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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
April 24, 1951 (Tuesday)

Jackson county's first election under a 1949 state law permitting consolidation of "non-contiguous" school districts be held Friday for residents of the Wagner Creek and Phoenix districts.

Voters of Ashland Monday rejected a city budget exceeding the six per cent limitation.

30 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1941 (Thursday)

The state highway commission has announced plans to build a sidewalk from the city limits to the Jackson county fairgrounds.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The first barefoot boy of the season showed up Wednesday. He will get tanned as soon as his Maw finds out."

20 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1931 (Thursday)

Sen. Charles McNary has arranged for a leave of absence for a Marine Corps general so he can help organize an Oregon State police department.

A gasoline price war continues here with gas dropping to as low as 18 cents a gallon.

40 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1921 (Sunday)

The Crater Lake National park company plans to undertake immediate development of a hotel and other concessions at the lake.

Rural postmen are to be armed with revolvers under a post office order.

50 YEARS AGO
April 24, 1911 (Monday)

The government has won its suit against the Southern Pacific railroad for recovery of 2½ million acres of O and C railroad land in southwestern Oregon.

The Medford post office will be closed on Sundays from now on, per a department order.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Where are the remains of the late Gen. John J. Pershing buried?
2. Manxmen are natives of what island?
3. U. S. 10-cent pieces are solid silver; true or false?
4. "Gat" is an underworld term for what weapon?
5. Is the capital of Egypt at Cairo, or Alexandria?
6. Does a major-general rank above, or below, a lieutenant general?
7. Name the tallest animal.
8. Other things being equal, is it easier to lift a weight with a small or a large pulley?
9. What is the N.A.A.C.P.?
10. There are four states which are known as Commonwealths; name them.

Answers: 1. Arlington National cemetery. 2. The Isle of Man. 3. False (80 per cent silver, 10 per cent copper). 4. Gun. 5. Cairo. 6. Below. 7. Giraffe. 8. Large. 9. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. 10. Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Virginia.

DRAFTSMAN PROMOTED

Salem – (UPI) – Norman E. Mann of Salem, engineer draftsman for the State Highway department, has been promoted to engineer designer.

Housing Bill

In this timber-rich state, where the value of forest products now out-ranks agriculture and livestock added together as the major producer of wealth, there is a brighter day in sight. A new high in prosperity is in store for Oregon, the nation's largest lumber producer, if President Kennedy's housing bill passes Congress without being butchered by the reactionaries.

Looking at this housing bill from the position of what it would do for us here in Oregon may be the selfish or parochial view. However, nothing the new Administration has proposed in the way of legislation, nor any that may be proposed in the future, could do more for the prosperity of this state.

What it will do for the nation is considerable also, but that is another story.

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THE bill is designed to stimulate building of low-cost homes for families with limited income. The Administration believes there is far less need for homes in the middle and upper class brackets. Urban renewal and public housing would be generously financed under the bill. Long term loans for repairs and rehabilitation and improvement, up to 25 years, would be insured by the government. Also, housing projects for the elderly is proposed.

The scope of the plans outlined in the bill and the amount of money involved is a drastic departure from the previous Administration, which not only resisted liberal housing legislation through conservatives in Congress, but also fought it with tight money and the Presidential veto. The result has been a stagnation in building that has created an enormous back-log of badly needed construction. All of this activity, urban renewal and renovation uses lumber . . .

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WITH all the vast benefits that appear obvious in this bill—benefits to workers, suppliers and users—it would seem there would be little oppostion to it in Congress. This is not likely to be so. The conservatives in Congress who resist any government remedial action no matter how deplorable conditions may be, and vested interest groups such as the real estate lobby, will fight it bitterly, but not necessarily successfully.

Here, again, is an instance where the President and liberal congressmen need some articulate public support. In our own state it is a safe assumption that our two Senators, Wayne Morse and Maurine Neubeger, will vote for this housing bill. Also, two of our members of Congress, Edith Green, Portland, and Al Ullman, Baker, will back the bill.

These four Democrats are, of course, liberal in their views and can be expected to support their own Administration, not to mention the interest of their state.

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WHAT of Walter Norblad of the First District and Edward Durno of the Fourth?

There is no way to predict in which direction Norblad will wriggle when the conservative pressure gets to him.

As for Dr. Durno, this staunch member of the American Medical Association and preacher of the gospel of reaction, will be on the spot. Still, it hardly seems likely that he can betray the biggest lumber producing District in the biggest lumber producing state and survive the next election . . .

The benefits of this proposal to a state that produces more than a fifth of the nation's lumber and almost a third of its soft plywood sheets, is almost beyond estimation. — Capital Press, Salem.

The 'Ugly American' at Home

A few years ago the self-centered, self-satisfied American conscience was rudely jolted by a best seller entitled "The Ugly American." This book dealt, as everybody now knows, with the poor impression Americans were making on world opinion by our behavior at the commercial, diplomatic, military and tourist levels.

Sometimes we are at our ugliest right here at home. A case in point is the phoney outcry, so popular in the West coast political campaigns lately, against trade with Japan. Some Americans seem to think that trade with Japan should all be one way—all export and no import.

As it happens, resurgent Japanese industry has an enormous appetite for West Coast products. Total exports to Japan vastly exceed American imports. Had it not been for a brisk lumber export trade with Japan, the domestic lumber depression last year would have been utter tragedy for Oregon.

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THE false and unsupported claim that Japanese plywood was hurting Oregon markets was never true and it is not true now. The fact that timber-less Japan, with a building boom flourishing, has used the Northwest lumber for its own purposes. The only plywood it exports is hardwood plywood, and even the cores of this plywood are not Northwest products.

Japanese wages and standards have risen rapidly in recent years. As at home, strong unions and a rising economy lift the living standards of all families. As far ahead as we can see Japan will be our best customer if we don't display the ugly and narrowminded side of our American nature.

Trade with Japan is not a sentimental or soft-headed project. It is a matter of intelligent self-interest. "Trade" means exchange. This has always been a hard lesson for Americans to learn, but we have prospered both in business and world security in direct proportion as we learn it.—Milwaukie (Ore.) Review.

Dennis the Menace

"WOW! FOUR DIFFERENT MOTHERS!"

Foreign News: Colder Cold War; Trial of Eichmann; Red German Labor Shortage

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

Notes for the foreign news cables:

Coldest Cold War

Western observers in Moscow expect the U. S.-Soviet cold war to reach its coldest point yet as result of Cuban developments and the angry exchange between Washington and Moscow. They expect the Soviets to step up their propaganda attack on American "threats to world peace," and the coming May Day celebrations to emphasize Soviet military strength and rocket capability.

Newsom

Eichmann

Best guess is that the prosecution in the Eichmann trial will take two months and the defense one. The defense may take longer if it can find some way to get safe conduct to and from Israel for German witnesses. The Israeli attorney general has declined to give safe conduct for former Nazis but has agreed to accept depositions.

Out of the Kitchen

East German authorities quietly have launched a new program to take the housewife out of the home and put her in the factory. The reason: a labor shortage. Dogged by unfulfilled industrial quotas, the Reds have set up "housewife brigades" to take the German Frau away from her kitchen.

The Atom

In West Berlin it is reported the Soviet Union is drawing up plans to train officers of satellite armies in the use of tactical atomic weapons. A three-to-six months course in Russia is seen.

Red Carpet

Japanese businessmen attending the annual spring commodities fair in Canton, Red China, are receiving royal attention. Observers believe the Reds have their eye on some quick sales to Japan to help raise badly needed foreign exchange for food purchases abroad. A long range purpose would be to seek Japanese public support for government recognition.

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.

EDITOR'S NOTE

It appears to be necessary, once again, to remind those who write letters for the "Communications" column of the fairly simple requirements. We do not publish anonymous letters; all of them must bear the name and address of the sender, although at the editor's discretion, some of them may appear without the name of the sender. No letter longer than 400 words will be published except in unusual circumstances. And letters which are merely long quotations from other publications will be rejected in most cases.

Durno Receives Praise

To the Editor: So many people are kicking our Congressman Durno and saying he doesn't care for our welfare, but I for one do not agree with them. While he was here the first of this month, I was having some difficulty on a personal problem and I wrote him a letter to see if he could assist on my medical records. When I went for my hearing, Dr. Durno was there and was very concerned. As busy as he was, he took time to try to help me individually.

Just show me any other congressman anywhere that would do a thing like that.

I think he was elected to help and assist us, but if he can't use his own judgment we're defeating the cause, aren't we? Sure he'll make mistakes. No one's perfect, but as long as he's trying, then why not give him a chance?

I don't think he was elected to help each of us individually, but through the human goodness in him he did assist me personally and that I believe was above his call of duty.

So if he doesn't please us all in everything we want, why not give him at least the credit due him? I had a long talk with him and do know, he's concerned about our problems but is so sorry he can't make any decisions that'll be pleasing to all of us. It's utterly impossible.

Mrs. Thelma Arnold
534 South Fourth st.
Central Point, Ore.

Explanation Asked

To the Editor: One reason why I believe that Communism will eventually collapse is that any system that tries to regulate a man's life is based on faulty premises.

The most complicated machine on earth is and has been man. He flourishes best when given the maximum freedom compatible with the best interests of his fellowman.

However, if anyone can explain to me why this knowledgeable and fearful mechanism is ready to exterminate his own kind, by throwing around atom bombs and other life-destroying gadgets, I'll sing praises to high heaven. Want to try?

David Frisch
White City, Ore.

Illiberal News

To the Editor: The controversy over the site of the proposed Federal building appears to be the result of business interests, as such a building would definitely stimulate the flow of traffic and green money in an area.

This type of structure would not present anything of a competitive nature to the business world of Medford—rather a stimulus. I think that it is rather ironic that the much sought after 10th and Riverside site was also under consideration, at one time, by Sears and Roebuck (a competitive business store), and met with some disapproval. Enough, at any rate, that it was built elsewhere.

While the Civic Center proposal might not be as profitable to the merchants of eastern Medford, neither will it be too profitable to the merchants of western Medford, as I doubt that many will spend the night at the Medford hotel while transacting business at the Federal building. A new Federal building and ultimately a new city hall in conjunction with the existing county courthouse, library and park, would be a credit to our city. We have areas controlled as to residence, commerce and industry. Why not give thought to a service area or zone referred to as a civic center?

Surely we should, in view of the near chaotic condition that lack of proper city and county planning has placed us over the years, profit from the past and grind our individual axes on the advertising pages of the newspaper rather than on the front page in the form of such illiberal news.

Ken Corliss
1564 Myers Lane
Medford

Old Tires and "Snavely"

To the Editor:
The slide is passe
and the swing days are past,
Make it modern and sculptured
of cement that will last,
A child's mind is inventive,
the snake's bump is a cave,
And when riding the top
Why you're high on a wave.
But me? – I'm old fashioned
I'd rather embark
As a child, on a tire
That can swing in an arc.
I would rather aim high,
Touch my toes to a leaf,
If the swing rope were longer
It was my belief
I could punch a small hole
In that cloud in the blue.
But my blessings "Old Snavely" –
I hope they love you.

Mrs. Frances Hamilton
Central Point, Ore.

Civil War Facts

To the Editor: One hundred years ago April 22, Gen. Robert E. Lee handed his resignation to President Lincoln, took his leave of Arlington House, never to visit his ancestral home again. It is now Arlington cemetery, last resting place for illustrious dead, a national shrine, overlooking Washington, D.C.

Long gone now are the valiant men who fought with Gen. Robert E. Lee, a man honored in the south and also in the north. Gone too are the boys in blue who rallied to the call of President Lincoln, a southerner, to help preserve the Union. But there was not the devotion to Lincoln, the lonely dedicated man, as there was to Lee by the south. The hard fact is that the better element, the fair minded people of the south held Lincoln in great respect.

This writer was reminded of this some time ago by a grandson of Robert E. Lee's sister, a Medford retired engineer up in his nineties.

It is strange, with both great leaders in the Civil War who held and still hold the high regard of both north and south people that there should be still so much bitterness between them as there is to this day. Far more bitterness than has been left with the two recent world wars. Why should there be?

Let those who wonder of this, turn to page 81 of the April 17 U.S. News and World Report. Read there: "The untold Story of the Civil War, After a Hundred Years — a Look at the Facts."

Yes, facts from the war records. No Marshall plan was provided for the ruined southland. Instead came the northern carpet baggers, some of the starry-eyed kind, others out for what profit could be wrung from the desperately impoverished land. Packing the courts to bring forth the bitterly fought 14th amendment, ramming it down southern throats by votes of blacks and whites, some of them having no conception what it was all about.

We would like to say more, much more. But we do hope that people will beg, borrow or buy a copy of the April 17 U.S. News and World Report, read page 61 and those following and see the actual pictures there. A better understanding will be had of what is going on today.

F. J. Clifford
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Central Point, Ore.

In Refutation

To the Editor: A recent correspondent in Communications has written me a personal letter in which she directs further criticism against you as well as me, characteristically (like some others) ignoring completely, or conveniently evading, the factual evidence I had cited to prove the H.U.A.C.'s deliberate distortions, which in some instances amount to outright lies, in its propaganda film, "Operation Abolition," of which reportedly some 2,000 copies have been circulated–at taxpayers' expense! I quote from this correspondent's letter:

"One of these days you'll wake up to the fact that there is another and very legitimate side to the question . . . The press has contorted the truth in regard to the H.U.A.C., the film 'Operation Abolition' and the John Birch Society. Mr. Allen should take a lesson in factual reporting from the Los Angeles Times."

Now I should like to say to this correspondent first of all (and to all others who have been writing in the same vein) that truth and falsehood do NOT have two sides; they are unalterable and inevitable opposites. Your recent editorial exposition of the fascist John Birch Society quoted enough facts from the Welch "Blue Book" to sicken any patriot and to turn in their graves the honored dead defenders of our precious freedoms.

I call to the witness stand the conservative Los Angeles Times in total refutation of our critic's unwarranted slur. On March 12, Otis Chandler, its publisher, branded the John Birch Society as a "peril to conservatism" and said that "subversion, whether of the left or the right, is still subversion." He denounced as "treacherous fallacy that an honorable and noble objective justifies any means to achieve it." He declared that the John Birch Society's program is wrong in principle and dangerous in practice, that it is designed to "fight Communists with their own weapons, smear for smear. Even — the quotations are brutal — with sedition."

"If the John Birchers follow the program of their leader," says the Times editor, "they will bring our institutions into question exactly as the Communists try to do. They will sow distrust and aggravate disputes and they will weaken the very strong case for conservatism." He concluded that "the Times does not believe that the argument for conservatism can be won . . . by smearing as enemies and traitors those with whom we sometimes disagree."

I intend to continue opposing communist and all other subversion by championing the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution.

Arnold Eugene Jenny
Rogue Valley Manor
Medford

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

HEYWOOD BROUN liked to tell about the zoo that imported the biggest yak ever seen in America. Every morning at breakfast time, the animal, who was fond of pancakes with maple syrup, would yawn prodigiously, and get up. Of course you know what song Broun declared this brought to mind? *(Don't shoot!)* "Mighty Yak Arose."

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Back in 1912, when William Jay Gaynor was mayor of New York, a prominent municipal judge died unexpectedly while presiding over a trial. Even before the body had been removed, a brash lawyer barged into Mayor Gaynor's office and announced bluntly, "I propose myself to take the deceased judge's place."

"Nothing would please me more," said the mayor emphatically. "See if you can arrange it with the undertaker."

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John Fuller has spotted a nudist camp where all the members are busy practicing altogetherness.

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Strictly Personal

By Sidney J. Harris
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HARRIS AND ADVERTISING SIGN BACK-HANDED TRUCE

In some of my recent columns, discussing the flaws and follies of television programming, I touched upon a raw nerve...

Harris

(Are you lonesome, depressed, unpopular with members of the opposite sex? Is your hair stringy, your skin blotchy, your eyes red-rimmed? Then read, "Strictly Personal" five days a week in this space, and see what a ten day trial can do to your whole personality. Because of a secret writing process, no other column can make this claim.)

. . . when I mentioned the "magazine format" idea that should be used on TV. It seems perfectly obvious to me that the program content of television should be devised and controlled by the artists and technicians for the channel or network, and not by the sponsors, agencies, packaging outfits, or . . .

(Do you have that "washed-out" feeling? Does your brain feel as if it's been put through a wringer at the end of a hard day? Then psyche up with Sydney Harris' perky blend of mountain-grown prose, rich in adverbs, bursting with the juicy goodness of fresh nouns, brimming with nutritious prepositions and conjunctions, and topped off by a generous portion of solecism . . . Remember, when you read Harris, you read the greatest!)

. . . by the vice presidents in charge of sales and promotion. Sponsors should buy time on television just as advertisers buy space in newspapers and magazines, but the content and structure of these programs should be determined . . .

(At last, science has found a way to bring you thought without pain! Now, for the first time, a five-minute dose of "Strictly Personal" can rejuvenate your intellectual life, make you a sparkling conversationalist, a mine of fascinating information, and a man or woman the world will look up to. No more fussy preparations, no more painful studying, no more expensive book purchases and tedious scamedic courses . . . Just pop one column in your mind, once a day, costing only a few pennies, and this will provide all the intellectual vitamins your mind requires. Three out of four New York scientists say "After reading Harris, I understood the Third Law of Thermodynamics in a flash.")

. . . by the balanced needs of the general American audience. Moreover, the continuity and impact of programs should not be viciously and foolishly interrupted by flamboyant commercial claims, any more than a news story or editorial is fragmented to make room for an advertiser's message. If . . .

(I'll be back in a moment with my conclusion. But, first, just a few words about the ingredients that make "Strictly Personal" a unique combination of the finest, costliest, newest, purest, safest, best . . .)

Green and Clean

To the Editor: I agree with all the parties opposing the wrecking yard at Talent. I too own property adjoining Flynn and Carmichael. Not only would the value of our property go down, but would also be injurious to our health with the noise and the smoke.

I was under the impression that we had a slogan: "Keep Oregon Green and Clean."

Evan Maupin
Rogers Rogue River Ranch
Route 1, Box 472
Eagle Point, Ore.

Abolish Income Tax

To the Editor: (From the New York Daily News): "Paul G. Hoffman, as head of the U.N. Special Fund, has signed an agreement with Fidel Castro's Red Cuba regime whereby the Special Fund is to help Cuba get away from heavy dependence on sugar by diversifying its farm production. The United States pays about 40 per cent of the Special Fund's annual budget, which stands this year at about $47 million."

As an April 15 taxpayer, how do you feel about helping Castro?

Let's get busy and repeal the 16th amendment! This would abolish the income tax.

White to your Congressman now asking him to vote for House Joint Resolution 23.

Mrs. G. S. Jennings
218 Saginaw dr.
Medford.

East German Herds Sheep Over Border

Berlin –(UPI)– An East German led his entire flock of 500 sheep into West Berlin today despite the frantic attempts by Communist border police to turn the mback.

The shepherd slipped across first with the bellwether of the flock and the other sheep dutifully followed.

The German was given asylum in a refugee camp while his flock was turned over to a West Berlin farmer for safekeeping.

Portland Motel Robbed Second Time

Portland–(UPI)–Two men carrying revolvers held up the Palms Motel Saturday night.

It was the second holdup at the motel in two nights.

The men took $70 in cash from a cash drawer in the motel office and escaped on foot. Two men escaped with $250 from the north Portland motel Thursday. They were believed to be the same bandits in each case.

DIVIDEND DECLARED

Portland – (UPI) – Directors of Iron Fireman Manufacturing Co., Portland, have declared a quarterly cash dividend of 20 cents per share.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this written (in Washington) Premier Khrushchev has just warned President Kennedy to "call a halt to 'aggression against Cuba' before it leads the world to military catastrophe." In an earlier formal declaration, he had said "assistance" would be given Castro's government IF NECESSARY.

China's Premier Chou En-lai has just stated in a telegram to Castro that "the Chinese government and people resolutely support the Cuban people's just struggle."

TO this, President Kennedy replied:

"In the event of any military intervention by outside force, we will immediately honor our obligations under the inter-American system to protect this hemisphere against eternal aggression."

The President didn't define what he would consider military intervention. But American officials are making it clear that the presence of any Soviet pilots or OTHER MEMBERS of the Soviet armed forces in Cuba would be "intolerable to the United States."

I IMAGINE that by the time these words are read the situation will be clearer than it is at the moment when they are written.

The prevailing opinion around the lobby of the hotel where this is being put on paper (where the editors of America's daily newspapers are assembling for their annual convention) seems to be that there will be a lot of bluster, but no bombs.

It doesn't seem to make sense that Mr. Kroosh would start a world war at this not too auspicious moment to back up the reckless projects of an irresponsible screwball of the type of Castro.

STILL—

It's hard to say.

Looked at down the long perspective of history, there is reason to believe that perhaps ALL despots are screwballs.

THERE was Alexander. Trained by his wise, old father, Philip of Macedonia, he reached his rendezvous with destiny under extraordinarily favorable circumstances. He was wise beyond his time. An able soldier, he was also wise in council. He had a sense of the fitness of things. He had an unusual awareness of the dangers of greatness.

Yet the time came when the wily priests of Egypt took him into camp and convinced him that he was a god. Thereafter he acted like one. Like a FALSE god.

Napoleon had his aspects of greatness. One of the world's great soldiers, he was also a statesman of no mean caliber. Until – that is–supreme power ruined him.

OLD Kroosh seems to have possessed, up to now, a certain quality of rugged common sense. But he has held supreme power for a long, long time.

Maybe it has ruined him, along with so many others. Maybe it has led him to the point where he WILL back a madman like Castro.

ANYWAY—

Mr. Kroosh will have to make the first move. If he moves to back Castro, he will have violated our oldest and most venerated foreign policy – the Monroe Doctrine.

If that happens, we will go to war.

Duncan Says Junior College Aid High

Salem –(UPI)– The proposed $2.5 million in state aid for junior colleges in Oregon is too much, House Speaker Robert B. Duncan said today.

The Medford Democrat said he favors more of a contribution at the local level than proposed by two bills now in the Ways and Means Committee.

Duncan said he strongly favors community colleges. But he said it is "not healthy for a community college system to rely on almost total state support."

There has to be a solid contribution at the local level, he said, or the system "will fall flat on its face."