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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 Jan. 6, 1950 (Friday) Great Britain grants full diplomatic recognition to Red China, and severs relations with the Chinese Nationalists.

20 YEARS AGO Jan. 6, 1940 (Saturday) Finland pushing Russians back on all fronts and Rumania announces she will fight Russia if latter violates her borders.

30 YEARS AGO Jan. 6, 1930 (Monday) Klamath Falls cagers defeat Medford for first time in history by 31 to 15 score.

40 YEARS AGO Jan. 6, 1920 (Wednesday) City council plans to eliminate sharp corner at West Main st. and Oakdale ave.

50 YEARS AGO Jan. 6, 1910 (Thursday) Jackson county spent \$78,000 on roads last year.

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

- 1. Is "Golden Bantam" the name of a breed of fowl? 2. Whose birth marks the division between the Old and the New Testaments? 3. Will oil poured on water lessen the violence of waves? 4. Do elephants ever breed in captivity? 5. For what was James J. Corbett famous? 6. Who painted the famous portrait "Blue Boy"?

Two Reappointed To Welfare Posts Salem - Gov. Mark Hatfield made two reappointments to county welfare commissions Tuesday.

Pay for Teachers

Are teachers still underpaid? This is an "iffy" question, and the answer depends on a lot of things, including one's viewpoint of the importance of education, the importance of good teachers, and the desirability of attracting good, competent, well-trained people to the profession.

One criterion by which to judge teachers' salaries is to compare them to pay rates in similar occupations. Another is to compare them to pay rates for teachers elsewhere.

A RECENT study by the Oregon Education Association, the "schoolteachers organization" in the state, makes the latter kind of comparison possible.

It shows that the rates of pay possible for teachers in the Medford school district, for example, stand up well in comparison to those in other first class districts in the state.

For high school teachers here the maximum pay possible is \$8,500 per year, a total which is exceeded in only three other school districts in the state—Coos Bay (\$9,300), Eugene (\$8,900), and Beaverton (\$8,800).

THE AVERAGE pay for high school teachers in the Medford system is \$6,244. This is exceeded slightly in only five other districts in the state—Lake Oswego (\$6,286), Coos Bay (\$6,366), North Bend (\$6,526), Cottage Grove (\$6,327), and Beaverton (\$6,255). The state average is \$5,626.

Junior high school teachers in Medford fare well, also, on a comparative basis in the state. Their maximum is \$7,800, which is exceeded in only one district in the state, Eugene, where the maximum is \$8,200.

The average pay of a junior high school teacher in Medford is \$5,562, which is exceeded in only six school districts, and in none of them by much. State average is \$5,320.

Elementary school teachers (grades 1 through 6) fare a little less well in Medford, comparatively. The maximum salary here is \$5,390, which is equalled or exceeded in 22 districts. State average for elementary teachers is \$5,207.

SINCE, however, there are more than 100 first class and county unit districts in the state, and second and third class districts were not included in this comparison, it appears that Medford school teachers, as a group, are relatively well-off.

This "relatively," of course, refers to other school teachers in comparable districts. Whether they are well-off "relative" to other economic and professional groups is something else again, and something which cannot be debated at a purely local level.

The nation-wide "average" income for a family last year, for instance, was just over \$5,000.

And we have an ineradicable feeling that the people to whom we entrust our children for their education, and for much of their vital, early training for life, should somehow be in an income bracket above the national "average."

It follows that they should be above-average people, too.—E.A.

And Other Factors

Further aspects of "competition" or comparability with respect to teachers' salaries can be noted. One is the fact that, in addition to comparisons within the state, out-of-state salaries also must be taken into consideration.

In attracting teachers to an Oregon community, for instance, it is necessary also to note the fact that in California, teachers generally receive more money than in Oregon.

The same is true, though to a somewhat lesser extent, in Washington.

IN ALBANY, where the comparisons of teachers' pay are not as favorable as in the Medford district, the Democrat-Herald takes note of the fact that, in general, the lot of teachers in Oregon apparently is getting better, probably because of a growing public appreciation of their services and of competition between communities.

It also adds: "It will be necessary for us to consider need for keeping the spread between our pay levels and those of our neighbors from getting too great, for teachers cannot be entirely aesthetic in deciding where they want to teach."

THIS IS TRUE, to an extent.

But is should be added that other factors, beside pay scales, do make a considerable difference in a teacher's willingness to accept a position in one town as opposed to another.

Also a factor is the attitude of a community toward the teaching profession, and toward the schools generally, often as expressed through its support of schools and their activities.

And in addition, teachers, in common with everyone else, are affected by working conditions, by the attitudes and abilities of their superiors, and by the attractiveness generally of a community.

In virtually all of these categories, we would score Medford high.—E.A.

Remember Vanguards, the tobaccoless cigarettes, born last year of the lung-cancer scare? Well, a friend gave us a few of them the other day (they're still unavailable at local counters) and they're AWFUL—worse than corn silk or grapevine. Another friend tried one, grimaced, and remarked "I'd rather have cancer." He probably didn't mean it, but you get the idea.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"BOY, DAD WAS DOIN' EVERYTHING! FIGGER FOURS, FIGGER EIGHTS, TREADIN' WATER....."

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.

Fog and Travel To the Editor: It wasn't Kilroy on his way to the moon, but I think I saw his chariot last Sunday.

Its front looked remarkably like a rototiller frame. Its caboose was two strong wheels topped by a good sized square box, but what sort of reach connected these contraptions I cannot guess, but three nice young men and a hound dog rolled up the crew and they made right up the hill like nobody's business.

I didn't notice a state license, but Frank Carter, our Jacksonville policeman, has more eyes than a potato. I hope he was enjoying a Sunday nap.

That "wagging" (the dog was) was a beauty! No waste material in swept wings or fancy do-dads, and if there'd been room and I weren't a big fat slob, I would have thumbed a ride.

Not too far behind them rode two pretty girls on well-fitted horses, and going at about the same speed as the "automopushie."

I shouldn't have called it that, but it did remind me of my oldest son, who in 1920 cut four wheels from the end of an old log and made a buggy to ride down hill on. When he got so riled up about my calling it an "auto-mopushie" I never did use that word again—'til now.

I'm all for those youngsters, and there wasn't any traffic to bother them, that day. Maybe one of them will own a much needed bus between Jville and Medford some day, and we can go over to Medford's Fifty Plus Club Fridays at 12:30 and to orchestra practice, too, without trying to drive through fog.

Young eyes are keener. Since I am publicity chairman, please feel free to inquire about the Fifty Plus Club of: Mrs. John Spackman, Jacksonville, Ore.

A Correction To the Editor: In my letter under your "Communications" column of Jan. 4, relative to the Christmas activities at the Jackson County Farm Home, I mentioned, "Unfortunately the fog hindered the appearance of many church groups, the Salvation Army and the Apostolic Faith." I wish to make this correction. Both church groups were present.

TO HONOR MEDARIS Huntsville, Ala. - (UPI) - Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, retiring chief of the Army ordnance missile command, will be guest of honor at a "Medaris Day" celebration here Jan. 15.

Try and Stop Me - By BENNETT CERF

AN AFTER-A-WINGING couple ducked out from under the ice bags long enough to touch their first morsel of food of the day at about 4 P. M. "Dearest," stammered the husband, "I hate to ask, but was it you I made love to in the kitchen last night?"

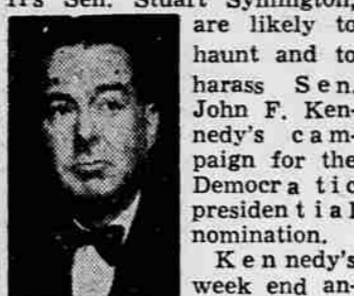
The bride lifted a bloodshot eye, then asked, "About what time, my darling?"

When you're mooching around broadcasting your troubles, counsels Gregory Peck, remember this: Half the people aren't interested at all, and the other half are delighted to hear you're getting what they feel is coming to you.

Said an envious, erudite ermine, "There's one thing I cannot determine: When a girl wears my coat, She's a person of note, When I wear it, I'm just called a vermin!"

Kennedy's Announcement Calls for Some Harassment by Favorite Son Candidates

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington - (UPI) - Favorite sons and, especially, Missouri's Sen. Stuart Symington, are likely to



Lyle C. Wilson, author of this column, will inaugurate the considerable activity within the Democratic party to kill him off. His announcement formalized his position as front runner among a half dozen more or less legitimate seekers of the nomination.

A front-runner has the advantage, of course, of being in front. The disadvantage is that all other aspirants, plus those who for one reason or another also oppose the candidacy of the man in front, tend to gang up on the leader to pull him down.

Pull Kennedy down, the others must, or their own hopes are hollow. Kennedy is well aware of this. As long ago as last summer, he was complaining in public that favorite son candidacies in

various states and abandonment of presidential primaries in others were stifling the people's voice in the choice of a Democratic nominee.

Favorite Sons Gov. Edmund G. Brown of California and Gov. J. Millard Tawes of Maryland are potential favorite sons who have put up against Kennedy

"No Trespassing" signs because they intend to control their own convention delegations. The governors of Michigan and New Jersey prefer to control their state's delegation themselves when the time comes at the Democratic National Convention for the wheeling and dealing involved in making a nomination.

All of this is harmful to Kennedy's candidacy. Specifically, all of this cuts into Kennedy's potential first and early ballot convention strength. And the political pros are saying with much

confidence that if Kennedy is unable to make it on an early ballot next July in Los Angeles, he will not make it at all, and that the Democratic nomination will go either to Adlai E. Stevenson or to Symington.

The pros could be wrong and perhaps they are. But it is not only in Washington that predictions and bets are being made that the Democrats, finally, will choose between Stevenson and Symington next summer. The Symington boom, as of now, probably is the stronger of the two, largely because Stevenson insists he wants to sit this one out.

Well Liked Symington's strength generally is rated like this: He is solid with the left wing of the Democratic Party, well liked by labor, and, as a border state man, the mere mention of his name does not infuriate the South. Also said of Symington is that he has

not offended anybody or any bloc of voters.

Kennedy is on pretty good terms with organized labor and his name certainly does not infuriate the South. On the contrary, Kennedy has some Southern support and may get more, notably in Louisiana. The left wing, Americans for Democratic Actions, however, appear to be cool toward Kennedy. And Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt occasionally has challenged his fitness for the presidency. She has not done so recently, but neither has she retracted public statements obviously intended to cut down Kennedy even before he could announce his candidacy. She would not comment on his announcement that he would run.

Now that he formally has announced his intentions, Kennedy's job is, somehow, to unstick what he regards as the people's voice.

Dachau Remains Symbolic of Anti-Semitism in Germany

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

About a half hour out of Munich, in rolling farm country which eventually gives

way to the Alps, lies the pleasant little Bavarian town of Dachau.

Houses of yellow stucco nestle close together in the manner of German villages, and there is no hint of the horror that went on there 20 years

ago. Some of the villagers claim that, even at the time, they had no knowledge of the fact that thousands upon thousands of Jews were dying in the gas ovens of Dachau.

The gas chambers still stand as a horrible memento to Germans of the sins of Adolf Hitler, whose Nazi swastika emblem once more is appearing on synagogue walls, on Jewish shrines and on the homes of some of the 30,000 Jews remaining in West Germany.

Some six million Jews died at the hands of the Hitlerites before the Nazis finally were

crushed by the World War II Allies in 1945, and today in West Germany there are laws to insure that never again can anti-Semitism run rampant as it did under Hitler.

Hard Core Remains Anti-Semitism is a subject from which most Germans recoil, for of all the excesses of Hitlerism, that left perhaps the greatest stain.

But there has remained a hard core of anti-Semitism. German officials insist it does not represent by any means the majority feelings of West Germans, and is, in fact, probably no worse than in other nations which do not have a history of Nazism.

On a visit to West Germany last spring, this correspondent was told of anti-Semitic incidents, and of the severity with which German Courts deal with such.

But, perhaps because of its recent history, there is a difference of opinion in German officialdom and among Jews themselves as to how these incidents should be treated.

Restaurant Owner Bankrupted A Jewish acquaintance illustrated one side of the argument when he told of a Jewish restaurant owner who returned to Germany after several years in Israel and attempted to resume in his old business. It prospered until his religion became known and then a boycott finally bankrupted him.

The case was not one that could be taken to the courts, and the acquaintance who told the story was grateful that it could not be.

"It just starts something else," he said. But there are others who believe action of the courts should be even more severe.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's regime has been accused of turning its back on rising anti-Semitism, but rejects the charge.

The regime feels itself caught between two fires. If it outlaws neo-Nazi or nationalist parties, it drives them underground. If it curbs freedom of speech, it is accused of being anti-democratic.

Writer Helps Hoist Flag, Rides in New Senate Subway Cars

By DICK WEST

Washington - (UPI) - It is not every day that a fellow gets to see the first flag raised at the new Senate office building. If he also gets to ride the new Senate subway on its maiden voyage, his cup runneth over... or at least spillth a few drops.

I participated in such an eventful double-header Tuesday and my cup, a paper carton I brought along from the Senate restaurant, sloshed all over my note paper. Fortunately, I had one of those new pens that write under coffee.

Reading between the dark brown stains, I can make out from my notes that two U. S. senators braved a frosty wind to take part in the flag-raising ceremony.

This honor fell to Sens. Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.) and Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) because they are chairman and ranking GOP member respectively of the commission which supervised the erection of the building.

In view of all the criticism the commission has absorbed because of the expense and inconvenience of the building, the privilege of hoisting the first flag was small enough compensation for their service.

The senators were getting red-nosed from the cold before a phalanx of photographers, who seemed to be in charge of the ceremony, finally permitted Chavez to run up the flag. Despite a strong breeze, the banner, once aloft, refused to wave. It barely flapped.

Then the Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, Senate chaplain, led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and we all went inside for the main event - the formal opening of the 1,200-foot subway tunnel which links the new office building to the capitol.

The subway project, which cost more than six million dollars, or roughly \$6,000 a foot, also has caused some eyebrow-raising among the economy-minded, such as taxpayers. But Chavez and Bridges, in their ceremonial remarks, assured us it was worth it.

Chavez snipped a red, white and blue ribbon across the tunnel entrance and 36 of us

climbed aboard the rolling stock - two shiny electric-powered cars with green carpets and bouncy brown foam rubber seats.

In his opening prayer, Chaplain Harris likened the cars to "swift chariots of democracy." To me, they looked more like roller coasters. But I did feel a bit like Ben Hur as we went shooting along over a sound-proofed roadbed at speeds up to 17 miles an hour.

There was a rush of wind on the face and the recessed, indirect lighting along the air-conditioned tunnel was blurred before the eyes. The cheers of the crowd left at the terminal faded in the distance. A lady next to me nearly lost her hat.

The historic run took 52 seconds. I regret to say that the car on the other track got there first.

Leaving this underground elegance, I went over for a comparison ride on one of the famous old Senate monorail trolleys which are being replaced by the new subway. In a few months, these faithful conveyances will be nothing but museum pieces.

Their seats are hard and their wheels are noisy, but I'm sort of sad to see them go.

Cardinal Stepinac Has Health Crisis Zagreb, Yugoslavia - (UPI) - Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac entered another crisis last week, according to Roman Catholic sources.

The cardinal, suffering from glaukular trouble, has lived in Krasic village near here since his conditional release from prison in 1951.

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