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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
Feb. 29, 1950
There wasn't any.
20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 29, 1940 (Thursday)
Bear Creek overflows, does thousands of dollars damage in Ashland; all train and bus service to California halted because of high waters.
National Parks service reverses stand and decides not to charge for fishing privileges in Crater Lake.
30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 29, 1930
It came on March 1 that year.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 29, 1920 (Sunday)
Mayor Gates' request for whiskey to use in fighting flu epidemic here denied by Governor.
School board raises salaries of local teachers due to rising food costs.
50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 29, 1910
It wasn't.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. What is your favorite number?
2. What is the capital of Missouri?
3. Is the moon larger, or smaller, than the planet Mercury?
4. Who was the famous saloon wrecker, who used the hatchet?
5. Which State was the first to ratify the U.S. Constitution?
6. In what war did Robert E. Lee and U. S. Grant fight on the same side?
7. Are snowflakes four, six, or eight sided?
8. In which State do the Rio Grande and South Plate rivers rise?
9. Is lower California a part of the United States?
10. Who were the first white men known to have seen the Mississippi River?
Answers: Leap Year. 2. Jefferson City. 3. Smaller. 4. Carrié Nation. 5. Delaware. 6. Mexican War. 7. Six sided. 8. Colorado. 9. No. 10. De Soto and his followers.

Oregon Policemen Attending School
Portland - (UPI) - Policemen from 18 Oregon cities attended a one-day police instructor school here today.
The school is sponsored by the Oregon Association of City Police Officers, the FBI and the Portland Police Bureau.

Clatskanie Man Smelt Champion
Clatskanie - (UPI) - Henry (King) Tepsa of Clatskanie gulped down 84 smelt here to keep his title as the "world's greatest smelt eater." Eleven challengers gave up during the Friday night contest.

CITIZEN RIGHTS
Washington - Citizens was extended to all Indians in the U. S. by an act of congress dated in 1924.

What Is A Patriot?

To prove his love of country, must one be callous to the needs of others? Must the true patriot believe that America is all that matters? Or that America can live and be strong, figuratively with a fence around it?
In this era of jet travel and shrinking distances, one would think it unnecessary to ask these questions.

But they are inspired by a recent telephone conversation with an irate reader who strongly resented The Journal's refutation of charges that Protestant churches are being infiltrated by communism and its unfavorable reference to McCarthyism.

THE woman caller (who has now canceled her subscription) sounded literate and intelligent. But, although herself a Protestant, she resented the churches' concern with "one world" and "brotherhood" ideas. And somehow she equated this concern for other people with communistic thinking. She is interested only in America. She believes America is insufficiently aware of the Communist internal threat and that our institutions and our people who think in international terms are at least dupes of the Communists.

It would be easy to say that only an insignificant minority of our people hold these views, but this kind of thinking is led by certain publications and writers whose ideas are accepted as gospel. They would have us believe that to be an internationalist is not to be a patriot.

THE best short answer to this that we have seen is from a Brotherhood week statement by George Romney, president of American Motors Corp.:

"Americans cannot build a heaven for themselves and leave their brothers around the world in the hell of ignorance, starvation, disease and tyranny. If we seek to do that, the people of the world are going to join with our enemies and destroy us."

Even if we wanted her to, America could not possibly live in "splendid isolation." Her safety and security are bound up with the welfare of many other nations, and a selfish indifference to their needs is the surest path to destruction.

Those who love America best are the ones who see clearly that she cannot "go it alone," that she must cooperate with other nations and that she must seek to share the blessings of freedom and brotherhood with people who hunger for them.—Oregon Journal, Portland.

Newspaper Reading Growing

During the past three or four years we have heard several speakers deplore the fact that newspaper circulation is not increasing as fast as the national population. Matter of fact we've heard the story so often we sort of worried.

(Once we even thought of going into the diaper business, since that, at least, seemed to have a guaranteed market for years.)

But, the worries have vanished. The figures used by speakers turn out to be somewhat less than valid.

IT IS true that the national population is growing faster than the number of newspaper readers. But the large increase in population comes—of course—at an early age. We took home the paper the other night and asked our favorite two-year-old to read it. She tried, but the results were pretty horrible.

In other words, it's not surprising that the daily newspaper circulations have not grown as the population because newborn babies don't immediately become readers.

A better yardstick to measure the vitality of daily newspapers is the increase of adult population—over 18 years of age. When this comparison is made, it becomes clear that the rate of newspaper circulation growth substantially exceeds the growth of the adult population.

SINCE 1940, the number of U.S. adults increased 24 per cent. Newspaper circulation (daily) in that period increased 43 per cent. That, we feel, is a much better comparison.

We feel much better about the whole thing. On any given day, many more millions of persons read a newspaper than listen to the radio, read a magazine, or watch television.

There's apparently no need to further consider the diaper or baby food business.—Bend Bulletin.

Why Furnish the Music?

That collision of a U. S. Navy plane and a Brazilian airliner over Rio de Janeiro was sadening to the people of both countries, and depressing for the current tour of President Eisenhower in Brazil and elsewhere in South America. Of the 64 aboard 61 lost their lives, 35 of them from the U. S. plane.

One wonders, though, why the Navy band and orchestra were being flown to Brazil, just to provide music for the President's reception to President Kubitschek of Brazil. It looks like rather an expensive addition to the cost. The tour itself will be expensive, but well worth while in cementing good relations with our Latin American neighbors. But why do we have to furnish the music, too?—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Dennis the Menace



"I DON'T WANT A RED COWBOY SHIRT! YA CAN'T SEE THE BLOOD!"

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.

Use Kind Words

To the Editor: I didn't vote for Eisenhower because I feared that one so highly trained along certain lines might jump us into war.

Since, I have wondered at the wonderful patience he has shown when a leader of another country has heaped insults upon us.

Now some of our own citizens have made remarks against our president, that make me mad in the face!

He has been a good leader, and he is ours. We should stand behind him. How can other countries believe in us if we do not respect our head officials and ourselves?

I want to ask all voters to be fair: mud-slinging, slurs and sneers only mark the speaker to be other than a gentleman or lady.

It is best to bring out the good points in your choice, then should your side lose, be a good loser, and accept the other choice.

He will like his job better if people help him instead of finding fault. Be the work big, or little, the worker must like his job if he is to do his best.

That goes for raising youngsters, too. Praise them when they do well, and when they make mistakes, talk and reason with them. Oldsters and youngsters wish to please others, and both thrive on love, not swatted like flies.

Call a child "brat," "pest" or "meany" and he'll do his best to live up to it. Stinkers are made, not born. How do I know? I refuse to talk!

Mrs. John C. Spackman, Jacksonville, Ore.

Let's Have More

To the Editor: Must tell you how much our family enjoyed Dottie Harbison's article on 88-year-old George Putnam. Just that brief peek into such an active and prolific life puts most of us to shame.

What a breeze it is to migrate to Oregon nowadays—in our foam-padded station-wagon with a continuous string of restaurants and motels to ease our aches along the way.

Don't misunderstand - this isn't a crack-pot letter saying "down with progress - let's wire our wheels and stop fixing highways." No, no! I'm just a product of modern easy times and can't help but feel overwhelmed with respect for these old-timers who helped smooth the path.

We're from back East where history is dished up to school children in cold glass museum-cases and the people who made it are long entombed under gleaming marble. But here you can FEEL it. The past seems to encircle this valley with a warmth and tangibility that gives us "youngsters" the courage to carry on the best we can.

Oh, please, let's hear about more Dad Putnams. There must be all sorts of oldsters here who have a story to tell. Let's hear more of them—before it's too late.

Mrs. Gordon Peck, Route 1, Box 631, Eagle Point, Ore.

Porter's Record

To the Editor: Historically, when a serious charge is made and is not answered, the lack of a reply is equal to an admission of the truth of the charge. Congressman Porter did not reply to my last letter to the Editor. (As you know, he has answered each and every other letter to the editors written by his constituents.)

Although he originally denied each point, we may now

assume that he admits the following:

(a) He has gone from immediate recognition of Red China to future recognition after a series of stages, and back to immediate recognition.

(b) The principal source of information for his speech to Congress entitled "Iron Curtain Made in U.S.A." was from a Red Chinese official.

(c) At one time he endorsed Castro's justice by a statement to the press that "there have been no innocent men executed in Cuba."

(d) Most serious, he personally would have to acknowledge that his speech to the Dominican exiles on Dec. 19, and telling them that Trujillo would be thrown out of office by the first of the year (1960), was the encouragement or incitement of a revolution, and hardly becoming a member of Congress.

Now, in his January 1960 Newsletter, he is taking credit for the construction funds appropriated for the Green Peter Dam and reservoir.

The record would show that Congressman Porter's efforts have contributed absolutely nothing to the Green Peter Dam project. Green Peter Dam was on the program for construction in 1954, but had to wait its turn because other projects in the Willamette Valley flood control system were higher in priority from the standpoint of total benefits to be derived. In fact, if it had not been for his predecessor, both Green Peter and Cougar dams might have been included as simple flood control dams. After the "benefit to cost" ratio was applied, there was demonstrated the advisability of reauthorizing the two dams as projects including power generation to be fed into the great power system.

Is this the record "that speaks for itself?"
Joe B. Richards, 2820 Elinor St., Eugene, Ore.

Auction Success

To the Editor: The Phoenix Lions express their appreciation to everyone who attended our Cemetery Project auction, and made it a huge success.

Work has already started to beautify the Phoenix cemetery.

J. G. Klassen, President Phoenix Lions Club, Phoenix, Ore.

Can't Please Them

To the Editor: Try as hard as we can, we Republicans are having the greatest difficulty pleasing the Democrats this campaign.

Since Nixon has no apparent competition for presidential nomination, the Democrats assert that the "old guard bosses" are running the party. If we had several men in the race, as when Eisenhower and Taft ran, that would be proof the GOP is hopelessly divided.

The Democrats point to the "democracy" in their party in that half a dozen men are competing for the prize, ignoring the fact that most are running in opposite directions, pausing only long enough to assail their fellows.

Morse of course is mainly standing still and throwing hatchets into the backs of the real contenders.

What is the status of the Democrats? Factional fights up North—the ADA-New Deal Humphrey is opposing the Roosevelt clan-backed Kennedy while the Truman-supported Symington hopes to pick up the pieces. The anti-civil rights and anti-integra-

West Does Research To Find Why Leap Year Day Needed; Here's the Result

By DICK WEST
Washington - (UPI) - I have decided to throw caution to the winds and explain to you why this is leap year day.
I do so despite a lesson I should have learned a few weeks ago when I came to grips with another calendar peculiarity.
On that occasion, someone brought to my attention that 1959 had 53 weekly paydays instead of 52, which I understand is par for the course.



Dick West

Things like that make me nervous so I went to considerable trouble to determine where the extra payday came from. This information I passed along to my readers. I wish now that I had let them shift for themselves.
Some readers claimed they had a clear understanding of the situation until they read my explanation. Others said they hadn't been aware that the situation existed and preferred it that way.
Quotes Mountain Climber
That being the case, you may well ask why I am now undertaking to explain about leap year. I can only answer in the oft-quoted words of the

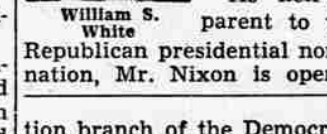
mountain climber: "because it is there."
Let us begin the ascent to leap year understanding by examining the basic rule used to determine which year leaps.
Briefly stated, the rule requires that an extra day be added to every year which is represented by a number divisible by four, except those divisible by 100 but not by 400.
Anyone who can understand that will have no trouble reaching the summit.
This brings us to the year 45 B.C. and Julius Caesar, who wanted his name on a calendar and drew up one based on an Egyptian calculation.
After that, the Romans never trusted the Egyptians again.
The Egyptians figured that

the earth revolved around the sun in 365 days and six hours. Caesar thus made his calendar 365 days long, threw in an extra day every fourth year to take up the slack and let it go that.
He tackled the extra day on February because that was then the last month in the Roman year but let's not go into that.
Along about the 16th century Pope Gregory VIII noticed that spring seemed to be coming a little early and, upon investigation, discovered that the Julian Calendar was 11 days ahead of schedule.
He told everybody to forget about the 11 days and devised a new calendar which dropped one leap year every four centuries. This still was not precisely accurate but at least it gave us something we can live with.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

TO THE INDEPENDENTS
Washington - Vice-President Richard Nixon has already marked off the one truly critical battle area for the presidential campaign. He is moving into it with no effort at concealing either his purpose or his forces.
As heir-apparent to the Republican presidential nomination, Mr. Nixon is openly



William S. White

centering all his planning on the so-called Independent vote. He seeks also, of course, such help as may be had from rebellious Democrats.
He is not really bothering much about the regular Republican voters. For, though he himself would never put it so baldly, the plain fact is that he has got the orthodox and old guard Republicans already.
His whole basic strategy frankly accepts that he cannot win simply with the votes of these traditional Republicans. In the country at large more-or-less Democrats outnumber more-or-less Republicans by the millions. The Independents are the swing forces. That is the operative fact which Nixon is confronting with characteristically cool realism.

THE word is being passed that a Nixon presidency would be in some ways more "modern" even than the "modern Republican" presidency of Dwight Eisenhower. Nixon himself is going out of his way to beard and to persuade the liberal Independent in his very den. He is taking every opportunity to talk to university faculty and student groups, which tend to regard themselves as simply too Independent for words.
The Nixon campaign policy, moreover, increasingly encourages pro-Nixon groups in which political Independents (people who claim no allegiance to either party) occupy the top places. Disappointed or angry Democrats are warmly welcomed, too.

Now, 500 campaign "clubs" are already quietly operating over the country—and more than 400 of these don't even use the word "Republican." They simply use the words "For Nixon." One of the most important of these, in terms of potential, is "Midwesterners for Nixon." This organization, which is based in Chicago, covers five states—Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin.

THE late "Mr. Republican," Sen. Robt. A. Taft, of Ohio, always glumly claimed that an "Independent" was really only a concealed Democrat anyhow and would vote that way on election day. Nixon, a far abler political operator, takes precisely the opposite view.
He assumes—and Mr. Eisenhower's two overwhelming victories sustain him in theory at least—that the Independents, in fact, form the great key to presidential success for the Republicans.

Thus, day by day Nixon is moving farther and farther away from an close identification with the old guard. In the latest of many recent examples of this, he has come out against the double oath

Foreign Notebook: Spanish Bases, Algerian Problem

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
From the foreign editor's notebook:

Castles in Spain

Allied diplomats with a sense of humor now are referring to West Germany's proposed military bases in Spain as "castles in Spain"—meaning they will never come to pass. Germans feel they are being blamed unfairly for a tempting something to which they were incited by NATO military planners. But they do hope that as result of the uproar, France may now offer Bonn exclusive use of an air base somewhere in southern France where there is good flying weather about 300 days yearly.

Chips Down

President de Gaulle now is embarked on the most delicate phase of his plan for solving France's problem in Algeria. It will not catch

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headlines but, with his moral victory over rebellious French settlers behind him, de Gaulle now is working at building up a pro-French "middle force" in Algeria. He does believe that by hammering away at the economic and moral facts, he can win support of the bulk of the nine million Moslems and a good part of the one million colons.

Passing Parade

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer may be the next of the high ranking dignitaries to visit India in an attempt to sway Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. President Eisenhower was there in December, Soviet President Klement Voroshilov in January, Khrushchev in February and now it may be Adenauer in March on his way back from Japan.

Both East and West recognize Nehru's importance as a neutral spokesman and both have left no stone unturned to place their views before him in advance of this spring's summit meeting.

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