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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
Jan. 31, 1951 (Wednesday)
Major lumber producers in
the area believe that another
railroad car shortage, similar
to that which crippled area
rail transportation last year,
may develop this year.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 31, 1941 (Friday)
The Medford Black Tornado
upset a favored Roseburg High
school basketball squad 38 to
17 here last night.

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 31, 1931 (Saturday)
A Jackson county grand
jury has indicted a confessed
killer on a charge of first de-
gree murder of an Ashland
city policeman.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 31, 1921 (Monday)
Citizens of Phoenix have
launched a community drive
to raise funds for food to save
the starving Armenians.

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 31, 1911 (Tuesday)
An arsonist is believed re-
sponsible for a fire in Talent
last night that destroyed an
office building containing the
offices of four firms and the
State Bank of Talent.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior;
seven or eight is excellent; five or
six is good.
1. The "Oilers" play for
which city in the American
Football league?
2. Who was the first disciple
of Christ?
3. On April 30, 1789, George
Washington was inaugurated
43rd President of the U.S.
4. Only one bird has eyes
which look straight ahead;
name it.
5. A blanket of snow keeps
the soil warm; true or false?
6. Does saccharin have any
food value?
7. Who is known as the
Father of Medicine?
8. Is sleeping sickness car-
ried by an insect or a virus?
9. What vitamin which
builds healthy gums and keeps
the body's glandular network
functioning is found in citrus
and other fruit?
10. What marshal of France
was generalissimo of the Al-
lied Armies in France in
WWI?
Answers: 1. Houston, Tex.
2. Peter, 3. New York City.
4. Owl, 5. True, 6. No, 7. Hip-
pocrates, 8. Insect (tsetse fly),
9. Vitamin C, 10. Ferdinand
Foch.

Tingle Along the Spine

After eight years of soft soap, incense and
strangled syntax, it is refreshing to have a Pres-
ident of the United States call a spade a spade.
President Kennedy said he was "staggered"
upon taking office, to find out that, in effect,
the warnings during the election campaign were
short of the true seriousness of the situation.
He laid it on the line for the people of the
United States and the people of the world in his
State of the Union message.
The fact that he has the courage to do so,
personal knowledge, in detail, about virtually
every facet of our problems, and the qualities of
leadership to inspire people to follow him, is
enough to send a little tingle along the spine of
any man who puts his patriotism above partisan
politics.—E. A.

Ski Area--Where?

That was a page of splendid pictures in the
Mail Tribune Sunday, showing the site of the
proposed ski development on Mt. Ashland.
Skiers who have visited the slopes this win-
ter are most enthusiastic, and confident it would
make an excellent area for a skiing resort. Snow-
fall figures compiled by the U.S. Forest Service
tend to corroborate this estimate.
A private organization stands ready to invest
considerable sums of money in the development.
The Forest Service, anxious to cooperate with
a popular development, is working on details of
a timber sale road to go near the area to provide
closer access. Money for improvement of the ex-
isting road, and for its extension to the proposed
skiing area, reportedly is available from recrea-
tional funds derived from the controverted O&C
lands in cooperation with the counties.

IN short, the picture, as painted, is a rosy one.
So far, so good.
But another group of avid skiers, while in
no way running down the potential of the Ash-
land area, is asking some pointed questions.
They believe that ski development of Brown
mountain, just a mile or two from Lake of the
Woods, offers a more economical potential for
development, and one which has more advan-
tages—in initial costs, in service to skiers, and in
accessibility and maintenance costs—than does
the Mt. Ashland site.
They also claim, on the basis of wintertime
visits there, it is equal, if not superior, to the Mt.
Ashland area for skiing.

FOR instance, they cite these things:
1. Brown mountain is less than two miles
from the new Lake of the Woods road, which
will be kept open all winter. Mt. Ashland is
more than a dozen miles away from the nearest
highway. Costs of construction will run high
(estimate vary from \$150,000 upward), and the
problem of snow removal in the winter will be
considerable, compared to Brown mountain.
2. The Mt. Ashland site would attract skiers
from the Rogue valley and northern California.
But Brown mountain would not only serve these
on an almost equal basis as far as access is con-
cerned, but would also attract sports enthusiasts
from the entire Klamath basin.
3. Snow, both in quantity and quality, and
skiing conditions generally, are superior on
Brown Mountain to Mt. Ashland.
Point No. 1 is, on the face of it, correct.
Point No. 2 also appears to be factual.
Point No. 3 is in dispute, and is crucial.
The Brown mountain supporters declare that
the Forest Service has not even investigated the
Brown mountain slopes in the wintertime—which
the Forest Service concedes.

NOW let it be clearly understood that, in rais-
ing these questions, these skiers are as an-
xious as anyone a nearby ski area. So are we.
From this newspaper's point of view, we will
support either one (or, in the long run, both) if
it can be shown clearly that it (or they) will be
successful, both from a patronage and recrea-
tional standpoint.
But, before multi-thousands of dollars in pub-
lic money are spent, these questions ought to be
answered, and answered explicitly, to offer a firm
foundation for proceeding.

IN CONCLUSION, we don't know which site
would be best. We don't think anyone else
does, either. And we think it should be deter-
mined by an intensive study of both—a study
that would include snow conditions, accessibility,
economic feasibility, maintenance (including
snow removal), and service to the public.
Both sites are on National Forest land, and
the Forest Service owes it to itself to be sure
it is right before either is OK'd.
And, as the saying goes, time is of the essence,
so that facts can be determined and a decision
made in time to permit work to get under way
this year.—E. A.

Asset, Not White Elephant

If either Mt. Ashland or Brown mountain is
found suitable, it will be a big economic (as well
as recreational) boost for this area.
The ski area on Bachelor Butte, near Bend,
has gone great guns, drawing people from as
far away as southern Oregon and Portland. (The
latter, incidentally, drive right by Mt. Hood to
get there.)
Now, we read, an expansion of facilities is
being planned to take care of the demand. We'd
like to see something like that hereabouts. But
let's be sure, and not find ourselves with a costly
white elephant, too late.—E.A.

Durno is the Menace



"YOU'RE MAKIN' ME FEEL UNLOVED!"

... 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.

Kindergarten Reply

To the Editor: In regard to
the articles on the front page
of the Mail Tribune last Fri-
day and Sunday, we of the
Thurston Dance Studio would
like to answer this charge, as
it was directed to Kindergar-
tens which are connected with
dancing.
We maintain the finest of
facilities in our schools and we
would like an educational in-
spector to see our kindergar-
tens and inspect our teach-
ing ability. We have good
buses for transportation with
all precautions taken such as
special low seats, and carry
heavy insurance. Throughout
our schools we employ six
people in connection with kin-
dergarten service, and we are
qualified to know how and
what to teach. Our curriculum
is drawn up under the super-
vision of our head instructor
and used throughout our
schools. Mrs. Thurston, the
Medford teacher, has had 20
years teaching experience in
dancing and music, with three
years college training, major-
ing in music and the arts.
Both Mr. and Mrs. Thurston
have had experience teaching
in universities.

Melody in Fzzzt

To the Editor:
The cat and the fiddle of
Fairlyland fame,
Left us some very sad
things:
For the fiddles' bass growls,
Re-echo the yowls,
Of the cat who furnished
it's strings.
H. W. Robertson,
103 North Central ave.,
Medford.

Stadium Plan Approved

To the Editor: Would you
print this where it will do
the most good and use our
names?
Being cattlemen and dairy
men in Jackson county, and
substantial taxpayers, we
would like to voice our ap-
proval of the proposed multi-
purpose stadium at the Jack-
son County Fair Grounds.
We feel it would be a wise
decision for the Jackson
county court to approve the
construction of the stadium at
this time so that the material
can be excavated and used
on the freeway. This should
be a savings to the contrac-
tors as well as the taxpayers
on the freeway construction.
We also understand that from
an engineering standpoint this
type of stadium construction
is so economical that it
brings it within our reach of
financing. Without a doubt
the Jackson county budget com-
mittee, given the chance,
could figure out the method
and source of payment for
this fine utility.
If handled wisely and to
its fullest extent, in time the
stadium should pay back to
the general fund the total
cost of construction and main-
tenance. That would be but
the smallest part of the
economic gain as the people
it would bring to area would
eat beef, eggs, produce and
dairy products from our
farms, in cafes, not to men-
tion moneys spent in the
motel, gas stations and retail
stores. This could run into
millions of new and extra
dollars.
As ranchers, we realize the
need for recreational facilities
such as fishing camps, water
and winter ski facilities and
other one-purpose projects.
The aggregate expenditure for
these minor attractions over
a period of years is consid-
erable, and a vote of the peo-
ple has never been considered
necessary. We don't under-
stand why it now becomes
necessary when time is press-
ing that this stadium project
has to be approved by a vote
of the people.
We have needed something
like this for years to replace
what we once had at the Fair
Grounds. We feel a stadium
would benefit every one in the
surrounding country in many
ways. Most of us enjoy sports
and to have pro football and
pro baseball played in a first
class ball park would be real
entertainment for us and our
neighbors. We know there
would be many more uses.
Everyone should find value re-
ceived for his tax dollars.
We, the following, urge that

What's "Comfortable"?

To the Editor: With refer-
ence to the news item on page
1, section C, of Jan. 26, re-
garding the cat hittebiker.
For the sake of accurate re-
porting, may I suggest that
your newspaper verify the
"comfortable quarters" men-
tioned in the news item. May-
be one of your photographers
could get a picture of them.
Also, perhaps, you could
find out when their pickup
service is available? I was told
they didn't pick up cats.

What's The Problem?

To the Editor: During the
past campaign, the backers
of Dr. Durno for representa-
tive attempted to lead us to
believe that the main reason
for all the unemployment in
the lumber industry was be-
cause Rep. Porter was allow-
ing the government to import
Japanese plywood.
Now I see in the Mail Tri-
bune of Jan. 27 that Dr. Durno
says that in the past year 17,
400 jobs have been lost in
the lumber industry due to

the failure of the U.S. Forest
Service to make realistic ap-
praisals of timber values.
This appears to me to be a
shift in the reasons for the
unemployment in the lumber
industry. They never did con-
vince me, and apparently it
was not solely Rep. Porter's
fault that the lumber industry
has so much unemployment at
the present time.
I did not vote for Dr. Durno,
but I wish him all the success
possible in curing the ills in
this industry. I realize that
he has inherited many prob-
lems, as have all new office
holders.
I wonder just what the prob-
lem here is, anyway?
R. Holmstrom,
2908 Old Stage rd.,
Medford.

Aggravated Agitated
To the Editor: Aggravated,
agitated and any other word
meaning "mad" have applied
to me since reading the letter
from Mrs. Clyde Brown, of
Gold Hill—recently in your
letters to the Editor.
Having lived in Gold Hill
for ten years, with eight chil-
dren ranging from a pre-
schooler to high school sen-
iors, we have found an abun-
dance of activities for all age
groups.
Our local 4-H club, led by
Norman Gail, is one of the
most active in the area. There
are Boy Scouts, Explorer
Scouts, Girl Scouts, and until
just recently a Cub Scout
group. Add to this the church
and school activities.
All of the organizations are
led by capable people, well de-
serving of any help and praise
they receive.
It has been my personal ex-
perience that the adults who
do the most complaining do
the least work and the young-
sters who bemoan the lack of
various activities fail to partic-
ipate in even the ones that are
available.
Any community, large or
small, is as active and friend-
ly as the people in it. Let's
pull TOGETHER to make
Gold Hill what we want it
to be!
Mrs. Don Meister,
P. O. Box 237,
Gold Hill, Ore.

Medco's Truck Road
To the Editor: When Eagle
Point planned to place their
lagoon type sewage disposal
plant across the creek behind
our homes, we didn't fuss, be-
cause they didn't have much
proposal to put in a log truck
road in front of our new home.
We're just plain upset. Not
only for ourselves but for our
friends and neighbors near
and along the track who are
going to be hurt.
Is this progress? We don't
think so. Why should Medco
be allowed to operate a private
truck road and not pay the
P.U.C., gas tax, etc., while
the other companies pay their
share, and why should private
citizens pay through the nose
for this road in evaluation of
their property, hindrance and
inconvenience for them and
their farm animals, excessive
noise, dust, and the extra dan-
ger factor it carries?
Suppose Medco were to put
their shoulder to the wheel
and help us in working to-
ward getting a new and better
road to Medford. Everyone
would benefit and they could
keep their trucks on the high-
way, maybe not make so

Various Viewpoints by India's
Menon Seen in Contradiction

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Service
Of all the contradictions in
India, the greatest perhaps is
Indian Defense Minister V. K.
Krishna Menon's view-
point.
This remarkable
able come late-
ly come up
with what
must have
been his great-
est and most
painful con-
tradiction of all.
In a speech in New Delhi
he accused Red China of "be-
traying" India's friendship
and said that China's "stupid"
attitude toward its border dis-
pute with India cast doubt on
the whole concept of peaceful
coexistence.
His tirade sprang from re-
ports that neighboring Pakis-
tan and Red China were near-
ing agreement on their border
dispute involving Kashmir.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

FIRST HURDLE
Washington - Last Friday
evening, the conservative Re-
publican-Southern Democratic
coalition had
an expected
total of 221
votes or three
more than a bare
majority—
against the en-
largement of
the House
Rules commit-
tee.

What the position will be
when these words are pub-
lished cannot be accurately
predicted by anyone at all,
including the leaders of this
bitter fight in the House of
Representatives. The House is
not like the Senate, where
hard counters can get a hard
count. In the much larger
house, there are at least 30
members with the approxi-
mate characteristics of fronts
of seaweed, bending and
swooping with every current
that presses on them.
When there are 30 seaweed-
votes the final result is al-
ways unpredictable, if those
who seem to have the lead
can only claim a margin of
four votes. In the present case
the result is extra-unpredicta-
ble, since the currents tossing
the seaweed have the force
of the greatest storms. One current
may be described as the mass-
ed, concentrated power of
American ultra-conservatism.
The other current is the full
power of a newly elected Pres-
ident.

SUPERFICIALLY, the ques-
tions to be decided are a
simple enough. Will the re-
spective speaker of the House,
Sam Rayburn of Texas, secure
the enlargement of the Rules
committee which will give
him a majority? Or will en-
largement be refused, leaving
control of the committee, and
therefore control of the busi-
ness of the House of Repre-
sentatives, in the linked hands
of House Minority Leader
Charles Halleck and Rules
Committee Chairman Howard
K. Smith of Virginia?

much more profit but at least
save on law suits and their
public relations.
As for the train, we'll miss
it. If we and the neighbors had
minded the railroad we would
not have bought land here.
We wonder if some of those
Medco officials who state "the
truck road will be no nuisance,"
would be interested in
buying some of the homes along
it: for their own homes?
Doubtful, isn't it?
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph
Layton,
Nick Young rd.,
Route 1, Box 293,
Eagle Point, Ore.

Likes Fog Idea
To the Editor: I want to
commend Mr. Tucker of Tucker
Sno-Cat for his fine article
on getting rid of the fog.
It is a splendid idea indeed!
I also read a comment on it
from another party too. I dis-
agree with the latter party be-
cause I also live in the Gold
Hill area. If there is the least
bit of air pressure it keeps
pushing that fog right on over
the hills and won't give it a
chance to settle in the crevices
or canyons. In this Gail's
Creek canyon, if there's the
least bit of breeze blowing, it
lifts the fog right out of here.
More power and good ideas
to you, Mr. Tucker.
Loren D. Davis,
Gails Creek rd.,
Gold Hill, Ore.

Old Christmas Cards
To the Editor: Dear Friends,
if you have any old cards and
you wish to give them away,
send them to this address:
The Christmas Tree Lady,
Pleasant Row,
Grants Pass, Ore.
Or take them to the Grants
Pass post office. Thank you.
Lillian Green,
2411 Sunset Court,
Medford

Editorial Comment

A "NATURAL"

As Oregon Democrats look
over their stable or prospec-
tive candidates they inevitab-
ly congratulate themselves for
having one of the brightest
prospects in the state. They
can't feel anything but good
when they look at the Speaker
of the House of Representa-
tives, Robert Duncan.
Mr. Duncan, a Medford law-
yer, is the first man in the his-
tory of the Oregon Legislature
to be elected to successive
terms as Speaker of the House.
He is respected in the House
by members of both parties
for his intelligence, efficiency
and fairness.

Members of the Pendleton
Klanish club and their guests
got a look at Mr. Duncan last
week when he spoke to them
about the work of the Legis-
lature. They must have liked
what they saw and heard. Al-
most everybody who gets a
close look at Bob Duncan and
his thinking likes him.

We had an interesting visit
with him when he was in Pen-
dleton. He told of the immense
expense of operating the Legis-
lature and some of the things
he was trying to do to reduce
the expense. He told of em-
ploying efficiency experts
which made recommendations
which reduced personnel, and
procedures which accomplish-
ed certain jobs in less time by
cutting wasteful red tape.

He thinks there is much
more that could be done to
make government more effi-
cient and less costly. He isn't
a dreamer. He is a calm man
who quietly thinks problems
out. We expect Robert Duncan
to be elected to positions
from which he can put his
good thinking to work. He is
one of those naturals that we
too seldom see in politics.
—Pendleton East Oregonian.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

What of the two survivors
of the American reconnais-
sance plane that was shot
down by the Russians over
the Barents Sea last July 17?
Let's be unqualifiedly
happy over their return, ap-
parently sound and in good
health, to their families. They
have been fortunate. Not only
did they escape death in the
crash in which two of their
comrades perished. For what-
ever reason, the Soviet gov-
ernment released them from
prison and sent them home.

The gods of war, both hot
and cold, have smiled upon
them.
Let's not jump to con-
clusions. Especially, let us not
jump to the conclusion that
the hard, cold, cruel men who
have CHANGED and will
hereafter follow the paths that
lead to a reasonable peace.
That is improbable.

WHAT'S IN THE WIND?

Here is an interesting
dispatch from Paris:
Prime Minister Macmillan
of Britain and President De
Gaulle of France met Satur-
day for secret talks said to
be inspired by concern over
Russia's persistent "wooings"
of President Kennedy. The
scene of the meeting was Ram-
bouillet castle (pronounced
Rom-booy-YAY) a few miles
west of Paris. The two men
met in such secrecy that even
interpreters were excluded
from their conference. (Prem-
ier Macmillan speaks reason-
ably fluent French, and
President De Gaulle can make
himself understood in English
when he wants to.) So they
don't have to fear a leak
through the interpreters.

THE dispatch goes on:

Diplomatic observers said
Macmillan and De Gaulle
would pay especial attention
to recent Moscow efforts to
court the new U.S. administra-
tion, notably including this
week's release of the U.S.
filers.
French newspapers indicated
belief that the two Euro-
pean officials were con-
cerned over the possibility
that President Kennedy might
agree to the Big Two approach
long urged by the Russians—
U.S.-Soviet talks in which
France and Britain would not
be consulted.

THAT is to say:

The French newspapers
suspect that the wily Mr.
Kroosh is reverting to the
tactics of DIVIDE AND CON-
QUER that he tried without
success to work on President
Eisenhower. His hope was that
if he could entice the Pres-
ident of the United States into
a two-man "summit" confer-
ence he could so misfit the other
members of the NATO alliance
that they would draw
out and the alliance would
fall apart.
It was a crafty scheme, but
President Eisenhower was too
old a soldier and too close
a student of military history to
fall for it. I think we can
safely assume that Kroosh
will get no farther in that
direction. With President Ken-
nedy he got with Presi-
dent Eisenhower.