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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. 14, 1951 (Wednesday)
Meteorologists at the Medford weather bureau reported today that every layman already knew: the first 26 days of January were warmer and wetter than normal.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 14, 1941 (Friday)
Several bills introduced into the state legislature would make Oregon's fourth Congressional district out of six southern Oregon counties.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 14, 1931 (Saturday)
Contracts have been let for construction of the new senior high school building on Oakdale ave.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 14, 1921 (Monday)
The city of Ashland has begun improvements on its city auto park in order to attract more tourists.

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 14, 1911 (Tuesday)
The house ways and means committee today reported favorably on a bill to establish an agricultural experiment station in the Rogue valley.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. When is St. Swithin's Day?
2. Lincoln and McKinley are the only U. S. Presidents who have been assassinated; true or false?
3. What are the young of bears called?
4. Name President Kennedy's Press Secretary.
5. What is the highest score possible in bowling? how many strikes are necessary to attain it?
6. What is the sign on the zodiac for persons born between July 23 and August 23?
7. Who was the first American to win the Women's British golf title?
8. Which English Duke was called the Iron Duke?
9. Name the Admiral whose ships are credited with sinking the greater portion of the Jap Navy in W.W. II.
10. Which old-time baseball player was known as the "Georgia Peach"?
Answers: 1. July 15. 2. False (Garfield). 3. Cubs. 4. Pierre Salinger. 5. 300, with 12 strikes. 6. Leo. 7. Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias. 8. Duke of Wellington. 9. Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey. 10. Ty Cobb.

Cars Not "Playthings"

School personnel, police officers, juvenile authorities (and, it could be added, most perceptive parents and teen agers) have long been aware that ownership or unrestricted use of an automobile by high school students correlates with poor grades, school absenteeism, and, to a degree, with juvenile delinquency.

It remained for Circuit Judge Joseph B. Felton, Salem, president of the Oregon Juvenile Court Judges association, to put the case in clear, brief and readily understandable terms.

His statement was made following a teen age "rumble," involving some 100 youngsters in a prosperous Salem neighborhood recently.

JUDGE Felton said:

"The following facts convince me that many times the greatest disservice a well-intentioned parent can do to his teen ager is to allow him ownership or uncontrolled use of any automobile before that teen ager finishes high school.

"(1) Every study shows a significant correlation between low grades, lower grades, and drop-outs, and ownership of cars.

"(2) Much of the teen age truancy is by those with a car available to make truancy desirable.

"(3) The ever-increasing sexual misconduct of teen agers is made possible only by the automobile, said to be a 'floating boudoir.'

"(4) Almost none of the greatly increased drinking by teen agers could be accomplished without an automobile to do it in.

"(5) The minimum cost of maintaining a car is about \$700 per year, and this puts an unnecessary burden and pressure on the student, or his parents. To keep up a car, the student must get part-time work and hurt his studies, get full-time work and quit school, or dip into savings that could put him through one or two college years.

"(6) Records of Marion County Juvenile Court show that the car is involved, directly or indirectly, in 75 per cent of referrals for delinquent behavior.

"(7) The ever-growing ownership of cars by high school students... puts an unhealthy and dangerous pressure on other students who cannot afford it. It may cause them to give up further needed education just to have a totally unnecessary car for a couple of high school years.

"(8) Mobility of the car permits children, within a few minutes, to avoid community view, important in control of conduct of all persons... The car is a powerful, dangerous and very expensive plaything."

THE truth of Judge Felton's indictment of the automobile for high school students will be acknowledged by teen agers and parents, if they are honest with themselves—even though they may have succumbed to the terrific social pressures which insist that a car is a "must" for all hep youngsters.

A car is, indeed, a "powerful, dangerous and very expensive plaything."

And, if it serves as nothing but a "plaything" (and that is true in all but a very few cases where high school students have cars) it does no one any good. It's a high price for parents to pay to avoid the task of acting as chauffeurs.—E.A.

New Daily Paper

Oregon's newest daily newspaper, the Portland Reporter, made its debut last week end.

As an independent, commercial daily, up against the dug-in competition of the Oregonian (which has the resources of the Newhouse chain behind it) and the home-owned, trust-operated Journal, the Reporter may have a tough road ahead. Starting a daily newspaper in these days of high costs is a risky venture, particularly in a highly competitive situation.

Establishment of the Reporter was an outgrowth of the strike by several printing trades unions and the Newspaper Guild against the Oregonian and Journal. Much of the money for the Reporter's capital investment and initial operating costs came from unions, the rest of it from the sale of stock on the open market.

IF IT is successful, the Reporter will have to buck a long-time trend of newspaper consolidation and elimination, which has brought the number of major daily newspapers in the U.S. to its lowest point in many, many years.

There was a time when anyone "with a shirt-tail full of type and a few ideas" could establish a daily paper. And there were far more than there are today—papers of every shade of opinion in the larger cities, and frequently two or more even in smaller communities.

But the mounting costs of equipment, newsprint, ink, and distribution, plus higher wages and salaries, has written "30" to some of the most prestigious papers in the nation, and left only a relatively few cities with more than one newspaper.

IF THE Reporter does make a go of it, it will be because it offers something new to Portland readers.

It is issued in tabloid size, and has on its staff some of the best writers who once worked for the Oregonian and Journal. It is "independent" politically, but liberal in tone and outlook.

Thus, with the Oregonian traditionally conservative and Republican, and the Journal becoming more so with each day that passes, the Reporter could well attract readers who long have wanted a more liberal tone to their daily editorial reading, and more aggressiveness, initiative and courage in their news reporting.

If the new format and different outlook are coupled with real news initiative and editorial responsibility, the Reporter could make a place for itself in Portland. If it does so, the long-established but long-ailing Journal might have difficulty in surviving.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"HEY, MOM! DAD BROUGHT US A BOX OF VALENTINE CANDY!"

... 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.

Be Not Deceived

To the Editor: Recently one of the valley pastors has felt it imperative that he speak on some controversial beliefs on his daily radio program. There is no doubt in my mind but that this gentleman is very enthusiastic and appealing in his delivery.

He has quoted Bible texts to support his convictions. Yet we find many persons with opposing opinions who quote Bible texts in support of their convictions.

This broadcaster has stated that some of the beliefs he is opposing are from the wrong source. Could it be that this pastor might have erroneous views? Are the manifestations of miracles always a sign that we are on the right side of the fence? Are all miracles from the right source?

These questions are merely being asked for your readers' consideration. All of us do not have a radio station on which to air our views or questions. Could it be that some of us, like Saul of old, could possibly be wrong on our ideas? It took a Damascus road experience to awaken him. Later he became the world's greatest preacher under the new name of Paul.

Our pastor friend has been sounding what he feels are views against deception. The writer deems it high time that all who value their eternal destiny begin to search and study for themselves. When our Lord left His disciples He plainly told them that in His place He would send the comforter or Holy Spirit. This, the third person of the Godhead, would help all who desired His assistance.

The Scriptures plainly teach that there is danger of our being deceived. They also point out that the ones who think they are standing and on the right side, to take heed lest they fall.

God's Holy Spirit works unperceived at times in the hearts of His children. No loud clamor or noise need be manifested to show that God is working.

How refreshing it is to hear the voice of God in the sweet gospel hymns that we all should love. Yet sad to say we even find the rhythm and tempo of the secular jazz of this age creeping into religious pieces sung to the accompaniment of the fast rhythm of the dance band. We need to be aware lest we be led astray.

Henry Johnson Jr. 2315 Highway 66 Ashland, Ore.

For a Private Road

To the Editor: After reading all the balldoon in the papers that some of the Eagle Point and Butte Falls residents are yelling about, in my opinion it is far better to let Medco get their own way and build the private logging road.

My reasons are: 1. There is far more danger to livestock, children and other vehicles on the narrow, crooked county road to Butte Falls than hauling their logs through desolate terrain over their own private road.

2. In addition to the many log trucks such as Steve Wilson, McGrew Bros., and countless others using the Butte Falls road, another 50 trucks making three or four trips per day, 200 extra trucks will make the Butte Falls road very hazardous to other vehicles, pedestrians and livestock.

3. Mr. County Commissioner, as you know some 75 to 200 extra loads per day are going to continuously require extra work on this road, whereas if Medco had their own road they would stand the expense of the upkeep.

His Business?

To the Editor: I have just read the letter in the Mail Tribune of the 10th, entitled "Sitting in a Truck."

As He, She or It did not choose to sign its name, I shall refer to it as HE.

If HE, who was passing a truck parked along side of the roadway, had been paying attention a little more to his driving, especially while passing a parked truck, I am almost sure that he would not have noticed if they were city employees or if they were ly-

4. Think about meeting or passing a log truck every one-half mile and trying to keep your windshield clean in damp or wet weather and also remember Medco is a continuous operation.

I think people are getting excited too soon and without looking at both sides of the fence. Give Medco six months or one year on the Butte Falls road and I am sure some of the people will change their mind.

I have lived in Butte Falls and will possibly move back in time.

Floyd Price 5011 Crater Lake Hwy. Medford.

Scouts Need Help

To the Editor: As commander of the Gold Hill post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars I would like to express a few thoughts about the Boy Scouts (Explorers) of Gold Hill.

Our VFW post sponsors the Scout troop but we need some help from the parents of the Scouts or anyone else who would like to help.

We need paint, lumber (2x4s), and lots of work to fix up the Scout hall inside.

The help we have, but the paint and lumber we do not. Anyone wishing to donate please contact any member of the VFW or call me at NO 4-1850 evenings, and I will pick up anything anyone would like to donate.

Bill Burge, Commander, Gold Hill VFW, 2537 Robin Lane, Central Point, Ore.

PS.—Could use some more VFW members and Scouts, too.

No Thank You

To the Editor: Terms such as "violent, blind, foot dragging opposition and obstructionism" have little or no argumentative value, but their use frequently stifles legitimate discussion.

Stop your breast beating about the "health services lag" in the U.S. and look again, a little more studiously this time, toward the Scandinavian countries who are being held up as examples of what we should have in this country. The increase of illegitimacy, insanity and suicide have reached alarming proportions, and moralists and sociologists alike point to the cradle to grave health programs in these countries as a principle cause. A pity these people have not learned the government is solving (?) their problems for them.

Now the liberals put forth their best arguments: No. 1, the bribe; "Carry the 14 plus million over 65 now, and some day it will be your turn to have a free ride." No. 2, "It's inevitable." "The hand writing is on the wall." "Don't fight them, join them."

No thank you.

Such a program heralds the decline of society, and politicians will be quick to realize they have to expand the bribe to include all the voters, leaving an enormous load on the non voters, and frankly they are not up to the task.

Robert J. Howard, 828 B West 14th st., Medford.

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Castro Falling Out of Favor In Venezuela; Betancourt Up

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst Caracas, Venezuela—(UPI)—Fidel Castro long since fell out of favor with the Venezuelan government.

Today, diplomats here believe he also is falling out of favor with Venezuela's rank and file.

Castro's firing squad justice has not won the approval of Venezuelans who, despite their own occasional violent eruptions, have a respect for due process of law. Therefore, they feel that Castro has exceeded even the limits of a liberator.

Simultaneously, it appears that Venezuelan President Romulo Betancourt's stock has risen.

Once Betancourt could have been on any list of Latin American heads of state least likely to finish their terms

in office. Betancourt, with two years behind him and three to go, is rated stronger now than when he first took over in Venezuela's first free elections in more than a dozen years.

It was a clash between pro and anti-Castro sentiments that led to his present strong position.

Last year, when the Organization of American States adopted a mildly worded resolution condemning Communist infiltration into the western hemisphere, the then Foreign Minister, Ignacio Luis Araya, refused to sign.

Betancourt overruled him and Luis Araya quit. With him out of the government went the URD, one of the three political parties in the Betancourt coalition.

An almost simultaneous split between left and right in Betancourt's own AD party further clarified political lines and further increased Betancourt's power.

Keeps Embassy Open As in the case of Argentina, diplomats believe Betancourt long ago would have broken diplomatic relations with Cuba were it not for the fact that the Venezuelan embassy remains as a haven in Havana for those Castro opponents seeking the right of political asylum.

Calling Leathercrafters To the Editor: I hope my little letter will qualify for publication. It would bring social and perhaps economic benefit to some members of the community.

This is what I would like printed. Calling all leathercrafters in this area!

I am hoping we can get together and start a leathercraft club. I have some ideas to share with you and you may have some to share also for mutual benefit.

All interested persons please contact me. Mrs. Shirley Andersen, 1512 Wilson Place, Medford. Call SP 3-6120.

Profit Only?

To the Editor: I wonder if the people of Jackson county, as well our county and state officials, are really stopping to think of the things that could happen and how our lives would be affected by the proposed Medco private truck road?

For one thing, what about our school buses? All school buses are required by law to stop at railroad crossings, but will they be required to stop at an intersection with a private truck road where loaded log trucks are crossing at 12 miles per hour?

These school buses are loaded, some of the children even standing for lack of seats. What chance will they have if some dense foggy morning they should perhaps collide with a log truck, loaded or empty? This is not an impossibility, because on a small moment of wrong judgment and a child's life could be snuffed out, or a child crippled for life.

No safety engineer can predict this won't happen, and after it has happened it is too late to do something about it.

I think if Medco wants to do business in our valley let them pay their just dues in gas tax, P.U.C. permits and revenue to the state, just as you and I. At least on the public highway they would have to conform to our traffic laws concerning school buses, and we do have a remarkably capable organization of state and county police to see that those traffic laws are obeyed.

Is the profit one organization can gain from this private road to be the only factor considered?

Mrs. Clyde Bunker, B. F. Star Rt., Box 55, Eagle Point, Ore.

"Freedom Crusade" And The Church

To the Editor: There has come to my possession literature of the "Freedom Crusade," which has also conducted meetings in some of the local churches recently.

Its purpose, to inform what Communism is, and what it plans to do, is commendable. However, this can be found in the Word of God. The last battle will be fought against the Communist hordes in the Valley of Megiddo.

One thing I noted, however, is that its designs are mainly of a political nature, which prompted me to write this letter.

The church is not political or social, but spiritual. This separates it from "Freedom Crusade," which seeks mainly political and natural means to stem the tide of Communism.

Now the Church of Jesus Christ has no right or purpose to align itself or promote its cause by anything but spiritual means. The Bible says the church is the habitation of God through the spirit. Note the words of Paul through the Holy Ghost in II Corinthians 10:4-5: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through

the power of Venezuelan Communists and Castroites.

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Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

ANOTHER YEAR OF DECISION Washington—Before President Kennedy began his Virginia week end, he held a prolonged meeting with his Soviet experts—Charles E. Bohlen, the resident demologist; J. Llewellyn Thompson, called back from the Moscow Embassy for the purpose; George F. Kennan, newly brought back into the government, and some others.

Even when practiced by men so outstandingly wise in the ways of the Kremlin, Soviet demology is far from an exact science. In one sense, the White House meeting was a bit like a conference of witch-doctors in the high period of the Ashanti Kingdom, or a grand astrological pow-

wow in early Imperial China. Yet this was also a deeply serious event, for at this meeting President Kennedy clearly began to rough out his plans for dealing with Nikita S. Khrushchev.

The decision Kennedy must make is so deeply serious, in turn, because it is expected that the broad guide-lines of Soviet world policy will shortly be reviewed and revised at another Party Congress. What this 21st Party Congress decides will plainly be much influenced, and perhaps even determined, by the approach to Khrushchev which Kennedy adopts. Nothing could be more serious than this.

IT IS too easy for Americans to forget or ignore the crucial importance of these cumbersome, wordy and seemingly meaningless gatherings of the Communist party leadership in the Soviet Union. Yet the 20th Party Congress gave to 1956 the special character of a year of decision.

That Congress was the scene of Khrushchev's famous secret speech denouncing Josef Stalin; and it produced much more than the turn away from Stalinism. It also conferred official, semi-secret sanction on Khrushchev's doctrine of peaceful co-existence. And it promulgated the theory that war with the wicked capitalists was by no means inevitable, and ought to be avoided if possible.

All these positions taken at the 20th Party Congress have been bitterly attacked, in the last two years particularly, by the Chinese Communist chieftains. Last June in Bucharest, and again last November in Moscow, Khrushchev had to defend the whole line of the 20th Congress, with extra emphasis on the view that war was not inevitable, at large rallies of the world Communist leadership.

THE Bucharest meeting ended in open discord; and the Moscow meeting introduced an empty formula intended to mask an enduring dispute. For these reasons and for many others, it cannot be taken for granted that the next Party Congress will again approve the relatively peaceful guide-lines laid down by the last Congress. In fact, the Poles, the Yugoslavs, and even some Soviet leaders have been apprehensively warning that very different guide-lines are quite possible.

If the new Congress merely concludes that another World War is highly likely after all, the whole aim and character of Soviet policy will automatically change at once. The bullies, the subversions, the arrogant probes of these last years will quickly be replaced by active and intensive Soviet war preparations. If this happens, it will become appallingly difficult, if not impossible, "to keep the peace without surrender" — in former Vice President Nixon's favorite campaign phrase.

In other words, the stakes are immensely high in the game the President is just starting to play — big public talk about "the world Communist conspiracy" in combination with crippling privately imposed ceilings on the national defense budget. But Kennedy still has to decide whether to deal with Khrushchev at arm's length or face-to-face, in an Allied-crowd or tete-a-tete.

Among these alternatives, face-to-face and then the tete-a-tete seems the most likely method to be chosen, at least for a starter. This kind of Kennedy-Khrushchev meeting has grave disadvantages, to be sure. To begin with, it can hardly be attempted without the consent of the other two Western Allies, and their consent will be grudging at best.

Because of the other Allies, too, such a meeting will have to be short. It will have to be held without the kind of agenda that implies the intention to reach decisions. It will have to be strictly aimed, in sum, to let the two men take each other's measure. Yet this is aim enough, when the new guide-lines of Soviet world policy will be so much influenced by Khrushchev's judgment of Kennedy and his purposes.

The fact that so much may hang upon one man's judgment of another man, rather sharply underlines the perilous character of this juncture in history. By the same token, it underlines even more sharply the significance of the problem Kennedy began to tackle Saturday morning.

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God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing but exalted itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

The great commission to the church by Jesus, Matthew 28:19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

The true church will not fear Communism, but Communism will fear it. The gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18).

"Freedom Crusade" condemns not only Communism but our government, and individuals in our government, mostly on a party basis. The church has no right to align herself to political parties or to condemn officials in our government, but to condemn sin.

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: For kings, and for all that are in authority. Read I Timothy 2:1-4.

Thomas White Route 1, Box 344 Central Point, Ore.

New Moon and Eclipse

To the Editor: On Wednesday, Feb. 15, a "new moon" falls in the Zodiacal sign of Aquarius around 12:11 a.m., Pacific Standard Time. Also a total eclipse of the sun, not visible to the western hemisphere, will fall over India and part of Iran with a shadow as far south as central Africa. The totality begins at sunrise and extends northward over U.S.S.R. ending at sunset.