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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. 6, 1949 (Tuesday) Twenty-four firemen fought blaze at West Side pharmacy last night.

20 YEARS AGO Dec. 6, 1939 (Wednesday) Russia boycotts League of Nations sessions on Finland attack.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 6, 1929 (Friday) Two local grid stars, rated as first string members of Oregon team next fall.

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 6, 1919 (Saturday) French troops threaten to cross Rhine unless Germany signs peace treaty.

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 6, 1909 (Monday) Oregon is in grip of worst snow storm in years; every section of state has from two to nine inches of snow.

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

- 1. A sailboat is to its tiller as an automobile is to its windshield, engine, steering wheel, seat, or brakes?
2. Unscramble the following names of flowers: KNIP, AHAILD, YILL.
3. Correct the following: "As soon as I saw him, I knew it was him."
4. Which three words of the following are most closely related: Punt, Kick-off, Full-back, End, Touchdown, Guard?
5. In which hand does the Statue of Liberty hold the torch?
6. What number increased by 1/2, 1/3, and 1/4 of itself equals 125?
7. Add the next three numbers in this sequence: 3, 12, 6, 24, 12, 12, 48, 24, ...
8. A box is 3 inches wide and 1 inch deep; how long must it be to hold 15 cubic inches of sand?
9. Which of the following words is a different part of speech than the rest: Rabies, lovely, rapier, infants, atom?
10. How many pecks in a bushel?
Answers: 1. Steering wheel. 2. Pink, Dahlia, Lily, 3. "... was he." 4. Fullback, end, guard. 5. Right. 6. Sixty. 7. 24, 36, 48, 8. 5 inches. 9. Lovely (adj.). 10. Four.

On "Practicality"

There are many words in the English language which are misused. "Practical" is one of them. The two senses we have in mind are these: "Practical-Of, pertaining to, or manifested in, practice or action... Capable of being turned to use or account..."

Thus it is seen that practical is a perfectly respectable word, and a useful one. But too often it is used as an excuse not to do something which needs doing, or is "capable of being turned to use or account." As: "It just isn't practical."

THIS type of excuse is used in many contexts. Schools aren't "practical" when they furnish instruction in anything except the three R's. Parks aren't "practical" because they aren't "productive" — they don't produce anything which can be measured in dollars and cents.

THE list is long, and rather sad. The fact is that "impractical" things are often the most important. Religion isn't very "practical" to most people—but to many it is one of the most important things in life.

On Community Pride

The other day, the Pendleton East Oregonian commented on United Fund drives in Oregon. It said: "Why do the citizens of some Oregon communities consistently meet their United Fund obligations, and why do others consistently fail? Why do the employees of some companies invariably answer the call to United Fund or any other civic duty and why do others consistently refuse?"

"WE PROBABLY would get close to the answer if we asked a psychologist to study two people of whom Raymond Rees, the Umatilla county president of the United Fund, was speaking the other day. One, a wealthy man, gave \$3 to the United Fund. The other, his employee, gave \$25."

"LET'S crow a little today. 'In the league in which it plays, KLAMATH WAS THE FIRST TO GO OVER THE TOP IN ITS UNITED FUND DRIVE. 'That's worth crowing about. 'How did it happen? 'The workers worked. The people gave. The workers worked because they are proud of their area. They want it to be the kind of area that people will want to live in. The people gave because they too are proud of their area and want it to be the kind of place people will want to live in."

"A FRIEND recently told us he had the reason for United Fund failures. 'When United Fund fails in a community,' he said, 'it's because you have too many people who have no misgivings about spending a chunk of their pay check every week for whiskey but complain about having to pay taxes for schools.' 'Maybe he's right. But we don't know where to go from there. We've never understood the man who complains that \$7.50 is too much to pay for a book but pays the same amount for a bottle of whiskey without a murmur. 'Some persons require no urging. Others refuse to help, no matter how strongly urged."

THIS brings home strongly the United Medford Crusade's present situation—at about 85 per cent of its goal, and inching along slowly. Well—is Medford a town with pride? Is it a town where people put more value on whiskey than on schools? Is it a town where the United Fund is going to fail? The UMC drive could be finished off tomorrow if everyone who hasn't yet donated would do so today. Checks can be mailed to Post Office Box 5000, Medford.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



Who put what vinegar in what atomizer?

Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippman is again traveling abroad. Roscoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.)

The "Non-Regulatory" Agencies Washington — Doesn't it strike you that the Federal Communications Commission (which regulates or non-regulates television) and the Federal Trade Commission (one of whose jobs is to protect the public against misleading advertising) are bestirring themselves an awfully long time after the horse has been stolen?

BY this time it would be understandable if many people had forgotten what the House Sub-committee on Legislative Oversight was originally investigating. Its assignment was to check up on the practices and procedures of the Federal regulatory agencies to see if they were adequately doing their job. It was this sub-committee which discovered some of the F.C.C. commissioners were taking emoluments for making speeches to the industry and were receiving travel and hotel expenses from those they were supposed to regulate. It was this subcommittee which brought out Bernard Goldfine's activities and other such matters.

My point is, why do the two big regulatory agencies have to wait for a full-blown Congressional investigation to marshal public opinion before they can carry out their duties under the law? Doesn't this raise doubts about the caliber of the commissions themselves and, raise the question whether they are not more the servants of the industry than they are of the public? (Copyright 1959 New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

IN the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS Let's talk today about Farhad Adjooodani, who is the son of Mahmood Adjooodani, director of foreign exchange students at the Iranian embassy, in our capital city of Washington.

SO much for the incident. Now for the point of it. Defending his actions, young Farhad said: "I think I acted as ANY American boy would. I've been in this country almost six years, and I'm quite familiar with your customs. He lost his temper and slapped her. He took a pistol out of a trunk and threatened to shoot himself. Then he ran into another room, and a shot was heard. When other members of the family rushed into the room, it turned out that the cartridge in the gun was a blank. Instead of a tragedy, it was only a tantrum.

ANYWAY, the week end was spoiled and young Farhad drove Sandra to her home in nearby Georgetown. But he was still all shook up, and on the way to Georgetown he opened the car window, stuck the gun outside and started blasting a gain — still with blanks. Our teenagers aren't all that stupid. This time the cops stepped

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

Washington — As is often the case nowadays, there is a wide difference between the public presentation of the President's foreign trip, and practical, expert judgment of it.

The trip has been presented to the country as a ground tour in the cause of peace, which is to culminate, in Paris, in a grand effort to secure Western unity before the summit meeting with Nikita S. Khrushchev. It will of course be good public relations for this country, for the President to visit India and the other places he plans to visit. But good public relations will not serve the cause of peace.

For the long run, in fact, foreign visits that are merely aimed to generate "good will" serve hardly any purpose at all. The kind of good will that is generated in this manner is approximately as durable as dry ice. As to the trip's climax, every experienced diplomat agrees that if any real progress towards Western unity is made at Paris, it will be made by the hard, detailed negotiations of the Foreign Ministers.

HERE, then, is this great, ceremonial, time-consuming, effort-demanding Presidential journey. Here is this world-wandering version of the President's triumphant European tour last summer. What durable results can be expected of it? The answer is provided by looking back to the European tour. That one produced no durable results of much importance in Europe. Nothing was decided in any of the capitals the President visited.

After we brushed the dirt from our eyes there he stood. The looks of happy anticipation on the faces of the thrilled youngsters were worth every bit of dirt and wind, but— What did Santa do? He waved a couple of times and disappeared through the crowd. Couldn't he have at least made one circle around the square and spoken to a few boys and girls? If you could have seen the look of disappointment on the faces of the young bewildered children, the tears that ran down some of their angelic faces, as parents tried to make them understand that they had to go "down town" to see Santa and wait again for 30 minutes to an hour to get to talk to him.

WITH any luck at all, the new tour will consolidate and improve the effects of the emergence of the "peace issue" last summer. If this happens, moreover, there will be two consequences of high political importance. The Republican party will benefit in general, and Vice President Nixon will benefit in particular. The highly impressive Nixon rise in the polls that began last August abruptly upstaged the "Nixon-can't-win" strategy of the Vice President's only Republican competitor, New York's Gov. Nelson Rockefeller. Another political harvest from this new Presidential tour will assist Nixon even more.

EPID Questions To the editor: The latest story in the Mail Tribune on the continuing campaign of Mrs. Ann Todd against the Eagle Point Irrigation District, and those coming in contact with it, indicates that the district attorney issued his statement without learning all the facts. Had the district attorney questioned witnesses, as well as the principals, he would have found that Mrs. Todd was not evicted from the office of EPID on the day he states, and that she (Mrs. Todd) used the telephone in the EPID office to call the city marshal before she left. Upon the marshal's arrival, Mrs. Todd asked him to make an arrest.

IT WILL help the Vice President materially, for instance, to appear in the role of Acting President in these next weeks. He will gain by presiding at Cabinet and Security Council meetings, as the President has invited him to do. And if you suspect that this kind of quiet but useful help for Nixon is aimless and

unintentional, you only need to look at the recently published list of the "New Yorkers for Nixon." Not nearly enough attention has been given to the presence among the "New Yorkers for Nixon" of three of the President's closest cronies, W. Alton Jones of the City Service Oil Co., Barry T. Leithead of Cluett, Peabody & Co., and William E. Robinson of the Coca Cola Co. These members of the Augusta Golf Club set do exactly what the President wants in politics. It is hard to imagine their being mistaken about what he wants in the present instance. (c) 1959 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)

A Mail Tribune "column filler" (called to our attention by Mrs. Ellen A. Lynner): "Adjust your son's skin diving goggles to fit tightly and wear them to peel (sic) onions..."

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.

Personal Santa Visit To the Editor: We are in sympathy with parents and the problem that Santa Claus presents. Unfortunately, retail Santas are often distraught by the large number of children clamoring for their attention. As mothers, we feel that a personal visit from Santa would eliminate disappointing and frayed nerves. Our Santa would be glad to call at your home with a surprise for your children and a merry "Ho, Ho, Ho!" Anyone interested could call SP 3-4400 for further information.

Santa in a Hurry To the Editor: The familiar "Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas Boys and Girls," was sadly missed by scores of children at Hawthorne Park when Santa arrived by helicopter. The Retail Merchant's Association must have had him on a very close schedule as HIS lack of time to walk around the roped off area and wave to the children on all sides certainly made for many disappointed and sobbing youngsters. Many hundreds of people responded to the publicity covering Santa's arrival but very few were even rewarded with a glimpse of him. I'm sure the couple of minutes it would have taken for him to do this would have given a lot of little ones a big thrill to remember.

Santa Disappoints To the Editor: I've never written a letter to the editor before, but after viewing Santa's arrival Saturday I stood, with my three children, as did hundreds of other parents, for over 30 minutes watching Santa circle town and the roped-off area where he was to land. Finally at 10:30 Santa settled down in the small spot designated for him. After we brushed the dirt from our eyes there he stood. The looks of happy anticipation on the faces of the thrilled youngsters were worth every bit of dirt and wind, but—

Say It Isn't So! To the Editor: Here we have it, the weather lore prediction for the three months of winter '59-'60 "in a nutshell". The month of December presumably will be two-thirds foggy days with one-third sunny weather. January ditto, with a heavy emphasis on fog all month. Third winter month, February, the outlook is for fair and brighter; probably extreme cold. In short it points to an unusual winter for Rogue river valley, never quite anything like it in history before. Bert Kissinger \$20 Boardman St. Medford.

Likes CARE Ads To the Editor: I want to tell you what a very fine thing I think you are doing by printing the CARE ads for hungry children. I assume that you contribute this space to the cause. We who have been so blessed as to never know hunger, should never be satisfied till we have done everything within our power to remove this curse from the rest of the world. I know that God will bless you for doing what you can. Marie Ottosen Route 1, Box 251 Eagle Point, Ore.

Building Materials To the Editor: The evening of Dec. 2 as I was relaxing in my easy chair, there was Page 1 of the Medford Mail Tribune. Elation reigns supreme when we read that one of our friendly home loan associations is going to build a spanking new building right flat dab in the middle of Medford. We really go into orbit after reading the description of materials to be used—steel, glass, aluminum, and concrete. This will be an impressive building and we are sure that the loggers, mill operators, wholesalers of lumber and wood products, and retail lumber dealers wish them well. Enuff said! Charlie G. Fox Jr. 1434 Kings highway Medford

Dear Potty!" (writes a faintly disrespectful reader). "A poet stated that Rosaceae designated by a different nomenclature would emit a similar pleasing aroma. "Just the same, I cannot comprehend that labelling my holiday repast Melleagris Gallopavo et Vaccinium Oxycoccus made the turkey taste any better or the little red berries any less 'pizon.' However, if a quarter century hence some disciple of Hippocrates informs me that I am the victim of a carcinous invasion, I shall not implore him to designate what Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner was responsible. "I think there has been too 'Much Ado About Nothing.'" Our reply to the above: "Floccinaucinihilipilification." There! L.G.W. (And you'll find it in the Oxford English Dictionary — the BIG one.) A little girl was lying on her back singing. Soon she turned over on her stomach, and started singing another song. "Playing a game, dear?" asked her mother. "Yes," she replied. "I'm a phonograph record, and I just turned myself over." Now let us turn, as we often do, with pleasure, to the pages of the Hoover Hiltite, and learn what members of Mrs. Shepard's class had to say about their current study subject, frogs: The frog has a sticky tongue. He catches flies with his tongue. The frog has long legs. It jumps with its legs. It sleeps in the winter. He can dive. Pamela Dubs First comes the egg. And then comes the tadpole. And then the tadpole grows hind legs. And then he grows front legs. Then his tail goes away. Now he is a frog. Donna Root The frog is first a tadpole. The frog is a friend if you can catch him. I had a frog. The frog hibernates in winter. That means to sleep. Ned Suckles One of our sharp-eyed young men spotted two classified ads close together in a column of the San Francisco Chronicle one recent Sunday. He wonders if there is any connection between the two. They said: "For Sale—Head and body after death. Male. \$6500 now." "What ever happened to Ken Hildebrandt?" Remember our story of last week about our new reporter (young, single, male, wishful)? And the difficulty he had with early-morning calls from nice-sounding young women? Well, after that item appeared, he passed us a note which, if we recall correctly, went something like this: "Kindly make it clear that I am not opposed to receiving calls from young ladies at odd hours. Callers, however, should be between 21 and 25 years of age, blonde, blue-eyed, between 5 feet 2 and 5 feet 5, and (approximately) 36-25-36. Some leeway is permissible in regard to either the first or second 36." Later he added verbally that the "blonde" part could be expanded to include red-heads. His note also listed his telephone number — which unfortunately we seem to have mislaid. We read somewhere about a man who was driving a large truck along the highway, and every so often would stop, get out, go around to the back, stick a pole into a cage on the truck, and swish it around vigorously inside the cage. A police officer saw this happen several times, and finally stopped him to inquire the purpose of this maneuver. "Well you see," the man said, "this truck has a capacity of two tons, and I've got a four-ton load of canaries, and I've got to keep at least half of them flying." After a visit to Europe, a tourist explained the differences between four of the countries he had seen, as follows: "In England, you can do anything except that which is prohibited. "In France, you can do anything, including that which is prohibited. "In Germany, you can't do anything, except that which is especially permitted. "In the Soviet Union, you can't do anything, even that which isn't prohibited."