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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

June 6, 1950 (Tuesday)
Central Point - A proposal to exceed the six per cent limitation by \$4,500 in the city's 1950-51 budget was defeated by the voters 79-77 yesterday.

Mayor Diamond Flynn dressed in western garb yesterday and called upon other residents of Medford to get into the spirit of the Rogue River Roundup of the Jackson County Mounted Sheriff's posse to be held this week end.

20 YEARS AGO

June 6, 1940 (Thursday)
Delegates from four states will convene here tomorrow for a conference on fruit and vegetable grades, standards and uniformity.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "A number of citizens have returned from the Oregon coast, and report they found no more clams in the clam chowder there, than at home."

30 YEARS AGO

June 6, 1930 (Friday)
The first California watermelons have arrived in local markets. Members of the local Granges are seeking the Oregon State Grange convention for this city next year.

40 YEARS AGO

June 6, 1920 (Sunday)
Jackson county banks will close at noon during the summer. The price of potatoes, here as elsewhere, has gone up to \$9.75 per hundred, the highest price in history.

50 YEARS AGO

June 6, 1910 (Monday)
For the second straight day high winds have prevented the aviation show from taking place here; will try again tomorrow.

The forest service is experimenting in growing eastern hardwoods in the Crater National reserve to see if the species will grow on the west coast.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. In the 19th century the China tea trade brought into development sleek ships, heavily spread with canvas, and designed for speed. What were they called?
2. What was the middle name of Robert E. Lee?
3. By what name was Palestine originally known?
4. Who, in mythology, was Mercury?
5. The proper scientific word to describe the bending of light is r-----?
6. Supply the missing words: "A man is as old as he -----, a woman is as old as she -----."
7. The Romans and Carthaginians fought the P----- W-----?
8. Are whale-sharks man-eaters?
9. What is the name of John Bunyan's widely read book?
10. What is the largest species of deer?
Answers: 1. "Clipper" ships. 2. Edward. 3. Land of Canaan. 4. Messenger of the Gods. 5. Refraction. 6. Feet. Looks. 7. Punic Wars. 8. No. 9. "Pilgrim's Progress." 10. American moose.

Past and Future Challenges

As our new President strives to put his decisions in order—in his mind and on paper—let us hope above all that he will decide to make his inauguration as Chief Executive the signal for the inauguration of a new era. On January 20th he will know, even as he begins to speak, that the test of this first assignment will rest with what he says, while the success of the second will rest on what he subsequently does.

As he strives to rise to the needs of the hour, he can draw assurance and support from the living memories of how his most illustrious predecessors rose to meet the tasks of their own times. For part of the challenge of the New Inaugural will be his ability to recapture the spirit of inaugurals that have gone before.

THUS I hope that again next January we will hear something of the prophetic challenge of Washington's first inaugural in 1789:

"The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty and the destiny of the republican model of government are justly considered . . . deeply . . . finally, staked on the experiment intrusted to the hands of the American people."

Again next January I hope we will hear something of the unifying dedication to civil liberties of Jefferson's first inaugural in 1801:

"Every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle . . . We are all Republicans, we are all Federalists. If there be any among us who would wish to dissolve this Union or to change its republican form, let them stand undisturbed as monuments of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it."

I HOPE that once more we will hear something of that deep and enduring compassion for humanity which immortalized Lincoln's second inaugural in 1865:

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds . . . to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Then again I hope we will hear something of the urgency for immediate social action which Wilson expressed in his first inaugural in 1913:

"This is not a day of triumph; it is a day of dedication . . . where justice and mercy are reconciled and the judge and the brother are one . . . Men's hearts wait upon us, men's hopes call upon us, to say what we will do."

ONCE more we will need a clear reaffirmation of the sense of world mission which Wilson gave us in his second inaugural on the eve of war in 1917:

"We are provincials no longer. The tragic events of the 30 months of vital turmoil through which we have just passed have made us citizens of the world . . . And yet we are not the less Americans on that account. We shall be the more American if we but remain true to the principles in which we have been bred. They are not the principles of a province or of a single continent. We have known and boasted all along that they were the principles of a liberated mankind."

Finally, next January, I hope we hear another summons to join in a resilient national effort of the kind to which Franklin Roosevelt called us in his first inaugural in 1933:

"This is preeminently the time to speak the truth, the whole truth, frankly and boldly . . . So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance. In every dark hour of our national life a leadership of frankness and vigor has met with that understanding and support of the people themselves which is essential to victory. I am convinced that you will again give that support to leadership in these critical days."

AND let us pray that our new President, on Inauguration Day and in the succeeding days, will distill all the best that is in him and evoke all the best that is in us—challenging himself and all Americans to stand boldly for the truths that man's future on earth need not be cancelled, that our political ingenuity can still rescue us from ruin, that our moral standards are still intact, that some things—like war and injustice—may seem everlasting, but that these things are everlastingly wrong and that they continue to summon men of good will to action.

(Quoted from "Agenda 1961," two speeches given recently at Grinnell College, Iowa, by Chester Bowles, former governor of Connecticut, former ambassador to India, now a Connecticut congressman.)

No Harm Done

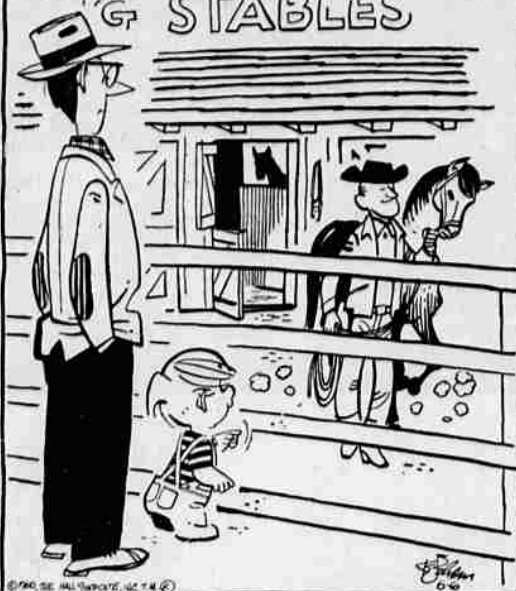
Two more of the "Little Rock Nine" were graduated from Central High School last week. This brings to three the number of Negroes who have received diplomas from the school that was the center of the segregation-integration controversy two years ago.

If the white students were harmed at all by the forced association with Negro students, they were harmed because the schools were closed for so long, not because they studied in the same rooms with Negroes.—Eugene Register-Guard.

U-2?

The Providence Journal Bulletin provides this definition of a vacation: "It is 2 weeks which are 2 short, after which you are 2 tired 2 return 2 work and 2 broke not 2."

Dennis the Menace



"BOY, A REAL HORSE! BOY! HE'S A BEAUTY! OH BOY!... YOU GO FIRST."

Communications

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God Forbid

To the Editor: E. A.'s very naive comments Friday, on tax collecting, at first suggested he be given a heart to heart talk on the birds and bees. Then, a second thought suggested he did it deliberately, knowing it would stir up a controversy.

A third thought comes more to the truth. E. A.'s past editorials prove the fact that he is one hundred and ten per cent for socialism and with the U.S. government jumping in with both feet for federal aid to education.

One comment he made may have some truth in it—the fact that Uncle Sam can collect taxes with less cost than state or local governments. But he failed to reveal that this is done against the bill of rights and the constitution and with near police state methods.

He also failed to reveal that of the billions the federal government sucks from each state, most states receive less than half of it back, Oregon being one of the more unfortunate states in this respect.

E. A. and Porter like to juggle figures. Let them juggle this one. Regarding the present budget, if the federal government can collect from the people 80 billion dollars, at a total cost of 1.6 per cent, where in h— did he get his near 5 billion for his idiotic foreign aid.

No, E. A.—you and Porter will have to talk a lot faster to convince the majority that Uncle Sam should step in with a big bundle for federal aid to education. Many thinking people are realizing that along with Uncle Sam's billions for education, would go many restrictions and a subtle change in teaching procedures, methods and a thorough brainwashing of our children's minds towards more, and finally, total embracing of Socialism.

Could E. A. name one or two socialist countries with anything like the living standard of capitalistic United States? England is a good example of a capitalistic country turning socialist. If it wasn't for a benevolent stupid Washington, shovelling billions into its economy, England would fall flat on her face.

Yes, I will admit that the U.S. is gradually going socialist and it is a pitiful sight to see a once proud nation raised to economic heights undreamed of in the history of the world, raised there by free enterprise, not confiscating socialism, gradually crossing the peak and plunging into the abyss awaiting us.

God forbid this happens to us, but if it does, you and all other socialist editors and writers may take a final grand bow.

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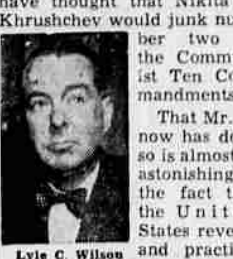
Scholars and Writers

To the Editor: This USA has benefited by having had scholars and writers as presidents. Better than the following cannot be found anywhere: Woodrow Wilson, Thomas Jefferson, Quincy Adams, Franklin Roosevelt, Madison and Lincoln, the latter a self-taught logician, who as of 1960, lacking "papers," would be unacceptable to even a fourth rate college. These top-notchers were of the type that our budding America craved. And they stood at the vanguard of the world just as fitly as they stood alerted to needs of the growing states.

But, so sad, too bad, we also

Russ Income Tax End Eyed, Phony or No, It Sounds Good

By LYLE C. WILSON



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Communist Commandment number two with religious fervor. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels compiled the Communist Ten Commandments in their Communist manifesto of 1848. The ten commandments laid out the program for communism of any nation after it became eligible by revolutionary class warfare. Number two states that the creators of Communist states must lay on:

"A heavy progressive or graduated income tax." Some of the other commandments are: Abolishment of Taxes - "Abolishment of private property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes." "Abolishment of all rights of inheritance." "Equal liability of all to labor. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture."

The slick paper magazine which the Soviet Union publishes and distributes in the United States is out with a cover headline: "Income Tax Abolished." This repudiation of the basic Marxist economic dogma may or may not be phony. Phony or not, it beats anything in the tax line accomplished by the United States and, for that matter, by any of the Free World allies.

It long has been an amusing field of speculation to ponder the methods by which the industrial revolution in the United States and elsewhere could have developed into the welfare state revolution without adoption of the heavy graduated income tax gimmick of the Communist manifesto. There wouldn't be any welfare state if there were no heavy graduated income tax. Taxpayers Foot the Bill

There would be considerably less welfare state, anyway, if the income tax payers—the little fellows—realized that they were not getting something for nothing but were paying the bill themselves.

Khrushchev announced the abolition of the income tax in his May 5 speech before the Supreme Soviet in Moscow. That also was the speech in which Mr. K shook up his fellow citizens by revealing that the U.S. U-2 had been overflying the Soviet Union for some time but finally had been knocked down. The knowledge that an American airplane could penetrate their air space must have jarred the Russians. Perhaps the good word on taxes softened the blow.

Phony or not, the tax plan sounds pretty good. The Soviet magazine further reported something planned by Khrushchev which reads like a squirrel chasing its tail, like this: "This abolition of taxes also is in line with general government policy to bridge existing wage gaps by gradually bringing the wages of the lower-paid categories of industrial and office workers up to the level of those in the middle categories and bringing the wages of those in the middle categories up to the level of the higher paid people. This is a fair and equitable procedure."

How was that again, Mr. K? The old European strategy had, actually, led to the borderland of annihilation and despair. The mutual mistrust and suspicion that belonged to that era resulted in the collapse that came to these governments, and from which they would have recovered but for the intervention of America. That, too, is where we were drawn into this whirlpool of politics, that is now international in extent.

In other words, we are invited and baited into aligning ourselves with one side or another of this many-sided game, and it is here that we also know that it may mean our Waterloo, but we do not know any means of escape. Europeans are weak, because they will not work together, and no one can trust the other. It is, therefore, left for America to "carry the ball," one that may easily turn out to be an "atomic bomb" ready to explode at any minute.

South Europeans and Western Europeans have the strength, the power and the know-how to render themselves invincible to the Tartar, Mongol or Russian hordes that so often threaten their borders, and their lands. It is because they "mis-played" the game among themselves so long, that now they will not annual for their continental security. Besides, "playing the game" against us is, undoubtedly, now a part of the earlier game. To bring us into the combine they have given us the "ball to carry." O, my good friends, how we take to it! But let us beware that it may not be our undoing.

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Foreign Notebook: Would-Be Martyrs, Arm Talks Continue

BY PHIL NEWSON

UPI Foreign Editor

From the foreign editor's notebook.

Despite seeming official determination to go ahead with President Eisenhower's visit to Japan and despite vast security arrangements, anxiety persists in Tokyo that some untoward event



PHIL NEWSON may take place. One fear is that hot-headed demonstrators may force Secret Service men accompanying the President to take some drastic protective step. Many of the fanatic students who have been demonstrating against the U.S.-Japan mutual security treaty would like to become martyrs, and should such an event occur, the left-wingers would seize on the issue with a vengeance.

Test At The Polls

Japanese Socialist leaders claim that the majority of the Japanese people are against ratification of the U.S.-Japan treaty but they are not yet ready to take their fight against Premier Nobusuke Kishi's government. The reason: Voters may not see eye to eye with them on "other issues."

Talkfest

Western diplomats in London now expect the Geneva disarmament talks to stretch out longer than had been expected right after the summit

like we do, only much slower. As the air cools with the setting sun, the house inhales the ground laying monoxide fumes. As the air warms, the house exhales. It's just that simple, deadly so.

Oddly enough, the one time shunned West Medford is favored now. Prevailing westerly winds hereabouts press car fumes eastward. Seems like our health authorities should have had this more in mind when they went along with demands of the big freeway overpass with its roaring traffic of truck and car right through and over Medford city center.

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Playing the Game

To the Editor: The big game of international politics is now-a-days a life and death matter to all South Europeans. It has become that since the shattering of the old "balance of power" strategy that existed prior to World War I days. Into that arena of power politics, our nation has been unnecessarily, but most certainly, drawn.

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Monoxide Miasma

To the Editor: When first coming to Medford high 40 years ago, it was easy enough to figure out why, as a rule, the fine old two-storied houses in west Medford were built with the first floor some four feet above ground level. Fear of flooding from Dead-Bear creek (as it was first known)? But why have all bedrooms up at least one story high?

"No, it was not fear of flood waters," Old-Timer Homer Harvey (now some two years gone from the earthly scene), told me. "It was fear of the unseen and unexplained dread 'miasma.' Newcomers were advised not to build to the west because of it. If they did so, then to build the first floor high and all sleeping rooms upstairs, as those doing so were less plagued with the 'thing' and less loss of working time.

Homer went on to explain that it was the pestiferous 'skeeter,' a malaria carrier that brought to the hard-working pioneers the series of fever and chills that was bad enough, but the loss of time in getting things done for shelters and harvest was the most heartbreaking.

But why bring this up now, with malaria controlled? Because it is a valuable guidepost, tying in as it does with a most serious problem confronting us as a nation. It was featured in a science news release in Thursday's M.T., that research is proving more and more, monoxide poisoning from gasoline-burning vehicles is tied in with the top killers, heart attack and cancer.

A builder from down California way tells me the city dads in L.A. are fixing up building permits that rule out sleeping rooms on the ground floor that border freeways and heavy traveled streets. Seems that houses breathe

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

Question: What makes Americans happiest? This—according to a nationwide mental health inventory of average U.S. citizens just completed by the University of Michigan's Survey Research Center—is the answer: PLENTY OF MONEY AND A BIG-ENOUGH HOUSE.

ODD sidelight of the study: Only 14 per cent of the allegedly "average Americans" interviewed by the researchers from coast to coast gave credit to their JOBS as a major source of the enjoyment they get out of life.

HMMMMM. If more of us got more fun out of our jobs, might it not be possible that more of us would have more money to spend? How can you get ahead in your job, with resulting increases in your paycheck, if you don't ENJOY your job?

And—What would be worse than DRIVING yourself to work in the morning and spending the day wishing that quitting time would hurry up and get here?

ON THE question of how Americans handle their personal crises (meaning the times when everything seems to go wrong) the report says: "Many do nothing at all . . . just let the situation run its course and take the consequences. Those who TRY to do something about it turn to their spouses, other members of their families or friends for help.

"Another sizable group turns to prayer as a means of handling daily worries. Of these, 16 per cent pray in the hope of finding a solution of their problems and 33 per cent turn to prayer as a child cries in its mother's arms—for consolation."

THIS one is interesting: Only FOUR per cent of those interviewed by the University of Michigan researchers said they were unhappy at any time during the year as a result of world tensions and the possibility of war.

THE mental health researchers conclude their study with this observation: "Rarely did anyone interviewed in the course of this survey admit putting faith in bartenders, taxi drivers, fortune tellers or other supposedly popular, but unorthodox, confidants."

I wouldn't know about the fortune tellers, but a seer bartender or a capable taxi driver can provide a lot of exceedingly good advice. Why? Well, maybe it's because they see so much of the way of human frailty that they know nearly all the answers.

Drowning Claims Former Oregonian

San Juan, Puerto Rico.—(UPI)—Lloyd Jorgenson, 45, immigration superintendent at San Juan International airport, was drowned Sunday while skin diving at the Army beach club.

The body was taken to Rodriguez Army hospital for an autopsy. A native of Mabel, Ore., Jorgenson was a retired navy officer and had lived here for the past eight years as an employee of the immigration service.

He is survived by his widow, Helen, and three children. Mabel is north of Marcola in Lane county.



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