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Flight of Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 10, 1951 (Wednesday) A group of Dallas residents today voiced opposition to reactivation of the Camp Adair area for military or defense purposes.

20 YEARS AGO

Jan. 10, 1931 (Friday) From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "All over Oregon district attorneys are coming out against drunk drivers as a menace to society and phone poles."

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 10, 1931 (Friday) The cost of smudge oil, prohibitively high in recent months, has decreased to the level of previous years.

40 YEARS AGO

Jan. 10, 1921 (Monday) Governor Olcott, in his address to the state legislature, has asked that ex-soldiers be given a \$25 a month bonus by the state.

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 10, 1911 (Tuesday) With two-thirds of the total city vote in and counted, there is little doubt that Mayor W. H. Canon has won reelection by a landslide.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. A man who has two wives at one time is a bigamist; what is a woman in the same situation called?
2. What was Moses' occupation?
3. With what industry was Joseph Pulitzer connected?
4. The head of which European government bears the title of Caudillo?
5. Is pure air visible to the naked eye?
6. Are the young beavers known as pups, calves, or kits?
7. For what food product is the village of Cheddar in England famous?
8. What is the N. M. U.?
9. The 'psycho' scandal is being investigated and prosecuted by what Federal Executive Agency?
10. The Transvaal is a province of which country?
Answers: 1. A bigamist, 2. Sheep-tender, 3. Newspaper, 4. Francisco Franco of Spain, 5. No, 6. Kits, 7. Cheese, 8. National Maritime Union, 9. Federal Trade Commission, 10. Union of South Africa.

SAME OLD CHARGE

Los Angeles - Seaman Emery Newbern, who has battled on his own behalf against more than 200 drunk arrests, failed to show up Monday to argue his drunk appeal case at the opening of the State Supreme Court.

The Crowd at the Lake

"I told you so..." is a horrid phrase. But... For about five years now, we've been warning the county court (and other agencies, too) that outdoor recreation is getting to be one of the major pursuits of people these days, and that they'd better get ready for the coming deluge. The deluge is here already.

IT IS receiving somewhat belated recognition by many, including the Oregon parks division (which is doing a first class job within its limitations), the U.S. forest service, and the bureau of reclamation (which only recently received the authority to do very much along these lines).

The county court is, at long last, doing something, too - although it had to be dragged, screaming and kicking, every inch of the way. And it is apparent that it still has an utterly inadequate comprehension of the magnitude of the job to be done, if Jackson county people and (just as important) their tourists guests, are to be accommodated.

THIS is evident from what happened at Howard Prairie Lake last Sunday.

There were a couple of small stories in the Mail Tribune to the effect that the north part of the lake was frozen over solidly enough to be safe for ice skating, and that rudimentary facilities would be available.

The response on Sunday was fantastic.

A crowd, estimated at more than 1,000 people throughout the day, showed up. Old people, young people, entire families with babes in arms and dogs - out they came.

Skates and sleds and toboggans and garbage can lids - all were employed in joining the fun.

OBVIOUSLY, some of this was due to the novelty of the thing.

But just as obviously much of it - most of it, very likely - simply represented the desire of people for outdoor recreation.

The wind was blowing, and it was sub-freezing weather. But still they came, and still they stayed and had fun. One observer commented:

"There were babies and kids and dogs, and the kids were muddy and cold, and the babies were crying, and the dogs were barking. But it seemed that every one else had a big grin."

CONDITIONS, truthfully, were not ideal.

First of all there were many times the number of people there that anyone could have expected. But the exposed lake-bottom was pretty well frozen, and fortunately served as an impromptu parking area.

And, while the road down to the lake was negotiable by a careful driver, it got pretty hectic when everyone tried to leave at once. Many cars had to be pulled and hauled to get up the slope.

Sanitary facilities were utterly inadequate. A few fires - some of them in dangerous spots - were the only amenities available.

BUT these deficiencies were excusable, because the crowd far exceeded expectations.

What, we ask, is going to happen on opening day of fishing season? And thereafter?

The regular parking area (a nice one) wouldn't have held all the cars at the lake Sunday. What will happen when it isn't a cold day early in January, and twice that many people show up?

How are the thousands upon thousands of people who are going to arrive at the lake going to be accommodated this summer?

They'll be there. You can bet on that. And if there are not enough accommodations, they'll make their own, to the vast detriment of the area and the convenience and safety of everyone. - E.A.

High Standards

According to all the information we can glean from Salem news dispatches, the 51st legislative assembly, which convened yesterday, should be one of the most experienced and best prepared in history.

And it also appears that much of the latter is due to the influence of Bob Duncan of Medford, who is the first two-term speaker of the house of representatives in Oregon's history.

He has taken advantage of his experience of two years ago, organized the house carefully, and set up some, and cooperated with other, pre-legislative training sessions.

WILL this mean that the legislature will wind up its chores in record time and go home? Not necessarily. There are many factors which indicate it will be a long, hard session.

There are some tough problems, there is bound to be partisan in-fighting, and there are many conflicting ambitions and plans.

One indication is in the flood of reports from interim committees and state departments, which have been trickling in for the past several months, reaching flood-tide yesterday.

BUT this much should be said at the outset, and remembered by those who are inclined to be critical of the legislature (something which is not unknown in this column, incidentally).

The leaders of government in Oregon are, by and large, a group of high-minded, sincere and honest men, dedicated to giving Oregon the best and most economical government possible.

Where the differences and arguments will arise is in methods, not on ends. And it will be a rare fight indeed this year that will not be motivated by high principle - on both sides. - E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"HE WANTED TO KNOW IF WE PUT HOT WATER OR COLD WATER IN THE BIRD BATH."

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.

Rush, Rush, Rush

To the Editor: Now the year-end holidays are over, and the fact that the terrible toll of highway accidents was not quite as high as predicted is slightly encouraging.

However we might stop and ponder the causes: according to a late report, intoxicating beverages figure in about 50 per cent of auto accidents. The same report also stated that tranquilizers were causing a great many accidents.

Then there is speed which we accentuate in the air, on the water, plus all kinds of races on the land-speed gets in the blood and becomes a nervous habit that must be synchronized with the driver so that he may be at ease.

Then there are the late starters for their destinations; also the commercial driver who speeds in order to increase the old pay check. Lastly the lack of uniformity of highway construction, markings and warning signs.

The ultimate result of all this rushing pell-mell every place adds to our otherwise hectic life, and nervous tension which creates many health problems - if we live long enough to experience them!

Gene Malby, 4069 South Pacific Highway, Medford

Christ's "Sin"

To the Editor: In regard to Mr. Clifford's communication, "Tree Burning." Quoting Mr. Clifford, "... in obvious offering to Him who did choose to die on the age old cross of those times, for His 'sin' in defense of His faith and teachings and salvation of all mankind as He envisioned it."

With all regard to Mr. Clifford's belief and faith, I find that he has made a grave error, in that he said Jesus sinned.

Quoting "Pilate" before Jesus was crucified, "Ye have brought this man unto me, and one that perverteth the people; and behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him."

From the beginning of time an offering to God for sin were certain animals without spot or blemish.

If Christ sinned, he would have been with spot and blemish, and could not have offered himself for "our sins."

A man that commits one sin is as guilty as he who commits all sins. Is Jesus sinned, how is it you have hope, and what good is your faith, for who shall deliver you?

T. M. Sletten, Route 1, Box 224, Rogue River, Ore.

Editor's note: In Mr. Clifford's letter the word "sin" was in quotation marks, indicating it was used, not as a description of what happened, but to indicate the fact that He had been accused.

A Contrast

To the Editor: It has been reported that Sir Alec Guinness, Oscar winning British actor, received an offer of \$1,400,000 from a United States beer company to advertise their product. He was to appear on a TV show holding a glass of beer in his hand and praising its virtues. He turned down the offer, saying that if he did that he would despise himself.

What a contrast to a patriotic young American politician who will soon have made his way to the White House on a pathway paved with liquor dollars. Now we are told a part of his inaugural program will be sponsored by a beer company.

He will take an oath on the Holy Bible to uphold, support and defend the Constitution of the United States, which purports to uphold before the world the ideals of "Freedom under God." There will be a grand ball where no doubt a variety of liquors will flow freely.

I have no respect whatever for the brazen murdering hypocrite who calls himself premier of all the Russias, but tell me, kind sir, how can Washington, D.C., call Moscow hypocrite? How can we sing, "God Bless America" until we fall on our knees and cry, "God forgive America"?

Selected One evening in October, when I was far from sober, and lugging home a load with manly pride, My feet began to stutter, I lay down in the gutter, A pig came up and lay down by my side, I warbled, "It's fair weather, when good fellows get together"; A lady passing by was heard to say, "You can tell the one who boozes by the company he chooses." The pig got up and slowly walked away. (Author unknown) L. G. Weaver, 106 South Ivy St., Medford.

A Word of Dissuasion

To the Editor: Through your editorial of 1-9-61, you have robbed the word truth of any meaning whatsoever. Before you become carried away with hysteria created by your distinguished men whose influential names swell the petition to eliminate the HCUA, discipline yourself to answer some vitally glaring questions: Why is the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities also number one on the list of Communists "musts" for 1961?

Why have so many influential lawyers, bankers, scientists, etc., refused to have anything to do with such folly? Why has an extremely liberal Congress refused all these years to rid themselves of the protection afforded by HCUA? Explain the communist front activities of many of the signers of similar petitions? Explain the terrible embarrassment of many who have been jolted in finding their names on similar petitions.

Why do you refuse to do some legitimate investigation into the matter? Why has every man who ever attempted to expose communism and communists been destroyed (either physically, mentally, or socially)? Why is the IDEA of HCUA under such attack? The communists are admittedly our mortal enemy, they are dedicated to the overthrow of civilization; we are part of the civilization they mean to destroy! You don't find communists behind every light pole. You find a few of them in strategic positions, very few. They're quite successful, on the financial dupes to do the major portion of their work. A doctor, lawyer, or politician, or banker, or carelessly lending their names to pseudo-patriotic movements do great harm to our country, and they are exploited to the utmost. Others are flattered into being duped; military men, professional men, artisans, and businessmen, have been victims of "discussion groups" and petition signers. After being invited to some location noted for its luxurious environment, they further surprised them with an air of intellectual superiority, they become flattered, receptive, and are easily filled with intel-

Continued Disintegration in Congo Is Facing U.N. With Insoluble Problems

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

As the Congo moves closer to outright civil war, the United Nations finds itself increasingly in a position in which it neither can accomplish its mission of restoring peace, nor, with honor or extricate itself.

Part of the difficulty lies in the restrictive nature of the assignment. When the 20,000-man United Nations emergency force began moving into the Congo last July, it was ordered to restore and maintain the peace until such time as Congolese forces were able to take over.

At the same time, it was told to avoid scrupulously interference in internal Congo affairs.

But even before the troops arrived, the Congolese republic already was beginning to disintegrate.

Breakup Began Early On July 11, two days before U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold's appeal to the Security Council for troops to be sent to the Congo, Katanga province Premier Moise Tshombe had announced the "total independence" of Katanga from the central regime in Leopoldville.

Similar threats of secession came from the neighboring province of Kasai and from Equator.

In Kasai, Albert Kalonji proclaimed the independent "mining state."

Meanwhile, Belgium, which had supported Patrice Lumumba as a lesser of evils to become premier of a Congolese republic under a strong central government, switched its allegiance to President Joseph Kasavubu and to Kasavubu's strong man, Col Joseph Mobutu.

It continued to maintain military advisers in Katanga and Kasai province and placed other advisers at the disposal of Mobutu.

Aid From Russia There was a suspicion but no hard evidence that the Lumumba forces were receiving aid from Russia and advice from Gamal Abdel Nasser's United Arab Republic.

There are, then, the prospects of a three-way split in the Congo with the United Nations powerless to inter-

vened.

Mineral-rich Katanga would split off by itself in close alliance with Belgium. The Kasavubu forces would hold the area around Leopoldville, and the Lumumba forces most of the northern half of the country.

The Kasavubu regime shows increasing reluctance to heed a Western call for a reconvening of parliament, apparently out of fear of a Lumumba victory. A roundtable conference of Congolese leaders now scheduled for Jan. 25 may be a last hope.

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

FROM NEWPORT TO MACNAMARA

Washington - The next Secretary of Defense, Robert F. MacNamara, is anxiously mulling over the gruesome complexities of the defense budget, while Laos, Cuba, and the Congo all bubble away like so many witches' cauldrons. For both these reasons, this is a good moment to recall a recent, key episode in the untold story of the Eisenhower administration.

The time was last July, shortly before the Republican National convention, and not long before Nikita S. Khrushchev's frenzied menacing visit to the United Nations. Khrushchev's behavior, plus the general tenor of Kremlin policy all over the world, had already caused the State department and the CIA to reach some highly unpalatable conclusions.

These conclusions, when presented to Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, in turn caused Herter to request an audience with President Eisenhower. The audience was granted, and Herter and his chief Kremlinologist, Charles E. Bohlen, at once flew to Newport, where the President was enjoying a long golfing vacation.

IN VIEW of the irascibility and known prejudices of the President, what followed was an interesting proof of the cool courage which Secretary Herter concealed under his mild exterior.

In brief, Herter and Bohlen warned the President that Khrushchev was showing every sign that he no longer took the United States seriously. They further warned that if Khrushchev no longer regarded the United States as a serious opponent, it was necessary to expect all sorts of arrogant and aggressive Soviet moves in the near future, on the pattern of the arrogant, current intervention in Laos.

Herter then asked the President to announce a massive increase in the defense budget as the only way of proving that the United States government still meant business in its role as leader of the cause of freedom. No request was less likely to please Eisenhower. Yet the President approved Herter's recommendation, albeit with some reluctance.

This great decision was very nearly announced, without further ado, before Herter flew back to Washington. At the last minute, however, the announcement was put off, in order to permit the proposed defense increase to be planned in detail. And this was highly unfortunate, for the end of that week brought the President the sharp shock of the famous Fifth Avenue compact between Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

This is why the story of the President's self-reversal is now worth recalling. The point is that Secretary-designate MacNamara has asked President-elect Kennedy for time-quite a lot of time in the range of several months - to assess the competing claims of the jungle of defense projects for which he will soon be responsible.

The energy, courage and intelligence of MacNamara's initial attack on his gigantic task have greatly impressed everyone within range. His request for time, before he recommends increases (and decreases) of effort, is entirely understandable. But the need to show Khrushchev and the Kremlin that the U.S. now means business and is in deadly earnest, is even more pressing than it was last summer. Hence President-elect Kennedy is now studying ways and means to meet this primary need, while also accepting MacNamara's need for time.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From the Corvallis Gazette-Times - presumably written by its editor, Bob Ingalls: "Someone is always calling attention to what they think are the loveliest sounds in the world. Our nominations go to the plunk of a golf ball in the cup when it is putted by you or your partner, and the whirr of the (mechanical) dishwasher after a large dinner party in your own home."

Hmmmmmm. How about the plop of a duck as it hits the water after you've solved the mathematical problems involved in "shooting 'em where they ain't" to hit 'em where they is?"

If you happen to be built in a certain way, that's a lovely sound.

AND - Speaking of lovely sounds - How about the click of a well adjusted typewriter when it is rattling out something WORTH ENSHRINING IN PRINT?

FROM lovely sounds to lovely sights is only a step. One of the loveliest sights in Western America comes while sitting in inky darkness in a blind (or lying under a pile of windrowed straw left by the combines at harvest time) while dawn comes slowly to the Tule Lake basin and watching while the sun touches the tip of Shasta with rosy fingers and converts it into a cone of strawberry ice cream.

If you haven't seen that, you've missed something.

AH, ME! Would that life could be made up exclusively of lovely sounds and lovely sights and charming experiences. Unfortunately, it isn't that way.

For example: As if we didn't have troubles enough already, RABID BATS seem to be invading our area. Two of the creatures have been found in the Klamath Basin, several in the Rogue River valley and one up at The Dalles. One turned up the other day at Pendleton.

Rabid bats have been fairly common in the Southwest for some time, but have been unknown here until recently. The theory is that they are migrating northward.

That's one form of immigration we could do without.

LOS ANGELES has a rabies scare. It got started in this way: Squirrel monkeys have become popular as pets down that way. They are flown in from South America - from areas where rabid bats abound. These monkeys have a tendency to bite their owners. Since they come from regions where bats are known to be numerous, the thought naturally occurs that maybe some of the imported monkeys have been bitten by rabid bats. No rabid monkeys have yet been found in L.A., but it could happen.

At any rate, the Los Angeles city health officer has issued a warning to owners of squirrel monkeys that if they are bitten they should isolate their pets immediately, notify the city health officer, turn the monkey over for examination and wait to see what happens.

WHAT is rabies? It is an acute disease of the nervous system in man and animals. It is also called hydrophobia, especially when it occurs in man. It received its name because it supposedly led to a fear of water. It usually causes death if it is not properly treated.

Up to about a century ago, there was no known treatment for it. Then, in 1882, Louis Pasteur, who founded the science of bacteriology, treated a small neighbor boy who had been bitten by a rabid dog, and was suffering from hydrophobia.

His treatment worked. The boy recovered. This another deadly disease was removed from human life. The world owes a lot to its scientists.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

TOLD THAT Raul Castro might soon take over the reins of Cuban government, an inveterate wag figures, "He's probably tired of playing second Fidel."

Another dreadful pun was perpetrated by author William Ballantine. He was visiting a Flea Circus where he learned that the fleas are fed twice daily - from the arm of the owner. "This gives me the perfect title for my article," Ballantine told Caskie Stinnett, "I shall call it 'Fleas Don't Eat the Daisies.'"

John Straley tells about a couple of despicable bestials who unaccountably turned up at the annual Lady Godiva Pageant in Coventry, England. One turned his bulging eye to the other and exclaimed, "What stables is that chick riding for?"

"Dunno," admitted the other, "but just dig those crazy silks!"

According to Jerome Beatty, a cannibal guest was unpardonably late for a dinner party. "Sorry," said the butler stiffly, "but everybody's eaten."

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