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Flight of 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. 13, 1950 (Friday)
Emil Britt, 88, well-known southern Oregon personality and son of area's first photographer dies in Jacksonville.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 13, 1940 (Saturday)
Belgium has mobilized all troops in force of reports that German forces are massing on her borders.

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 13, 1930 (Monday)
Delegations from valley appear before state highway commission to urge Williams creek rd.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 13, 1920 (Wednesday)
Barney Oldfield, famous auto racer, visits Medford for several days.

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 13, 1910 (Thursday)
Work on a \$50,000 SP passenger depot will start within 10 days; it will be the second largest in Oregon.

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

- 1. The highest military medal awarded by France is called what?
2. All mammals have some hair, true or false?
3. What substance, required in the manufacture of explosives, is extracted from scrap grease, fats and oils?

- 1. In a day when "gimme, gimme" sometimes seems to be the national watchword, it is refreshing to find a group of people voluntarily giving up personal gain for the benefit of those less fortunate.
2. A New York local of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union has negotiated an agreement with employers which provides no increase in pay for better - paid workers.

UNSUCCESSFUL BOOK
Los Angeles -UPI- Title of a book found in a suitcase left Tuesday by a forgetful person in Los Angeles Municipal Court: "School of Memory Improvement."

Two Kinds of Jury

There are two kinds of juries in the American legal system, grand juries and trial juries, and they are sometimes confused.

A grand jury's principal duty, as far as criminal law is concerned, is to make a preliminary inquiry to determine, first, if a crime has been committed, and, second, to see if the evidence immediately available warrants holding a person for trial.

If the evidence is such that there are reasonable grounds to suspect the guilt of a particular person, the grand jury can issue a "true bill," which serves to indict the suspected individual. If not, a "not true bill" is issued, clearing the individual.

A TRIAL jury, on the other hand, has the task of hearing detailed evidence, and ascertaining the guilt or innocence of the accused individual. Even the methods used in their different tasks by the different kinds of juries are far different.

The grand jury meets in secret, and with relative informality. It follows no set rules of evidence and trial procedure, and is virtually unlimited in the questions it can ask. Usually the only legal advice they have is given by the district attorney, and they can even dispense with him.

A trial jury, on the other hand, is bound by the very strict rules of evidence and trial procedure, has a judge trained in the law to guide it, and opposing lawyers to present the cases of both prosecution and defense.

THUS it can be seen that the grand jury is, in effect, a sort of "screening process" in criminal matters—and a strong bulwark of freedom against the type of capricious indictment we now associate with totalitarian countries. It deals not with guilt or innocence, but with probabilities.

The trial jury is a second bulwark of freedom, where guilt or innocence is weighed in the balance, under strict rules of procedure.

Neither is perfect. Neither guarantees that the innocent shall go free, or that the guilty shall be punished.

And yet, between them, they guarantee Americans the assurance that their rights and privileges, their guilt or innocence, will be weighed in scales as nearly perfect as imperfect men have yet been able to devise.—E.A.

Instructing Jurors

Speaking of juries, in many cases those serving on them are doing so for the first time. It is a sort of nervous experience for many such folk, for the responsibility of deciding guilt or innocence, or in assessing blame or damages, is a serious one.

Some time ago, we suggested that the Oregon Bar association should take upon itself the preparation of a little booklet of instructions for trial juries, to assist the "newcomers" to understand what are their duties and responsibilities.

UP IN Bend, the lawyers have done something about this problem, we learn from the Bend Bulletin.

The Central Oregon Bar association, cooperating with Circuit Judge Robert Foley, has prepared a "Handbook for Jurors," which is mailed to all members of future jury panels.

The Bulletin says it is written in simple style, and is a clear explanation of a juror's duties, dispelling the mystery which, for the layman, hangs around some court procedures.

THE Bulletin puts the problem this way: "An uninformed juror, or one who lets the evidence go in one ear and out the other during the course of trial, is a real danger to our system of justice. The jury trial demands jurors who know what they are doing, and who undertake the job with a real sense of responsibility..."

Our system of justice is predicated on the theory that every accused person is presumed innocent until proven guilty, and that each is entitled to a fair trial by a jury of his peers.

Anything which detracts from this is a disservice to the national ideal. Anything which reinforces it is greatly to be desired.—E.A.

Labor Statesmanship

In a day when "gimme, gimme" sometimes seems to be the national watchword, it is refreshing to find a group of people voluntarily giving up personal gain for the benefit of those less fortunate.

A New York local of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union has negotiated an agreement with employers which provides no increase in pay for better - paid workers.

INSTEAD, the negotiators for the union agreed that pay increases should go only to those workers at the bottom of the pay scale—most of them newly-employed and many of them Puerto Ricans.

The skilled workers, whose wages range from \$2.50 to \$4 per hour agreed that the minimum pay should be brought up to \$50 for a 35-hour week.

This is an example of labor statesmanship and consideration which does much to restore one's faith in organized labor, which has taken so many lumps recently.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"I WANNA CALL A COWBOY IN TEXAS. HUH? OH, ANY COWBOY!"

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.

Well-Hello! To the Editor: Your news item in the Jan. 11 issue of your paper, as regards intentions of county officials to file for reelection, I believe needs clarification for better public understanding so far as the case of Karl Janouch, county treasurer, is concerned.

Your paper stated (1) I declined to state whether I would be a candidate, (2) My wife who serves as my assistant, (3) said emphatically "No."

Point by point, I wish to state: (1) I did not decline to state, etc. I said, "I am working at it."

(2) My wife is not my assistant. My assistant is Mrs. Orpha Leschensky and my wife works at the office intermittently, when called, to enable us (Mrs. Leschensky and myself) to complete work on schedule and as required by law.

(3) My wife said "Hello" to your reporter, not "Hell no." I am filing for reelection today. My reluctance to announce my intentions heretofore was caused by personal peculiarities derived from the way I was "fetched up." I tried to avoid being No. 1 filer for reelection.

Jarl L. Janouch Jackson County Treasurer

Young Folk To the Editor: May I just say thanks to Mr. Henry Johnson Jr. for his nice letter in the Mail Tribune on the interest of our dear little children and young folks.

Where are all our good ministers and good church workers? Our dear old family Bible is only a deck of cards to most of the people nowadays. How can parents that love their homes and children and see all of those pictures? Many a dear young boy or girl may go behind prison bars over dirty shows and guns, and the parents are to blame for it.

Emma Perkins, 115 Mistletoe St., Medford.

We Need a Cold Snap To the Editor and Readers of the Mail-Tribune: You have never heard from me through this medium, but it has dawned on me that I have something to say touching on a subject that I have never seen referred to in print. There is something needed in this western Oregon region; northern California also, I suppose, though I have not checked the matter there.

It is definitely nothing that any of us would enjoy personally, but our oak trees certainly should. Brace yourselves for a shock. What is needed is ten degrees below zero! In December, 1919, when it did get that cold, there was some damage done to certain shrubs and trees, but a lot of good was done, too. It killed all the mistletoe, and it was some ten years before it got reestablished noticeably.

The mistletoe, or perhaps I should say mistletoes, are a strange parasitic order of plants. That species that infests the oaks will not grow on any other tree. There is another species found only on junipers—observed in eastern Oregon; another on mesquite (noted in Arizona), and a mistletoe is peculiar in that the seed gets ripe if it explodes, scattering the seed far and wide. I don't know how our mistletoe gets to the top

Status Symbols in Washington Pinpoint Worker Habits, Emolments, Importance

By DICK WEST Washington -UPI- By now you likely have read, or at least read about, a book called "The Status Seekers." It is all about people who aren't content with the status quo.

The book tells us how to recognize status seekers by their status symbols. It is a best-seller just about everywhere, except in Washington. I suspect it lost sales status here because it made people self-conscious. Few places are more status-minded, or have more status symbols, than the U. S. Capital.

I have done some research on federal status seeking which I offer, in the interests of science, as a footnote to the book. For laboratory purposes, let us divide the seekers into four classes—civil servants, bureaucrats, very important persons (VIPs) and eggheads.

Transportation To Work: Civil servant-rides bus; Bureaucrat-has permit to park own car in government lot; VIP-has government limousine and chauffeur; Egghead-walks.

Office Space: Civil servant-has small desk in large outer office; Bureaucrat-has large desk in small inner office; VIP-has large desk in large inner office; Egghead - has briefcase.

Lunch: Civil servant-eats in government cafeteria; Bureaucrat-has two-hour, two-martini lunch in downtown restaurant; VIP-has two-hour, two-martini lunch in private dining room; Egghead-brings own lunch in briefcase.

Cocktail Hour: Civil servant -has two beers at home; Bureaucrat-attends big cocktail party given by lobbyist; VIP-attends small cocktail party given by lobbyist; Egghead-has two glasses of wine at home.

Dinner: Civil servant-eats at home; Bureaucrat-has two-hour, two-martini dinner in downtown restaurant; VIP-attends two-hour, two-martini dinner party given by lobbyist; Egghead-cooks own dinner.

Parades: Civil servant -watches from sidewalk; Bureaucrat-watches from office window; VIP-rides in procession; Egghead - ignores whole thing.

Receptions: Civil servant-not invited; Bureaucrat-invited; VIP-stands in receiving line; Egghead - invited but doesn't attend.

Travel: Civil servant-commercial airline, makes own reservation; Bureaucrat-commercial airline, secretary makes reservation; VIP-government plane; Egghead-rides bus.

Press Relations: Civil servant-writes letters to editor; Bureaucrat - leaks news to reporter; VIP-holds press conference; Egghead-buys newspaper.

Congressional Hearings: Civil servant-carries bureaucrat's briefcase; Bureaucrat-testifies before subcommittee; VIP-testifies before full committee; Egghead - tells VIP what to say.

Increasing Toughness Toward Red Chinese Adopted by U.S.

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor As the date of a four-power summit meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev draws nearer, the United States seems to be adopting an increasingly tough line toward Red China.

Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker this week carried another step forward the evolution of U. S. policy in the Formosa area, when he declared that the U.S. would act to stop Communist aggression against any of Nationalist China's territory—including the Quemoy and Matsu Islands.

It was a forthright statement of a U.S. attitude which has been developing steadily in the last year, but which is a considerable extension of the U. S. - Nationalist Chinese Mutual Security Treaty announced in December, 1954.

That treaty defined the territories of Nationalist China as being limited to "Formosa and the Pescadores." The question of the offshore islands, of which the Quemoy and Matsu are a part, deliberately was excluded.

It is possible that Brucker's statement at this particular time is a part of the pre-summit jockeying taking place as both the United States and Russia seek to place themselves in the most advantageous position at the conference table.

In this category may be placed President Eisenhower's announcement removing the ban on further U. S. nuclear tests.

Brucker's timing was significant both in light of the summit meeting now scheduled for May 16 and the fact that the date also coincides with the anniversary of the Formosa area's seizure by the Red Chinese coast.

Brucker's statement not only is a reiteration of U. S. support for Nationalist Chinese President Chiang Kai Shek, it also places the U.S. defensive line within gunshot of the Red Chinese coast.

The reporter asked the conductor, "What were some of the interesting things which happened on this long trip?" "There were none, I just rode from one terminal to the other," the conductor replied.

It seemed strange to me that something of interest didn't happen on this long journey. He could have had at least had one flat wheel.

I had a darn good record by the time I was 7 years old. I hadn't made a thousand miles, but already, I had wrecked two mopeds and a bicycle.

I wasn't even thinking of joining the railroad. I just got off to a good start. With a start like this, I shouldn't have any trouble going all the way to Alcatraz.

I've written a good many letters to the Tribune, mostly about some of my old taxi cars. Over 200,000 people rode in these early model cars, people from every state in the union and from many foreign countries.

Many people rode with me in our old Reo, the car with the pastebore body and hard rubber tires. Those who rode to Crater Lake in the pumice dust and corduroy roads had something to write home about. Every year someone goes through Ashland and inquires about the taxi driver, the one with the old Reo. No one who ever rode in this car could ever forget it.

I do not know if the people of southern Oregon are interested in these old cars. Perhaps I'm like the old Italian well digger I used to know in Julesburg, Colo. Uberto Gabello, who spent most of his life digging caves in the sandhills of Colorado. "Just to keep warm in the winter time," he would tell us.

Everett Acklin Ashland, Ore.

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It is better to know us and not need us than to need us and not know us.

Everett's Old Cars To the Editor: I have always been a newspaper reader, and I think the Medford Tribune is Oregon's greatest newspaper.

Some years ago, I read an article in the Tribune about a railroad conductor who had just completed 4 million

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