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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 Feb. 13, 1951 (Tuesday) Mark Hatfield last night warned members of the Jackson County Lincoln club that the Republican party must put its own house in order if it is to win the 1952 Presidential election.

20 YEARS AGO Feb. 13, 1941 (Thursday) A box of Williams pears from the Argentine was put on display this afternoon in the show window of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

30 YEARS AGO Feb. 13, 1931 (Friday) The Rogue river fish bill, prohibiting commercial fishing in the river, became state law today.

40 YEARS AGO Feb. 13, 1921 (Sunday) A bill to permit Medford to appropriate land for auto camps passed the state legislature Friday.

50 YEARS AGO Feb. 13, 1911 (Monday) The First Baptist church Sunday became the first church locally to have a children's nursery during Sunday services; it proved so successful that other churches have indicated they will follow suit.

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

- 1. Monte Carlo is located in the Principality of ... 2. Name the three world leaders who signed the Yalta agreement in 1945. 3. Name the primary colors. 4. Paper was first made by the Egyptians, Greeks, or Chinese? 5. A natatorium is an indoor swimming pool, a flower conservatory, or a burial ground? 6. Does sound travel faster in warm or cold weather? 7. Does the Bible say that money is the "root of all evil"? 8. Was Casey Jones a real or fictional character? 9. A son of the late President Roosevelt married a daughter of the multimillionaire Delaware duPont family; name the couple. 10. Who was commander-in-chief of the American forces in Europe during WW I?

A Vote for Stagnation

Groans of anguish in Southwestern Oregon when Dr. Edwin Durno voted with the reactionaries, the lobby groups of the NAM, to try to stifle any progress in Congress by liberalizing the rules committee regulations and allowing the addition of three new members, have no doubt echoed by this time in Washington, D.C. In direct opposition to the feeling of Oregon, Rep. Durno voted contrary to the advice of hundreds of his good friends and advisors. William Tugman, his chief assistant in Oregon, who was hired to keep Durno informed of what Oregon felt, reported to us by telephone (before the vote had been taken) that he had advised the 4th congressional representative of how the people felt.

THE uproar throughout Oregon to people we have talked to, and who have talked to us in no uncertain terms, has been great.

Both Republicans and Democrats have taken a liking to the fresh vigorous outlook of the Kennedy administration. As much as any administration can become non-partisan, the Kennedy administration has gained respect and hopes of all people, all walks of life, in Oregon.

Rep. Durno was completely unaware of this—which is a bad thing for a congressman—or he didn't care about what people thought.

He was more interested in making points with special pressure groups selfishly dedicated to blocking all progress for the nation in a time of great problems.

THE Sentinel backed Dr. Durno when he ran for congress because we felt that Charles Porter was too quick to run a separate "state department of his own" throughout the world. We would still no doubt have backed Dr. Durno against Mr. Porter, but Dr. Durno now has one strike on him in Congress. He has two more to go.

And the saddest thing of all is the fact that we can see very little chance of effectual leadership in gaining help for the 4th district when he has put himself on the side of reaction.

He was told. He wavered. He went back and forth. But he finally cast his vote with Rep. Norblad to sign up the 4th district on the side of stagnation.—Coquille Valley Sentinel.

Wilderness Bill

We are gradually coming around to a new theory about the use of the open land the government still owns and which is called "wilderness" because it has a romantic sound. It has occurred to some observers that the greatest danger to a wilderness is people.

People tramping around packing the earth, setting fires; a picked flower is soon a bit of garbage.

The reason for it is the lack of responsibility. A stockman who takes his herds into a forest reserve has a responsibility to the government which can revoke his permit; he fears fires for they rob him of the grass he has bought. A logger is (in these days anyway) imbued with certain principles about conservation and he leaves as many small trees as possible.

THOSE who go into the woods or the open spaces with no responsibility create the greatest damage. Roads are built so that anyone with an auto and a hunting license can go almost anywhere. He needn't leave his name or assume any responsibility for his acts. If the fire he leaves burns grass or trees he can read about it in his home in perfect safety. The stock he shoots belonged to some one else.

So now the lovers of the outdoors, the man who likes to get away from it all for a day or a week as well as the professional are coming to realize that just building roads to every pretty spot or good trout stream isn't the solution to anything but how to despoil nature. A man who packs into a fishing place respects it more than if he drives to it.

The government is doing too much pearl casting. Making the wilderness available to people is only a part of it; making people respectful of wilderness is most difficult.—Sherman County Journal.

Ash Wednesday

"Immediately before Lent" order the Ecclesiastic Institutes, "everyone shall go to his confessor and confess his deeds, and the confessor shive him" (give him absolution or pardon). Thus the day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday, this year observed on Feb. 14.

The 40-day abstinence of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, so called because of the ceremonial use of ashes. These traditionally come from the burning of palms blessed on Palm Sunday of the preceding year. The priest dips his thumb in the consecrated ashes and places the mark of the Cross on the forehead of the kneeling faithful. The Roman Catholic ceremony derives from the custom of public penance in the early church.

Similar ceremonies, but without the use of ashes, are performed in the Church of England and the Episcopal Church in America.

Not all Ash Wednesday observances are religious, however. In parts of England, the direction of the wind on that day is believed to indicate how it will blow throughout Lent. In rural areas of Germany it was the custom on Ash Wednesday for young men to take girls of the neighborhood to a pool, and there "wash them favourably."—E.R.R.

Dennis the Menace



"MR. WILSON SAYS SOMEDAY I'M GONNA BE A BIG STRINGBEAN LIKE YOU!"

Foreign News: Algerian Fears; Berlin Peace; China Trade Talk

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst From the foreign news cables: Algerian War

Diplomats in Paris doubt the forthcoming meeting between French President Charles de Gaulle and Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba will lead to early negotiations between French and rebel leaders on the eve of the civil war there. Rebel leaders have made it clear they are cool to the Bourguiba mission. They are friendly with him but fear his attempt to "explain" the rebel stand to De Gaulle may weaken the position of strength the rebels consider necessary to get the best terms.

Berlin Peace East German Communists against provoking any serious incidents in Berlin. The Kremlin is said to want to avoid trouble in Berlin while Premier Nikita Khrushchev seeks face-to-face talks with President Kennedy, probably at the United Nations spring meeting in New York.

More Trade Talk Pressure is mounting again in Japan for increased trade with Communist China to counter the "buy American" orders of the previous Eisenhower administration.

Polish Scarcities Lack of spare parts for machinery is so common in Poland, according to a Warsaw newspaper, that people believe "the phenomenon is an integral part of the building of socialism."

Church of Silence Observers in Rome say don't be surprised if the Vatican has strong words to say soon on the apparent rise in Iron Curtain. Thus far there has been little official reaction to recent clampdowns in Poland and Hungary.

Ends and Means To the Editor: Today, Feb. 12th, is community work-day at the new Eagle Point Boy Scout headquarters on the 33-acre site between sparkling clear Little Butte creek and the steep height of land that is said to mark where the pair of eagles had their nest of pioneer times, giving Eagle Point its name. The big landmark pine the eagles used is gone. Only memory remains.

In the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS From Washington: President Kennedy's advisers have told him that instead of inheriting a budget surplus from the Eisenhower administration he faces a BILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT for the fiscal year that will end this coming June 30.

SECRETARY of State Dean Rusk has just pledged the United States to help the Latin-American countries put an end to all tyranny, "whether of the left or the right."

More from Washington: Senator Mansfield's pessimistic assessment of the federal government's budget status follows Mr. Kennedy's dark picture (in his State of the Union message) of an economy beset by more than five million unemployed, a drop in national production and a widening gap in our international balance of payments.

Let's concede that in his budget message for the 1961 fiscal year and in his estimate of the budget surplus for the 1962 fiscal year like might have been just a trifle over on the rosy side.

After all, you know, there is a certain amount of politics in our system of government—and it was fairly good politics for an out-going Republican administration to suggest that in view of the sound foundation that had been laid for it the incoming Democratic administration ought to be able to show a surplus in both years.

BUT—Might there not have been just a trifle of politics in Mr. Kennedy's dark picture, in his State of the Union message, of an American economy beset by more than five million unemployed, a drop in national production and a widening gap in our international balance of payments?

That tended to point out that he was assuming the burdens of the Presidency at a moment when the Republicans were leaving things in an awful mess—which could have been designed to make all the more brilliant whatever successes President Kennedy may have in straightening things out.

To an impartial observer, it looks like there may have been a little politics on BOTH SIDES.

HUSBAND: The boss acted like a lamb when I hit him for a raise this morning. WIFE: Tell me exactly what he said! HUSBAND: Ba-a-a-a.

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.

Hooray for Mr. Tucker!

To the Editor: Mr. E. M. Tucker Sr. deserves a some hearty applause for his recent statements made in regard to the construction of Emigrant dam. Since Mr. Tucker's motives were good, because he has the courage to state his opinions, and because he offered some constructive ideas on the subject, he should be rated "head and shoulders" above those who only cry "Ridiculous!"

A small person can easily find fault, but it takes a bigger person to come forward with sound ideas to improve anything. We need more people who have the initiative and intelligence to question matters that involve public safety and public welfare especially in those areas where public money is being expended.

Folks who have read a recent article in a popular magazine entitled "What We Must Do to Win the Cold War" are aware of some grave conditions existing in our national "jungle of bureaucrats"—conditions that have proven detrimental to our expensive program of trying to win (and hold) the friendship of other nations. Right here lies the big difference between our country and all the nations under a dictator's heel. In America a common person can be heard without risking all manner of persecution, including death!

Mr. Tucker has, in previous articles, made some mighty good suggestions regarding conditions that concern everyone in Southern Oregon. I refer to our annual fog and smog problem, and to the ever-dwindling supply of water resources. His ideas on these problems seemed proof of his unselfish motives to do something of benefit to every resident.

We who are not well informed on such matters as the construction of earthen dams are thankful for all men of Mr. Tucker's caliber who are working to protect the general welfare and safety of our way of life. Let the searchlight of controversy continue, without rancor, to protect us from the slough of a decaying democracy.

Philip Lee Burns P. O. Box 791 Ashland, Ore.

"Rainbow" Praised

To the Editor: It was my pleasure Thursday evening to attend the opening performance of "Finian's Rainbow" presented by the Medford Senior High School.

I know all who were there for any of the performances join me in congratulating the entire cast and the director, Mr. Lynn Sjolund, for a thoroughly enjoyable and professional presentation.

The chorus was outstanding and their numbers were well worth anyone's attendance. In my opinion, the individual performers demonstrated remarkable stage presence and ability for a high school amateur group.

I would urge anyone who has never attended one of these programs in the past, to make it a "must" in the future. I know they will be wonderfully entertained.

Richard D. Nelson, O.D. The Mall East Main St. Medford.

Heaven To the Editor: Heaven is a land of beauty far beyond the sky, where birds and planes and soaring missiles cannot ever fly.

This land of wondrous beauty where everyone is free, this land of wondrous beauty is where I wish to be.

Heleen Noss (age 14) 207 Haven St. Medford.

A Line in Passing To the Editor: Just a line in passing. I have been reading communications again. As Mr. L. J. Townsend says, "I got rocks in my head" too.

Regarding the Medco logging road controversy: Now I'm not much for good suggestions, but would like to put this one in the box.

Why not let Medco turn in all their log trucks for helicopters. The "copters can airlift the logs to the sawmill. (They proved this in Russia last year). Ha, Ha.

On the way to the sawmill the pilots (whoops) logging "chopper drivers can drop the aforementioned logs on the knotholes who are standing in the way of lumber progression, namely private logging roads.

So come one and all you good Butte Fallians, Medfordites and Eagle Pointians, get behind the wheel (logging) and push forward instead of backwards.

This private logging road is the safest thing you can buy with Medco money.

Hereafter I will rue the day because I chipped in on the fights.

All my relations are with the lites. J. H. Neimoyer 736 W. Lenora, Ore. Calif.

Don't Give Up the Ship To the Editor: At this time I am compelled to compose a panegyric in honor of M. T. and its worthy editor, E. A. seldom gets off the beam, but he would not be human if he did not make a few errors. No one would recognize the perfect man if met in our imperfect society. Therefore we believe that a man should receive praise for a job well done. What I admire most about him is his ability to acquire such a fine stable of writers that contribute to the best editorial page of any newspaper that we have ever read. His is a gift few editors possess. He calls it "Communications."

We do not always agree with such virile writers as L. C. Powell, but there is no doubting his sincerity. He wants to impeach Earl Warren from the Supreme Court, while many people consider such men as Warren the hope of America. So while people are writing to their favorite Congressman or Senator to out Warren, why not in all fairness drop a line to Washington, D. C., approving of the Judge's wisdom and action. ("Let's have the courage to keep America free"—Thomas Dewey.)

In the same issue is Mrs. Radina Tucker of Griffin Creek. She presents any contrast or comparison between the Soviet Union and conditions in our land of the free and the home of the brave. This writer sees nothing wrong in learning what is going on in the world. We believe that she is jumping in, or at a fall conclusion when she accuses each and sundry that do not happen to have the price of a one way ticket to some point east of the Iron Curtain to being a tavern tout or a ne'er-do-well.

We agree that there are people that, when assailed by misfortune, take it on the lam, while others come to grips with their problem. Ours is a national problem and it would not be patriotic for its citizens to desert this country in its hour of peril. These are times that try men's souls. The nation has been a drifting, waterlogged derelict. Now is the time to man the pumps and keep it afloat. The urge to desert is understandable, because our country was settled by deserters from foreign lands. The Negro has a valid reason for being here. He was forced to settle here. Others came for various reasons, from a dearth of eating apples on the family tree to dodging the noose. Ours is a dramatic heritage, a haven for fugitives, with the proper political pigment. The last to seek asylum are Cubans.

Our heritage does not condition us to come to grips with political confusion and economic chaos. Instead of putting our own house in order, we cry for a savior. This writer does not believe in running when the going gets tough. He has a wife in a nursing home. Walter Reece, Gallice rd., Merlin, Ore.

MHS and Broadway To the Editor: I feel I must tell you and your readers about an interesting experience my wife and I and her mother had last Thursday night at the Medford High school.

With some misgivings, I must confess, we went to the first performance of Finian's Rainbow—our first exposure to a teen-age theatrical production. This will come as no surprise to native Medfordites, but for three "refugees" from New York, the entire evening from beginning to end was pure delight.

What surprised us most, after years of contact with Broadway productions, was the professional smoothness of the performance. It started right on time with the overture by a fine orchestra of young talented musicians, and scene followed scene with a rapidity that bespoke an expert crew behind the curtain.

The large cast, including an attractive group of well trained precision dancers, moved around on a rather small stage with an assurance gained from hours of rehearsing under expert stage management.

The principals were proficient in their various roles, and some of them showed promise of considerable acting ability, with the poise and stage presence of old troupers. The costumes and scenery were fresh and colorful and the lighting and sound effects never missed their cues.

Again comparing with Broadway shows, I doubt whether any professional cast could equal the vitality, the enthusiasm, the terrific bounce and verve of this delightful bunch of talented teen-agers. I am sure that they were enjoying it as much as the audience.

May I offer a suggestion? Couldn't the microphone phones have been better arranged to amplify some of the solos? Even Judy Andrews, in "My Fair Lady," needed and was glad of this help for her rather thin voice.

It seemed too bad that recognition was not given (as on some TV shows) to the orchestra, the stage hands, and to the host of unseen and unsung youngsters who contributed so much to the business end of the production. And why not a big hand, too, for the producers of the show, Messrs. Dryud and Sjolund? Medford is fortunate indeed to have men of this caliber in the city's outstanding school system.

For myself, my wife, and her mother, last week's enjoyable experience reminds us again that Medford must be a wonderful place to raise a family, and certainly is a mighty nice place to retire to. Harold S. Houston 215 Erie St. Medford.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A RELUCTANT FATHER was bugged by his wife into taking 10-year-old Willie (a monster) to a violin concert by the great Heifetz. After watching the maestro

"These," he said, "are hemispheric problems, and they require hemispheric solution." This is a deeply important, if softly stated, declaration of high America policy. For to say that something is a "hemispheric" problem is also to say that it is not, and cannot be so regarded, simply a national problem. (Copyright, 1961, By United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)

In this present world, in short, actions within a single American country which menace liberty and order there will menace liberty and order in all. So they cannot in commonsense be treated as the sole and exclusive concerns of the country immediately involved.

In this sort of thing what is one country's business is everybody's business. For movements which bring in alien tyrannies to this hemisphere—such as Castro in bringing in the mortally dangerous tyranny of imperialist Communism—do not stop at national frontiers for baggage examination. Nor are they halted by the immigration authorities for want of properly stamped passports.

FOR all these reasons a most careful review of the doctrine of non-intervention is now going on within the Kennedy administration. Everybody is sympathetically aware of the sensitivity of the Latins. And there is not in any event the slightest intention to have the United States take up any "big stick" approach.



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