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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

March 9, 1951 (Friday)

Jackson County's flu epidemic "definitely appears to be letting up," Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, said today despite a record-breaking report of 809 new flu cases here during the past week.

Flu and winter weather have knocked the props out from under the 1951 drive for Red Cross funds it was reported today.

20 YEARS AGO

March 9, 1931 (Sunday)

Only 400 persons attended the opening mass meeting of the Southern Oregon Christian mission school held at the senior high school here last night.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Snudge Pot" column: "The legislature cast the proposed sales tax into outer political darkness. The measure reeked with common sense, something no statesman will tolerate."

30 YEARS AGO

March 9, 1931 (Monday)

The Medford Milk producers have changed their name to the Jackson County Dairy-men's association and hope to enlist all 1,200 dairymen in the county as members.

Local farmers are spreading more than two tons of poison in the county to combat ground squirrels.

40 YEARS AGO

March 9, 1921 (Wednesday)

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce has begun consideration of proposals on how the 4th of July should be celebrated this year.

The Medford Chamber of Commerce forum yesterday heard a speaker call for the use of Oregon products as much as possible.

50 YEARS AGO

March 9, 1911 (Thursday)

The Pacific and Eastern railway between Medford and Butte Falls, service is scheduled to start April 1.

3 Your I.Q.?

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

1. Ceylonese is the name for a kind of synthetic fabric; true or false?

2. Did General Douglas MacArthur ever serve as superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point?

3. The iron frame at the front of steam locomotives, designed to throw obstructions from the track is known as a C-.

4. A majority of the population of Australia is of American, British or Latin origin?

5. Surgery of the nervous system is known as what?

6. Is there a chemical difference between sugar produced from beets and that produced from sugar cane?

7. The number of disabled veterans of W. W. II exceeds two million; true or false?

8. What state rivals Virginia for the title "Mother of Presidents"?

9. By whom was the American colony of Georgia founded?

10. What is a mantilla?

Answers: 1. False. 2. Yes. 3. Cowatcher. 4. British. 5. Neurosurgery. 6. No. 7. True (2 1/2 million). 8. Ohio. 9. James E. Oglethorpe. 10. Headress worn by Spanish women.

Hodges and the BAC

The business advisory council, a largely secret panel of top industrialists, will probably hear suggestions for reorganization when Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges appears before it for the first time. An earlier get-together, scheduled for Jan. 26, was postponed because Hodges had to attend the first meeting of President Kennedy's Cabinet.

In the meantime, BAC has lost its chairman, Ralph J. Cordiner, who resigned on Feb. 27, nominally to devote his time solely to the affairs of General Electric as president and chairman.

High administration officials had let it be known, however, that Cordiner's continued chairmanship of BAC would be an embarrassment to the government inasmuch as his company had been fined half a million dollars and three of its officials had been jailed in price-fixing cases.

Hodges is understood to want to give BAC a broader representation. Membership now comes from all industry—and from the sciences and military. The roster has at one time or another listed as members Gen. George C. Marshall, Adm. Emory S. Land, Vannoy Bush, Cyrus S. Ching, Ambassador Henry F. Grady. But the Council has been criticized as being weighted in favor of heavy industry, as excluding small industry, and as not adequately representing distribution and services.

BAC was established in June, 1933, under an act authorizing the Commerce Department to "foster, promote, and develop foreign and domestic commerce." Its members are appointed by the Secretary, but expenses of the Council are met by individual, tax-exempt contributions from the members, with a ceiling of \$1,500 a year per member. What records the BAC keeps are administered by an executive director who maintains an office in Commerce and is paid \$25,000 a year out of BAC funds.

There are 60 active members, who serve one-year terms without government compensation. They then may be reappointed for four successive terms, after which they become "gratuitous" members. At present the active and graduate total is 174 members.

BAC has been a continuing target for Chairman Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) of the House Anti-Monopoly subcommittee as allegedly a lobby for big business. It is also criticized for its secrecy—particularly by locked-out reporters.

Hodges at a press conference of Feb. 14 said that he wouldn't decide whether to open the doors until his first meeting with the Council, but said also that he disapproved of a special group of businessmen getting information from government officials that is not available to the public.

BAC's defenders contend that whereas its discussions and reports give government valuable inside information on industry, its members get no inside stuff from government. The controversy seems somewhat academic; BAC's doings are usually pretty thoroughly leaked to the press by complainant members. And BAC's auguries of economic trends have established no high reputation for accuracy. BAC's real value would appear to be, as one financial writer puts it, as "one of the most useful bridges which the federal government has built between itself and the community."—E.R.R.

Farmers Come to Washington

The annual convention of the National Farmers Union, starting March 13, in Washington, may coincide with the final push in Congress for an emergency corn and feed grains bill. The Kennedy Administration has asked for passage by no later than March 15 of the one-year grains prop bill so it can apply to this year's crops.

The National Farmers Union, a general farm organization representing 300,000 farm families, has solidly support the feed grains legislation. The bill would permit establishment of high price supports for corn and grain sorghums in return for drastic reduction in acreage and production. In general, the Farmers Union is in favor of "supply management"—which means more federal controls over farmers and their production.

SEVERAL of the new Cabinet officers are expected to speak before the convention, and President Kennedy probably will make an appearance, too. If the feed grains bill is stalled in Congress at the time, he could use the occasion to put on last-minute pressure for passage. If passed, he will take his bows.

Farm policy is not one of Kennedy's strong points, and he seems to have some doubts about whether the federal government can outwit the feuding farmer, who defies mathematical precepts by growing ever more crops on ever less land.

The President is well aware that he suffered grievous election day setbacks in the rural areas. But he has not wavered from his campaign promise to give the farm problem top priority in the opening weeks of his administration, and in the Farmers Union at least, he has found a friend.—E.R.R.

Red China Must Alter Farm Policy

Washington—(UPI)—A government expert says that Communist China must change its farm policy if the Communist regime is to survive.

In the past, the Chinese Communist policy has been to stress the development of heavy industry—pouring most of the country's capital investment into industry, leaving little to provide agriculture

with the fertilizers and other tools it needs to feed a growing population.

Now, according to Hughes H. Spurlock of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, there seem to be hints of a change in the Chinese policy. Spurlock says the logic of events may force the Chinese to make this change.

Dennis the Menace



"NOW I GOTTA PROBLEM! WOULD YOU TRADE A WHOLE BUNCH O' RUBBER BANDS FOR TWO PRETTY GOOD CRAYONS AN' A FISHHOOK?"

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.

Yields To Woodsman's Saw

To the Editor: A 75-year-old grape vine which played a part in the naming of Grape St. yielded to the woodsman's saw this week.

The heavy winds had rendered it, and the large oak that supported it, dangerous. The vine had grown to a circumference of 30 inches and was about 40 feet tall. It hung downward from the very top of the oak. It was the Mission (wine) grape which was originally brought to California by the Spanish Padres; from there to Jacksonville's early vineyards and on to Medford.

A grape cutting was given by C. C. Beckman of Jacksonville, who also owned land here. It was planted by Medford's first mayor, J. S. Howard, and I. J. Phipps, who owned land here. Its location was at the then George and Elizabeth Wilson farm which had been newly converted into two city lots (Original Town). This location is now "The Flower Garden," 343 North Grape St., which is starting its 40th year this spring under ownership of Mrs. Eva L. Daley who came to Medford in the spring of 1886.

Many people, en route to work in the mornings have paused to view the vine, tree and old fashioned "box type" house which made a pretty scene silhouetted darkly against the vivid, red sunrises.

Miss Venita Daley, 343 North Grape, Medford, Ore.

Bernice E. McCue, 134 Laurel St., Central Point, Ore.

Beware of Power
To the Editor: As long as I already have one barrel loaded and aimed at Speaker Bob Duncan, I have decided to load the other, aim a little bit higher and take a shot at Congressman Durno.

I do not know what science the Congressman's Doctrine is in, but it certainly cannot be in Political Science. For proof of that statement look at the Editorial in Sunday's Tribune, March 5, signed E.A. entitled "Quote-Quote-Quote."

I think an inexperienced Congressman would have done well to have stayed in the middle of the road or to have played both ends toward the middle.

Here is some advice from a fool—Beware of the Power of the PRESS.

Malemute Slim, White City, Ore.

High Coconut Tree
To the Editor: The first thing the monkey said when he got out of the rocket wuz: "BOY! Wuz that ever a high coconut tree."

Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

Expresses Thanks
To the Editor: Please put this message in your paper. I realize it is late in the year to say a "Big Thank You" to all of the many friends and organizations who have made the year 1960, and so far 1961 so very happy because of their thoughtfulness, love and visits.

All through the year the 4-H ladies, who surprised the ladies in my home with ice cream and cake on Valentine's day a year ago, visit us. There are also visits from the Scouts, and Blue Bird groups, who remember us at various times with favors and greetings. We especially appreciate the calls made by the various pastors of our communities: Rev. Kroon, of the Community Bible church, Dr. West of First Presbyterian church who called when members of his church were in my home. Also Pastor H. C. Covert of Zion Lutheran church who calls regularly, and serves communion to the shut-ins.

Other groups who visited us

and made birthday cakes were the ladies of First Presbyterian church in Central Point. Mary Harsh's Sunday School class who brought Scripture favors at Christmas time, and gave other gifts to the ladies. The Grandmother's club of Central Point made beautiful swags for our door at Christmas, and they were much appreciated.

The Mary Circle of Zion Lutheran church who brought Thanksgiving favors, and the Ruth Circle who brought gifts. And through the years, we thank the wonderful ladies from the Apostolic church who sing for us the first Thursday of each month, and the Salvation Army who hold a service for us the first Sunday of each month in our home. They also remember the shut-ins at Christmas time and other days as well.

The First Church of Nazarene which held their missionary meeting with us in February, the Dixon Chapter, was a real blessing.

Let us forget the many friends who have called on the ladies, and brought sunshine and blessings as they entered these doors, we want them to know that we do appreciate all of these kindnesses. If I have forgotten any group, I take this time to say "Thank You" one and all for all that you have done to make others happy who look forward to your visits and kindness.

When they fully understand all the implications of what has been happening to our country, I believe most Americans will agree that loss of freedom is too high a price to pay for "security from the cradle to the grave."

Lytle Hartzell, Box 35, Florence, Ore.

Wants God-Love
To the Editor: The Bishop Pike is a wise man in step with universal evolution. If religion eventually benefits man, it will be based upon concepts of social responsibility, man to man, simply showing that if I am kind to you, and you are kind to another, and so on, someday, in some way, it will all come back to me. Such task is quite enough for religion, which must leave other decisions—what man is and what is best for him—to science.

The utility of man-created God, each to his own requirement, eugenic in the hand power, largely by atavism while best raised by civilization (laws) in their peculiar discriminatory battle is understandable, but the angry man stands upon his own tail for he created the laws preventing him from overt actions.

But when he asks me to believe in his God-creature there is immortality in him for he subjects himself to alien despotism and wishes me to submit also. If I believe, I also fear the consequences of disbelief all the other gods. To believe at all is to believe all and therein lies nothing but chaos. Far simpler would have been a Bible of three words, "God is Love," for this is true then the remainder of the book is useless subterfuge, and if it is untrue then the remainder is hopeless subterfuge.

Who really cares when I rest or when I shop or what course of action I may pursue in the privacy of my chamber? I will rest when I am tired. I will shop when my supply fails my demand, and what I do in private will be of no more consequence to you a hundred years from now than is the blood of countless nameless religious "martyrs" shed in the interval since the beginning of recorded history.

Man has been good, bad,

Cardenas Emerges As Dominant Figure In Mexico City Left-Wingers Meeting

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analysis

Gen. Lazaro Cardenas is one of a string of military men who served as presidents of Mexico in unbroken succession from the revolution in 1911 through 35 hectic years ending in 1946.

He is also the man who in 1938 expelled American and British oil companies valued at about \$450 million touching of a dispute which dragged on for nearly 10 years before final settlement was reached.

This week, he emerged as a dominant, if somewhat mysterious figure, in a Mexico City meeting of hemispheric left-wingers called the Conference for National Sovereignty, Economic Emancipation and Peace.

Besides Cardenas, other whizzes at the meeting were Vilma Espin de Castro, sister-in-law of Fidel and leader of the big Cuban delegation, and a Mexican labor leader named Vincent Lombardo Toledano.

Toledano is noteworthy because his Communist-dominated Confederation of Mexican Workers provided Cardenas' main support in the election which Cardenas won in 1934 and because Toledano long

was regarded as international communism's No. 1 man in Latin America.

As had been anticipated, this week's conference consisted primarily of vitriolic attacks against the United States, with Toledano declaring:

"The greatest evil in Latin America and even in the whole world is North American imperialism. Let's fight, let's fight this imperialism!"

Cardenas, an admirer both of Red China and Castro, hailed Cuba's "incorruptible leaders," and fell in easily with the current Cuban line that any dispute between the United States and Cuba can be negotiated. The moderate tone of his speech, however, brought somewhat less than wild acclaim from his audience.

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'Speech-Questions' Prepared By New News Service in Capitol

By DICK WEST
Washington—(UPI)—In a recent issue of Roll Call, Capitol Hill's weekly newspaper,

a journalist named Patrick McMahon announced the opening of a new type of press service here.

Its purpose is to assist members of the Washington press corps in the preparation of "speech - questions" for use at President Kennedy's televised news conferences.

"I firmly guarantee my ability to stretch the simplest, most asinine little questions

into punchy speeches, complete with epigrams, redundancies and appropriate gestures," McMahon said in his prospectus.

"My speech-questions are calculated to baffle not only the President, but also the entire press conference. Moreover, my modest fees are scaled according to the number of seconds those lovely TV cameras focus on the beaming faces of my happy clients."

Already Skilled
If you have watched any of the President's news conferences on television, you are aware that a number of reporters already are skilled at syntax stretching and have no need of McMahon's service.

I, however, had some doubt about my ability to ask a question in the form of a question. So, before going to Wednesday's news conference, I went to McMahon for a consultation.

Under his guidance, I was able to enter the conference room armed with a question that read like this:

"Mr. President, a hamster is any one of several old world rodents of the cecus or allied genera resembling white-footed mice but having large cheek pouches and a short tail."

"The two pet hamsters belonging to your daughter Caroline escaped from their cages recently and ran loose in the White House until they were captured in the solarium."

"I wonder if you could tell us, Sir, what methods were used to track down the hamsters and whether you have any advice that might be useful to other parents who have hamsters at large in their homes?"

"Specifically, is there anything in your experience that might indicate how children can be made to remember to close the door to the hamster cage?"

Long Enough
I figure this question would have kept me on camera so long I would have been eligible for a Hooper rating. Therefore, I do not blame McMahon for what happened.

It was not his fault that I never got a chance to ask it. That was the fault of the other reporters who kept leaping up in front of me so that I couldn't catch the President's eye.

At one point, Kennedy was asked what he thought of the jack-in-the-box system of getting his attention. His reply indicated that he saw some drawbacks in it, but had no plans for adopting another method.

That being the case, I have decided to drop McMahon's service. There is no need for me to hire a speech-question ghost writer until I find someone to give me jumping lessons.

McMahon's Defense
Washington—Behind elaborately closed doors, the President and his personal staff are now studying the recommendations for immediate defense improvement, which were presented by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara after his first hard look at the Eisenhower defense program.

Certain results can be predicted with fair confidence. The Minuteman ICBM program is likely to be increased. The Strategic Air Command is likely to be given the means for a serious air-borne alert.

The Nike-Zeus program is likely to be intensified, if only to avoid Soviet exploitation