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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. 30, 1949 (Friday)
One-day old Medford baby flown to Stanford university hospital in dramatic fight to save life.

Attempted robbery of Portland post office bungled when nervous robber says "stick-up," holds up own hands and is captured.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 30, 1929 (Saturday)
Fins continue to rout Russian troops - cut rail line in three places between Murmansk and Leningrad.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The first 1940 feminine hat has shown up here. The report from New York that they would no longer be funny, was an error."

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 30, 1929 (Monday)
Deposits in Medford banks at end of year reported to be over \$6 million; largest in history.

New Ford model shown in Gates Auto company showroom.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 30, 1919 (Wednesday)
Burglars enter a dozen Medford stores last night, total loot only \$100 and numerous cheap watches.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 30, 1909 (Thursday)
Orchardists from all over valley are meeting in Medford to form a union.

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

- 1. Who were the Huguenots?
2. A sworn written statement is called an affidavit.
3. What European discovered the St. Lawrence river?
4. Which amendment to the U. S. Constitution authorizes Congress to levy income taxes?
5. Who commanded the U.S. Army forces in the Philippines when Corregidor was surrendered to the Japanese?
6. In which South American country is Portuguese the official language?
7. Was Egypt ever a part of the Turkish Empire?
8. Correct the following: "They will try and be there."
9. Of what big league baseball team was John McGraw once the manager?
10. Where is famous "Flirtation Walk"?

Answers: 1. French Protestants. 2. Affidavit. 3. Jacques Cartier. 4. The Sixteenth Amendment. 5. Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright. 6. Brazil. 7. Yes. 8. "They will try to be there." 9. New York Giants. 10. West Point Military Academy.

End of A Decade
Frantic, they called them, and frightened and fabulous, those fifties which end at midnight Thursday. There were other alliterative designations, of course, depending on the critic's perspective. With somewhat less dramatic effect, this middle decade of the Twentieth Century might best be defined as expansive.
It was the decade which ushered into being the Space Age, the era of missiles and rockets and jets. It embraced a revolution in weaponry on land and in the air, and in the sea it launched the American nuclear submarines and the Soviet nuclear ice-breaker. It also saw the first—and peaceful—use of nuclear power plants.
In international affairs the great events and processes of the past decade would have to include the halting of Communist expansion in Korea, where the greatest undeclared war of history was fought, and the rise of Red China as a first-class power. Stalin died and Russia turned to economic competition with the West for its rationale. The end of the era saw the seeds of future trouble for the Chinese Communists in the difficulties of the communes and the disaffection of India.

IT WAS a time of fabulous recovery for Germany, Japan, and Italy. And it ushered in the beginning of European unification.
It was a decade which saw in Latin America and Southeast Asia the traditional palace revolution of military coup being replaced by revolutions of people demanding more of the world's goods and the world's respect. It watched a new Jewish national state consolidate its power, and it saw the Western Allies separated and plunged into confusion by the Anglo-French intervention at Suez. With the death of John Foster Dulles it witnessed introduction of a new flexibility in U. S. attitudes toward Russia.
It was an era of great personal diplomacy, even though summit conferences, except for one, were talked about rather than held. And it ended in two feats that would have been unpredictable 10 years ago, Nikita Khrushchev's visit to the United States and President Eisenhower's recently concluded grand tour.

AT HOME a nation which had turned away from the military when the spate of Civil War generals ran out twice elected a military hero to its highest office, though twice, in 1956 and 1958, denying his party control of Congress.
The decade brought the amalgamation of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organization. It also saw a growing disenchantment with corruption in union leadership, particularly as personified by Dave Beck and Jimmy Hoffa, and the first post-Taft-Hartley legislation of any consequence repressive on labor. And it witnessed a gradual hardening of labor-management bargaining and a controversy over union work rules and inflation climaxing in the longest steel strike since World War II.

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IT'S NOT only the lull in the Cold War that makes this holiday season one of the merriest in recent memory. Estimates of peak prosperity at least for the first six months of the New Year which begins Friday continue to pile up.
An industry poll of retailers puts business volume for the first four months of 1960 at 6 per cent above the like 1959 period. Steel production is hitting an all time high, at about 2.7 million ingot tons a week, and the reopening of many plants shut down for lack of steel is boosting employment powerfully.

THE Commerce Department asserts that auto production in 1960 will soar to 6.7 million units. That would be 22 per cent higher than 1959—making next year the second best car year of all.
Christmas club checks, employer bonuses, corporation dividends are pouring into the economy perhaps the biggest year-end flow of hard cash ever. And installment buying keeps up with the pace of cash buying. It's a trifle hard to realize that only two years ago, with the economy beginning to slide, and with Sputnik I a blow to our national morale, the economic soothsayers were predicting a very rough New Year indeed. —E.R.R.

Thieves Stole Gas-- 600 Gallons of It
Smithtown, N.Y. - Gasoline thieves "filled 'er up." But police couldn't figure out just what it was they filled.
Six hundred gallons of gas - valued at \$200 - were taken from a parked tank truck.
The driver said truck tracks and a hose were found near the parked tanker. He surmised the thieves hauled the gasoline away in drums.



WE CALL THAT THE SUN. AT NIGHT WE CALL IT THE MOON.

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.

On Beauty
To the Editor: The theme for Medford all of 1959 was Make Medford Beautiful. But what of 1960? With the centennial year behind us, it seems the park commission is going the opposite direction.
Their choice of location for the Old Medco engine is poor. Why can't they improve the view by moving the train either back a few feet or putting it further on Clark st. The location it is in is definitely an eye sore. Ask anyone.

I ask of you people of Medford, how many would care for an 18 century train in front of your house. If the park is to have it why not locate it in a different place? It does not improve the beauty of the park. And the view of property owners on McAndrews is not pretty, or will they every be able to enjoy the beauty of the park as it can't be seen.
Let us hear from others on this. But please Mr. parks commissioner, move your train.
(Name on file) Medford, Ore.

Music and Tapes
To the Editor: The Dec. 10 Mail Tribune carried a letter I had written to the communications column. When I wrote it I was unaware that a controversy was in progress over radio station music. My letter was the result of feelings I have harbored for a long time.
It was quite a surprise to find "company." A Mr. or Mrs. name on file in Jacksonville wrote a letter which I am in agreement with for the greater part. This may sound funny as he or she took the defense side.
It isn't just newcomers who object to certain types of so called music. We've lived in the Rogue valley for over 26 years. There are many of my friends who have lived here much longer who just don't turn on their radios hardly at all anymore. The writer from Jacksonville has given us some good advice.
If we would get out and open our eyes to the beautiful country around us we'd find much to enjoy. Our area is almost all like a park.
Our merciful Creator has given us much for which to be thankful. Actually my heart goes out to the ones who confine in themselves voluntarily and partake of what comes to them over the air waves. They are robbing themselves and setting poor examples for their children.
Our editor stated he had made a startling discovery. A button on his radio that you turn left is his suggestion to the problem. We found this button quite some time ago. I will say that I feel a bit sorry for my shut in friends.
We have had a lot of enjoyment ourselves in using our two tape recorders to bring cheer to many of these. I have come into possession of many tapes which we value highly. We love to share them with our friends. Our friend Floyd McCabe who wrote wrote about "Apes and Wash-tubs" would I believe enjoy hearing some of our collection. If you care, feel free to call or write me. We have no ax to grind. There is no charge. I have a blind friend north of Medford who has really been enjoying these tapes. It's an enjoyable hobby, even though I'm dubbed a "tape hound."

Then Tuesday the large group of young people with their pastor, the Rev. Paul Kroon, from the Community Bible church in Central Point who carrolled for us. Finally on Wednesday evening, the Rev. John Heberling and his young people from the Central Church of Christ, Medford, who visited our homes and sang carols.
On Wednesday, Mrs. Kay Crowell, and her mother, Mrs. Cora Potter, and Mrs. Kathleen Brewster of Medford called with cookies and Mrs. Edith Elliott of Medford called with gifts for each one in the home. The Rev. Harry Coovert, Zion Lutheran church, brought fruit. These were all appreciated and thanks a lot for these lovely gifts.

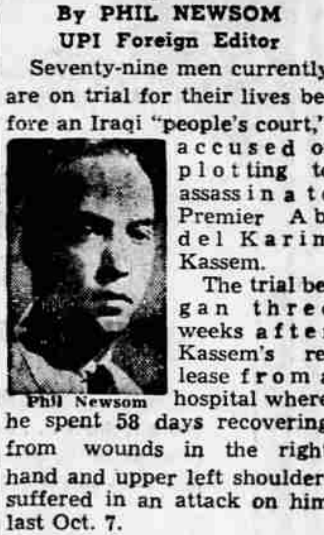
On Dec. 24 we had open house in our homes for friends and relatives with refreshments served.
Mrs. Bernice E. McCue McCue Rest Home 134 Laurel st. Central Point.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huffine Lynn Haven Rest Home 369 North Second st. Central Point.

Try and Stop Me
By BENNETT CERF

JACK PAAR had this timely warning for New Year's Eve revellers: "If you're disguised as a lampshade tonight, look out for drunken bulb snatchers!"
Zsa Zsa Gabor later stopped Mr. Paar in his tracks. "What do you think," he asked her, "makes European men such great lovers?" Zsa Zsa answered promptly, "European women!"

Miss Terry Moore had an alibi ready when she appeared very late for a TV rehearsal on a day the streets of Manhattan were glazed with ice. "Every time I took one step forward," she wailed, "I slipped back two." "Hmphh!" sniffed her director. "So how did you manage to get here at all?" "I discovered a way," beamed Terry. "I just turned around and started back home."
"Let's stop talking about boys," yawned a cuddlesome co-ed. "Let's talk about bigger things in life." "Such as?" prompted her room-mate. "Such as," continued the co-ed, "football players."

Kassem's Troubles Not Over Despite 'People's Court' Trying 79 Accused



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Seventy-nine men currently are on trial for their lives before an Iraqi "people's court," accused of plotting to assassinate Premier Abdel Karim Kassem.
The trial began three weeks after Kassem's release from a hospital where he spent 58 days recovering from wounds in the right hand and upper left shoulder, suffered in an attack on him last Oct. 7.

The president of the court has promised the trial will be conducted only in the interests of right, justice, equity and the interests of the people.
This correspondent was in Baghdad last March at the time of the abortive Mosul revolt against Kassem and at a time when the people's courts were going full blast against other "enemies of the state."

Most of these now languish in jails or await the firing squad.
President, Kassem's Cousin
The president of the court is Col. Fadhil Abbas Mahdawi, a cousin of Kassem, who is outspoken in his hatred of the West and who made a special trip back from a visit to Red China to conduct the current trial.

He is a stern-visaged man with greying crew-cut hair who in long speeches from the bench leaves no doubt about his certainty of each defendant's guilt even before the evidence is heard.
It is a comparatively informal court in which even spectators may rise to deliver long-winded speeches providing their subject matter is acceptable politically.
The defendants also deliver impassioned speeches, but it is with an obvious sense that they are foredoomed, that only a miracle will set them free and the best they can hope for is to escape the firing squad.

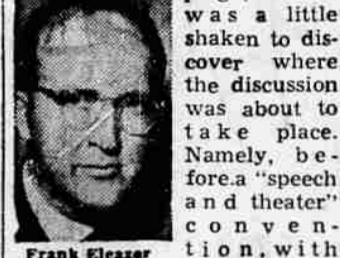
Evidence frequently is no better than hearsay.
Transient Can't Take Ashland Hint
Ashland - Theodore K. Poole, a 41-year-old transient, apparently couldn't take the hint.
He was arrested here Christmas Eve on a charge of being under the influence of intoxicating beverages on a public street. He was told to leave town and did so.

But he came back Monday and was arrested at about 11 p.m. on the same charge. He was sentenced to 10 days when he appeared in municipal court this morning but the judge told him five days would be suspended if he would promise to leave town again.

But whatever else the trials may do, they provide the Iraqi people with practically their only form of television entertainment.
Frequently, court sessions run until midnight with only a break for a brief recess in which the vacant time may be filled in with the playing of John Philip Sousa marches.
Troubles Not Over
These are show trials in the broadest sense, with no opportunity lost to din in upon Iraqis the wonders of the revolution which freed them from "imperialism" but left many without enough to eat.

Political Parties Say They Won't Sell Voters on Image

By FRANK ELEAZER
United Press International
Washington - (UPI) - The subject was use of television in the 1960 presidential campaign, and I was a little shaken to discover where the discussion was about to take place. Namely, before a "speech and a theater" convention.



Frank Eleazer, Missouri speech teacher named Robert P. Friedman. "And I wonder if it isn't becoming easy for a politician to substitute earnestness - the desire for election - for sincerity." Friedman said he'd rest easier, he thought, if there wasn't so much show business in televised politicking. He said some of the TV "interviews" he saw with one presidential candidate in 1956 looked sort of put-up to him.

about that, because I didn't hear anybody promise specifically they wouldn't try this if they thought it would work.
The conventioners, it turned out, were mostly college professors teaching speech, theater, broadcasting and similar arts. And I wasn't the only one with some qualms about the hard sell and the soft soap which could be applied to us voters next fall.
"I hear a lot of talk about selecting a telegenic candidate," said a University of Missouri speech teacher named Robert P. Friedman. "And I wonder if it isn't becoming easy for a politician to substitute earnestness - the desire for election - for sincerity."
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In the Day's News
By FRANK JENKINS

Interesting question: Why did Mr. Nelson Rockefeller withdraw from the contest for the Republican nomination for President?
This is the reason he gave: "The great majority of those who will control the Republican nomination stand opposed to ANY CONTEST for the presidential nomination."

Those are HIS OWN words. The Democratic hopefuls have chosen to interpret them as meaning that the delegates to the Republican national convention will be hard-boiled s'ndpatters who wouldn't accept a nominee of Mr. Rockefeller's type. Mr. Adlai Stevenson says: "He (Mr. Rockefeller) often seems like a thoughtful and sincere liberal, and for the sake of the country I regret that his views found so little encouragement in his party."

Senator Lyndon Johnson says: "I am not surprised, it has been obvious for some time that there is no place in the national Republican party for the able and progressive governor." California's Governor Brown says: "The Republican party turned deaf ears to a newer liberal voice than that of Vice-President Nixon. The conservatives are in complete charge."

Those are politically slanted statements, coming from men who hope to be the Democratic nominee. They are dictated by the HOPE of discrediting the Republican party, and thus making more certain the election a Democratic President.
It is quite possible that Mr. Rockefeller didn't mean it that way. The words he chose could have meant that in the opinion of those who will be chosen as delegates to the Republican convention Mr. Nixon has EARNED THE RIGHT to the Republican nomination.
A lot of people think he HAS earned that right.

Over long decades of our history nominees for the vice-presidency were chosen as a kind of stalking horse-somebody who would look good to the voters, with relatively little consideration of his qualifications to be President.
Times are changing. The responsibilities of the Presidency are becoming so tremendous that it is becoming obvious to all of us that grave considerations dictate the need that nominees for the Vice-Presidency measure up to the responsibilities of the Presidency.
We are even coming to look upon the Vice-Presidency as a kind of APPRENTICE Presidency. The burdens of the Presidency are now such that it is always possible that the President may BREAK UNDER THE STRAIN.

If that should happen-and it COULD happen-our survival as a nation would hang upon the ability and the experience of the Vice-President.
It is generally recognized that Mr. Nixon's experience in these years of strain and stress and danger have qualified him to be the next President of the United States.
That could be what Mr. Rockefeller meant when he gave as his reason for withdrawing from the contest his belief that "the delegates to the Republican convention will stand opposed to any CONTEST for the Presidential nomination."

and trod by thousands of hysterical supporters cheering his return to health.
But with all the show trials and hysteria there remains the conclusion that Kassem's troubles are not over. Kassem promised to "dazzle" his people with his new four-year plan, but people cannot eat promises nor can promises still the unrest against a government which accomplished a revolution but little else.

And he thought he recalled a picnic on the lawn where he said the other candidate didn't appear to have hiked out there solely to eat.
"Robert Humphreys, campaign director for the Republican National committee, said he couldn't see any moral or ethical objections to the kind of filmed shows his party put on last time.
"I didn't think some of those five-minute productions - theirs and ours - were lousy," he went on to admit. "People don't want productions."
"Politicians Can't Act
Anyway, said Humphreys, who probably feels freer to say these things because he's quitting his job at the end of the week, 99 out of 100 politicians can't act. As actors, he said, most politicians are stinkers.

Sam Brightman isn't quitting his job as publicity director for the Democratic National committee. So naturally he didn't volunteer a specific agreement with those specific sentiments. He did concur in Humphreys' claim we're not likely to buy a phony product just because it's put up in a fancy package.
"Will be in trouble if we ever turn politics over to motivational research," said Brightman. "This would be political suicide. People wouldn't be fooled by anything that transparent."
Then there was talk about what TV coverage does to the national political conventions. Humphreys said it helps bring decisions out in the open, but that it does create problems. One is that half the delegates are just sitting there looking for a chance to get on TV.
Brightman said yes but he didn't think the Republicans at Chicago next summer should run into trouble. After all, he reminded Humphreys, the GOP had the experience of one ceremonial convention in 1956, and he said he was sure they could "affirm" Richard M. Nixon on this time without even a Joe Smith to throw out of the hall.
"Let me close with my prediction about the Democratic convention," said Sam with a grin. "At 2:06 a.m. e.d.t. Wednesday, July 13, a wildly cheering throng will nominate by acclamation the next President of the United States - a man who will give this nation the bold, courageous, energetic, skillful, dynamic leadership which will unite our people to march forward valiantly to our great national destiny.
"I sure do wish I knew his name."

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RESUME TREK
Christchurch, New Zealand UPI - Sixteen Soviet Antarctic explorers who spent three days at the American station at the South Pole resumed their trek Tuesday. The group was headed for the Russian "Vostok" station, 762 miles north of the pole.

Happy New Year! May '60 bring you 366 days full of achievement and joy. May your home be warm with love... your heart light, your future bright.

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