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10 YEARS AGO Nov. 23, 1950 (Thursday) Thanksgiving—no paper today.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 23, 1940 (Saturday) Bend High's Lava Bears and Medford High's Black Tornado will clash at the local stadium Saturday for the Oregon High School Activities Association's 1940 state prep football championship.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 23, 1930 (Sunday) More and more heads of families have taken to city streets to sell apples as chronic unemployment increases; the city council legalized the selling of apples on streets last week.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 23, 1920 (Wednesday) A packed house greeted the opening of the Page theater in Medford last night.

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 23, 1910 (Wednesday) Tomorrow the Mail Tribune will move its newspaper plant into a new building at the corner of Fir and Sixth sts.

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

1. Locate the Andes mountains by continent and area.

2. Which President of the United States had the most children?

3. To what colors are partially color blind persons most frequently insensitive?

4. Name the four qualities of taste sensation?

5. About whom did Shakespeare say, "This was the noblest Roman of them all"?

6. What does gypsum become when heated and reduced to a powder?

7. Where was Solomon's temple?

8. What separates the outer ear from the middle ear?

9. During what century did Kublai Khan reign in China?

10. What metal has a higher melting point than any other known metal?

Answers: 1. Northwestern South America. 2. John Tyler—2 wives with 7 each. 3. Reds and greens. 4. Sweet, sour, salt and bitter. 5. Brutus. 6. Plaster of Paris. 7. Jerusalem. 8. Ear drum. 9. Thirteenth. 10. Tungsten.

AMBASSADOR DIES Bern, Switzerland—Edmond Turcotte, 62, Canadian ambassador to Switzerland and formerly ambassador to Colombia and consul-general in Chicago, died Monday.

Stormy Interlude

We have long heard of the excitement generated by a storm at the seacoast, and have long wanted to see one.

Our wish was granted Sunday, when a visit to a favorite spot near Yachats coincided with the wildest storm of the season, so far. It was everything people had told us it would be.

From first morning light, the surf was boiling and surging, with spume flung high into the air as the combers crashed against the rocky coast. And how it rained! "Sheets," "buckets," "torrents"—all these cliches were correct.

THE wind-velocity instrument, which records gusts up to 90 miles per hour, went out of kilter when the velocity exceeded that—a velocity higher than "hurricane" on the Beaufort scale.

As the tide, one of the highest of the year, advanced to its early-afternoon peak, the surf surged higher and higher, and the wind grabbed at the tops of the breakers and flung them across the promontory.

In the rocky coves and inlets the sea foam, churned by the surf, built up into high billows reminiscent of dirty whipped cream, and these, too, were whipped away by the wind, to go sailing along the beach and across the rocks almost too fast for the eye to follow.

BIG logs were tossed about in the raging surf like toothpicks, and occasionally, when they were dashed against the jagged rocks, they shattered into fragments not much larger.

Sea birds—gulls and ducks, mostly—braved the wind, but few could make headway, and most of them appeared to be flying backward as they flapped and soared in the mighty gusts.

During one minor lull in the storm, we donned a waterproof parka and ventured out. We could hardly hold our footing, so savage was the wind. And in seconds we were drenched from boot-top to waist, despite the "water repellent" boast of the trousers salesman.

AS DARKNESS finally fell, so did the wind. The surf quieted, a little; the rain diminished and out over the ocean a few stars could be seen through jagged breaks in the clouds.

On the horizon, dimly seen as a darker line in the gloom of evening, there was, we thought, a light—so faint and elusive we could not be sure. We could see it, or thought we could, only when looking a few degrees to the right or left, as with a fifth-magnitude star.

But the binoculars proved it was there, shimmering and faint, and moving slowly south—some ship which had weathered the worst of the gale and now was moving on its course again.

IN THE morning, the wind was only a fresh breeze; the sun shone through white and broken clouds, and the soaked earth steamed grayly as the fog arose.

The tide was out, and along the rocks and newly-revealed cove beaches the driftwood lay in piles.

Beyond the gray and green and white of the breakers the surges of the waves stretched to the horizon, many of them capped with white against the brilliant blue.

The gulls and the ducks again leaned against the wind and soared forward or back, at their pleasure.

The storm was over.—E.A.

Partisan Shenanigans

Mrs. Evelyn Nye is a gracious, intelligent, conscientious lady.

She served capably as a state representative. We supported her for reelection, and were sorry when she lost. If she is appointed to the state senate by the county court, she will do credit to her home county.

But whether the court can, in all conscience, appoint to the post an individual, no matter how capable, who was rejected by the voters in a free election is something its members will have to decide for themselves.

THE Republican Central Committee, through the bull-headedness of its chairman, Sheriff Joe Walsh, has put the court in an uncomfortable spot, by recommending only one name for the appointment.

Whether Walsh took this action through a misunderstanding, or whether he did it deliberately in an attempt to force through a particular candidate, or embarrass the court, only he knows.

But he succeeded in making himself look silly, placing the court in a difficult position, leaving Mrs. Nye open to a second and gratuitous hurt if the court decides to name someone else, and adding one more black mark on the name of "partisan politics" as it is played by two-bit amateurs.

WALSH should resign his GOP post, now, before he sticks his foot in his mouth again.

We don't know the whole story of his planned resignation, but the scuttlebutt has it that a good many members of the committee are fed up with his antics, and that even the "premature" release in Ashland of the story that he planned to quit was part and parcel of the behind-the-scenes politicking going on in the GOP committee.

Whether or not that story is true, the fact that it is making the rounds simply adds credence to the belief that all is not well in the party organization, and to the conviction that it's time for a change.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"IF NOBODY'S EVER BEEN TO THE MOON, HOW COME WE KNOW IT'S MADE OF GREEN CHEESE?"

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.

Never Had It So Good

To the Editor: In reply to Larry Turner in the Sunday issue and two women in an earlier issue, regarding the injustice they consider has been done to the two men in jail.

They are forgetting these two men are being held because they are transient, and according to the first account of them in the paper, the only inconvenience they have is not being free to roam.

They are surely getting three meals a day. I assume the jail is clean and warm. They have a bed to sleep on. They have people to talk to, and it wouldn't surprise me if they have a television and a radio.

Now, they have lost wages, you say. I worked at Cubby's Drive-In through two fruit seasons. I worked nights and during fruit season, some of us bought a hamburger and coffee for some man almost every night, who was going to work in a few days 'pickin' pears.

The park across from Cubby's was full every night with people cooking their evening meal. And sugar bowls and salt and pepper shakers suddenly got legs and we saw them no more.

It is my opinion they never had it so good. If they are in jail Christmas, they know they will have a Christmas dinner. If they were out, they might be begging a hamburger and a cup of coffee.

I can remember a Christmas when I wished I was in jail—I tried to think up something to do to get there. I had two heels of bread and a small can of potted ham for Christmas dinner. My rent was almost a week overdue. Jail looked good.

You say "quite an example to set up for everyone, especially the youngsters." Your own manner of criticism breeds contempt for law and orderly living in your very own children. I can almost hear them say "I'll never do anything to help a cop."

These two men could use their confinement preparing themselves to be even better citizens than they were.

Etna Ragsdale, 1214 West 10th st., Medford.

Kind Words

To the Editor: As former residents of Medford we returned to your city last Friday with mixed emotions over the football game to be played that night.

We're ardent Medford rooters and were overjoyed last year when you beat Jefferson, but inasmuch as our daughter attends David Douglas we naturally hoped that Douglas would give you a good battle. But when we won and then talked with our friends in Medford the next day, and with various merchants around the town who do not know us, we were greatly impressed by the fine sportsmanship which prevailed throughout the town.

So often in these days of highly competitive sports such an upset would have stirred up much animosity, but if there were any hard feelings they were carefully hidden.

Incidentally, we're not part of the Portland school system but have our own school district in the eastern part of Multnomah county. Our two schools have much in common, although ours is only five years old, as we strive for scholastic ability in addition to athletic championships, and next to Medford I believe we have the best parent participation in all school activities in the State of Oregon.

However, I don't believe anyone could ever excel your marvelous Medford High School band. It's really terrific.

Mrs. Dan M. Hutson, 11727 S. E. Bush, Portland 16, Ore.

As The Wind Blows

To the Editor: This is regarding a neighboring gesture rather common at this time of year. One lives on a tree-lined street not serviced by city sweepers. Still, you rake or hose your leaves into the street and leave them in nicely loosened piles, or light a fire in them, a futile act in wet leaves.

Then, fairly sure of wind and weather patterns of the season, just hope. Your hope is fulfilled in a day or two and your leaves, at least three-fourths of them, scud merrily over to your neighbors and well, the rest is up to the neighbors.

(Name on File) Medford.

God and Mammon

To the Editor: In the day of intercontinental missiles, atom and hydrogen bombs, and a situation which finds our country in a financial catastrophe, having over or near \$18 billion in credit held by foreign nations, our heart fails us, and doubting, we hear echoed and re-echoed, "Can we survive as a nation that claims to be 60 per cent Christian?"

I wish to pose this question. Is survival more important to God's people than revival? The dictionary defines revival thus: Act or fact of continuing longer than another person, custom or thing. Revival is defined: Bringing or coming back to life or consciousness.

No "100 Days" for Kennedy, Is Wilson's Hope; 1933 Session Confusion Recalled

By LYLE WILSON Washington—UPI—The 100 days about which some of President-elect Kennedy's more enthusiastic supporters are talking refer to the special session of Congress called by Franklin D. Roosevelt upon his inauguration in 1933.



That session began on March 9, ended June 16. There had not been anything like it before. To expect the new Kennedy Congress which meets in January to match or even closely to approach the record of FDR's curtain-raiser is pure nonsense.

It is good that this is so. FDR's special session accomplished a great many things and did it incredibly fast. But the methods employed were not always wholesome. And some of the end results came to nothing, finally, because they were found to be counter to the Constitution.

Moreover, some of the remedies enacted failed to cure the diseases attacked, notably the appropriation of great sums to stimulate employment by making work to absorb the unemployed.

Make-Work Failure This device was a notable failure. Unemployment remained high until the U.S. economy got a shot in the arm when private industry became a major part of what FDR termed the arsenal of democracy.

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But it sounds like good common sense on our part to pay LESS attention from here on MORE to giving everybody something to strengthen our economy by sound, workmore-and-produce-more policies.

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Japanese Vote Favors U.S.; Newsom Sees 'Twist of Irony'

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Larry Smyth, Oregon Journal Political Writer, Succumbs

Portland—UPI—Lawrence (Larry) Smyth, 58, Portland, Oregon Journal political editor, died at St. Vincent's hospital here Tuesday evening after a long illness.

Smyth, who had worked with the Journal for 38 years, underwent surgery for cancer of the esophagus in April. After convalescing he returned to work for several months but was forced back to the hospital last week.

He was born in Portland Jan. 17, 1902, and came to work for the Journal in November, 1922. Since that time he served continuously on the newspaper except for a 27-month period from 1933 to 1935 when he went to Washington, D.C., to serve as assistant for public information for the late Douglas McKay, former Oregon governor and then secretary of interior.

Smyth graduated from Lincoln High School in Portland and entered the newspaper field when he was 16 years old. He worked with the Portland News and the Oregonian prior to joining the Journal staff.

He arranged a face-to-face radio debate during the 1948 Oregon presidential primary between rival Republican presidential candidates Thomas E. Dewey and Harold E. Stassen. The debate was carried nationwide and was one of the most significant political events of 1948.

Smyth had covered every session of the Oregon Legislature since 1931 except for the session that he was in Washington, D.C.

ALMOST WINS NOVEL London—UPI—Prince Philip almost won a copy of Lady Chatterley's Lover at a ball at Grosvenor House Monday night. Philip held ticket No. 1469 but the ticket drawn for the sexy novel was 1569. Ticket No. 1469 won a mink button.

X15 Engine Restarts in Sky Edwards AFB, Calif.—UPI—Only an arrow-like vapor trail marked the presence of an object in the clear blue sky 10 miles above this Mojave Desert base.

The white trail slashed through the air, then suddenly stopped for 15 anxious seconds before it dramatically resumed again miles away.

To observers on the ground Tuesday the broken vapor trail told a thrilling and significant story—the X15 rocketship with the world's biggest airplane engine had demonstrated it could start and stop the engine while in flight.

Scott Crossfield, veteran test pilot for North American Aviation, was at the controls of the 50-foot craft as it soared so high—62,000 feet—that it was invisible.

The drama of the moment came crackling over a radio when a pilot trying to follow the X15 in a jet shouted excitedly at the moment the 37,000-pound thrust engine restarted. "That a boy, that a boy!"

Try and Stop Me —By BENNETT CERF

BOB HOPE nominates as one of his most sure-fire stories—especially when he's entertaining the armed forces—the story of the man who had been cleaning up the elephant enclosure in a circus for 25 years. "This year is just too much," he complained to his wife. "They've just bought 20 more elephants. That makes over 50 for me to clean up after."

"Why don't you quit?" suggested the wife. "WHAT?" roared he, "and give up SHOW BUSINESS?"

In these days of bitterness over the segregation issue, this story from North Carolina is particularly welcome. A little white boy received permission from his mother to bring two classmates—one white, one colored—home for supper. When they arrived, the youngster pulled his mother aside and told her, "In case you're wondering, ma, the one with the checked shirt is the colored boy."

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