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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
Dec. 19, 1959 (Tuesday)

Mayor Diamond L. Flynn today requested that Medford citizens make their feelings known on the proposed reactivation of Camp White as an Army training installation.

Preparatory work for construction of the Jackson st. bridge was begun today by the contractor, C. E. Blakely company, Klamath Falls.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 19, 1940 (Thursday)

The Medford Corporation plant will shut down on Christmas day only and resume operation the following day; it is the shortest Yule lay-off in the mill's history.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "A two weeks vacation starts in the schools tomorrow. The fancy auto horn that hoots at every pedestrian, phone pole, dog, cat, rose bush, fire hydrant, approaching and passing autos, and because there is nothing else to do, also needs a rest."

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 19, 1930 (Friday)

Only local labor will be used to construct the several new school buildings planned in the city.

Earl C. Gaddis has retired from the city water board.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 19, 1920 (Saturday)

A movement has started to tear down the old shacks along Pacific highway.

Medford will meet Eureka next week in the first game of the season.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 19, 1910 (Monday)

The assessed valuation of the Central Point school district, not counting railroad properties, is $1,100,000.

A Burton, England, minister arrived in Medford today and said he represents a large group of Englishmen who seek to establish a religious colony somewhere and are looking at the Rogue valley as a possible site.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Is a student graduated by, or from, a college?
2. Which book in the O. T. tells of Solomon and the Shulamite maid?
3. Where did Peter Pumpkin Eater keep his wife?
4. Correct the following: "The young couple got married."
5. The name Miami is of Spanish, French, of American derivation?
6. Who wrote "Sonnets from the Portuguese"?
7. Do the Hawaiian Islands lie closer to the Japanese or U.S. mainland?
8. Within the boundaries of which three States does Yellowstone Park lie?
9. What is a "bon vivant"?
10. What quality in wine is described by the adjective "dry"?

Answers: 1. By. 2. The Song of Solomon (Canticles). 3. In a pumpkin shell. 4. "The young couple married." 5. No. (Amerindian) 6. Elizabeth Barrett Browning. 7. U. S. mainland. 8. Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. 9. One who enjoys good eating and good living. 10. Non sweet.

What Poverty Can Do

"How many Cubas do you need before you realize what poverty can do?" asked Paul G. Hoffman, director of the United Nations Special Fund, in an address last week.

Tensions rising throughout the world must be channeled constructively against the illiteracy, poverty and chronic ill health existing among almost two-thirds of the people of the world, Hoffman said. Utilize fully their physical and human resources and the personal incomes of the people of the world will increase 25 per cent in this decade and remove most of the causes of unrest. It now grows at the rate of one per cent a year. He added:

> "We have to quit thinking of assistance as charity. The United States government has no right to take tax money and devote it to charity. It must be used in the national interest and the national interest depends upon full development of all the world and its people."

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HOFFMAN wants the United States attitude to move away from the concept of economic assistance as an instrument of the cold war and to assume that the war is against poverty, illiteracy and illness, not against communism.

The two are one and the same. For communism uses poverty, illiteracy and illness to conquer nations, as in Cuba, to establish a base for new aggressions. Reduce poverty, illiteracy and illness and you reduce opportunities for communism to spread and overwhelm us.

But we must never lose sight of the fact that the ultimate goal is a free world.—Corvallis Gazette Times.

Oil Exploration

Humble, an oil company which recently abandoned a hole drilled 12,093 feet into the old volcanics northwest of Lakeview, is to make another try to find oil in Lake County's land of tilted mountains and old lakes.

A new hole will be drilled not far from Goose Lake, about four miles south of Lakeview.

What is Humble's interest in this same area, after pulling tools out of the deep hole northwest of Lakeview? . . .

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HERE, apparently, is the story of the decision to drill at Goose Lake:

For many years there has been a gas well in that area, where a rancher in earlier years attempted to tap water. The gas actually burns, and has been known to flame seasonally until drowned by heavy rains.

It was presumed that the gas coming from the old well was of the methane type. This is the so-called swamp gas, quite common in old lake bed areas. Recent tests have revealed that there is more than methane coming from the old hole.

Mixed with methane are other gases, some of the types associated with oil.

Humble apparently has decided to try to find the source of the gas that has been bubbling from the Goose Lake well these many years.—Bend Bulletin.

Roll Call for Electors

"The first Monday after the second Wednesday in December" is the date fixed by law for presidential electors to meet and cast their ballots in the various states.

This election year the date falls on Monday, Dec. 19, and after that date, the men receiving a majority of the electoral ballots are officially recognized as the President-elect and the Vice President-elect. This is true even though the ballots are not counted in Congress until Jan. 6, two weeks before the new President's term begins.

Ordinarily, these state ceremonies rate little attention. But the thin margin of victory on Nov. 8 for John F. Kennedy added spice to the meeting of electors this year.

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MOREOVER, Kennedy probably will be denied Mississippi's eight electoral votes and six of the 11 in Alabama. Those are the votes of unpledged elector candidates who won.

President-designate Kennedy should receive a total of 300 or 303 electoral votes from the various states, with 269 necessary for a majority.

The nagging uncertainties surrounding the electoral college system this year have revived support for reform. But the divergence of opinion on exactly what form the change should take is so great that early action by Congress can be all but ruled out.—E.R.R.

The Birth?

Some say the Birth of Christ could not have been in December. Shepherds would not have had flocks in the hills in Judea's winter, and travel, which supplies much of the background of the Christmas story, would have been difficult. The Gospels give no clue to the actual date of Christ's birth, and early historians were not scrupulous about this sort of detail.

He could hardly have been born, for that matter, in 1 A.D., as the present calendar would indicate. Herod the Great, who ordered the slaying of infants under the age of two in Bethlehem in order to kill the Christ Child, died in 4 B.C. Moreover, Herod heard of Him only when the Wise Men—there may have been three or there may have been as many as a dozen—arrived from the East (Persia or Chaldea), and that entailed a camel journey of 1000 to 2000 miles. "The National Catholic Almanac" (1956) places the Adoration of the Magi in 5 B.C.; the Birth of Christ two years earlier.—E.R.R.

Dennis the Menace

"'TIS THE SEASON TO SPEND MONEY, TRA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA!...."

Question of Hard vs. Soft Money Under Kennedy Presidency Still Unanswered

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington – (UPI) – There just could be a tack in the chair when Secreary-designate C. Douglas Dillon sits down next month in the Treasury Department.

Wilson

Dillon is to be the No. 1 money man in an administration whose money policies as of now are more vague than definite. Perhaps Dillon obtained from President-elect John F. Kennedy a firm money policy statement before accepting the treasury.

If so, Dillon knows much more than do the voters about Kennedy's fiscal intentions. The voters do not know, for example, whether Kennedy will conduct the nation's money business in a manner to protect the U.S. dollar from further rotting inflation or permit that destructive process to resume.

Such a tack in his chair probably would drive Dillon out of it. Dillon is billed as and qualifies as a Republican. He is not, however, and never was, an organization party man. More precisely, Dillon should be described as a banker, international and domestic.

Uneasy Seat

His position in the cabinet could become uncomfortable if Kennedy's proves to be a soft money administration. No president, of course, deliberately would adopt policies destructive of the nation's money. Franklin D. Roosevelt was a hard-money man who entered the White House pledged to reduce government expenses by 25 per cent. Events overwhelmed FDR, of whom it has been said he didn't quite understand the theory of money, anyway.

Roosevelt's economy program faded away by the third month of his first term and before that term ended, he had taken the United States off the gold standard. Whatever Kennedy's fiscal ideas may be as of now, events and pressures may change them. He will be a labor-oriented president committed basically to the have-nots, and, further, committed by the Democratic platform to big time spending.

The Have-Nots

The most numerous have-not element in the United States is composed of Negroes. The most effective big time spending pressure is generated by Big Labor.

Kennedy is heavily mortgaged to Big Labor and to Negroes. They put much of the muscle into his bid for the White House.

Perhaps Dillon asked Kennedy whether he would attempt to influence the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) to reduce interest rates, or for any other purpose. Kennedy was asked that (by the Scripps-Howard newspapers) during the campaign. His answer seemed to add up to: Maybe. Harry S. Truman tried that. HST was a soft money man; had an "easy money bias;" the FRB beat down and condemned Truman's move as an effort to make the reserve system a dollar-destructive engine of inflation.

Republicans uttered plenty, but not all, of the campaign fears about the safety of the dollar under Kennedy. On Oct. 27, 1960, the New York Times endorsed Kennedy for president, but with a notable qualification.

"We must state frankly," said the Times editorial endorsement, "that there is one aspect of the Democratic campaign which gives us concern. This relates to the question of fiscal policy."

Kennedy didn't like that. He confided to friends that he believed he knew the identity of the Times man who caused it to be written.

...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.

Disgraceful

To the Editor: Who done it?

The party or parties who smeared paint on the statue in our city park across from the Medford hotel at West Main and Holly sts. should be punished to the limit.

I think it is the most disgraceful thing I have ever seen. Whether they are grown ups or teenage brats, to think they would stoop so low as to do such a malicious and destrutive thing. Then to top that off, someone, perhaps the same party, smeared the same color paint all over our neighbor's porch number and steps.

I go through the park when I do my shopping and it always looks so nice, and in the summer, I go up there quite often to sit and enjoy meeting other friends there too.

They say, "Keep Medford Beautiful." Well, how can we, when something like this happens?

It sure must be a sorry sight for visitors to see when they visit our city park.

It must give people a nice impression of some of the brats that run around the streets at all hours of the day and nights.

Whoever did this must be real proud of themselves. It sure is a nice thing to look at especially during the Christmas season. It sure is a disgrace to the community and whoever did it should be made to clean it up at their own expense and time.

Boy, would I like to catch the one or ones that are doing these destructive things. I would sure try to teach them a lesson to remember, that their parents forget to teach them. Kids nowadays have too much freedom for their own good. Or is it the parents who are at fault?

Whoever did this awful thing sure is a disgrace to our community.

(Name on file)
Medford.

Correcting the Record

To the Editor: This will acknowledge with thanks the notice in Thursday's Mail Tribune regarding my winning the first place award in the Oregon-Washington contest of National Housewares Festival held last October.

To set the record straight, Acme Hardware Co. won the award and I merely accepted it on behalf of the company and staff. The overwhelming success of the promotion, as conceived and carried out thematically, was the result of a combined effort on the part of Mrs. Manno, Mrs. Emma Johnson and Mr. Mike Altobello. Also sharing in the honors should be the advertising display department of the Mail Tribune and copy writers of radio stations KMED and KBOY.

Needless to say, we are thrilled at having won, considering that the contest was open to 485 Independent Retail Hardware association member stores located in nearly every city, town and hamlet in the states of Oregon and Washington.

Tony Manno,
Acme Hardware Co.
Medford.

TB Workers

To the Editor: The Jackson County TB and Health association wishes to thank the women of Medford and Phoenix for their volunteer work in getting mailing lists, typing and labeling done for the 1960 Christmas Seal campaign.

The stuffing and sealing was done by the 50 Plus club. The sorting and bundling was done by Girl Scout Troops 22, 192, 84 and 181.

Mrs. Bonnie Brindley of Barry and Brindley Business Service folded 16,000 of the Christmas Seal letters.

The 1960 Christmas Seal campaign could not have been conducted so successfully without the help of all these people.

Again our sincere thanks to all of them and best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Irean Grigsby
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Dirt—Hands or Mind?

To the Editor: It looks as if in addition to Communism we are also being threatened with Vile Domination, or at least dictation, from Hindus; or are there other countries that consider the cow sacred?

It also looks as if a person doesn't need to be informed on any subject to be a critic, as long as he is a majority unto himself and was born in the good old U.S.A.

I have read some place that a belief in God and the Bible brings peace of mind and a benevolent attitude toward ALL men; so I can't help but feel that some are being shortchanged.

How easy it is to assume that anyone who doesn't share the same misconceptions and delusions as ourselves are Communists or Dirty Somethings or Other at least. And certainly weren't born in this fair land of ours that has never yet produced a wrong thinking man.

I'm sure that a check on the members of the Civil Liberties Union would show a diversified group of individuals whose common bond is a belief in and a rare concern for the Constitutional rights of all men.

By the way, this is written by an atheist who is certainly dirty most every day; dirt acquired from working – it is on my hands where it washes off, not in the mind.

David L. Harris
Route 1, Box 421
Talent, Ore.

World Getting Better?

To the Editor: Is the world growing better?

It is generally agreed that by the end of this century China will have a population of 1,000,000,000 people. Will this be good for China, for the United States, or for Russia? The last named country, in my opinion, will have the most to worry about. Let her worry.

Will there be a conflict between races? With the emergence of the black race in Africa, held down for centuries, the issue of school integration in this country could become of vital importance. Maybe more education for both black and white segments of our population is essential.

I don't pretend to know the answers to anything! I am just wondering.

David Frisch
P. O. Box 292
White City, Ore.

Hospital Praised

To the Editor: I have just returned to my home here in Klamath Falls after having been a patient in Sacred Heart hospital for two weeks, where I have had the most wonderful care and consideration shown me by the Sisters and all the staff I have come in contact with at Sacred Heart.

The people of Medford are very fortunate to have such a fine medical center and hospitals to serve their needs.

Again thank you one and all at Sacred Heart.

Mrs. A. Norman
2120 Holabird st.
Klamath Falls, Ore.

Cards for Patrick

To the Editor: Patrick is a 5½ year old boy, critically ill with acute leukemia. He is calling for Christmas cards. So, good people of Medford and vicinity, please send him a Christmas card. It will be his last Christmas.

Send to this address:
Patrick
Providence Hospital
Pediatric Dept.
Portland, Ore.

Thank you.
Lillian Green
2411 Sunset court
Medford

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Some interesting figures:

In the Oregon deer season just closed, hunters started 254 forest fires which burned 1,200 acres of prime timber land.

Hunters left 414 unattended warm-up fires on federal lands and nearly 100 on state and private lands. A warm-up fire is started to get the hunter warm after a chilly morning. When left burning, a vagrant breeze could blow it up into a holocaust.

Of the 254 forest fires that were started by hunters in the season recently closed, 162 were reported by U. S. Forest Service fire officials, and 92 were reported by officials of the Oregon State Forestry Department.

THESE figures are startling enough by themselves. When they are compared with the record of the year before they are even more startling.

For example:

Hunter-caused fires reported this year by Forest Service officials totaled 162. This compares with 66 last year. Those reported by Oregon State Forestry Department officials came to a total this year of 92. This compares with only 35 reported in the previous year.

Which is to say:

Hunter carelessness with fire is INCREASING. The total this year was TWO AND A HALF TIMES last year's total.

THESE figures are reported by Arthur Priaulx, president of the Keep Oregon Green association – who adds, after reporting them, that Oregon hunters may be BURNING THEMSELVES OUT OF THE FORESTS.

What he means is that if this carelessness with fire continues and goes on INCREASING hunters may be barred out of the woods. Or, at the very least, they may find themselves compelled to pay fabulously high prices for a hunting license. He says:

"The increasing vandalism and damage from forest fires started by hunters is a public disgrace. There is need for vastly increased patrol of forest lands during the hunting season. The cost of this patrolling SHOULD BE BORNE BY THE HUNTERS, for they get free use of forest lands on which owners pay taxes."

About the only way to make the hunters bear the cost of patrolling would be to increase SHARPLY the price of licenses.

WHAT to do about it?

Mr. Priaulx offers this suggestion:

"We need a CODE OF ETHICS for hunters, an honor system which other hunters will enforce. The alternative is closure of more and more lands to hunting. We cannot continue to jeopardize our state's vast forest wealth by keeping these lands open to capricious and sometimes malicious people who call themselves hunters and sportsmen."

IT IS an interesting thought.

If all the hunters who are true sportsmen would combine against those who are ANYTHING ELSE BUT true sportsmen, something might be done to curb this growing carelessness and vandalism.

Foreign Desk: New Cardinals; Khrushchev Berlin Strategy

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

From the foreign news cables:

New Cardinals

Pope John's announcement of the appointment of four new cardinals raises the complement of the Roman Catholic Church's "senate" to 86, and church sources say he intends to raise the number to 100 or more. Of the four new cardinals, only one was Italian. There are now 32 Italians in the College of Cardinals where their numerical strength has been diminishing steadily for the last 10 years. The question now is: Will the next Pope be a non-Italian? The last non-Italian Pope was Pope Adrian VI of Utrecht, Holland, who reigned from 1522 until 1523.

Newsom

Khrushchev Strategy

NATO sources meeting in Paris believe the first international test of President-elect John F. Kennedy's administration may come over the Berlin issue, with Nikita Khrushchev attempting either to force a new East-West summit meeting before the Kennedy regime is properly on its feet or carrying out his threat to sign a separate treaty with Communist East Germany. The Russians might also use Berlin to divert attention from Laos where they may be on the point of deciding the future of Southeast Asia.

More Algerian Troubles

Look for more trouble from the Moslems in Algeria before the year is out. Word is that the response of the city-based Arabs who stitched together rebel flags and demonstrated for hours under the guns of the French army, suprised even the National Liberation Front (FLN) command in Tunis, which now will try to exploit it. In Paris, there is talk that President De Gaulle may have in mind some startling gesture to win back support of the mass of Moslems after the recent rioting. One such gesture might be to declare a one-sided truce in Algeria, regardless of rebel action. De Gaulle is reported still convinced he will win by a big majority the referendum he has called for Jan. 8 for French voters to record their approval of his plan for a semi-independent Algeria.

Communist Troubles

The Communists are worried by growing demands among East German workers for a five-day week. Brief strikes have been held at some Soviet zone factories to protest the long work week.

Rob Peter To Pay Paul

Latin Americans are eagle-eyeing the U.S.-West German talks looking toward a correction in the outflow of U.S. gold resources. The Latin Americans fear that increased exports of U.S. agricultural goods to West Germany will hurt their own export sales and they have expressed the fear that they will receive no benefit from stepped up German foreign aid.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

POLITICAL REALISM

Washington – (UPI) – President-elect Kennedy is building his foreign policy base with first attention not to those lofty blueprints so appealing to the theoretician. Rather, he is giving top priority to the homely realities in the Congress of the United States.

White

The strategy he has chosen is that of a man who is first and foremost a professional politician. His basic assumption is that in foreign affairs it will do little good to prepare splendid programs simply wowing the experts all the way from United Nations, N. Y., to New Delhi if you don't first capture Pocatello and Paducah.

Kennedy, in a word, is building his fences with Congress – the graveyard of so many fine foreign policy designs – before trying to remake the world.

This is the real motive behind his choice of Dean Rusk to be Secretary of State. Rusk comes in not because of his long professional experience and high expertness in diplomacy. He comes in, really, because he has an even more useful quality: the ability to get along with Congress, to be adequately tough without at the same time opening hostilities between the White House and Capitol Hill.

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IN THE circumstances he became an almost-inevitable choice – in the affirmative way because of his own qualifications; in the negative way because either Adlai E. Stevenson or Chester Bowles, his rivals for the post, would have been in trouble with Congress from the start.

In the months immediately ahead, the capacity to "get along on Capitol Hill" will be seen to be of matchless value. For it is no good blinking the fact that in Congress are moving two erosive currents of great potential danger to the whole understructure of our permanent and fundamental world policies.

There is growing disenchantment with large continuing outlays for foreign aid, especially at a time when too many American dollars are already held abroad. This is significantly observable even in such a key figure as the coming new Democratic leader of the Senate, Mike Mansfield of Montana.

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AND there is a slow, not fully conscious but nevertheless perceptible–and alarming – tendency to draw a bit away from our traditional allies in the West. This is partly because of the frictions inherent in the relationship. But it is partly because of an evangelical and emotional preoccupation among many with the so-called "emerging lands" in Africa and Asia.

Now, Mr. Kennedy himself is "pro-African and pro-Asian," as the current expression goes. He has, however, no smallest intention of becoming President to preside over the liquidation of the Western Alliance. He wants to be friendly with and encouraging to the new, neutralist countries. But he has, all the same, no difficulty whatever in grasping the realities of American domestic political power.

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IT IS at this vital point – the necessity to be "forward-looking" toward the new world abuilding without letting down the old world of our alliance – that Rusk will be indispensable. For he is at heart a foreign policy conservative, in the sense that he believes in power as well as in good intentions.

And, even more important, Congress knows Rusk, and so Congress knows this – or, rather, that responsible part of Congress which also believes in power. This part of Congress must in the end be depended upon to keep the new foreign policy missionary types from running off in so madly glowing a friendship with the neutralists as to risk the loss of allies having nasty but useful things like fleets and aircraft and divisions of troops.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A FAMOUS POLLSTER recently sent telegrams to a hundred of the country's leading industrialists requesting a 300-word summary on what business was likely to do in the next eight months. In transit one of the wires was garbled, and the recipient was asked to give his summary in THREE words.

He complied manfully, though his effort caused some consternation in the pollster's office before he figured out what had taken place. The three-word wire read: "Go to hell."

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A lady author recently moved into what is probably the tiniest house in Greenwich Village. She has to put her elbow out of the window to get a dress on properly. Her publisher has given her the perfect name for this beautiful mansion: "Writer's Cramp."

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Herb Stein spotted this sign in a bar in California: "If you drink to forget, please pay in advance." Herb also tells about the cannibals who captured a ship-wrecked Irish cabin boy. Made a fine broth of a lad.

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