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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

No bus service was moving

out of the Medford Grey-

hound terminal today as a

result of a crippling bus

strike in seven west coast

states.

Some 443 cases of influenza

were reported to the county

health department during the

past week, and County Health

Officer A. Erin Merkel said it

is the largest number of com-

municable diseases ever re-

ported here in a single week.

20 YEARS AGO

County Assessor C. A. Myers

today named deputy field

assessors for the coming year

who will begin their duties

tomorrow.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye

Smudge Pot" column: "Cal-

ifornians still have the wind

and the rain in their hair, in

a record breaking display of

weather distemper. There has

been nothing like it since the

1906 earthquake. Posterity

will probably refer to it all,

as the year of the deadly

calm."

30 YEARS AGO

The Western Pacific Air

Freight lines has announced

plans to use the Medford air-

port on a regular schedule.

County Agent R. G. Fowler

has reported that experiments

here have developed the first

all-year pasture.

40 YEARS AGO

March 2, 1921 (Wednesday)

A new brick and concrete

hall is nearly complete.

Work started on the Med-

ford Irrigation district system

today.

50 YEARS AGO

March 2, 1911 (Thursday)

The county court has post-

poned construction of a new

bridge at Gold Hill, as it has

become evident that the town

is divided on just where the

bridge should be located.

A passing automobile fright-

ened a team of horses on Main

st. yesterday, and they bolted

down the street, only to be

stopped by a passerby who

jumped on the shaft and grasped

the bridle reins.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior;

seven or eight is excellent; five

or six is good.

1. Niabol is the Capital of

which country?

2. The diameter of the bore

of a gun is termed the c—r?

3. Windows usually burst

outward as the result of an

explosion outside the build-

ing, true or false?

4. Who portrayed the charac-

ter, "Clarence Day," in the

film version of "Life With

Father"?

5. Fleas require the blood

of birds or animals (including

man) in order to reproduce;

true or false?

6. Was the Appian Way a

famous Roman highway or a

political thesis?

7. Which coin contains more

copper, a nickel or a cent?

8. Was it Demosthenes or

Aristotle who put pebbles in

his mouth to correct a speech

defect?

9. The average human head

contains 10,000; 110,000 or

510,000 hairs?

10. Polaris is the proper

name of which star?

Answers: 1. Kenya. 2. Cal-

iber. 3. True. (The explosion

creates a vacuum). 4. William

Powell. 5. True. 6. Roman

road. 7. Nickel. 8. Demosthe-

nes. 9. 110,000. 10. North Star.

Bishop Pike's Views

The Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of California, the Rt. Rev. James A. Pike, is a man of strong opinions, unorthodox views, and considerable courage.

He is also an interesting person. Formerly a lawyer and a Roman Catholic, he left the bar and his church when an adult, to enter the Episcopal clergy.

And he has generated some pretty heated reactions to his statements, both in theological circles, and elsewhere.

IN THIS week's Look magazine, for instance, he raises the question of whether the seeds of racial and religious hatred are often planted by the churches themselves, by "what they teach, what they fail to teach, and what they are."

He said that many people responsible for acts of hate are church members, and, "the sad and shocking truth is that the roots of bias often reach back to the pulpit and the Sunday school class."

The article cited examples from religious text books currently under study in which anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic and anti-Protestant feelings can be aroused by exaggerated or misleading interpretations of the Bible and of history.

AT ONE point, Bishop Pike says:

"It is disgraceful that people are being barred from neighborhoods and clubs on a basis that would have barred Jesus Himself—due in strong measure to the influence of His own church. It is distressing that regular church members are agents of segregation. And it is shameful that the rift of the Reformation is being widened by some churches."

Read in its entirety, Bishop Pike's thesis is not as sensational as the isolated quotations above would make it appear (nor as sensational as the play given it by the magazine, either). He delves into the sources of bias in church writings, and cites some scholarly studies now being made.

And yet, his major point is sensational enough, if taken seriously to heart. He says:

"... Prejudice is seen as a form of idolatry—a putting of one's group, church or nation above God. 'Christ came to heal, not to hurt. Prejudice wounds our fellow men, Christians especially should take particular care as we teach His Gospel to avoid sowing seeds of hatred toward those of His own background—or hatred toward ANY minority group. 'He died for all.'"

IN ANOTHER, but somewhat related, field, Bishop Pike is raising other blood pressures, this in the area of theological belief.

In a recent article in "Christian Century," the leading non-denominational Protestant magazine, he brought down the wrath of some of his fellow-churchmen by declaring that much of the Bible is myth.

As reported in last week's Time magazine:

"The Gospel, said Bishop Pike, is largely communicated by means of myth—not in the sense of an untrue fable, but in the sense of a form used to express complicated and difficult truth, such as the Garden of Eden. Writes Pike: 'I do not know a single member of the Anglican Communion, — Bishop, presbyter, deacon or layman—who believes this story literally.'"

BISHOP Pike does not differ from many other clergymen, and laymen, too, in his belief that the Biblical tales are not true in a literal sense. But he has more courage than most to say so.

And he believes that myths can be "truer than the truth," speaking as they do to the heart and understanding, rather than to any historical and exact recounting of events.

Christ Himself used parables to convey his messages.

NOR does Bishop Pike dispute with those who hold to the literal truth of the Bible; he only sets forth his own attitude.

Of those who believe the Bible to be literally true, in every word, he said:

"I will quarrel with no one... about the literal belief in any Biblical narrative. We are open as to all that.

"But as to the meaning which these various narratives are meant to communicate, all the rest of us value—we do not reject—the myth."

As we said, he is a man of strong opinions, unorthodox views, and considerable courage.—E.A.

How About the 4th District?

Congressman Edwin R. Durno is, as he declared during the campaign and subsequently, opposed to the creation of an Oregon Dunes National Seashore.

That, of course, is his privilege. He thinks it would be a "waste of money," that the Oregon dunes are not of sufficient scenic or scientific value to be thus set aside, and that the recreational aspects can be better handled by other agencies.

So far, so good.

BUT he expressed approval of the Kennedy natural resources message, which advocated National Seashores in California, Texas and Massachusetts.

In his opposition to the Oregon Dunes, Durno is in disagreement with Governor Hatfield, several of Oregon's other members of Congress, a host of experts who have concluded it has outstanding characteristics and would be a great boon to Oregon's tourist economy, and even his own representative in Oregon, not to mention thousands of voters who think quite highly of the Fourth District.

We respect his opposition, if sincere. But on the face of it he would seem to be running down his own district while voicing no objection to similar projects elsewhere.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"MR. WILSON! I BROUGHT YOU A CIGAR!"

"YEAH? WHAT TIME DOES IT GO OFF?"

... 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.

Short-Sighted Bills

To the Editor: I wonder if conservation-minded Oregonians are aware of what dangers to the recreational values of Oregon's hitherto free and open beaches may be effected by the passage of House Bills 1316 and 1317. Since the days of former Governor Os West, Oregon's beaches were set aside for public usage in perpetuity.

The first step toward violation of this principle was taken in the passage of House Bills 1316 and 1317, which at the moment still await the governor's signature.

We may be creating industrial slums along our priceless beaches—all in the name of "jobs at the moment." This, to me, seems to be the short range view. Tourists to Oregon have always meant sustained dollars to the state.

With the exploding populations in California, Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico and with the bulk of our tourist trade coming from this area, I wonder if it is not just plain foolhardy to take a chance on ruining our tourist trade along the beaches.

We are spending thousands of dollars on promotion of Oregon in national magazines and millions of dollars to improve our coast highways and have even gone so far as to permit issuance of bonds to build a bridge across the Columbia river at Astoria. All this has been done to promote tourist trade.

House Bills 1316 and 1317 do not have public interest clauses to prevent the Land Board, comprised of the governor, the secretary of state and the state treasurer, from giving easements without public hearing for dumping effluent or what-have-you into the surf along our beaches.

I suggest that Oregonians look into this matter because these two bills will probably have the most far-reaching effect on Oregon economy of any bills that have been passed in two decades.

Beulah Hand
State Representative
(Clackamas county)
Salem, Ore.

Names and Addresses

To the Editor: Your editorial, The Medical Care Plan, published Feb. 12, has been brought to my attention today.

Will you please give me the names of those citizens of Medford and Jackson County who are "by and large unable to afford to pay for their own health care protection now?"

We will do everything we can to assist you in efforts toward improvement in any situation involving the medical profession.

Herbert L. Hartley, M.D.
Editor
Northwest Medicine
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Seattle 1, Wash.

Editor's note: The Jackson County Public Welfare Commission office is at 132 West Fourth St., Medford; the Social Security office is at 1005 East Main St. Either of these can testify to the number of people who are, "by and large, unable to afford to pay for their own health care protection now."

He Was Wrong

To the Editor: In 13 years of living in Oregon, I have always regarded our seashore as a scenic wonder, fascinating to behold and loaded with enjoyment and relaxation.

Last Saturday I discovered I was wrong. No less an authority than the 4th District Representative, Dr. Edwin Durno, was quoted in my paper, "I do not think it possesses the scientific or historical or scenic grandeur that we should have in our National

Park system." Because of this he opposes the bill to create an Oregon Dunes National Park.

I want to thank Dr. Durno for aiding me in better understanding the Oregon coast. When I go East for a short visit next month, I shall advise my friends that I have misinformed them about the beauty of Oregon, particularly the coastal area.

I trust that Dr. Durno will continue to tell the people in the United States that Oregon is not of sufficient interest to warrant National Park consideration and advise the prospective tourists that there are other places for them to spend their dollar. I am sure Dr. Durno will vote for these areas to get the National Parks they desire.

The Fourth District should be proud of their representative's forthright statements to the nation. It isn't everyday we find such a frank member of the Chamber of Commerce.

L. V. Bahr
1595 Bonnie Way NW
Salem, Ore.

Ike Criticized Again

To the Editor: How many purple hearts does Ike hold? He spent all his military career back behind the lines where it was perfectly safe, he is hated by all nations around the world, he did not dare land in Japan, a nation we conquered.

Ike has blocked all veterans legislation, yet when a bill came up to pay all ex-presidents a \$25,000 a year pension he signed it. How many taxpayers know they are paying over \$50,000 a year to staff his own private office, how many know the taxpayers are furnishing FBI men still to guard his life? Does the lady in Ashland realize the service men offered their lives to save her life and liberty? Yet she condemns them. The brought our nation to the brink of ruin. I am not a Catholic but I back Kennedy to the fullest. Some people who condemn unjustly should see their psychiatrist.

I am a totally disabled World War I veteran and I vote independent.

C. W. Corey
Phoenix, Ore.

Why the Complaints?

To the Editor: Just curious to know why, in Communications, so many people have so many complaints. I find if I go along, day by day, being happy myself and trying to make those happy around me, I don't have time for anything else, at least things to hurt others.

Yes, I get heartiest just thinking about the unjust things we hear said. I have lived through two world wars and saw two presidents give their very life's blood in doing their part. So it seems too bad to me if one lives through eight years of it and we cannot wish them well and hope they live to enjoy the few years left them in the way they like.

Because the way I see it we cannot look into the future, and it could well be we could be on our knees praying to God Almighty to have him back again.

I am sorry if any one takes offense at this.

Bernice Janosky,
Jacksonville, Ore.

Takes Issue

To the Editor: I wish to take issue with some statements in "Christian Economics" quoted in a communication dated Feb. 20 by Dorian Woods. It states that "Red China" is engaged in dope traffic in order to acquire western money and to corrupt our morals and that 4000 American soldiers are held there in violation of

Iceland-British Fishing Dispute Points Up Confusion Over Offshore Jurisdiction

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

The right of nations to police and protect their own territorial waters is recognized by international law. How far those waters may extend is a matter of dispute over most of the world.

One such dispute that dragged on for nearly 30 months and strained relations between two NATO allies involved Iceland and Great Britain.

It began on Sept. 1, 1953, when Iceland declared a 12-mile limit for her territorial waters, and banned fishing within that zone.

Britain promptly denounced the plan and dispatched four frigates to ensure that her trawlers would fish undisturbed. In the cold war pattern, the Soviet Union an-

nounced it would recognize Iceland's extension of her fishing waters.

In the ensuing teakettle war, shots were fired but no blood was let, and the British frigates successfully repelled Iceland's attempts to arrest the trawler crews.</