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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 24, 1950 (Monday)
California-Pacific Utilities company announces a 2.2 cent cut in gas rates here.

20 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1940 (Wednesday)
United Air Lines announces the addition of one northbound flight from Medford bringing the total flights north to four; the total south remains at three.

30 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1930 (Friday)
William Dougherty Jr., of Medford High school, wins state high school oratory championship.

40 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1920 (Sunday)
Local merchant returns from east and predicts prices will go higher.

50 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1910 (Sunday)
Construction will start soon on an interurban electric trolley line to run from Grants Pass through valley cities, to Ashland.

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

1. In what book would you expect to read about "Simon Legree"?
2. Which of these is the most malleable - gold, silver, or platinum?

3. How many numbers are there on American roulette wheels?
4. What is the interest paid per month on \$100, when the annual rate is 6 per cent?

5. Which states of the Union are named for Presidents?
6. Complete this adage: "A horse for a race."

7. A small nation wholly dominated by a large power is known as a...?
8. What is the capital of Brazil?

9. Which of these are not light wines-champagne, port, burgundy, muscatel, claret, sherry?
10. What is always the last unit for a freight train?

Answers: 1. "Uncle Tom's Cabin." 2. Gold. 3. Thirty-eight. 4. Fifty cents. 5. Washington is the only one. 6. "A lean horse for a long race." 7. Satellite. 8. Brasilia. 9. Muscatel, port, sherry. 10. Cent.

Committees CAN Help...

"Good Lord," the man sitting next to us grumbled into our left ear, "some people think that all you have to do is appoint another committee and the problem is solved."

He has a point. American society sprouts committees for this, that and the other thing. "Refer it to a committee for study" is one of the most frequently heard suggestions in organizational work.

But it is also a fact there would be darn little progress made if there weren't any committees at all.

IN A democratic nation, practically everything worth while is done, one way or another and sooner or later, by the possibilities inherent in a blending and mixing of talents, abilities and skills—the committee system.

Even the great "rugged individualists"—with the exception of those engaged in writing or the arts—are in some measure indebted to groups of people working together: committees.

Men of independent talent or genius will always be needed. But even they depend on others, for we live in a society which is essentially cooperative, or it is no society.

IN government itself, committee work is the heart and soul of progress and accomplishment. Congress is utterly dependent on committees to make the detailed studies necessary in working out acceptable legislation. The Supreme Court is, in essence, a committee of judges. And even the executive department and its departments, boards, bureaus, divisions and services are run, to a greater or lesser degree, by the committee system, whatever it may be called.

The committee system is the genius of democracy. The alternatives are authoritarianism (which itself is dependent on committees to enact its decrees) or anarchy and mob rule.

AND so, while it is undoubtedly true that in our overorganized society committees proliferate, we do not scoff when a problem is referred to a new committee.

It may lay an egg; it may do nothing. But it may produce a solution to a pressing problem; or come up with a significant document; or create an entire new approach or attitude.

The human mind is a magnificent organ. But sometimes a group of human minds is better than one. And once in a while a group of minds will catch fire and produce a work of genius which one, alone and unaided, never could have done.

...To Solve Problems

The committee which motivated our neighbor's grumbling is one proposed to consider ways and means of preventing (as opposed to treating) the problems of juvenile delinquency and crime.

Despite the skepticism rumbling sotto voce into our ear, we are convinced that study of the problem is merited. And for these reasons:

- 1. Juvenile crime and delinquency is a growing problem; it is growing not only as the population grows, but also as moral standards change, homes break up, and young people find themselves lacking a sense of direction.
2. Today all our formal, organized efforts are spent on correction, and they are spent expensively, through police departments, jails, detention homes, courts, penitentiaries. Little or no concerted community effort goes to prevention.

WHAT can be done about prevention of juvenile crime and delinquency?

There is no one, no single answer. But during the course of 2 1/2 hours the other night, a couple of dozen people came up with as many, or more, ideas.

Some might work; some might not; some might be of some small help and others might be of great help.

The point, though is this: Without group effort ("committee work") none of these ideas would be broached; nothing would be done; we would be no closer to a solution.

WITH cooperative endeavor, it is possible that little or nothing may be done. But it is also possible that a great deal will be done.

Men, working together, have solved tougher problems than this. Men, grumbling about "too many committees," have solved darn few community problems.

And the problem posed by the increasing number of potentially good kids who are getting off the tracks IS a community problem. If looked at objectively, analyzed rationally, and approached cooperatively, who says we aren't capable of taking steps which will lead in the direction of a solution?

Our grumbling friend doesn't passively accept the status quo when he disapproves of it. And this is an instance where the status quo leaves much to be desired—and to be done.—E.A.

We have passed through the stage where weapons are obsolete after they get into operation. Now we are in the era when weapons become obsolete while still being developed. As taxpayers, we can look forward hopefully to the stage when the weapons will become obsolete while they are still on the drawing boards, thus saving us the tremendous cost of building useless hardware.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Dennis the Menace



MRS. WALKER IS GONNA GIVE ME TEN CENTS A WEEK TO PUT HER GARBAGE IN OUR DISPOSAL!

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.

Changes Said True

To the Editor: The exposure of the National Council of Churches is a sincere and timely effort by both the Daughters and the Sons of the American Revolution to stop Communist infiltration into our churches. It does exist and it is deadly serious. The proof of it is positive and undeniable. Any who doubt the foregoing statements please obtain and read the book "Masters of Deceit" by J. Edgar Hoover, or "Collectivism in the Churches" by Edgar C. Bundy, or request factual data from The Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois, or from Circuit Riders, Inc., 18 East Fourth St., Cincinnati 2, Ohio. All data and names of personnel in all the foregoing are verified, documented, and authenticated.

As to the editorial attributed to The New York Times, let me say that the statements on this subject contained in the recently recalled Air Force Training Manual have been declared factual in public statements by many United States Senators and Congressmen of both parties. The Manual was recalled not because of objections to subject matter for manual use and NOT because the contents are untrue.

In my opinion "E.A." owes the D.A.R. a public apology for this bitter editorial attack in the Mail Tribune's issue of April 21. Walter H. Jones 1958-59 President, Oregon State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Box 947 Medford.

Editor's note: Opinion noted.

The Council and the Gospel

To the Editor: Thursday's defense of the National Council of Churches borrowed from the New York Times still is an attempt to pass off a man-made substitute for the Christian Gospel.

While a man has a right to his own religion, he has no right to corrupt another's faith by his own views, and call his correct and best because he happens to believe them and say he is right because he says he is and has a few degrees to prove it. Christ never went to a seminary. Neither did the Twelve. Paul had to forget everything he learned in seminary to serve Christ.

So did Martin Luther. John Wesley was thrown out of the Church of England for putting Christ first. He never supported or even joined the church which claims him as its founder.

The Social Gospel is a man-made attempt to create heaven on earth by human effort. It teaches that man is inherently good, and merely needs to be taught to find his proper role in this new society, and all will be well. Society will enlighten and educate man to serve its ends, and bring in the millennium. This is the aim of the National Council of Churches. Those who oppose the NCC are called "sociopaths" or even psychotic by the NCC, the press, the UN, and all leading communications media today. This is brainwashing.

The National Council of Churches considers the personal return of Jesus Christ a fool's hope. They do not accept the Bible as God's Word. They do not agree that man must be born again and that Christ's death on a Cross can cover man's sin if he will accept it. This idea is called "horrible" in their churches. If I sell oleomargarine for

Zoning
To the Editor: Something's rotten in Denmark; smell a rat, smells fishy; and like sneaky are choice sayings that revolve around the word, intrigue. Whatever the phrase to fit the situation, I wonder why all of the secrecy about the proposed zoning of the area with the boundaries of Bybee Corner and Jacksonville to the South, near John's Peak to the West, Scenic Avenue to the North and the S.P. tracks to Central Point and along the Hanley Hill rd. to the East.

Petitions are being circulated in favor of zoning the area. However, either the planning commission has not defined the terms well or the whole truth is not being presented to the public. Of course, should the said area be zoned, individual property would fall under either of two headings, "agricultural" or "individual dwellings."

Being interested in finding out all of the facts concerning such a petition, my brother checked with the office of the Jackson County Planning Commission where he discovered, after much "beating around the bush," that in order to be considered an agricultural establishment where livestock could be raised, the property must consist of at least 10 acres. Naturally we talked this over with our neighbors, and being rather disturbed about the welfare of their daughter's horse and the welfare of other small landowners, a very civic minded neighbor called the Commission which, after much "evasiveness," disclosed to her that the acreage requirement was 5 acres. Finally, during the same discussion, they confided that the decisions were to be made during the planning meeting to be held the week of May 30.

I would like to know just what is going on, why decisions were made before the meeting; what day of the week of the 30th the meeting will be held; and who will be the chosen few to make decisions concerning the issuance of permits for such structures as individual garages, the continuation of already existing businesses such as the M.P. Pitt Company and the granite quarries; and the amount of livestock, if any, per acre for each rancher or farmer.

Patricia Lull, 3498 Military rd., Medford.

Editor's note: The zoning proposal is still just that—a proposal. If enough signatures are obtained, a public hearing will be held, at which the details of the proposal will be explained. Incidentally, no zoning law can affect present land use; it can, however, impose restrictions on future changes in the use of land.

What is a "Derelict"?
To the Editor: Well, as they say, another country heard from, but I keep thinking about "The Derelict." You see my husband too kept drinking more and more after returning from the service and it no doubt was a factor in his death.

He often talked of how he had seen those young boys when dying, crying for their mothers. And one especially was crying and didn't want to be buried at sea. So he held him in his arms, and as Bud had done a lot of diving, he told him how beautiful it was and like a garden, and so calmed a lot of his fears.

And I think of that veteran at Camp White. He said the boys seldom came into Medford. Why?

Who has more right to walk the streets of Medford—or any other city for that matter—than those boys who have given so much, and I might add, received so little?

Battle board ship can have its terrors
Burial at sea can have no charms
A young lad crying for his mother
Dying in a Bos'n's arms.

Would they know when all is over
And they're old and worn and sick
To some who were not in the battle
They are just a derelict?

But, we know that they are heroes
And when troubles 'round them fall
Some will take it in their stride
Wading deep in alcohol.

So, let's try and help our brothers,
Pray about what things are said,
May we guard each word we utter
And help to save the living dead.

Thelma Glad 1427 Lawnridge, Medford.

An Orderly Speaks
To the Editor: It is interesting to note the number of complaints prompted by your article on the "controversial convulsive." This article has done much harm to our hospitals. If one is to form an opinion, wouldn't it be better to determine the facts of the issue first?

Many people are not aware that no one may be admitted as a bed patient in either of our two main hospitals unless so ordered by a physician on the staff of that hospital. If admission is ordered, neither hospital is over very well refuse, no matter what the financial status of the patient.

Since Sacred Heart hospital denies refusing to admit the convulsing patient, one can safely assume that the attending physician did not consider it necessary to admit the man to the hospital. Is the police officer, then, better qualified to diagnose than the doctor?

The man is said to be a diabetic as well as convulsive. Either disorder is more than reason enough in itself for

POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)



Let's have an end to all this sports car nonsense which has been cluttering up the columns of the Mail Tribune for so long, emergency room patients are always asked for their choice of doctor. If there is a preference, every effort must be made to summon the doctor requested. If the patient has no preference, or for any reason is unable to specify a choice, the doctor "on call" is notified. If this woman had asked for any other doctor or had been willing to have the doctor on call see her child, the child would have been seen much sooner.

It is said by some that hospital personnel are indifferent to pain and don't really care. But, have you ever had to tell the family that has rushed a heart patient to the hospital that they didn't start out soon enough; that their loved one was dead before you ever opened the door of their car? Well, I have, and it isn't easy. Have you ever seen nice, healthy teenagers come into an emergency room all smashed up from a car accident? Well I have—and recently too. Call us methodically, if you will, or even hard-boiled, but please don't say that we didn't care.

A Hospital Orderly (Name on File) Medford

Think Again
To the Editor: Two paragraphs in your editorial, "Who Is Guilty?" in the April 19 edition of the Mail Tribune, to my mind, make an implication to which I would like to take exception. These paragraphs state that a child given proper parental care, love and guidance will not be harmed by "television, bad comic books, pornographic literature, immoral motion pictures—none of these can penetrate the essential armor of his training."

We accept the responsibility of our society to furnish good roads, police protection, fire protection, public health service, and many others which contribute primarily to our physical welfare. We have failed to realize that our society also has a grave responsibility in helping to provide and maintain a moral atmosphere in which those qualities of honesty, morality, industry, and other like attributes can flourish. With these characteristics lacking any culture and any nation will soon decay.

The editorial implies that all the forces of greed and degradation can just as well be loosed upon society and god home training will prevail against them all.

Look around you carefully, study the records of the Juvenile courts, and think again. Clarence L. Miller, 2200 Ruhl Way, Medford.

One of the more prominent legal lights in Medford (himself a former politician) dropped in to the Mail Tribune news room the other day, a flier attending a speech by a candidate of his own political adherence. He remarked that the talk was most refreshing. It should have been. He slept through a good part of it.

Living on a budget is the same as living beyond your means, except that you have a record of it.

County Commissioner Chester Wendt may not know for sure whether or not the new sheriff's department cars are all in good working order, but he can vouch for the sirens.

Wendt was driving a sheriff's car when he and Sheriff Joe Walsh were en route to a law enforcement officers' meeting in Grants Pass the other night, when he started to dim his lights for an oncoming car.

His foot hit the siren button instead, and, with a very red face, the commissioner rolled into Grants Pass with the siren button screaming, and cars scattering before him.

condemning a poor sinner; Let he who is without sin among you cast the first stone. Instead of casting stones, let's look deeper for sensible solutions.

About a year and a half ago we lost our little two-year-old girl in an auto accident. She died at the Sacred Heart hospital after living for 24 hours in more or less of a coma. My arm was broken in the accident and was in traction so that I was unable to go to her or even see her again before she died. But later I got to meet some of the nurses who had been with Coralee when she died.

One nurse in particular I shall never forget, Irene Brophy. I should like to try to give her some idea of the comfort and help she gave me, although words are so entirely inadequate. She told me of how she had sat with my little girl her last night on earth a great deal of the time. She had held her hand and prayed for her as hard as she had ever prayed in her life. She squeezed her hand every so often and although Coralee was not really conscious, she did show a recognition of this loving care by squeezing her hand in return.

Whatever mistakes our hospitals have made, let no one think they are cold blooded institutions. We never received a bill from the hospital for the prayers those nurses sent up for our little daughter. Who can put a price on prayer?

I do hope and pray that the people of the valley will find the way to help keep our fine hospitals financially solvent and open.

Marie Ottosen, Route 1, Box 251, Eagle Point, Ore.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A GREAT BIG HE-MAN from the West wrote a great big novel which he submitted to a New York publisher with this note attached: "I don't want any of your typical Eastern

discourtesy and carelessness. Read this manuscript carefully. It's great. And if you're too stupid to appreciate its possibilities, don't send me one of your insulting printed rejection forms. I want a personal letter telling me why!"

In due course the West-erner got his manuscript back with this letter from the publishing house: "We are overcome with the opportunity of corresponding with a wonderful author of your calibre. Our editorial staff was so carried away by your novel it took some of them a week to get back to the office. But what would happen if we published your masterpiece? We would be establishing a standard we obviously never again could attain. Rather than reach the pinnacle, therefore, only to plunge later into the abyss, we are humbly standing aside to let a competitor triumph with your magnificent novel which we are returning under separate cover, collect."

On Friday we received a "news release" from a Portland radio station, and this is what it said, in full: "To fertilize his new lawn, KEX deejay Garney Keep drove out to the Alpenrose Dairy for a truck load of manure. When the well known Portland, Oregon deejay was recognized, his \$1.00 payment was refused. This has him worried. Is a free load of manure psyclo?"

Eddie Mayer, in 25, writes interestingly, if a tiny bit confusingly: "David Dellenback brought a caterpillar. He spun a cocoon last autumn and stayed all winter. Without warning he came out of his cocoon. Now the room has him in a jar." We wonder, idly, how David enjoys being in a jar.

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