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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
Nov. 30, 1950 (Thursday)
The Jackson county selective service board has sent 16 Jackson county youths to Eugene for induction into the armed services.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 30, 1940 (Saturday)
A lone unmasked bandit, armed with a revolver, robbed and kidnaped Walter H. Leverette, prominent Medford and Ashland businessman, last night, as he was leaving his home near Medford; Leverette was later released, unharmed, on the Jacksonville-Phoenix highway.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 30, 1930 (Monday)
The Diamond Lake road, surveyed last summer, is due for financial aid from the federal government.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 30, 1920 (Wednesday)
The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, in its latest membership drive, has so far gained 23 new members.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 30, 1910 (Wednesday)
An attorney for the Portland Chamber of Commerce commissioners at a hearing here yesterday, that Portland opposes any railroad distribution rates in Medford, similar to those now in effect in Portland.

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

1. If a centigrade thermometer reads 100 degrees, under the same conditions, what would a Fahrenheit thermometer read?
2. What is a female sheep called?
3. Rearrange TRECHACAR to spell a word meaning moral demeanor.
4. How many heads does a kettle drum have?
5. When in danger will a porcupine throw his quills?
6. What is the largest island in the world?
7. Name the sea bird that never flies.
8. What is the literal meaning of Renaissance?
9. What are the five lowest prime numbers?
10. Who was Prime Minister of England at the time of the abdication of Edward VIII?
Answers: 1. 212 degrees. 2. Ewe. 3. Character. 4. One. 5. No he can't. 6. Australia. 7. Penguin. 8. Rebirth. 9. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7. 10. Stanley Baldwin.

"We Might Be Cave Men"

Our Richard, who is seven, just brought home from school a picture and text of his own creation. The picture is of a red and blue teacher sprawled most comfortably at a desk on which there is a blue vase holding a blue flower as big as the teacher's head. In front of the teacher, a red and blue pupil sprawls as comfortably at another desk.

On the face of each there is a smile from ear to shining ear; and underneath is the text: "I thank God for the schools. We might be cave men."

The point is well taken. Except for schools we would be cave men, or at least primitives guided by the dangerous garble of witch doctors instead of glimpses of eternal verities and universal knowledge.

THESE are uncomfortable and dangerous times in which to be primitives under the sway of witch doctors. And the primitives are not the only ones who are endangered.

Recently we have seen new films of Africans screaming through the streets of Leopoldville, wrecking buildings and fighting the police. As we understand it, these outbursts of fury are those of a people who have won their independence but whose recent overlords did not provide them with the schools in which they would have learned to make use of their freedom and guide their destinies in a terribly fast-moving complicated world.

As a result, we are at least as much endangered as they, with more to lose; and we will not be safe until they find themselves, and have their schools.

IN THESE times in which we have learned to live with danger, the problem seems relatively simple until we see other news reels, those of white American adults and teen-agers screaming through the streets of New Orleans with Confederate flags, fighting the police and menacing little children. As a result, we are left dumbfounded, with our comfortable theories all upset.

New Orleans has its schools, has had them for centuries, even though the screaming cave men are talking of abolishing them. The citizens of New Orleans have their schools but what good have they done them? After all, there may be sense in the idea of closing them.

We assumed that the New Orleans schools taught American History. But if they did, it is now clear that they did not teach the history of the United States beyond the early 1860's.

If they had, the people of New Orleans would know that the South lost the Civil War, and that during that war the Emancipation Proclamation was issued.

They would not now be running around with a flag that in the present situation must be assumed to be a pro-slavery emblem.

THE Civil War is over; the American Revolution is over; and the chief difference is that we have never yet seen Englishmen tearing through our streets with the Union Jack, hopped up with the idea that George the Third will yet prevail. The English are credited with being more thorough in their teaching; at any rate, they grew out of their adolescence long ago. Some people in the South could at least make a beginning.

If the New Orleans schools taught history as it now is, there would be no flaunting of a pro-slavery flag. The citizens would know that the ancient source of slaves has been cut off, that the people of the Congo are free to guide their own destinies and to achieve human dignity and equality among the peoples of the world.

True, the Africans begin the task naked and woefully unprepared but we are betting that they will make it. And while the mobs were raging through Leopoldville, we did not see any Africans, adult or teen-aged, inflicting traumatic experiences on little children.

We wish we could say as much for the white citizens of New Orleans.—Archie Binns in The Argus, Seattle.

Rescue the Dunes Plan

The Southern Oregon electorate which rejected Rep. Charles Porter also threw some sand in the eyes of those who favor the Dunes National Seashore plan.

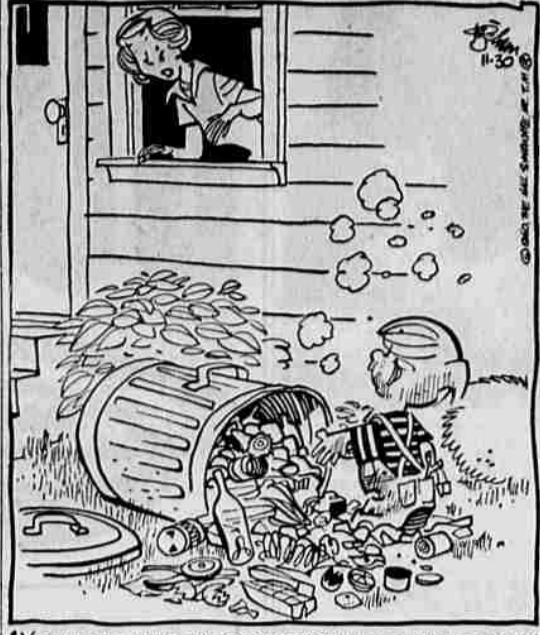
Rep. Porter was one of the proposal's prime movers. His opponent, Dr. Edwin Durno, was highly skeptical of the program, mirroring the foot-dragging which has been done by the Hatfield administration on the issue.

Mrs. Maurine Neuberger favors the seashore, as did her husband who initiated the plan. She will be handicapped in the senate, however, by the opposition of Sen. Wayne Morse to the proposal.

ALTHOUGH the Eisenhower Department of Interior favored the Dunes Seashore, along with several others, we must await the appointment of a new secretary of the interior to determine what priority the Oregon park will have for the next four years.

The Statesman believes such a park would add tremendously to the tourist drawing power of the state. Its advocates and opponents were nearing an area of compromise when the political campaign swept the discussions into a corner. This work should continue, so Oregon can present a united front in support of the park.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Dennis the Menace



"YOU PEOPLE HAVE THE BEST TRASH IN THE WHOLE BLOCK!"

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.

The Seventh Day
To the Editor: Thank you for your very good editorial on Sunday closing. It shows brotherly love and common sense. With interest I read Mr. Bulman's reply. He quotes a portion of Exodus (20:8-11) which calls plainly for the Seventh day. I agree with you, if the stores want to stay open Sunday, the first day of the week, that's their privilege. Working on any of the six work days does not break God's Law. The Bible is very plain on this subject: "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the Seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." (Exodus 20:9,10)

Our Lord was crucified Friday, the preparation day, rested in the sepulchre over the Sabbath in redemption, and the faithful rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment. (Luke 23:54-56) Paul preached to whole Cities on the Sabbath, Jews and Gentiles. (Acts 13:42-44) At Corinth Paul made tents, no doubt six days a week, which would include Sunday, the first day of the week, for the record says he preached every Sabbath to the Jews and Gentiles for 18 months or 78 Sabbaths. This was 53 years A.D. see Acts 18: 1-11. Our Lord made the Sabbath for man, therefore it is the Lord's Day (Mark 2:27,28; Rev. 1:10) He made it at Creation, before sin entered. (Genesis 2:1-3; John 1:1-3,14)

Remember, dear reader, this Sabbath was made out of the Seventh day of creation by the Lord Jesus Himself. The continuity of the week has never been broken. If you wish to worship Sunday, the first day of God's week, that is your privilege. If you wish to work on that day as God did at creation, His Word assures you of no wrong. If you work on the Seventh day of God's creation week, that is still your privilege, but God does not promise such immunity. But it will do you no good to be forced by law to keep God's holy Sabbath. It is the love of God that we keep His commandments (1 John 5:3). Let us keep Church and State separate. Any questions, just write me, Bible answer free. F. E. Beverly 634B Crater Lake ave. Medford

No Spare Parts
To the Editor: The Sunday Mail Tribune carried a front page cartoon which has set some thoughts in motion. The U.S. was pictured as a sick, shaky patient in some sort of doctor's office. President-elect Jack Kennedy was the one shown prescribing the first treatment needed. None can deny that this country, along with the rest of the world, does need a cleansing. Yet here is where we need to do some thinking. Can Mr. Kennedy or Mr. Nixon, if he had got in, change the hearts of the people? True, we need leadership. Sheep without a shepherd find themselves in difficulty. Yet I fear that we expect too much from mere human leaders. Whether we admit it or not all of us, and that takes in everyone from the beginning down to now, were created by God and are equal as far as He is concerned. If it were not for Omnipotent Power from on high none would even take the next breath. Yet so many give God little or none, of the credit due Him.

Our human bodies are in reality the most wonderful act ever devised by infinite wisdom. We are really not our own, but the property of Him who created us. Yet so many of us take less care of ourselves than we do of our automobiles. None would put anything but the recommended fuel in their auto's gas tank. But so many pay no more attention to their own bodies than they would pests in their gardens. Many find too late, on pain-wracked hospital beds, that they should have taken heed earlier. If our bodies are God's workmanship and temple, why do we give so little heed to the common sense instruction He has given?

A friend of mine failed to follow instructions regarding the fuel mixture for his two cycle mower engine. The result was trouble. "Sure," he told me, "I saw the warning sign but didn't think it important."

Motor repair shops have repair parts but where do we get a new set of lungs when ours are smoked up and burned out? Perhaps it would be wise to read the instructions in God's Holy Book. It's for all of us.

Henry Johnson Jr. 2400 Highway 66 Ashland, Ore.

Police Praised
To the Editor: I have sent this letter to Charles Champ-lin, Medford police chief: Dear Sir: It seemed like such a simple request to ask for an escort for our St. Mary's champion football team when they arrived in Medford Sunday afternoon. I didn't realize the number of policemen it required, nor the precision timing and team work involved. I block off the various intersections, so we could have our welcoming parade.

Even though they worked hard and at some risk, the police officers' attitude was one of actually joining the celebration for the team. Many thanks to you and your excellent police force. Arnold Paradis 409 Barnes ave. Medford

Peanut Creek Saga
To the Editor: On my first trip to the Trinity Alps in a 1912 Reo, I ran out of gas and tires in Peanut Creek. It was 5 miles down the creek to the nearest telephone. It was nailed to a pine tree and it wasn't much good, but then, I never saw a pine tree telephone that was. Every time a forest fire burned a fence post or a cow jumped over the telephone wire, it would cause a short or jerk the telephone off the pine tree. The telephone line was a combination telephone line and cow pasture fence. It took me two days to find the darn telephone. I wasn't used to finding telephones on a pine tree and I forgot to look in the yellow pages.

Rock-Bottom, Narrowly Balanced Budget May Be Made by Present Administration

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press International
Washington - (UPI) - Barney Kilgore's well-edited Wall Street Journal speculates that President Ike plans to submit to the new Congress a rock-bottom, narrowly balanced budget and to let President-elect Kennedy take it from there.

Take it where? That is the obvious question, and it is a good question, too. The questions of budget balancing, inflation, taxation and deficit spending should have been bigger and better policy issues in the presidential campaign that they ever came to be.

The Eisenhower plan to submit balanced budget proposals to the new Congress in January reflects more than his own pride in his administration's success in abruptly slowing the process of currency inflation or the rotting of the dollar has the same effect on the value of money as cancer has on human tissue. Cancer of the dollar, as cancer of the human body, is all too likely to be fatal.

What the Eisenhower administration is up to with its plan for a balanced budget is to put President-elect Kennedy's feet to the fire. The President wanted some answers to some questions he asked in a Philadelphia campaign speech on Oct. 28.

Political buffs hereabouts who favored the Republican cause rated that speech the best of the campaign by anyone. Uniformly, they all hoped Vice President Richard M. Nixon would study that speech carefully and go forth and do likewise. Much of the speech, of course, merely was a defense of the Eisenhower administration record.

President Ike got on the offensive when he discussed Democratic presidential platform promises and candidate Kennedy's support of them. To his Philadelphia audience, the President said: "If these promises should be carried out, the impact on our economic position - and on the free world - could be catastrophic. Very quickly, confidence in our dollar could be impaired."

"This places an immediate obligation on the political leaders who support that platform. That obligation is to spell out, specifically, in dollars and cents, how they would pay for the many billions of additional federal spending pledged by that platform."

"If they would pay for these lavish programs by raising taxes, let them say so. If they would cut going programs of the government, let them specify what they are. But, if they would pay for these programs by deficit spending, raising the debt of our children and grandchildren, and thereby debase our currency, let them say so."

It will be Kennedy's job as president to accept or to revise the budget which President Eisenhower will send to Congress shortly before the inauguration. The answers on new taxes and/or deficit spending must come then.

Revolutionary Tactics Seen by Latins Unless Standards Raised

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
The road from Caracas airport slants upward until it meets a tunnel through the Venezuelan coastal range which cuts off Caracas from the Caribbean. On the Caracas side, huts cling to the mountain sides, finally PHIL NEWSOM giving way to off-white and cream colored buildings on the outskirts of Caracas itself.

It was here two years ago that anti-U. S. demonstrators surged down the mountain-side to the broad highway and set upon the automobile caravan carrying Vice President Richard Nixon and Mrs. Nixon into Caracas on an official visit.

It was here, too, this week that other demonstrators sought to overthrow the government of Venezuelan President Romulo Betancourt.

The jobless who shanties spread across the mountains surrounding Caracas were not the only centers of anti-government demonstrations. The skyscraper University of Caracas was another.

For here, encouraged by a hard core of leftist instructors, many students look to the same sort of leadership that established Fidel Castro in power in Cuba.

Preceding the outbreak in Caracas had been abortive revolutionary attempts in Guatemala and Nicaragua, a successful coup in El Salvador and guerrilla fighting in Costa Rica.

By chance or not, they accompanied that period in the United States when President Eisenhower waits to hand over the reins of government to John F. Kennedy. They also accompanied a period of indecision within the Organization of American States wherein, no matter what their sympathies, other Latin American nations still are unwilling to move openly against either Castro or his Communist helpers.

Betancourt, under constant attack from the left ever since he took office, still has the strong support of the Venezuelan army and at least lip service from other political parties.

So long as he retains the loyalty of the army, his office remains reasonably secure. Warning From Brazil

But the attack upon him, as well as upon the governments of Central America, brings into strong belief the recent warning of Brazilian President Juscelino Kubitschek that Latin American peoples may well turn to revolutionary tactics unless something is done about their living standards.

So you see that your assumption that my family and I are outlaws, or are contemptuous of the processes of law are not founded in fact. When there is a slight of hand performance or an off side play in so far as law enforcement is concerned, it behooves each of us to inquire why.

Which is our right in this wonderful country of ours. Yes again I say, quite an example.

Larry Turner, Route 1, Box 383, Central Point, Ore.

Who Are They?
To the Editor: Yes, let us look down with disdain on the readers of obscene trash. But who are they?

And since the authors, publishers and booksellers are so innocent, they can go right on making money. That is the way to do things, isn't it? Let the big ones slip by and snare onto some little one for a "scapegoat." But the readers, no doubt mostly the young, can pay the price.

Seems to me young folks, seeing books on a shelf or on a magazine rack, would tend to feel they are all right or they wouldn't be there, because "good grown up folks" wouldn't allow them to be there.

Which reminds me, 30 years ago you could buy the Daily Worker on about every street corner, and young folks were curious, because young folks want to know what everything is about. Also communists were "stump speechin'" in the parks. It isn't strange at all that someone like Mr. Mackie and Mr. MacKay would get carried away somewhat. Times were bad and people listened to everything.

Then there was George Bernard Shaw's article in a prominent magazine, "Go to Russia Young Man." It was quite interesting, what with the big pay skilled laborers were getting.

I see now (read some place) there is a school being set up to teach young folks what communism really is. So after all the shouting "America

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's talk today in this space about an interesting man and his very, very interesting-and IMPORTANT-job.

The man is Sam Brown-rather widely known in the area where this is written as Safety Sam.

His job is field representative of the Oregon State Industrial Accident Commission. His business is to prevent accidents - especially CRIPPLING accidents-in industrial establishments.

SAM dropped in the other morning to call attention to a meeting to be held in his area. Present at the meeting will be representatives of the industrial accident commission. The purpose will be to talk over the problem of industrial accidents and how to prevent them, and to explain the workings of the commission's safety campaign.

He made it clear that he will be immensely pleased if there is a large attendance of industrial workers and industry managers.

SAM has been working at his job for 19 years. How he got started at it is an interesting story. He has a crippled right hand. All the fingers are gone, leaving only the thumb, which he uses as an index finger to emphasize his points.

How did it happen? He was working on a planer, whose sharp knives were insufficiently covered. He was using a wrench to make a needed adjustment. The wrench itself was in imperfect working condition, the jaws being incapable of perfect adjustment.

The wrench slipped, throwing his right hand into the whirling knives.

TRAGIC? If you have any doubts about that, try to imagine yourself with no fingers on your right hand.

The interesting point in Sam's case is that he used his misfortune to make himself MORE EFFECTIVE in a new job. He uses his crippled hand as an illustration of the extreme importance of safety measures in industrial plants.

He says it helps immensely. SAM loves his job. And, he adds, it has its compensations-BIG compensations.

He goes on to say: "In the last five years, I haven't lost a logger in my whole area." His eyes shine as he says it. They have reason to shine. Because of his diligence in seeing to it that protective measures are taken, there isn't in his whole area, within the past five years, a logger's wife who has been LEFT A WIDOW as a result of negligence that could have been prevented.

Oregon Highways Said Free of Snow
Salem - (UPI) - The State Highway Department said Oregon routes were free of snow today but icy spots were reported at most mountain pass routes and in several locations of Eastern Oregon.

Wake Up? maybe we are waking up and find if we don't teach young folks our way, they will pick their way from magazine racks and news stands.

Can we go on forever-not talk, no see, no hear? And who said "Am I my brother's keeper?" But Cain, after he had killed his brother?

Thelma Glad, 1427 Lawnridge, Medford.

Try and Stop Me
By BENNETT CERF

DR. RICHARD VAN GELDER of the Museum of Natural History in New York is authority for the pronouncement that skunks are just as unpopular with other skunks as they are with human beings. He bases his theory on three demonstrable points:

1. Skunks avoid splattering their distinctive scents on themselves.

2. They never use the weapon against each other.

3. They fire at an enemy only as a last resort. The skunk's unflinching warning never fails to stop other animals in their tracks. "Even grizzly bears," asserts Dr. Van Gelder, "have been known to beat a precipitate retreat when that tail goes up."

A dachshund was waddling down the middle of a country road when a small foreign automobile scared it half to death. "What on earth are you?" gasped the dachshund. "An automobile," was the answer.

"Hmph," barked the dachshund (try barking a "Hmph" yourself some-time). "Then I'm a HORSE."

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