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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. 13, 1949 (Tuesday)
Jacksonville high school gets new driver training car. Community Chest still behind \$17,170 in Jackson county.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 13, 1939 (Wednesday)
League of Nations condemns Russia as aggressor in Finland; Russia kicked out of League.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "A movement has been launched in New Jersey for one license plate on an auto, as an economy move. This should not be confused with the Oregon school of thought, that favors none at all."

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 13, 1929 (Friday)
Civic council takes steps to encourage purchase of Jackson county products by Jackson county people.
Fairgrounds unsuitable for dog pound; city council seeks new site.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 13, 1919 (Sunday)
Uprate areas hit by coldest period in years; Columbia river frozen over at Vancouver; mercury at 9.7 degrees in Medford.
University of Oregon invited to play Harvard in Rose Bowl game.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 13, 1909 (Monday)
Good copper and lots of it indicated in Blue Ledge copper district; patents filed on mine.
Nicaraguan forces fire on U.S. Marines attempting to land.

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

1. What artist painted the famous "Mona Lisa"?

2. Between which two U. S. cities was the first telegraph line erected?

3. Does a 14-inch cube of solid gold weight about one pound, 100 pounds or one ton?

4. Who was the only person to become President of the U. S. while both his parents were living?

5. Which is the higher, the great Pyramid or the Washington Monument?

6. In what age of the world did dragons exist?

7. Which State has the smallest population?

8. James E. Oglethorpe was the founder of which of the American colonies?

9. The Transvaal is a province of which country?

10. Correct the following: "The decisions of the committees were unanimous."

Answers: 1. Leonardo da Vinci. 2. Between Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D.C. 3. One ton. 4. Ulysses S. Grant. 5. Washington Monument. 6. Never. 7. Nevada. 8. Georgia. 9. Union of South Africa. 10. "The decision of the committees was..."

Principals' Opinions

The Oregon Association of Secondary School Principals held its fall conference recently.

One of the features of the meeting was a poll of members on various questions which bear on their business of education.

Some of the subjects are matters of public concern; others are of limited interest to those outside of the profession.

The opinions of these principals of junior and senior high schools throughout the state represents informed thinking, for the matters under discussion are those with which they are directly involved.

ONE OF particular and immediate interest was the subject of the formation of youth camps, similar to the old CCC, for the benefit of young American men and older boys.

This proposal, in the form of a "Youth Conservation Corps," is under active consideration by the congress.

When asked if such a program should be revived, 83.2 per cent of the principals said "yes," 8.9 per cent said "no," and 7.9 per cent was undecided.

This overwhelming approval, by people whose job it is to deal with young men today, is an impressive testimonial to the plan.

A SLIGHTLY smaller majority, 70 per cent, indicated opposition to lowering the voting age from 21 to 18.

Favoring such a change was 24.6 per cent, and 5.2 per cent was undecided.

Some opinion leaders (including President Eisenhower, by the way) have favored this change. But many others have opposed it, among them, interestingly enough, a majority of young people under the age of 21, in several polls.

A majority, 58.6 per cent, favored federal aid to education; 15 per cent was undecided, and 26 per cent opposed. Opinions were based on "knowledge of and experience with the National Defense Education Act"—which has provided federal aid to schools on a limited basis.

ANOTHER matter which has come in for considerable discussion, particularly since the Soviets' Sputnik raised some basic questions about the efficiency of American education, is the adequacy of teacher education and preparation—and more specifically whether too much emphasis has been given to techniques and not enough to subject matter, and vice versa.

The question was phrased thus:

"Much discussion today concerns the amount of subject matter preparation required of teachers. From experience with your own staff, do you feel that new teachers generally need (a) more preparation in subject matter areas, (b) more preparation in teaching techniques, (c) neither, (d) both, and (e) undecided."

The replies indicated 22.8 per cent felt more subject matter emphasis is needed; 42.5 per cent thought more preparation in techniques is needed; 10 per cent thought neither; 13.6 per cent thought both, and 5.8 per cent was undecided.

A SUBSTANTIAL majority of the principals believe Oregon law should be changed concerning the age at which drivers' licenses can be obtained.

(Learners' permits may now be obtained at 15, and unrestricted licenses at 16.)

The question was phrased thus:

"At which age do you believe the young people should be able to acquire an unrestricted driver's license?"

None thought this should be permitted at 14 or 15; 17.9 per cent believe the present age of 16 is all right, and 13.7 think it should be raised to 17. But a clear majority, 68.4 per cent, more than two-thirds, believe it should be raised to 18 years of age.

However, 73 per cent thought licenses with some restrictions should be allowed at 16 and 17, while 21.9 per cent thought not and 5 per cent indicated indecision.

THE principals were generally favorable to the proposal to establish a system of junior colleges in Oregon.

Of the total, 37.6 per cent said such a system is "definitely" needed, 49.2 per cent said it is "probably" needed, with 8.5 per cent saying it isn't needed and 4.7 per cent undecided.

On another subject which has been debated hotly in recent months, slightly more than half the principals, 51.9 per cent, thought that the present amount of extra-curricular activities is about right; a substantial minority, 45.3 per cent, thought there were too many, and only 2.7 per cent thought there were too few.

IT GOES without saying that these opinions, while coming from informed people, do not necessarily constitute the final word on these matters.

But it is also true that considerable weight should be given to them, because the answers do represent informed opinion.

In each of the cases where a clear choice was evident, we find ourselves in agreement with the majority of the principals on these matters of substantial public importance. — E.A.

Some politicians try to boost Rockefeller for President by repeating "Nixon can't win." A stronger argument for Rocky is that Nixon can't. — Oregon Statesman.

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.

Approves Grace

To the Editor: I wish to express my opinion on Mr. Bob Chandler's editorial, concerning grace in the public schools, in the Bend Bulletin.

I believe Mr. Chandler is not giving credit to the intellectual judgment of our youth when he questions their ability to differentiate between denominational differences and a few words of direct expression of thankfulness to their Creator for their daily food.

We declare in our pledge to the American flag that our nation is under God. Therefore, I think it is entirely suitable for our youth to be given an opportunity to thank Him for their food.

Lois Lovejoy (Mrs. C. O.)
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Medford

How?

To the Editor: Sufficient knowledge given me

To come out of the rain, And why a hen will cross a road— It's easy to explain.

But how can industry survive in competition grim

With products from the foreign lands, Unloaded with the whim

Of yearly rise in worker's wage, Fringe benefits demand,

The coffee-break, vacation pay By threat of strike command.

F.J.C.
Route 2, Box 200F
Central Point, Ore.

Christmas Decorations

To the Editor: I was in Central Point last night after dark and the beautiful Christmas tree and strings of colored lights across the street brought nostalgic memories of Medford years ago when it used similar yuletide decorations.

Let us hope Central Point never gets so big and sophisticated she substitutes for her tree and lights the modernistic trappings that are a constant reminder of the way Christmas is being commercialized.

Leila A. Morrow
531 North Bartlett St.
Medford

She Has Her Say

To the Editor: Before the current radio music controversy abates, I, too, have a few comments to make.

I have wondered for a long time why the local radio stations do not have better programming. Why not, for example, schedule 30-minute segments devoted exclusively to certain kinds of music?

Then the people who like old time fiddle music, as does Mr. McCabe, or the teen-ager who likes rock 'n' roll, or the lady who (as I do) enjoys light classics, could check the newspaper and know when to tune in to get the particular kind of music preferred.

I wonder if the reason the stations do not do this is because they assume that by mixing the music up, they have a captive audience who will stay tuned through out the day in hopes of hearing something to their liking?

It does not happen that way in our household. Who wants to sit through two commercials to every song, and then have the song turn out to be something like "Mac the Knife"? Not I!

I realize that a radio station must have clients in order to operate; but must there be so many commercial messages? It seems to me there is an over-abundance of them—especially over the two newer stations in Medford.

To give credit where it is due, however... KAJO in Grants Pass is to be commended for its "Quiet Half-Hour" from 11:30 to 12 noon each day. Thirty minutes of listenable music with only one interruption is pleasant indeed.

But for the most part, poor music and too many commercials have taken the enjoyment out of listening to the radio, at least for me. So the radio that used to be such a wonderful companion as I went about my household chores, sits silent most of the day, while I turn to the record player for the kind of music I can enjoy.

I wonder just how many listeners have been lost to radio in the last few years? Or it could be that I am in the minority and most people like radio as it is today.

At any rate, I have "had my say" and I feel better for it.

(Mrs.) June Edwards
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Grandpa's Question

To the Editor: I would my offspring babes once more, They, in my arms to hold. Or is it simply I deplore This growing, growing old?

A.H.P.
Phoenix, Ore.

Cancer-Causing Agents

To the Editor: I am sure every inhabitant of the valley rejoiced this morning because the shower had washed away the blanket of smoke that has covered the valley so many weeks. How wonderfully the clean pure air made us feel!

The news that the poultry industry had voluntarily withdrawn from the market all poultry which had been fed stillbirthestrol also added to the general good feeling of some.

The cancer symposium which met in Rome in August 1956, after a week's deliberation, published the following list of chemicals daily in our food, and known by accepted laboratory procedure, to induce cancer in rats and mice:

- 1. Natural and synthetic dyes. 2. Antioxidants of fats, lipoids, and vegetable matter. 3. Thickeners. 4. Sweeteners. 5. Flavoring agents. 6. Surfactants (detergents, foaming agents). 7. Humectants (smoke agents). 8. Preservatives and chemical sterilizing agents. 9. Water conditioners (iodine and fluorides). 10. Anti-foaming agents. 11. Salt substitutes. 12. Shorteners. 13. Softeners. 14. Bleaches. 15. Modifiers and Improvers (meat tenderizers, etc.). 16. Oil and fat substitutes. 17. Organic solvents. 18. Emulsifiers and solidifiers. 19. Pesticide residues. 20. Antisprouting and antimutagenic agents of fruits and vegetables. 21. Insect repellents. 22. Hormonal fattening agents. 23. Antibiotics (fed to animals and added to food-stuffs). 24. Enzymes. 25. Antinutrients. 26. Pan-glazes (silicones). 27. Pan-greases (mineral oils). 28. Water pollutants. 29. Chemical sterilizing agents. 30. Wrapping and covering materials (paraffine, waxes, resins and plastics). 31. Soot adherent to smoked and roasted food. 32. Household detergents and their coloring agents (enter the body through the skin). 33. Non-ionizing radiation (ultra violet) products. 34. Ionizing radiation (radio active) products.

The above is a condensation by John Lear of a paper read at Rome by Dr. W. C. Hueper, cancer chief of the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institute of Health. In this paper he also pointed out that small amounts of chemicals tend to remain in the body. As the accumulations enlarge over a period of time, cancer very frequently results.

From the above list it is evident we now can not eat a meal free from cancer causing additives. Since we now have in Mr. Fleming a man who seems determined to protect us and enforce the law, let us write and express our thanks to him, to our three representatives in Congress to support him, and to Mr. Delaney, representative from New York, thanking him for forcing through Congress the Delaney bill which makes this protection possible.

Anna M. Streed
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Medford

Religious Freedom

To the Editor: Religious freedom is being attacked on every hand today. The young editor from up in Bend, who you quote in your editorial, should be in hot water. Freedom of religion is something that works both ways. Our constitution guarantees us the right to worship God any way we like. That should also include the right to say grace or thank God for our food any way we please and where ever we please. How about the pupil who has been taught at home that he should thank God for his food? Are you going to take away his right to do that just because he is at school? There are two sides to freedom.

Perhaps you would be interested in printing some of the following facts. On January of this year—1959—PTA leaders of Chicago resolved that "the concept of God" did not belong in the public schools of Illinois. Twelve states officially ruled that it was unlawful and unconstitutional to read the Bible in public school classrooms or to recite the Lord's Prayer on public school property. In New Jersey, the attorney general forbade a little girl from saying grace in the school

Dennis the Menace



"SOMEDAY I'D LIKE TO MEET THE GUY WHO INVENTED CORNERS!"

cafeteria on the basis that it was unconstitutional to pray on public school property. How about this little girl's freedom of religion?

I could give you many more cases about how our government is making war on God. I suppose next they will be doing away with all the Army chaplains and the chaplains of the U. S. Senate.

You are right. More than half of the people in America do not have any church affiliation. The Bible says "Broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many they be that go in there at." People who know so much that they don't believe in God should also learn to respect the rights of others who want to pray and worship God and not try and enforce their will upon everyone. The public schools belong to everyone—not just the majority. Our constitution is SUPPOSED to protect everyone's rights.

Carroll Powell
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Central Point, Ore.

Haze-Smog Disappoints

To the Editor: I was happy to read in your editorial that someone else shares our disappointment about dirty air in this valley. Being new here I am hesitant to sound off, but here goes!

Several months ago we sold our home and furniture in L.A., left a good job, all our friends, and moved to Medford.

Our doctor said a change of climate would help my daughter to overcome frequent bronchitis attacks since the smog in that area is unbearable.

I wrote to the Chamber of Commerce here, about information on climate, employment, housing and health conditions, also if the air was clean. They informed me that they had a slight haze at times, but thought of it as being a "pleasant smell of burning wood."

We were dejected when we saw the haze and believe it's nearer being smog.

I have been in water pollution work in L.A. and had high hopes of getting into water and air pollution here, since finding out how badly it is needed. I have had interviews with the city manager, county health department, city inspection department, and even written to Salem in hopes of breaking into this work.

They mostly all admit there is a need for it but haven't the funds to hire the necessary help. Guess I'm an optimist, buying a home here, before I get a job, but I do hope your article will stir up some results as we'd hate to move again in search of clean air.

If open fires and garbage burning are allowed to continue, as well as industries' contribution, I predict in another 5 to 10 years they will have a serious problem here, comparable to L.A. and San Jose. Then the expense of correcting this blight will cost in the millions to taxpayers of this area.

W. G. Hartman
115 Mistletoe
Medford

Some Suggestions

To the Editor: The recent flurry of letters regarding music on local radio stations has come to my attention and I read them with a great deal of interest. I actually have no responsibility for the listening habits of people in the Medford area, but since it seems to be such an issue I am willing to offer some suggestions.

There are at least six stations (including TV and FM) in the Medford area which are on the air a total of about 100 hours every day of the week.

We must realize that the present music being heard on a given station is on-the-air for a reason. There are many people who want that particular kind of music. The stations are doing everything in their power to win as many listeners as possible, and if the majority of listeners want a particular brand of music, the

station will attempt to program it. The disagreement seems to come when you and I try to tell another listener what kind of music he should like. We must each accept the responsibility for our own individual tastes, and leave the other guy's taste to the other guy.

We might question the way in which we often try to change the station management to our way of thinking. For some reason we often write to the newspaper when the organization we really want to reach is the radio station. The newspapers don't broadcast music themselves, and furthermore, they have no control over the musical policy of the local radio station. The most direct way of communicating with the local radio station is to write to the local radio station. Once we begin to communicate with our favorite radio station we are on our way to recovery of that which we have previously lost.

You can bet that if enough people express a desire for a certain kind of music, the radio station will broadcast that kind of music. Let's really examine all of those 100 hours which are available to us each day.

If we still are not satisfied, let's write a letter directly to that radio station which comes closest to pleasing us, and explain what we want to hear. I think we will find that this approach to our problem will offer us the greatest rewards, and an opportunity to be on friendly terms with our radio receiver once again.

Robert Monaghan
General Manager
Oregon Association
of Broadcasters
Eugene, Ore.

He Signs His Letters

To the Editor: It seems I am being accused of having written the anonymous letter referred to in your editorial of Dec. 8. I would like it to be known that I did not write the letter, nor do I know who did write it.

When I write you, or any other editor, I always give my name and address, and expect you publish the name if you see fit to publish the letter. I do not write anything that I am afraid, or ashamed, to sign my name to.

John C. Stille
Shady Cove, Ore.

Likes "Good" Music

To the Editor: It is interesting to know that so many people in the area are concerned about the type of music being played by the local radio stations. It is apparent that we are ready for a 'good music' station. Most metropolitan areas boast at least one station devoted to good music. This includes full length operas, played without interruption.

However, there are many factors involved which the public possibly does not realize. Radio stations are primarily supported by advertising. 'Good music' stations have very limited advertising time, because most of our real good music is on long playing records or tapes. All of the 'good music' stations with which I am familiar are FM, to give the listener the benefit of full frequency response, or in simpler terms high fidelity. This, of course, would necessitate the purchase of a good FM receiver by the individual.

Honolulu has a good music station (FM) which is supported in main by public subscription. The listeners pay a yearly amount, and as a result advertising is cut to a very bare minimum. The announcers are exceptionally well versed in both the English language and the musical field. This is naturally interesting as well as educational to devoted music lovers. Records and tapes are often loaned to the station. Volunteer labor is also welcomed and used to good advantage. In other words, the people who wanted good, mu-

POTLUCK
(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

A puzzlement: Why do "letters to the editor" come in big bunches for a while, then drop off to just a few?

Before each election the number of communications to this paper rises sharply, which is both understandable and welcome. But once in a while, on other occasions, the number climbs way up for no apparent reason.

This, it appears, is one of those times. We're even getting letters to "Potluck" these days. As, for instance:

Dear Potluck:
Please pardon my seeming faint disrespect in my former salutation. I assure you no insult to your dignity was intended. To me, potluck signifies a heterogeneous conglomeration of victuals assembled by different cooks from various sources and designed to be consumed with gusto and merriment. I cannot conceive of any one in this community desiring to treat the M.T. staff in that fashion. And so, I still think that "Dear Potluck" is the friendlier salutation.

As to your estimate of my words as of trifling value, be that as it may, was it not a great artist that said that attention to trifles may lead to perfection, though perfection is no trifle?

What a boon is the dictionary, though it is filled with words, many of them small and apparently unimportant. Yet words are things, and by them men and nations are built up or torn down.

Yours very very respectfully,
L.G.W.

Speaking of TV commercials, that is just what Ila Grant did the other day, in her column in the Bend Bulletin. Here's what she said:

I like the TV commercials. They're so educational. They've taught me, for instance, that when I get all worked up, a little hammer in my cranium strikes a little anvil. That's what causes headaches.

And these are some of the other things I've learned: That one kind of toothpaste is best if you're heckled by people who are always throwing baseballs at you, but another one is the best if you eat your lunch away from home.

That there is a new kind of stomach, shaped like a stop sign, in addition to the round ones—square ones and glass ones I've become accustomed to. And the liver is shaped like an hour glass.

That there is a shaving lather that softens sandpaper so it can be shaved without ruining the paper or the edge of the razor. And if you want to take down off a peach, there's an electric shaver to do the job.

If you're the kind of girl who can be told, you use a certain kind of shampoo. But you will also need another kind of hair preparation, if you're the scientific type, and subject your hair to a torture test. And you wouldn't think of dating a man without first stroking his hair with your white-gloved hand.

There is a cereal that is just a little better than all the others, even though one is shaped like two letters of the alphabet, gives a killed giant so much strength he can lift a sturdy child in each hand, with no strain.

There are machines that tick off information about stomach acidity, others that register odors and still others that determine the whiteness of freshly-washed clothes.

The stomach is full of little pebbles of fat, but a certain pill generates plenty of liver bile to dissolve them.

It's pretty stupid for a person to determine the kind of cigaret he'll like best by smoking it. The thing to do is learn what's up front, and see if the filter keeps water from running through.

It's just the opposite, with the best kind of tea bag. It's shaped so the water can get at the tea from four sides, not just two.

And there's a product that will correct the respiration problem of old Greek and Roman statues.

All these things are true, because at one plant manufacturing electrical equipment, progress is the most important product. How times have changed! I can remember when it used to be light bulbs.

A sulfan at odds with his harem.
Thought of a way he could scare 'em.
He caught a live mouse
Which he freed in the house.
Thus starting the first harum-scarum.

In this day of psychiatrists and psychoanalysis and such goings-on, it may be difficult to remember the day that a high-strung man was simply a horse thief who got caught.

Memo to Potluck: There is nothing wrong in having nothing to say unless you insist on saying it.
Oh, well.