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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
May 15, 1951 (Tuesday)

The state highway department has resumed the task of clearing snow from the highway to Diamond Lake.

Republican groups will welcome home Jackson county's legislative delegation Thursday at a dinner.

20 YEARS AGO
May 15, 1941 (Thursday)

Plans and specifications for a large Army base for Medford were being prepared today by architects from San Francisco and Los Angeles.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Clark Gable of the movie, et ux, and friends indulged in piscatorial pursuits in the Rogue the first of the week. The fish didn't bite any better than for the local masses and classes."

30 YEARS AGO
May 15, 1921 (Friday)

Approximately 1,200 school children marched in the annual Health day parade here.

The Southern Pacific railroad has announced a cut in freight rates for fruit shipped from the Rogue valley.

40 YEARS AGO
May 15, 1911 (Sunday)

Local churches today will hold the first in a series of complimentary luncheons for the city's business women.

Two flight lieutenants, who are to fly forest fire patrols this summer, arrived here today.

50 YEARS AGO
May 15, 1911 (Monday)

The Medford post office has been authorized to open postal savings accounts.

A large number of gold strikes have been reported in various parts of southern Oregon recently.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Name the aviator who flew the "Spirit of St. Louis."

2. What is the largest carnivorous animal on earth today?

3. When major sports events are televised, only one camera is used; true or false?

4. Name the former professional football player who was nicknamed "The Galloping Ghost."

5. Was the Irish Free State (Eire) neutral during World War II?

6. Victor Herbert was the composer of the famous "Merry Widow Waltz"; true or false?

7. A gross is twelve dozen; how many dozen is a great gross?

8. Car, alien residents of the U.S. receive retirement benefits under Social Security?

9. Fliny the Elder was killed during the Fall of (what city)?

10. The birthstone for October is the —.

Answers: 1. Charles A. Lindbergh. 2. Bear. 3. False. 4. "Red" Grange. 5. Yes. 6. False (Strauss). 7. 144 dozen. 8. Yes. 9. Pompeii. 10. Opal.

"Operation Abolition"

In the Communications column today, a reader asks about a Herblock cartoon printed in the Mail Tribune last week.

Herbert Block, winner of many cartooning prizes—including the Pulitzer prize, does his work originally for the Washington (D.C.) Post. It is also syndicated to a number of newspapers throughout the country. Perhaps the best brief explanation of the cartoon in question is contained in a Washington Post editorial, entitled "Fabrication," which discussed the same issue. Major excerpts from it follow.

Another major distortion in the film "Operation Abolition" has now been firmly nailed down.

The movie was put together by the House Committee on Un-American Activities by selecting and re-arranging film clips taken at the time of the student riot in San Francisco just a year ago. It purports to show that the riot was instigated, organized and led by Communists—a favorite theme of the Committee which seems to feel that all criticism of its own activities is necessarily Communist.

In the course of the film, the Committee announcer, or narrator, says:

One student provides the spark that touches off the violence when he leaps over a barricade, grabs a police officer's night stick, and begins beating the officer over the head.

A GREAT many people have wondered why none of the newsreel cameras recorded this interesting incident and why it was not shown in the movie. The answer appears to be that the incident never occurred.

The student accused of assaulting the officer was tried before a jury of 12 in San Francisco; and after hearing all the evidence the jury came in with a verdict of acquittal.

In point of fact the Committee version of what happened was not supported even by the testimony of prosecution witnesses.

LET us try once more to set the record straight. Students in and around San Francisco engaged in an entirely legitimate political demonstration against the Un-American Activities Committee. The demonstration got out of hand—in some degree because of the Committee's own conduct—and the students became noisy and unruly. The police, reacting with more force than patience, turned fire hoses on them.

The result was a riot. But though some Communists may have been among them, and though the behavior of the students may have been reprehensible, communism had no more to do with the origin of this case than with a springtime party raid on a girls' dormitory or the uprooting of a pair of goal posts at a football game.

Bad Management

A good deal of throat-clearing has been going on in the electrical manufacturing business since the big fish, and some of the smaller fish as well, of that industry were caught rigging prices. Corporate images have been gravely damaged. The electrical manufacturing world's public relations men have been grappling first, to explain away the damning evidence which brought on large fines and jail sentences for top executives, and second, to restore public confidence.

GENERAL Electric Co. ("where progress is our most important product") has come up with a "study" of its prices during the rigging period in comparison to prices for other commodities. It has found other commodities show "striking similarities" in price levels to GE's electrical equipment, and also that, considering product improvements and other factors, the prices for which GE was punished weren't really out of line.

The rigged prices weren't overcharges, in other words.

Really? Do you mean to admit, GE, after all the conspiratorial meetings, secret codes, and other trappings of underground price rigging, the electrical equipment manufacturers were so inept they came up with prices which weren't overcharges? Rotten management, we'd say.

Holders of stocks in electrical manufacturing firms had better consider getting into some other field, where if one is going to be crooked, he'll at least profit by it!—Coos Bay World.

Junk

President Kennedy said, when he appointed a Los Angeles insurance man to be postmaster general, that he hoped the man would find out why it takes eight days for a letter to get from Washington to Boston, and do something about it.

While the man is at it we'd like him to find out why a daily newspaper office gets so much mail that is of absolutely no interest to anybody.

IF YOU become exasperated when you reach your mail box and come out with nothing more interesting than a fistful of junk mail, you couldn't work in a newspaper office.

Any business or industry that is worth mentioning has a public relations man. In order to justify his salary the guy writes stuff that he sends to newspapers. The public relations man knows (and hopes his boss doesn't) that the stuff never will be printed. No editor possibly could become so desperate for copy that he'd use the tripe that he gets from those public relation guys.

MOST is unpaid advertising. But it wouldn't have very good readership.

Editors feel that somebody must look at all the junk mail because there might be something worthwhile tucked in with all the junk. But most of the time it is wasted effort. And the man who goes through the stuff in a bad mood when he's finished. He feels as if he has been insulted—to think that anybody thinks that he would print the junk.—Pendleton East regonian

Dennis the Menace



"...AN' DON'T LET 'EM BLOW UP THE WORLD 'TIL I GET TO SEE THE REST OF IT!"

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.

Why That Cartoon

To the Editor: I noticed your cartoon on the front page of Monday's Medford Mail Tribune concerning the award of a "Fishy Trophy" for the movie on "Operation Abolition."

If my analysis of your motive for publishing this cartoon is correct, I take it that you are either in sympathy with communist agitation in this country today, or you are not fully informed as to what this movie "Operation Abolition" was about.

As an American citizen and an Oregon taxpayer and a veteran of World War II, I request that you print in your paper your reasons for publishing this cartoon. I just don't see the point in it at all.

If I have misinterpreted the meaning of this cartoon, I offer my apology now as to your motives. If my analysis is correct, I feel that you are obligated to the readers of the Mail Tribune to state your reasons for publishing this smearing cartoon. By smearing I mean smearing those American citizens who are trying to put before the public evidence of how the communist movement is working in the educational levels of our country and working to undermine our morale as a republic and our American way of life.

I would appreciate your publishing this letter and your answer to same as soon as possible.

Howard Commons
6302 Downing Rd.
Central Point, Ore.

Editor's note: See comment in editorial columns.

Full of Love

To the Editor: Recently Gold Hill has come in for some adverse publicity in the Communications column and elsewhere. Some of this may be justified. But I would like to take this means to tell what a wonderful group of people I have found there. I am going into my 89th year and have seen some of the world, although I have spent a good many years in Gold Hill.

During my illness this spring I have fully appreciated the warm-hearted, generous people in Gold Hill. My neighbors and friends have done so much for me that I would like to thank them all in this way. Particularly the members of the Grange in Gold Hill have been most thoughtful.

Perhaps the air is full of cement dust and the water full of dirt, but we old timers don't notice it because the hearts of the people are full of love.

Mrs. Lillie MacKay
3673 David Dr.
North Highlands, Calif.

Brothers' Keepers

To the Editor: Well, it looks like daylight saving time is headed our way. I have my own personal conviction over the matter but see no reason for getting angry if they set the clocks up. I do think that the city boys, "professional and business" as a Portland paper put it, could go to work an hour earlier and close shop earlier without trying to force the cows to come in to be milked earlier. I've always thought that if a person gets up at an early hour and retired early that he'd be better off.

Yours truly has been doing chores lately for a neighbor who was in an accident. If the milk truck comes an hour earlier, the driver can help me milk or can wait for sour milk the next a.m.

Sometimes I wonder who the professional and business men really are? It seems now that when you move into town, hang out your shingle, and start a business that you

voice is heard above and before the fellow who feeds you in the country.

Some of these business and professional people seem to be braver than Jesse James. He at least used a gun. Yours truly walked into a certain place not long ago. Needed a few nails. The lumber yard was closed. The sign read 25c a lb. I walked out, waited till the next day and bought my nails for 16c. Recently investigators found some 1800 per cent profit on items on California druggists' shelves. More recently the writers' daughter required some stitches on a torn lip. I still tremble when I think of the bill. In fact it scared a relative into using adhesive tape to close a severe cut on the other day. It healed beautifully, too, without the aid of any shots either. Why is it that some people feel they have to require the public to keep paying over and over for their professional education?

Sometimes the tramp with the pack on his back is looked down on. Some of those who look down on him might be surprised to know that in God's sight they themselves could be worse off.

Maybe we robbed that individual by withholding wages or by selling him a product that robbed him of his manhood. Yes, we are our brothers' keeper.

Henry Johnson, Jr.
2315 Highway 66,
Ashland, Ore.

DST Mess

To the Editor: So far as juggling of the DST (New Deal mess) is concerned, I am in sympathy with B. F. Smith (Friday's letter). This mix-up of time within the state is quite evidently deliberately planned to make our people so disgusted they will vote next time for the idiotic change.

Mr. Smith wonders if there is any use in voting on any measure at all. Well, perhaps not. But when these same officers come up for re-election, it might be wise to select a bit carefully the sort we put in office.

Jack Finel
3710 Hillsinger rd.
Medford.

Beauties of Shady Cove

To the Editor: In traveling around these United States and Canada, I have passed through and sometimes lingered awhile in a good many small towns. In one way or another they all have a certain amount of charm, but of all the towns I have known Shady Cove, Oregon, is my favorite.

The very name itself is inviting and then when approaching the town from the south each tree-lined curve in the road lures you on. Then when you cross the bridge over the Rogue river and see the business section lining either side of the highway you feel that here is a town whose citizens are glad they live here.

Did you ever look at the neat white fire station, and farther up the street, the post office on the right hand?

Then on the left or west side of the street have you noticed the well kept business places and stores, some with beds of beautiful flowers in spaces between the buildings? Maybe the buildings are not precise or uniform in size or type of architecture, but they are well cared for and above all are run by friendly people.

The homes of Shady Cove are not pretentious but are neat and homey. They are set among the trees in "Oregon Green" lawns and almost every one has its share of beautiful flowers.

Usually a stranger in town sees the faults, if there are any, without having them pointed out to him by some citizen who is lacking in loyalty to his community, but even after reading the complaining little note by "Name on File," I failed to see the faults. If this is a junky town there should be more like it.

I can't imagine that anyone lucky enough to live in Shady Cove might ever be so blind to the genuineness and beauty of the town that he or she could ever see anything unlovely about it. Truly, I would be happy to be homeowner in this community.

"Homeowner in Los Angeles"

Mrs. Wayne Conkey
c/o P. O. Box 62,
Shady Cove, Ore.

Too Far, Too High

To the Editor: I guess they must have turned them down rockets upside down like I suggested. We got 115 miles into the stratosphere, but we still got 239,885 to go. Of course, the first hundred is the worst. After that, put the rocket in neutral, coast to within 100 miles of the moon and slam on the brakes.

Someone said to me: "You ain't had no experience with rockets." OH YEAH! If you wuz sitting on a box of dynamite in a grocery store talking on a chimney telephone which wuz being struck with lightning and a window full of rockets got on fire, and wuz whizzing all over the store, I'd say you had some experience with rockets.

After this happened to me, someone said: "BOY! Wuz you lucky the dynamite didn't let go and blow you to the moon." If it had, we'd be 53 years ahead of the Russians.

I wuz gettin' a little disgusted with the planet on which we live, so I wrote a letter to a Florida Chamber of Commerce to see what they had in outer space. The cheapest trip they had wuz to the moon. A ticket to the moon wuz only one billion five hundred million dollars and 98c. I wuz not that disgusted. Maybe that wouldn't bother a Floridian, but it does an Oregonian. It's 240,000 miles to the nearest grocery store. I'm spending my vacation on Rogue river; they probably ain't got no salmon on the moon anyhow.

Everett Acklin
Ashland, Ore.

Public vs. Private Road

To the Editor: In Friday's issue of the Mail Tribune was a letter from Perry Wood, Dark Hollow rd., Medford, describing the danger from log trucks on the Butte Falls road.

It is partly the very hazards mentioned by Mr. Woods which we along the present railroad right of way fear most.

And more than that, Mr. Woods does not like to meet log trucks on a public highway, even when he is protected by regulations against excessive speed, dust, noise and unsafe truck conditions. We along the route, the many whose children would be affected in various ways, and all who hope to at least hold the line in keeping this lovely valley a pleasant place to live — each would face a problem immeasurably worse than that described in Mr. Wood's letter.

Foreign News: Laos Conference May Take In Other Areas; Red Burma Theat Seen

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

Communist Tactics
The Reds are expected to go to work early in Geneva to widen the scope of the Laos conference.

Britain and the United States have agreed to keep the conference limited to the one country, but with a trouble brewing in neighboring Viet Nam and with the Communists looking for fresh hunting grounds, the Geneva conference might develop into a free swinging review of the entire area.

Contagious
An American official who lived in Burma for two years in 1956-57 and recently re-

visited there says Burma also is slipping into the Chinese Communist sphere. He said more and more Chinese Communists are moving into Burma and are wooing Premier U Nu with, of all things, their common Buddhist backgrounds. The Communists use any gambit, whether it be religion or guerillas.

Offshore Islands
American briefing officers in Taipei are prepared to give Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson some plain talk about the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu when he visits the Nationalist Chinese. Inform-

formed sources say they will impress upon Johnson the fears of the Nationalists about possible changes in American policy toward the islands. The officers will tell Johnson that the islands can be defended without committing American troops.

Peace Talks
Both President Charles de Gaulle and the Algerian rebel leaders are anxious to avoid a propaganda war in the peace talks scheduled to begin at Evian on May 20. Therefore, the talks probably will go into the "expert" stage almost immediately, with as little publicity as possible.

Moscow Invite
Soviet diplomats in East Berlin are hinting that Khrushchev may invite President Kennedy to visit Russia. The Reds are asking Americans informally, "Why does not Kennedy visit the Soviet Union? Khrushchev has been in the United States."

Strictly Personal

By Sidney J. Harris
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PRACTICALITY AND FASHIONS

A friend stepped into my sports car the other day, and his hat was promptly knocked to the floor.

As he picked it up, he glanced at the cap I was wearing, and murmured, "I get it."

He explained he had always thought that the caps worn by sports car owners were an affectation, an identifying badge of motoring snobbery. It had simply never occurred to him that the reason caps were worn was that a hat was too tall for a low-slung roadster.

In many similar cases, what we think of as an idiosyncrasy or a foppish habit had its origin as a great piece of common sense. Americans laugh at pictures of Londoners going to work on sunny mornings with rolled umbrellas in their hands; yet, the nicer the morning in London, the more probable it will rain by early afternoon.

Contrariwise, the broad-brimmed cowboy hat in the west is regarded as a form of exhibitionism by Europeans. But the hat warded off rain on the prairies, and was a remarkably effective piece of headgear in the frequent dust storms.

The banadana, of course, served a similar purpose, although its use has persisted as a mere decoration.

The whole history of dress— from the beret down to the trouser cuff—is one of practicality that was much later transformed into "fashion." I am sure that the Napoleonic tricorn hat had some function in its time, although today it is regarded as an object of antiquated lunacy.

Getting back to cars, we find the same practical values that come to be disguised as "good taste." Why do the French, Italians and British have smaller cars than the Americans? Because the price of gasoline abroad is two to three times as high as it is here. Only the very rich can afford a gas-eating monster in Europe; and thus comfort and power have been sacrificed to economy. It has nothing to do with the inherent better taste of Europeans.

Necessity and utility account for the overwhelming majority of our habits, customs and modes of living and traveling. Sometimes, of course, these persist long after the necessity has vanished, like the cuffs on men's trousers or the buttons on their jacket sleeves. Surely these today are more of an "affectation."

homes and other buildings, in the immediate area where our children play, where we rest and work, and over crossings passed by our families and school buses.

These are extra-heavy trucks, carrying twice as much as an ordinary log truck, and which can travel at any speed their drivers need to meet their schedules.

Our schools are improving tremendously, homes are under construction, and this part of the county in general depends a great deal on continued, well-planned progress.

Noise, dust and speed are detriments to any residential area, but excessive noise, dust and speed in a rural area, which has provided pleasant, quiet living conditions since before the white man came, is unthinkable to those of us who live here. And it ought to be so to every resident of the Rogue valley!

In addition, we have been dealing with a corporation in Chicago, more interested in profits of its stockholders than it is in Oregon's future.

Public roads are made to carry ALL traffic. If they are inadequate, there are logical procedures the people can follow to bring them up to standard. The Crater Lake highway have needed improvement for a number of years.

Let us hope that by working together, all roads in this logging country can soon become adequate to carry all log trucks, and all other traffic, safely.

Mrs. Burton Jensen, President, Jackson County Home Owners Protective Association, Eagle Point, Ore.

Washington Report

By William S. White
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FOREIGN AID AND BUSINESS

Washington—The Kennedy administration has made a basic decision that its new approach to foreign aid program requires most of all the friendly help of conservatives, and businessmen—conservatives at that.

So the President and his associates are now doing some bland and high-level personal lobbying in a good cause among corporation owners and executives. Mr. Kennedy, in fact, is quietly trying to set up two pro-foreign aid committees within business and industry, one of them willing to support his program publicly and the other willing, but in private only, to do the same.

In a curious way the wheel has turned full circle since the forerunner of foreign aid, the Marshall plan, was first proposed a decade and a half ago. What actually pushed the Marshall plan through Congress—apart from the fact that the Soviet communists chose that moment in history to assault Czechoslovakia—was not the support of foreign policy experts or even necessarily of politicians.

NOR was it primarily a national desire to extend charitable help to ravaged Europe, though this motive was not absent. Most of all it was simply the careful fostering in the United States of a recognition of enlightened self-interest among the business and agricultural communities.

This job of fostering an awareness that a Europe still broken would be a very poor market for American goods and farm surpluses was done by a limited and otherwise far from palmy partnership between the Truman administration and a private but potent pro-Marshall plan committee of business leaders, publishers and so on.

President Kennedy is returning to much the same approach in his gathering effort to save his new foreign aid program. He is going out of his way to dissociate the thing from politics as such. Most of all he is avoiding identifying it with the Democratic party. It is no hushed secret to the President that most businessmen are not enchanted Democrats. And, for his present purposes, this circumstance is absolutely all right with him.

FOR what he faces here is the toughest kind of problem. He must get \$4 billions

for foreign countries from a Congress already fed up with some of those countries; alarmed and confused at the state of the world, and sick and tired of what has undoubtedly been a good deal of bunk in the old foreign aid program.

Worse yet, he is trying to persuade Congress to give up its traditional power over the purse to the extent of permitting him to make foreign aid commitments running over several years rather than only one year at a time.

He has concluded that it is extremely hard to make a good political argument for all this. But there is a perfectly sound case for his program if it is treated as strictly a business proposition.

For he can truthfully show that the fundamental revision of the whole enterprise which he is asking would be far more efficient and far less wasteful than before. He can truthfully show, too, that even apart from the overriding necessity to keep the free world in economic health for its military security, American business itself could not afford the world-wide economic convulsions that would follow any sudden withdrawal of foreign aid.

SO, SINCE his problem is not really soluble through the ordinary political approach, he is calling for the businessmen to come forward. Though fully aware that most businessmen probably wish the President's name were Nixon, Mr. Kennedy is also aware of other things about businessmen.

They can add and subtract with no difficulty at all. They know the value of long-term and carefully thought-out as distinguished from hasty short-term investment. And they go to a banking problem—which is just about what foreign aid is now to become—without bothering much about their private political views or whether they agree in every way with the fellow who is running the bank.

Policeman Wears Wife's Clothing

Pittsburgh, Calif. — (UPI)—Ex-construction worker William Quigley, who is now a rookie policeman, has been strolling the streets in his wife's clothing the past few weeks on assignment to end a wave of purse snatchings.

The assignment ended Wednesday, when a 16-year-old grabbed his purse and was grabbed in return. The youth admitted the series of thefts and Quigley was able to shed his disguise.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A RICH IOWA FARMER was