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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 April 18, 1950 (Tuesday)

A man is missing and presumed drowned after the boat in which he was riding was swept over the crest of Savage Rapids dam.

Jackson county court elects not to observe daylight saving time this year, unless governor should proclaim clock change for entire state; city of Medford will adopt new time on April 30.

20 YEARS AGO April 18, 1930 (Thursday)

Circuit court denies application from state game commission to stop construction of hydro - electric diversion dam on Rogue river near Gold Hill.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Farmers of the valley have started planting corn when the clouds are not watching."

30 YEARS AGO April 18, 1920 (Friday)

A total of 13,618 persons have registered for the Jackson county primary election. Gates and Lydiard open new store at Sixth and Grape sts.

40 YEARS AGO April 18, 1920 (Sunday)

Medford businessmen join rest of nation in wearing overalls to protest the high cost of living.

Attorney-general holds that Rogue river fish pact between commercial and sports fishermen is invalid.

50 YEARS AGO April 18, 1910 (Monday)

House committee on public buildings is studying growth and future of Medford in connection with \$125,000 federal building which has been proposed for this city.

Medford Commercial club is planning to "entertain" in high style, a group of prominent Portland businessmen who will visit here next week.

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

1. Must a Vice President of the United States have the same qualifications as fixed by the Constitution for a President?

2. Under the Constitution, bills for raising revenue must originate in which house of the Congress?

3. Give the more familiar Roman name for the Greek god Eros.

4. Lava and ashes from what volcano buried Pompeii, Italy, in 79 A.D.?

5. On what date in April of 1775 did Paul Revere begin his famous "midnight" ride?

6. Name the only U.S. President to enter and leave the White House a bachelor.

7. A rod is a measurement of 5/16, 15/32, or 25/64 yards?

8. The limbs on a tree do, or do not, remain the same height from the ground as the tree grows?

9. Of what country was the poet Omar Khayyam a native?

10. A 14.1 inch cube of solid gold weighs one pound, ten pounds, or one ton?

Answers: 1. Yes. 2. House of Representatives. 3. Cupid. 4. Vesuvius. 5. April 18. 6. James Buchanan. 7. 5/16 yards. 8. Do remain the same height. 9. Persia. (Iran) 10. One ton.

Higher Education 'Explosion'

Throughout all Oregon, citizens' committees are being organized into advisory-information groups with one simple mission: To alert all residents of Oregon to the new responsibilities and needs of higher education in the space age, especially the 1960-1970 decade.

These groups, supplementing state-wide committees for all nine state colleges, now are being developed at the grass roots, either by counties or metropolitan areas such as the tri-county Portland metropolitan area.

This program, now broadened to include independent as well as state-supported colleges, will utilize every available tool of communication to outline the revolutionary changes now under way in higher education - informative pamphlets, speakers' bureaus, the press, radio and TV.

IT WILL emphasize the basic fact that Oregon's nine state colleges and 14 independent colleges must prepare now for the horde of students who will be knocking on the doors of higher learning.

In the state colleges alone we must prepare for a 67 per cent increase in enrollment by 1970 or 16,400 more students. And corresponding increases are anticipated in independent colleges.

This means more classrooms, more laboratories and scientific equipment, more dormitories, higher standards and better teaching techniques, and at least a 60 per cent increase in teaching staffs. And it means substantial increases in tax support and grants for the state colleges and in gifts, grants and fees at independent colleges.

THUS one of the principal projects of the citizens committees at both state and local levels will be to support a constitutional amendment labeled "state bonds for higher education facilities". This measure would double the bonding authority of the state board of higher education to build such self-financing facilities as student dormitories, student centers and sports facilities. They will be paid for by students using them, not by taxpayers.

Altogether this "Colleges for Oregon's Future - 1960-1970" campaign is a tremendous undertaking designed to meet a tremendous challenge.

But if the carefully organized, enthusiastic beginning made in some areas becomes universal in Oregon, the challenge will be met. So will the burgeoning needs of higher education in the crucial 1960s.—Oregon Journal, Portland.

Chocolate Fatigue

To the substantial historical evidence that "there'll always be an England" we may add a new exploit of the indomitable British spirit.

Confronted recently with the problem of chocolate marshmallow cookies that, when served to airline passengers, exploded at altitudes above 5,000 ft., British European Airways has just issued this announcement:

A marshmallow biscuit has been devised with a porous base, which enables interior and exterior pressures to equalize and so prevent chocolate fatigue on the outer skin.

Now if that doesn't restore your faith in the technological supremacy of the free world, we don't know what will.—Washington (D.C.) Post.

Big League

C. Girard Davidson, Democratic national committeeman for Oregon, has been appointed chairman of his party's new advisory committee on natural resources. This puts "Jebby" Davidson in a pretty big league.

Among chairmen of other party advisory committees are Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt on civil rights, Dean Acheson on foreign policy, John Kenneth Gailbraith on economic policy, and Mayor Richard Lee of New Haven on urban and suburban problems.—Eugene Register-Guard.

Federal Aid

Those who have qualms about federal aid to education may be surprised to know that the federal government has paid out nearly \$2 billion to school districts in the past ten years as aid to "federally impacted areas." And it goes for teachers' salaries and building maintenance as well as new construction. Also, the federal government has long carried much of the cost of vocational education, including agricultural education.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Registration Deadline

If you want to vote, you have to be registered. It's as simple as that.

There are several thousand county residents who are not registered.

In the May primary election, party voters will be selecting the candidates of their parties. Judges will be elected on non-partisan ballots. One state measure—to increase the pay of legislators—will be decided. Jackson county voters will pass on dog control, as will voters in Medford, Rogue River and two separate precincts.

Registration deadline is 8 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, April 19. If you're not registered, you can't vote.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"BUT WHY WOULD HE PICK ON ME? DENNIS SQUIRTED HIM WITH THE WATER PISTOL."

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.

What Can I Do?

To the Editor: Speaking from the experience gained by paying into the retirement fund for 22 years, I agree with Mr. Greer that fractional do add up. They add up to better than a million per day storage charges on government surpluses. They add up to a billion or so, down the drain, each year due to waste and inefficiency in the overlapping of numerous government agencies. Again they add up to four billion a year, lining the big guys' pockets, under the guise of foreign aid.

No one squawks about these trivial fractions, or about the 70 billion, on the cuff, owed by the American public, which is being paid by installments at interest rates ranging from 10 per cent to 270 per cent, on every known item from bird seed to jet planes.

The present Social Security tax setup is all wrong and the idea I've been trying to sell those guys in Washington is, instead of all those in the brackets up to \$4,000 paying three per cent on their entire earnings, while those earning \$10,000 pay on less than half, \$15,000 less than one third, set the maximum of \$26,000 and everyone pay a flat 1 per cent.

Naturally those high bracket boys will howl bloody murder. Never intend growing old and if, by some quirk of nature, they, someday, find themselves in the old age group, their dignity would never permit them to seek Social Security benefits. No? Why they would grab those meager 47 cent dollar checks as eagerly as the hungry squirrels gobble up the bread crumbs I throw out to my little bird friends.

I conceived what I thought was a brilliant idea: start with a small group of "Tell them and sell them" to write the congressmen. Each member get a member, each new one get a newer one and soon we'd have an avalanche of letters Washington bound.

Well, I sprung the idea on about 50 people and the stereotyped reply was, "Just what the Hell can I do?" It will take some doing all right, and if the common people don't get their heads out of the sands of apathy it never will be done. So, with apologies to Mr. Acklin, Yust vot der 'ell kin I du'.

Claude M. Hall, 2860 Hartly Lane, Grants Pass, Ore.

"Nobody Cares" To the Editor: Strong agencies today are watching more and more carefully every line of foods to see that they are properly labeled and every ingredient revealed. If not they cannot be sold. Yet the strongest and most fatal poisons known to man are sold in every community to unsuspecting men and women, boys and girls, for a few cents without limit or restriction, and without skull and cross bones on them - and nobody cares.

To save life we build great hospitals filled with elaborate costly scientific equipment and train doctors and nurses with the finest of skill and technique to operate them - not a germ is allowed in the operating room; serums and anti-toxins of every kind are provided; pharmaceutical preparations without number are on every hand; we call the doctor for every little ache or pain; railroad crossings go above or below the highway; safe guards are placed along the highway. Factories, schools, homes

and other places are equipped with safety devices; great foundations with millions of money are doing continuous research in every possible field to discover any cause of disease (cancer included) and to find ways of prolonging human life; men pay great sums for life insurance; the federal government spends millions on public health; when death stares in the face a single person will sometimes be willing to spend millions for life to be prolonged.

And in the midst of it all the whole nation is slowly smoking itself to death - and nobody cares.

The money Americans spend every year for tobacco would be enough to run the government in ordinary times. We spend twice as much for tobacco as for education.

Yet this enormous monetary loss is nothing compared with the injury to body, character, and posterity.

Then after the user has thus done his worst, he throws down his match or burning stub and burns up the property of others.

Who is responsible for the widespread use of tobacco? There are many influences contributing, but back of all is a "master mind" at work to utterly destroy the human race.

Advertising is overpowering; newspapers, billboards, magazines and radio ding the "benefits" of tobacco into every mind; the movies extoll it, TV, repeats it, and so the very air is permeated with the thought.

The home has well-nigh ceased to protest; and the home is the bulwark of the nation. He who should be guarding the health of the home and nation is himself smoking with the rest.

The church, heaven's fortress in the world, has given way and largely gone to smoking.

Yes we have a problem. Let's wake up before it's too late.

Henry Johnson Jr., 2400 Highway 66, Ashland, Ore.

Life Insurance To the Editor: When Oregon's Governor Mark Hatfield endorsed April 3 to 10 as "Life Insurance Week," he knew of its vital importance and public interest. The Oregonian and other leading Oregon newspapers devoted their time and space to the subject in an effort to inform their readers about life insurance week in Oregon. Certainly the public is interested in life insurance. This is indicated by the amount of life insurance in force today.

With this in mind, it is most regrettable that the Medford Mail Tribune could take neither the time nor the space to inform its readers of the life insurance week and the part played by the Rogue Valley Life Underwriters Association.

Foreign Notebook: German Travel, Craftsmen Target

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

From the foreign editor's notebook: Red Easter Greetings Things may get easier soon for West Germans wanting to travel across the Iron Curtain to visit relatives and friends in Communist East Germany. This year, for the first time since the curtain came down, Communist authorities abolished long and complicated visa applications for West Germans and admitted them for the

Red Collectivization With all farms collectivized, East German Communists now are making private craftsmen their next target. Special squads of agitators are being formed to get craftsmen to give up their private businesses and form "collectives." East Germany still has about 200,000 private craftsmen employing about 800,000 workers. About 3,500 collectives have been formed with about 140,000 workers.

Ike-De Gaulle During President Charles de Gaulle's visit to Washington, he is expected to settle with President Eisenhower outstanding differences between France and NATO. Informed quarters say the tension created in NATO by de Gaulle's insistence on a greater say for France in allied councils has decreased lately. De Gaulle also is expected to urge Eisenhower to use his influence to gain France a share in some U. S. atomic secrets.

Tug Of War It now appears that President Eisenhower will arrive in Japan at a time when the country will be pulled apart by one of the hottest political fights of the post-war period. It's not a pleasant prospect for American planners although the trip may be called off. The battle is over ratification of the U.S.-Japan security treaty.

What Are Their Chances To the Editor: I am glad the Interim Committee on Criminal Law is working with such good assistance from local organizations to change obsolete criminal laws and procedures.

I know of one incident of a man torn from his family and job by local relief organization, booked on a vile charge, never brought to trial on that charge, not given a chance to defend himself, but whisked off to the asylum at Salem without good byes to his family or friends.

The doctors who intimated he needed to be observed or treated for a fear complex did not know how well grounded this man's fears were and how real the trouble. Nor did they know his history, for this man - like the drunk rejected by the hospital - was an epileptic. What are their chances for a normal life?

Mrs. Maxine Johnson, Route 1, Box 279A, Central Point, Ore.

On Saving To the Editor: I am a Democrat, but I think the Republicans are doing a wonderful thing toward the betterment of future finances of the people.

I read Frank Jenkin's article in the Mail Tribune of April 12 and it gave me a feeling of great joy when I realized, for the first time in quite a while, that Congress is trying to help us and that President Eisenhower has signed the bill Congress enacted, reducing the cost of American-made bicycles all of 25 whole cents.

That noble act will not bankrupt the manufacturers because it was done by repealing the existing taxes on tires and tubes.

Mr. Jenkins pointed out that by buying several bicycles one could save quite a sum.

There are only two of us, but we could save 50 cents and that is quite a saving at this time.

Fifty cents is a beautiful little pocket piece, but the real "look-see" is - studying the grocery shelves. Just what can I get for half a dollar? So far, I haven't found the answer.

Oh well, people should save a little anyhow, so - huh, look who's talking! Neither of us ride a bicycle. I might have known there was a catch in it somewhere.

Just the same, that bicycle deal of those Republicans isn't the only reduction in the states. Of course, I am not slurring the party; I wouldn't do such a thing, for my husband is a Republican, and we get along famously.

What I wanted to put across is - The Fifty Plus Club of Medford reduced our membership dues. We pay one dollar dues for four months membership now in 1960.

Last year it was a dollar for three months, but we enjoyed our meetings so much that we got younger by years. It surely was well worth it. It made me glad in the face, but I had to look dignified to keep

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

DO-SOMETHINGS Washington - The do-somethings have now forged slightly ahead of the do-nothings in a long seaway contest within the American Government as to how to deal with the tinpot Cuban Dictator, Fidel Castro.

Our line toward Castro will become more rational, more national, which is to say tougher, if the realists are able to stay on top in the Administration's inner councils. Their number included Vice-President Nixon, Secretary of the Treasury Robert B. Anderson, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Opposed is a State Department set which believes we must do nothing against Castro, whatever the provocation, lest the old cry of "Yankee Imperialism" be heard again in this hemisphere.

This notion of not being beastly to Fidel is a part of a very popular current view of all foreign policy: The way to meet any and all nasty foreign problems is to be nice and "flexible" about them and hope they will go away.

IT HAS by now, however, become all too clear - even to those who once shouted hosannas to Castro as a new Abraham Lincoln - that the Castro problem will not go away. If the United States is to meet its obligations as the responsible leader of Pan-America it had better be up and doing.

It is much easier simply to go on endlessly talking. But the evidence by this time is overwhelming that the Castro regime at the very least is being used by International Communism. It is plain, too, that the United States has already lost some respect among many non-Latin-American nations. This is true even where such nations feel obligated to but not any thought of strong United States action to put Castro in his place. To discover this one has only to go about among the European diplomats here.

Castro has contemptuously refused all of Washington's letter to Secretary Seaton follows: Dear Secretary Seaton: The Desomount club strongly opposes the building of a chair lift from the rim of Crater Lake down to the Lake itself. The uses of our National Parks must be consistent with their preservation for future generations.

Let those who can go to the parks to enjoy their natural beauty, to experience the inspiration that is theirs to give if the visitors is not distracted by hordes of people, by the dust, the noise, the hustle and bustle of all the conveniences man has found important to his activities outside.

In 1919 I spent an entire summer in Yosemite Valley. Now, it has become so commercialized that I hurry through it to get into the back country where only foot travelers or horsemen go, where I can really feel and see the earth as it was made. Don't let what happened to Yosemite happen to Crater Lake.

Let these who seek commercial entertainment find it outside parks. Let's keep our National Parks natural. Herley Gayman

Needy Youngsters Helped by Will Portland-UP-A 24-year-old will left by Portland plumber Robert Brady, will help needy school children get books and clothing.

The Brady estate, now worth \$369,348, provided that when Brady's relatives passed away, the fund would revert to a trust for needy school children.

Judge Appointed To State Group Salem-UP-Maron County Circuit Judge Val D. Sloper has been appointed to the State Traffic Court Rules committee to succeed Supreme Court Justice Alfred T. Goodwin.

Goodwin was chairman of the committee until his elevation to the high court from the Lane county circuit bench.

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