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Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson Courts... Medford 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago

10 YEARS AGO June 30, 1950 (Friday) For the first time in 64 years, has free postage will be its sole property in Medford's and the rest of the nation's grocery stores.

20 YEARS AGO June 30, 1940 (Sunday) Local post carriers accepted with satisfaction an announcement from the Santa Clara valley post carriers that Berkeley will sell for \$45 a ton this season.

30 YEARS AGO June 30, 1930 (Monday) Local business warned they were slow to receive orders for new or face orders.

40 YEARS AGO June 30, 1920 (Wednesday) On the day that the world's population was estimated at 1.6 billion, the population of Oregon was 1,100,000.

50 YEARS AGO June 30, 1910 (Wednesday) There have been several boating fatalities in Jackson county in recent months. And there will be more—unless everyone who uses a boat realizes that it can cause injury and death.

What's Your I.Q.? Here are ten questions to test your ability to read and understand the news.

The Manor and the Valley

Rogue Valley Manor is going to be one of the most spectacular buildings on the Pacific Coast, both from the standpoint of location and from the standpoint of design.

Now at its full height on top of Barneburg hill, it commands a view in all directions over the Rogue valley. And it is attracting a lot of attention from tourists, many of whom ask "What's THAT beautiful building going to be?"

The Manor, a retirement home for people of some means, will be ready for occupancy late in November, if all goes well.

WE PREDICT that it will have a considerable impact on this area. It will bring several hundred people here—people with money to spend with local merchants. It will have a substantial payroll.

And, since they will come from all parts of the nation, it will tend to make Medford even better-known than it is.

In addition, the building itself cannot avoid becoming something of a landmark.

Now if we could just hurry up the elimination of the smoke and haze which becloud the view every working summer day...—E.A.

DST Vote Again

Oregon voters will—once again—ballot on daylight saving time this November.

We're favorably inclined, in a mild sort of way, toward DST.

But we don't go to the lengths of the "Oregon Citizens Committee for Daylight Saving," which is mulling on arguments favoring setting the clocks ahead one hour between the last Sunday in April until the last Sunday in September.

They really go all out.

FOR instance, they claim that "Your vote for daylight saving time is a vote for healthy, happy children; for clean, wholesome family pleasure; for better business and industry; for the right to enjoy the God-given recreational advantages of living in Oregon."

From the sound of that one would be led to believe that DST is the panacea of all the ills—domestic, economic and social—of society.

It wouldn't, of course. It would just make things a bit more convenient for those many people who would like to have an extra hour of daylight in the evening, and for those whose activities are timed to coincide with those in DST areas.

WHILE, as indicated, we plan to vote for the measure, we refuse to get worked up about it. We can get along nicely either way.

But drives-in theater operators will get worked up against it, for it cuts into their business. And radio and TV people will get worked up in favor of it, for it would make broadcasting scheduling easier and cheaper for them.

With these and some others it is an emotional issue, and they can be expected to fight for or against it with some heat. Fine.

We just hope (faint hope!) that no one will bring up that moldy oldie that standard time is "God's time." We feel it is somewhat insulting to the Deity to accuse Him of starting all the fuss over time changes.—E.A.

Boats and Safety

July 3 to 9—the week when probably more people will be taking to the water than any other during the summer—has been named National Safe Boating Week.

There have been several boating fatalities in Jackson county in recent months. And there will be more—unless everyone who uses a boat realizes that it can cause injury and death.

Boating is a most pleasurable recreation. But, like an automobile, a boat must be handled with care and respect.

THERE are more potential hazards in boating than there are in driving a car. One of the hazards is that the "rules of the road" are not yet as thoroughly learned and respected on the waterways as they now are on the highways.

These are the dangers of hidden hazards—snags, logs, submerged objects which can't be seen by the operator.

And there is the additional hazard of drowning in case of trouble—something that even automobile accidents don't usually involve.

MOST accidents—boating or otherwise—are easily avoidable, and are not really "accidental" at all.

And the way to avoid them, in boating as in every other activity, is to use common sense—know your equipment, know its capabilities and know the rules of the game, and take no chances.

If this is done, boating can be both pleasurable—and safe, for you and others.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"LOOK HOW FAST I CAN GROW A MUSTACHE, DAD!"

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.

Pool Questions Answered To the Editor: I would like to answer some of the questions brought up by Mrs. W. W. Brown.

The "8 foot wading pool" which was supposed to have cost \$4,000 is actually 20 feet in diameter and was donated to the children of Medford by the Crater Lions club, paid for by the money raised at a TV Auction held early this spring. The cost was \$2,800.

The big pool in question cost \$74,387.79, instead of the \$83,000 quoted, which is still a lot of money, but you must remember that the bath-house and filtering system was designed for a diving pool, plus the swimming pool. Would you like your children swimming in water that was not adequately filtered and heated? The state health department wouldn't.

As for the partitions, doors and clothes bags, I believe that is a case of not enough money. I bet the children using the pool are much happier with the added size of the pool than they would be with a private bath to dress in.

The cut feet (see letter to call them abrasions) are an unfortunate occurrence which could only be prevented by requiring all children who don't swim well to leave the pool after one hour in the water. To prove what I mean, soak your hand for one hour in 80 degree water and see how tender it gets. The abrasions are caused by the tender feet actually the abrasions are on the ends of the toes in almost all cases) being constantly rubbed on the bottom and sides of the pool. I am sure the city parks and recreation director would invite any interested parent to examine the pool for any roughness that could possibly cut a foot.

It is regrettable that the hard work of the Crater Lions club, the city of Medford engineering department, the park and recreation director, and myself as the contractor, should be questioned by some one as uninformed as Mrs. Brown. I sincerely hope that this letter has answered some of her questions and put the Jackson Pool in a little better light. Thank you.

Edward M. Farlane, Holiday Pool and Const. Co., 1803 Cunningham Medford

Editor's note: It has also been pointed out that the cost of the big pool was wholly defrayed by funds from the Jackson county housing authority, donated to the city for pool purposes when it was liquidated, and no tax funds were used. Cost of the pool also was considerably lower than those in other cities.

Cows, Calves and Economics To the Editor: Ira Huff of Talent writes the most intriguing letter that I have read in some time. We will discuss her problem of high finance as being of little consequence and one that will be cured by time. Because any one that has a cow and a calf to spare can certainly acquire a used car from someone unable to buy gasoline. Besides, a cow is a good credit rating at this time. Everett Acklin is the letter column's financial expert and we would advise that she contact him regarding any commercial deal she might have of any magnitude. He is a green Sweden, but he knows his way around.

But her questions regarding our national economy will need a little study. First, it is a mistake to think that times are getting bad. It is

just that people are short of ready cash. That is the reason that loans are hard to get. Second: There is no need to worry about getting a new president. We will get one and, no doubt, some one will like him. It will be essential for the new man in the White House to sign a great many financial bills to keep our economy rolling. Third: No, people do not fear what is coming. We are a sturdy and brave race. Of course people are happy when they are busy doing things that they like to do. Then they have no time to worry.

Who started credit and loans? They are money lenders' gimmicks as old as commerce and trade, to exploit merchants that were short of ready cash to float a big deal. The acquiring of interest was the money lenders' motive. The Government has credit and loan affairs if you can qualify, but I do not advise it.

Credit and loans are part and parcel of our way of life. Our government pays out a million dollars a day to a parasitic class for the use of money.

At present the nation is rolling on the arms race, "nork barrel," social security, unemployment checks and public welfare. The money comes from taxes. When there is no tax money available our economy will come to a halt, but not for long. It is so complex that it will need to be reorganized at once.

Walter Reece Galice, Ore.

Flag Disrespect To the Editor: I saw an interesting sight a couple of days ago.

It was beginning to sprinkle and as I was walking down a sidewalk, I noticed a man taking our American Flag from the flagpole. It was attached to a sawn log and I saw nothing out of the ordinary when I witnessed this because it was starting to rain.

However, what followed was a different story. When this individual had finished his duty, he literally crumpled our flag and placed it under his arm, much as you would crumple a piece of paper, and then walked off.

I couldn't help but think to myself as I stood and watched... have we taken our freedom so much for granted that we would be allowed to treat the flag of our country with so much disrespect? Just a thought.

Democratic Venezuela 'Flying Off in All Directions'; Communism Influential

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor Caracas — Venezuela is the picture of a man flying off in all directions, all at the same time.

His leadership under one-time Communist Romulo Betancourt is so dedicated to the democratic principle that it well-

PHIL NEWSOM comes even criticism designed ultimately to tear down the state structure. There is freedom of speech and thought.

There are no Communists in the executive branch of government, but Communists speak freely and seven are members of the 133-member lower branch of Parliament. Two are in the 51-member upper house.

Its leaders estimate that at the time of the overthrow of the Marcos Perez Jimenez dictatorship, 56 per cent of its people were illiterate. Its annual income of a lit-

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

THE U2'S REAL MEANING Washington — In the last 18 months, the Soviet air defense system has been rapidly and powerfully re-

inforced with a dense, nationwide net of surface-to-air rocket sites. The new anti-aircraft rockets to be fired from these sites are estimated to approach the American Nike-Hercules in range and overall efficiency.

These singularly unpleasant facts are among the more important bits of information which the American government largely owes to the now-suspended U2 flights over the Soviet land mass. Ironically enough, therefore, the facts actually gathered by the U2 rather directly contradicts the over-optimistic interpretation of the U2 episode which this reporter, among others, helped to disseminate.

When the U2 story first broke, it was natural to read very good news into the bad news. If the U2 could easily reach Sverdlovsk with its cameras, it seemed to follow that the B52s of the Strategic Air Force could just as easily reach Sverdlovsk with their bombs.

None of these developments was the immediate cause of the destruction of Lieutenant Powers's U2. It was destroyed because engine "flame-out" caused it to lose altitude, and to descend within range of the Soviet air defense system.

THE Soviet defense system, in truth, is not yet effective against aircraft flying at the U2's normal altitude of 70,000 feet, as was shown by the successful U2 flight on April 9. But the Soviet system is unquestionably effective against aircraft flying at the B52's maximum altitude of 55,000 to 60,000 feet. Thus the story of the U2, as one unchallengeable American authority has summed up, "has no bearing at all, either way, on the power of our strategic deterrent."

Meanwhile, the improvements in the Soviet defense system that have been summarized have quite direct bearing on our deterrent power. They certainly do not mean, of course, that the deterrent is now powerless. The Soviets must certainly believe that they have reduced the B52's ability to strike home at their Russian targets. But they cannot believe that they have reduced it enough. Otherwise, the Berlin crisis would have ended differently.

Yet the stark fact remains that there was no substance in the hopes which were temporarily raised by this reporter and other optimistic interpreters of the U2 story. Instead, there is the same old hard reality of the period of the missile gap, with all of its potential dangers.

The record shows that serious weaknesses in the Soviet air defense system were indeed revealed, in the earlier period of the U2 overflights. At that time, the Soviet anti-aircraft radars were found to be highly inaccurate in one of their main tasks—determining the exact altitude of their targets.

Two years ago, an attempt was made to intercept a U2 with a Soviet fighter plane, no doubt because the U2's operating altitude had been wrongly estimated on the basis of misleading radar data. The fighter reached its own operating ceiling at about 10,000 feet below the U2, which was flying at 70,000 feet. The fighter also lacked any "snap-up" capability with

goals. A major thrust of our economy is directed into the production of the consumer type goods and services which add little to the sinews of our national strength.

"Hence, neither the size of our gross national product nor of our respective industrial production are a true yardstick of our relative national power position. The use to which economic resources are directed largely determine the measure of national power."

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Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

"GROWTHMANSHIP" Last Week at St. Louis the Vice President announced that "we are now engaged in what will become, before this year is out, a major national debate over the subject of economic growth."

Who will be debating with whom, and about what? According to Mr. Nixon, while we are in favor of growth, the critics of the Administration, namely Governor Rockefeller and the leading Democrats, are not to be taken seriously. For they are playing "the most fashionable parlor game of our time—a game that might be called 'growthmanship.'"

Just why do these playboys spend so much time and energy on a more parlor game? It is because they realize the great importance of our slow-down rate of growth. At our rate of growth in recent years we are unable to meet our public needs, to add to our defenses, and at the same time to keep on increasing private investment and to keep on raising the civilian standard of life. We have been producing less than we need and less than our economy is capable of producing.

FROM 1953, which marked the end of the Korean war boom, through 1959, the average rate of increase of output has been only 2.4 per cent. The average is low because in those seven years there were two recessions. The net result was that the average rate of increase was less than the average, 3 per cent, from 1870 to 1930. Yet in these seven years of sluggish growth, the country has had the capacity, the capital equipment, and the technical know-how to grow at the rate of at least 4 per cent.

It may not seem like a big difference, to grow at an average rate of less than 3 per cent or to grow at an average of 4 per cent. But in an economy of \$500 billion, it makes an enormous difference. Each percentage point of increase is about \$5 billion, and so the difference between our recent average rate of 2.4 per cent and the 4 per cent which we are quite capable of is that difference between adding \$12 billions a year and adding \$20 billions a year to our wealth.

We have a rapidly growing population. At only \$12 billions increase, we cannot spend more on defense and our public needs—such as education and urban redevelopment and scientific research—without reducing the improvement in, perhaps without cutting back, the civilian standard of life. But at 4 per cent with \$20 billions, we can afford to do the things that reasonable men, including as we shall see the Vice President himself, think should be done.

That is why concern with our growth is not a parlor game.

JUDGING by his St. Louis speech, Mr. Nixon does not understand the problem. For after scoffing at the popular interest in growth, he concludes his own speech with a broad general endorsement of a large spending program. That, at least, is what he calls it when Governor Rockefeller and the Democrats propose the same kind of a program. Under his auspices it ceases

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