters.

A short time before, it appeared, Time magazine's gutting story about Porter's Far East trip had landed on Porter's desk. He was understandably perturbed. On reading the "news" magazine's contribution to objective journalism, anyone in a position of judgment would likewise be perturbed, we allowed.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Havana: Anti-American vandals in the Havana suburb of Jaruco broke into a church the other night and destroyed 60 sacks of flour SENT FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR THE RELIEF OF CUBA'S POOR.

HMMMMMMMMMM. I'd say that's a prime example of cutting off your nose to spite your face.

FROM Stillwater, Oklahoma: Deadly carbon monoxide gas, coupled with mass hysteria, felled about 300 high school students—most of them girls—and affected another 700 students and adults during a choral festival at Oklahoma State University.

Officials said the poisonous gas fumes were sucked into the building through fresh air vents. The gas fumes came from numerous buses parked around the huge field house. The motors of the buses were left running.

Fortunately, there were no fatalities. The only effects of the gas were temporary unconsciousness, nausea and cramps.

MODERN life is full of hazards. But— Life has always had its hazards. Great-Great-Grandfather didn't have to worry about carbon monoxide gas fumes from the exhausts of internal combustion motors, but every time he stepped out of his cabin in the clearing in the forest he ran the risk of getting an arrow in his ribs from a lurking savage.

If there had been any cranberries in his day, Neanderthal man could have eaten them with his turkey (if there had been any turkeys then) without fear of poisonous residue from chemical weed-killers. And if Neanderthal woman had wished to bright-

en up her lips she would have had no fear of chemicals. She'd have used berries from the nearby bushes.

SO— Life even then had its hazards. If Neanderthal man or Neanderthal woman or Neanderthal children strayed beyond the protection of the fire before the cave door, there was always the hazard of the prowling sabretooth tiger.

Heston Grieve, Prospect, was elected vice president. Francis Petrie, Rogue River, was president last year.

The two county groups recently voted to consolidate into one organization. Meetings are held four times each year with election of officers during the fall meeting.

Reports from Josephine county director, Harold Prestle, and Jackson county director, Mrs. Marie Furry, were made, and other business included plans for the forthcoming mid-winter conference at Salem.

The group will meet again in February.

Two BLACK-LEATHER-JACKETEERS found themselves in a museum of modern art—probably to get out of the rain—and stopped short in front of a Jackson Pollock abstraction. One lad grabbed the other's arm in a panic and urged, "Let's get out of here quick before they say we did it!"

Alan King tells about one of those pint-sized foreign sports cars that stalled for 30 minutes and created a two-mile-long traffic block before mechanics discovered why it wouldn't budge. It was stuck on a piece of chewing gum.

A brave little old lady routed a stickup artist recently. She yanked the revolver out of his hand and chided, "For shame, you big lug! Instead of attacking a defenseless old lady, why aren't you out robbing a big bank?"

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Senate Payroll Reveals Big Assortment Of Titles—But Who Gets Out the Mail?

By FRANK ELEAZER
Washington—UPI—The Senate finally has opened its payrolls to public inspection, and the wonder of it all is, who gets out all those millions of letters the senators annually commit to the mails?



Frank Eleazer Senate's 66 private postmen have been sweating you would expect to find every senator's office crammed with typists and stenographers.

The published payrolls disclose these offices to be crowded, all right, but mostly by administrative assistants at salaries up to \$16,299.96 a year, and, at lesser pay, personal secretaries, legislative assistants, receptionists, and executive assistants.

Also, as you already have read, the senators in some cases employ wives, daughters, and in-laws, with various appropriate titles.

But stenos and typists? Well, one senator listed three of the few remaining typists to be found in the Senate office building. But I bet

they don't have time to be lonesome. His other staffers total 29, including a state representative, a research staff assistant, a departmental assistant, a departmental secretary, a state report and press clerk, a departmental correspondence secretary, an immigration secretary, and a

research and information assistant. House members, whose payrolls haven't been secret in years, hire nothing but clerks. Senators also used to get by mostly with the assistance of clerks and some still do. But after the Senate had voted this year to let the taxpayers see whom it hired and for how much, some members got to thinking a title of clerk might not appear to the homefolks appropriate for a fellow drawing maybe \$13,000 a year. Senator's Assistant Assisted

Kidnaping Incident Reveals Contempt

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

The Red Chinese kidnaping of an American Marine sergeant in Bombay was more than just another pin-pricking attack against the United States. It was another way of showing the Reds' contempt for India.



Phil Newsom It also seems to have a parallel to Red Chinese tactics at the time of Premier Nikita Khrushchev's visit to the United States last summer.

At that time it seemed Russia's Asia ally deliberately was stepping up its attacks and threats against India's border in an attempt to muddy the Eisenhower-Khrushchev Camp David talks.

The Bombay incident, coming only days before Eisenhower's visit to New Delhi, also seems designed to muddy the talks between Eisenhower and Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

An Elaborate Plot It seems entirely probable now that the Red Chinese double-defector who appeared at the U.S. consulate in Bombay asking asylum and who then changed his mind, was part of an elaborate plot with

several ramifications. It enabled the Red Chinese to bring their own charges of "kidnaping" against the U.S. on Indian soil.

Probably more by luck than planning, it also enabled them to lay hands on the American sergeant assigned to guard him, and then to man-handle him in a way unthinkable in most civilized countries.

Since the United States government has a right to expect that its nationals will be protected by the nations of whom they are guests, a U.S. protest to India would be inevitable and thus a source of friction.

Nehru Remains Cautious Nehru, in his usual cautious way, so far has refused to accept the story of either side, and has noted only that there appears to be a conflict.

Indian newspapers, however, have not been so restrained. The Times of India said that the manner in which the U.S. Marine was detained and threatened with bodily injury was "nothing less than blatant violation of Indian sovereignty."

Other Indian comment expressed concern that the cold war between the United States and Red China now had been carried within the confines of India.

The Communist tactic thus has been successful.

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.

Band Praised To the Editor: Southern Oregon and Medford in particular can justly be proud of the fine performance of its Medford High and Saint Mary's High school football teams. Lots of praise has been given both teams in the papers, but so far they have overlooked a very outstanding champion, I'd also class them as champions, and that is the fine High School band under the direction of I. A. Mirick.

The performance of the band put on at half time and after the game at Portland was outstanding. There was nothing but praise from the spectators where we were seated. They were people from Portland and surrounding areas. They praised the football team but also said they never saw the equal in a high school band.

So let's give a little praise to this group of fine students that have cheered this team on to state victory.

An admirer. (Name on File), Medford.

The Answer To the Editor: Yes, I know how to settle this dispute between big steel and labor. It is government ownership. Proof, the Bible reads before you can spoil and destroy a strong man's goods you will have to enter his house first.

The government has entered the house of labor with the Taft-Hartley law, and will enter deeper as time goes on. And labor will enter the strong man's house, government. Labor will elect men to congress and the senate and supreme court and state offices.

Here is Bible proof, the 17th and 18th chapters of Revelation. The 17th chapter and 5th verse refer to money-power. Then in the 18th chapter, think deeply on verse 12, and of brass and iron. Steel is made from iron, or iron is the mother of steel. The smoke that is mentioned in these strikes. Let us go back in the last part of the 19th century, starting in 1890 and 1900. These things that are mentioned are smoke signs.

Over 800 banks failed in a year, 600 cent, American railroads in bankruptcy, the homestead strike, Pullman

More Parking Space Needed in Salem

Salem—UPI—A 100 per cent boost in parking space is needed in downtown Salem and the project should be pioneered by private rather than public means.

Salem officials and businessmen heard a report to that effect Tuesday from a San Francisco firm engaged for the last several months in a survey here.

The consulting firm is Industrial Planning Associates. The group said it found parking conditions in fair shape in outlying sections.

But the local downtown zoning system needs to be worked on, it said.

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WONDERS NEVER CEASE

Mineola, N.Y.—UPI—The Long Island Lighting Co., has asked the Public Service Commission to approve a \$1,200,000 electric rate reduction for its customers. The company said the reduction was made possible because it now is allowed an accelerated depreciation rate on equipment.