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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.

15 YEARS AGO

April 9, 1931 (Tuesday) An office has been established in the Medford hotel for the purpose of writing letters to various influential national figures in an attempt to secure the reactivation of Camp White.

The sixth dog poisoning

here in recent weeks was reported by state police yesterday.

25 YEARS AGO

April 9, 1906 (Thursday) The Medford Chamber of Commerce is distributing literature supporting its request that the municipal airport be designated as an Army air base.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Snoudge Pot" column: "The New Deal has come out again for the Ever-Normal Granary plan, as a step toward the fuller life. It has appeal, and may lead eventually to the Never-Empty gasoline tank."

35 YEARS AGO

April 6, 1901 (Friday) The federal bureau of public roads has approved a state highway commission plan for a new road to Oregon Caves via Williams creek.

Rogue River area residents have submitted a petition to the county court asking that a permanent policy be adopted of employing the unemployed for county roadwork.

40 YEARS AGO

April 8, 1921 (Sunday) The Trigon Oil company, with more than 1,000 local stockholders, has yet to strike oil in Fern valley.

A new Standard Oil company service station at Sixth and Riverside ave., is nearing completion.

55 YEARS AGO

April 6, 1911 (Monday) Hill railroad interests are reported surveying the right of way for a proposed Medford-Crescent City railroad.

Page one headline: "Rapid growth of city proven by great strides made during month."

What's Your I.Q.?

1. On what continent is Rhodasia? 2. Who was known as the "Wizard of Menlo Park"? 3. "Jersey Lightning" is a slang name for what alcoholic beverage?

4. Who wrote, "Oh, East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet"? 5. Vandilism damage to non-business property is deductible from income for tax savings, true or false?

6. Does a carpenter use a rip saw to cut across the grain or in the direction of the grain? 7. In which stadium in California did Margaret Truman make her debut as a concert singer?

8. How many male players participate in a basketball game? 9. The iris, cornea and pupil are associated with what organ of the body?

10. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer heads what German political party? Answers: 1. Africa. 2. Thomas A. Edison. 3. Applejack. 4. Rudyard Kipling. 5. True. 6. Dimension of grain. 7. Holywood Bowl. 8. Ten. 9. Eye. 10. Christian Democrats.

"Talking" a Depression

Stupid. Uninformed. Heartless. Irresponsible. These are four words we would use to describe the reported testimony of Governor Mark Hatfield's public utilities commissioner, Jonel Hill, at the recent conference on Oregon's economic problems.

The conference was called by the governor for the laudable purpose of exploring the causes and possible cures for this state's sag in business and employment (which have dipped to levels even lower than the national recession).

Hill was quoted as saying, "The transportation interests feel that the nation is in the grip of a psychological recession."

He went on to describe it as a "Harvard recession."

IT IS shocking that such harebrained wisecracks should come from one of Oregon's top appointive officials at a serious public hearing. And Hill's testimony was especially irresponsible at a time when Oregon unemployment was running at a rate of 12 per cent—nearly double the national average.

More than 60,000 Oregonians were jobless, yet Hill described their plight as "psychological" and shrugged it off with a political wisecrack.

The public utilities commissioner should know that his state's basic industry is timber products, and that industry is sick. Its sickness is not psychological but financial—the direct result of tight money, high interest rates and eight years of Mr. Eisenhower's refusal to recommend or accept a realistic federal housing program which would use this state's lumber and plywood.

UNDOUBTEDLY this interpretation of Oregon's plight is politically unpalatable to Mr. Hill. But it was stupid and irresponsible to blame the third Eisenhower recession on a Democratic President who had just taken office—and to sneer at Mr. Kennedy's efforts to recruit the nation's best brains into government service.

And why, may we ask, is Jonel Hill speaking for "the transportation interests"? He's supposed to be regulating them—not serving as their spokesman.

In defining the duties of the public utilities commissioner, Oregon law says "he shall represent the patrons and users of the service and consumers of the product of any public utility."

HEAVEN help the patrons and consumers if Jonel Hill's testimony was accurately reported—and if it reflects the calibre of the man who is supposed to represent and protect them.

Frankly, we'd prefer any one of Mr. Kennedy's Harvard appointees.—Oregon Labor Press.

He Had It Coming

(In commenting on the Oregon Labor Press Editorial reprinted above, the Pendleton East Oregonian had the following to say)

Jonel Hill had this coming to him, we think, and then some.

Long before the election of last November many economists were saying that whether the next President was John Kennedy or Richard Nixon he would find himself dealing with a serious recession. They said that the nation had not completely pulled out of the 1958 recession and the causes of that one had worsened.

If responsibility for the recession must be placed, there's only one place to put it. It has to rest on the shoulders of the Eisenhower Administration. The troubles that face the lumber industry, the key to economic well-being in Oregon, have been with us a long time. They were here long before President Kennedy announced he would be a candidate for the Presidency.

THE nation didn't talk itself into this recession and it isn't going to talk its way out of it. This requires action—action that the Eisenhower Administration of big business did not take.

We think President Kennedy is going to pull us out of it by the end of this year—pull us out of something he did not create.

This isn't the first time Jonel Hill has put his foot in his mouth. We have wondered before how he managed to get on the Hatfield team. He doesn't measure up to the specifications the governor has established for members of his team.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Strange Bedfellows

Few organizations have been under more consistent attack from the Far Right than the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU has, from time to time, defended free thinkers, Jehovah's Witnesses, foreigners, labor politicians, Wallacites, Socialists, Communists, and those who have taken the fifth. The Dan Smoot crowd has the ACLU high on its list of groups that are somehow "un-American."

Now look who's come under the wing of the ACLU. That venerable organization now opposes any congressional or legislative investigation of the controversial John Birch society, a group made up of those who bitterly oppose the ACLU.

The John Birch society, wrote ACLU officials to the California governor, is thus far operating within the guarantees of the Bill of Rights. Even its "allegedly secret" character does not constitute grounds for an investigation. "As long as its assembly is peaceable," wrote Edson Monroe, executive director of the ACLU for Southern California, "any minority has the right to conduct its business in private fashion."—Eugene Register-Guard.

Dennis the Menace



"If I WAS TALL AS YOU WED SEE WHO WENT TO BED!" "I MEANT REALLY AS TALL!"

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.

Automation and Jobs

To the Editor: This writer cannot quite understand the active campaign to hire the handicapped, when more and more able-bodied men are being displaced by machinery. Fewer men now can produce more goods. The need is for more jobs.

If private industry cannot supply them, the national government should embark on a program of huge public works. Otherwise, the rich will get richer and the poor will go on relief.

David Frisch P.O. Box 292 White City, Ore.

Pardon My Dust

To the Editor: Residents along the Medford Corporation right-of-way from Butte Falls to Medford, who are not sure what could result from conversion of the railroad to a private, extra-heavy log truck road, should take a look at the flowering trees along the Crater Lake highway where traffic is temporarily moving along a gravel stretch. The trees are so covered with dust, it is impossible to tell their color—and this on a wide right-of-way, with roomy shoulders.

What would happen to pastures, homes and gardens along the narrow Medco right-of-way if 100 big trucks traveled daily from Butte Falls to Medford over the private route? All this, and noise, speed and danger too!

Mrs. K. A. Carroll Route 1, Box 682 Eagle Point, Ore.

Wondering

To the Editor: She found out how it was with the Bible when she went to college. It was the first time she had been away from the security of her own home, her own church, her own friends. It was the first time she had known anyone would question the Bible or ever say it was not so, or would scoff. It was an awful shock.

She too, began to wonder. There was science class. One of the professors was an atheist. There was the general idea that in the beginning everything started with an explosion. But she gave much thought to the smallest living organism. There was too much intricate structure there for there not to be a God given plan and purpose. When she looked at the heavens at night she felt despicably small.

For the first time in her life she started reading her Bible at night before she went to bed. It was such a comfort. She was numbered among those in church on Easter.

"Jane" Jacksonville, Ore.

Sagacity

To the Editor: This knowledge should our judgement crown In seeing fair our brothers: To know we all are broken down— But some sag more than others!

"Gold Hill Billy" Gold Hill, Ore.

Prefers Lincoln's Advice

To the Editor: In recent weeks I have noticed at least three communications commenting on Bishop J. A. Pike's articles in "Christian Century."

I have just noticed an article written by Kenneth H. Woods of Washington, D.C., which comments on the thirteenth and last article by Bishop Pike entitled "How My Mind Has Changed." This discloses that he no longer believes in the virgin birth of Christ, nor that God will "limit salvation to a select group who happen to have heard the news and heard it

well," nor that Christ "ascended into heaven" and that He "sitteth on the right hand of the Father." These statements are "poetic rather than literal."

He no longer believes in the doctrine of the Trinity. He declares "These three persons in one God" terminology is probably the best the philosophers of the early church could do to try to preserve the monotheism of God as against the natural tendency toward polytheism in that day. I see nothing in the Bible, as critically viewed, which supports this particularly weak and unintelligible philosophical organization of the nature of God."

The reaction to Bishop Pike's article was almost instantaneous. Some readers, even ministers, praised his stand as being essentially the same as their own. But in Georgia a group of his fellow churchmen declared that he should be tried for heresy. In his own San Francisco diocese 100 laymen drew up and mailed out 1,000 copies of a statement that asked, "Is Bishop Pike undermining our Christian faith?" They affirmed that the bishop's views, "instead of making spiritual progress... may be retrogressing to ancient heresy."

"The real issue is this: Bishop Pike, like many other contemporary theologians (among them Paul Tillich, Reinhold Niebuhr and Rudolf Bultmann), believe that the Bible is a myth. Among Bible stories considered 'myths' by today's form critics are Creation, Man's Fall in the Garden of Eden, the Flood, the Trinity, the virgin birth, the resurrection of Christ, His second advent and the general resurrection."

In Jeremiah 23:1 (R.S.V.) we read: "Woe to the shepherd who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture." Abraham Lincoln said of the Bible: "Take all of this Book you can on reason and the balance on faith and you will live and die a better man."

I'm glad there are many who still believe that the advice of "honest Abe" is more dependable than that of so-called "higher criticism" in matters of Bible interpretation and Christian conduct.

Harold J. Reith 113 Briggs Bldg. Shady Cove, Ore.

Talking to Himself

To the Editor: Well folks, when a person talks to himself they say that is the first stage. But they say when a person starts answering himself it is the last and final stage.

So here is what I can't understand: All of the articles I have written which have been published in the Mail Tribune, has anyone written one word of protest for or against anyone of them? After all, with accusations I made against J. Edgar Hoover and his stooges, as I called them, I should think that someone would have the courage to either make me put up or shut up.

I don't mean by rubbing me out, as I happen to know that Mr. Hoover would be perfectly satisfied if they did. I have heard that Mr. Hoover wrote a book. I wouldn't swear that he did as I have never seen or read his book. I know that Webster wrote a book called the dictionary.

I also know there is a program on T.V. called camouflage. So you see I only write from experience, not hearsay. You see folks, I am a person who believes in getting to the point and laying the cards right face up on the table.

I would like to know what Dan Smoot meant when he said on T.V., "I know you have tried." Whom was he referring to? "The little old wine maker, me?" Or me?

Please, folks, no more religious letters or letters wanting me to join some organized group. I have heard from more groups now than Heinz has pickles. I have received two cards of acknowledgement from the Washington Post at Washington, D.C., telling me that they are sorry they couldn't print the articles I sent them at this time. But that they hoped I would try them again. Why? Are they gathering information for Khrushchev, or are they trying to keep President Kennedy from finding out? Maybe I am hitting too close to home, or could it be that they don't want the public to know?

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Foreign News: Red China Admission; Gromyko Envoy?; Uranium Lessening

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Notes from the foreign news cables:

Kennedy-Macmillan In his meeting with President Kennedy this week, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan is expected to press the British view that the way now should be paved for Red China's admission to the United Nations.

Macmillan is expected to warn Kennedy that Britain may be unable to support any new U.S. initiative to bar the Red Chinese when the U.N. General Assembly reconvenes next fall. However, Macmillan almost certainly will compromise if Kennedy insists he must have more time. Britain then either might go along with the United States "just one more time," or abstain in the U.N. In any case, the China issue will be high on Macmillan's agenda for the Washington talks.

Ambassador Gromyko? Soviet diplomats in Berlin say that Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko may be named ambassador to Washington. It's all up to President Kennedy. If Kennedy indicates he would like to have Gromyko in Washington for negotiations, the Kremlin will oblige.

Uranium For Atoms Uranium deposits in the Erzgebirge Mountains in East Germany near the Czech border are near the exhaustion point. Reliable sources say only a few pits still are open and these are expected to close shortly. Last year, the East Germans shipped about 2,000 tons of uranium ore to the Soviet Union, compared to 4,000 tons in 1959. Communist leaders now are busy shipping about 100 thousands workers from the site to new mines in Saxony and Thuringia.

German U-Boats West Germany will commission the world's most modern conventional powered submarine some time late this year. The Germans quietly have been designing a new type submarine of 350 tons displacement over the past years. Construction was put off several times to incorporate latest technical features but finally was begun some months ago. Present plans are to build 12 of the new subs but the number may be increased.

Norway has seen the secret designs and has said the wants to buy two or more. The U-boats will operate at speeds hitherto unattained by conventional submarines. They are designed to guard the Baltic's western approaches through which Soviet submarines and surface vessels must go to reach the Atlantic.

Asia Spy Ring Word from Taipei is that Nationalist Chinese security agents may announce soon the cracking of a big Communist spy ring on Formosa. The Taiwan Garrison command already has announced the arrest of a young couple in connection with espionage activities. But that is said to be only the beginning, with subsequent arrests making the roundup one of the biggest in years.

In the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, the Laos situation appears to be getting less inflammatory. The word from Washington was that U.S. officials are awaiting the Soviet reply to the British-U.S. call for a cease fire, but are coming to the belief that when it is received it will be neither a YES nor a NO but a "hedged acceptance" that will require careful study for hidden qualifications and pitfalls—which is official language for what in private conversation we term jokers.

Our state department officials say the shooting must stop before any international conference can be held to "neutralize" Laos, but it is said to be understood in Washington that an INFORMAL TRUCE would be sufficient to set the negotiation machinery in motion.

ALSO— A meeting of what is termed the Warsaw pact nations (meaning Russia's Eastern European satellites) has come to an end and a communique has been issued. It is described as "the most moderate document of its kind since the Warsaw pact was signed in 1955." It is said to "leave the door open" for East-West negotiations and further easing of world tensions. Diplomats noted its brevity and the absence of threats and rocket rattling.

Well, maybe neither side is spoiling for a fight.

ANYWAY, let's hope so. I'm pretty sure most of us will agree that the last thing in the world we want is to get embroiled in another shooting war in Asia.

THIS, of course, we have to admit: We mustn't run. If we run, the communists will all take out after us. Then the fat will be in the fire.

FROM Washington: After 100 years, residents of the District of Columbia have the right to vote for their President. President Kennedy has hailed it a "step in the right direction." But, he added, the 23rd Amendment to the Constitution by no means gives District dwellers home rule—that is, direct control over their own governing body. He added: "I am hopeful the congress will set favorably on legislative proposals to be recommended by the administration providing the District with the right of home rule."

There are times when we wonder if the Founding Fathers weren't as wise in that respect as they were in nearly all others.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

J. K. GALBRAITH, witty professor of economics at Harvard, explains in his book, "The Affluent Society," "The nature of a vested interest has an engaging flexibility. In ordinary intercourse it is an improper advantage enjoyed by a political minority to which the speaker does not himself belong. When the speaker enjoys it, it ceases to be a vested interest and becomes a hard-won reward. When a vested interest is enjoyed not by a minority but by a majority, it is a human right."

Describing a certain well-known Broadway producer, Jackie Gleason explained, "I wouldn't say he's stingy—it's just that his pockets are lined in knotty pine."

W. C. Fields always defined a light drinker as one who doesn't start drinking until it's light.

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Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

THE VANISHED ISLAND Washington—The last non-combat area in all the American political terrain is no longer an open city—no longer a neutral baffle to which the embattled troops may retire sometimes on rest-leave from the campaigning at the front.

This is one of the quite lesser but still poignant meanings of the fact that the required 38 states have now ratified a constitutional amendment to permit citizens of the District of Columbia to vote for President and vice president.

For 161 years the people of this federal city have sat on the sidelines, non-voting non-participants in the process of choosing the national leadership. But now, by grace of the 23rd amendment, they will go to the voting booths in 1964 along with all other Americans.

AND historic progress. And it is understandable that the welkin now rings with glad cries from local press and public that the bad old days of when each was young, one living in the Butte Falls area and Coos Bay county during the early nineties.

Another instance of bands of coyotes attacking bounty hunters on horse-back some 50 years ago in the Butte Falls district has also been told me. My informant related that a pioneer woman, once a resident of Jacksonville, hunted down and shot ravaging coyotes for the bounty on scalps, paid by Jackson county court. The woman was a crack marksman with two six-shooters from a trained saddle horse.

Bert Kissinger 520 Boardman st. Medford

The Reason Why

To the Editor: Several people have asked me: "Why did it sit on top of a cash register full of \$5 gold pieces?" I had several reasons. In the first place we didn't have any paper money. I had better reasons than a person sitting on top of a chimney, a fireplace or a cottonwood tree. I couldn't sit in a bathtub like you do today and answer the telephone. I couldn't get the darn telephone off the chimney. Of course, I could have put the bathtub under the telephone, but it wasn't high enough. I could have put a sack of potatoes on top of the bathtub and reached the telephone.

I was only 13 years old and I couldn't pack a hundred pounds of potatoes, so I dunnit the easy way. The cash register was here, so why not use it? I could stand on top of the counter and reach the telephone. I could lean over with my right hand on the chimney and pick up the receiver with my left hand, then sit down on the cash register. I'm glad I did it. If I did it today, I'd be the only Republican sitting in Alcatraz with Al Capone.

I had one other reason for sitting on top of the cash register. The reason was "DYNAMITE." To be continued.

Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

Call of the Wild

To the Editor: Since our last massive written to the M. T. communications, concerning "a mountain lion screamed," I was given more information by two long-time residents of southern Oregon including the Coos Bay area. The couple, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ellison, both heard the sound of "the call of the wild"



"The Affluent Society"