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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

June 4, 1952 (Wednesday)
Opening day for the summer season at Hawthorne swimming pool had 429 swimmers use the pool, according to Park Director Darrell Huxon.

Petitions for C. W. (Bill) Anthony as candidate for school board director in district 6C have been filed with the school office in Central Point.

20 YEARS AGO

June 4, 1942 (Thursday)
Jackson County residents start campaign to purchase \$250,000 in war bonds to be used for purchase of four-motored bomber.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "It now appears the Honorable Japanese fleet prowling around Midway island had the Hon. Hell shot out of it."

30 YEARS AGO

June 4, 1932 (Saturday)
Marble and Terrazzo flooring being installed in new Jackson County courthouse at Main st. and Oakdale ave.
Crowd of more than 1,000 people watches at Medford airport as flight of 33 Army airplanes arrives here.

40 YEARS AGO

June 4, 1922 (Sunday)
Commencement exercises for Medford High school senior class of 51 students held at Page theater.

Medford building records disclose building worth more than \$250,000 started here during first six months of year for biggest building boom in city's history.

50 YEARS AGO

June 4, 1912 (Monday)
From Kane Creek items: Whillie Foley is taking eighth grade examinations this week at the Dardanells school house. We wish him success.
Medford city council asks for bids for moving old East Main street bridge across Bear creek to new location on Jackson st.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. What heavyweight boxer won the world's title in Sidney, Australia and lost it later in Havana, Cuba?
 2. Is a condiment a kind of wagon, seasoning, or a kind of paint coloring?
 3. "Constitution State" is the nickname of which New England state?
 4. What strait, named for a famous navigator, is at the southern tip of South America?
 5. Name the vessel which hit an iceberg in 1912 and sank with a loss of 1503 lives.
 6. Is the Isle of Wight off the north or south coast of England?
 7. Who is called "The Liberator" in Southern America?
 8. In what part of the world is the Yangtze River?
 9. Do men and women have the same number of ribs?
 10. What group of islands has been called "the crossroads of the Pacific"?
- Answers: 1. Jack Johnson. 2. Seasoning. 3. Connecticut. 4. Strait of Mcellan. 5. Titanic. 6. South. 7. Sir George Collier. 8. China. 9. Yes, 10. Hawaiian Islands.

A Narrow Image

Isn't it funny how life will hand you a bonus or dividend in the most unexpected places, when you are least prepared for it?

We hope we don't sound too priggish in saying this but we seldom watch television with the expectation that something intellectually or emotionally rewarding will result.

It's actually quite a good attitude to have: we're never disappointed that way, and occasionally—as was the case last Tuesday night—we get a really pleasant surprise.

WE HAPPENED to catch a program called "Naked City," an hour length cops-and-robbers production with an unusually realistic style that often permits it to show more violence and sordidness than is customary on other shows of its type.

But Tuesday night it was different. The plot concerned a man who felt that his life as an accounts executive in a big New York city firm was too narrow and confining. So, without bringing harm to anyone, and managing at the same time to help a variety of other people, he adopted several new identities.

He became a sort of beatnik poet, an Episcopalian minister who cared for a rescue mission for down-and-outers, a truck farm owner, and a neighborhood ping pong champion who took on all comers.

Understandably, the police eventually became interested in his activities, but after a thorough investigation, they had to admit that while the whole matter was pretty unorthodox, maybe the man had a point.

At the end of the story, one of the detectives who had been working the case turned to his partner and confessed, with a wistful, sheepish expression on his face, that he had always wanted to teach English literature at Harvard.

IT WAS a good script, and it neatly underscored one of the most frustrating aspects of contemporary living—the virtual necessity of developing a single special skill and then practicing it the rest of one's life.

This is an age of specialization, and it is not likely ever again to be any different. Living is too complex, our technology has become too complicated, and most professions require training that is too rigorous and intensive, for one man to hope to master more than one vocation in his span on earth.

As with all generalizations, there are many prominent exceptions, but we think the truth of the matter is obvious.

The Renaissance Man, with all his amazing versatility and accomplishments, is dead, and we will see his like no more. Trained to be equally at ease on the battlefield as in milady's boudoir, as proficient with the sword as with the sonnet, as skilled in gentle soft-spoken courtesy as he was efficient in bloody brutality, he stands as an historical reminder of what man once was—and still potentially is.

MODERN man's makeup has not changed; he still has it within him to be many more things than the single functionary the times now permit him to be.

And there's the rub.

For how many of us does the zest of life, which most of us as youngsters took for granted, seem to have evaporated and disappeared?

For how many of us is the alarm clock in the morning an increasingly irritating sound, calling us to a job that has, bit by bit, for lack of relief-giving variety, become less and less rewarding and satisfying as the days go by?

For how many of us is the narrow rut of our existence simply getting deeper and deeper, as we, in T. S. Eliot's words, "measure out our lives in coffee spoons?"

For how many of us is a diversion—almost any diversion—rapidly becoming our raison d'être, the lure and promise of a change from the drudgery of our daily routine that keeps us going?

AND perhaps isn't that the root of our discontent, or at least a major factor in it?

The cliché has it that "Variety is the spice of life," but perhaps it is the substance of life too. We are not all the things we should be, we allow our potential for diversification to wither in neglect, and, as a consequence, we suffer from it.

The late James Thurber put his finger on it in "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty." All of us in our daydreams have yearned not to be something other than what we are, but more and bigger than what we are.

Hobbies and recreational pursuits for which Americans spend billions of dollars each year, give us some outlet, but they aren't enough. They usually lack the vital factor of productiveness.

SET all this down as immaturity or lack of a sense of responsibility if you like, but we think it is a dilemma which is apt to pinch harder as time goes on.

The irony of the whole matter is, of course, that though we now have more and more free time, we are using it less and less in a way which is calculated to ease the bind.

The potential for varied accomplishments, for development of latent and innate skills, continues to be stifled, and the image of modern man continues to be a narrow one.—G.H.B.

"What Do You Think Of Der Junge?"



HERLOCK

COMMUNICATIONS

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What Happened?

To the Editor: "What happened?" is the question that the economic experts ask as they rub their eyes and scratch their heads. All of which demonstrates how ignorant our economists are of the nature of our economy. Our economy is tied up in our social system. Wall Street is but one segment of our social system. Our social system extends throughout the entire "free world." And strange as it may seem, our social and economic system, also our financial structure, has a sex angle.

As a rule the female spouse outlives her mate, she often buys security with her life insurance check as well as becoming owner of what property is inherited in the form of stocks and bonds. Thus we see the vital influence wielded by women on the stock market.

There is another factor of influence on Wall Street and that is the question of Time. People grow old and eventually die. Doctor bills, hospitals, nursing homes and funerals often demand that property of all kinds, including stocks, be sold to defray expenses. Senility and death has a bearish effect on Wall Street, enough to cause the gradual sag since the first of the year. People have been selling stocks for the purpose of living and dying.

Then there are other factors not of a "bullish" nature such as the White House, the Congress, growth of Socialism, the Communist threat, the Berlin crisis and the general instability of the economic and social condition of the "free world."

Then when spring came with a desire for new clothes and garden seed—well that did it. Stockholders went to cashing in. Both men and women went to selling stocks, spending money and enjoying life. A biological pattern followed by the ancient Sunworshippers. Life is for the living.

Walter Reece
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Ashland, Ore.

Lemurians?

To the Editor: One of the mysteries connected with supposed phenomena of the Sar-

dine creek House of Mystery commonly known to most of the earlier citizens still surviving in and around Gold Hill, was the fact that the old building was used for a laboratory and assay office for the famous Corporal "G" mine nearby, operated in the 1890s. There was formerly a trap door in the assay office floor where the metallurgist dumped the concentrates which were principally magnetite.

The story was told to this writer by the old gold miners who worked at the mine and explained that all operations ceased because all instruments used within a certain radius of the mine and assay office would not function in a normal manner any longer.

On the opposite side of Sardine creek is Drummond gulch where the bed-rock is exposed on the surface that clearly shows deep lines or tracks made in some prehistoric age.

When we view those peculiar indelible markings it seems to fill our imaginations with the thought: Did the former Lemurians once leave any evidence that they may perhaps have occupied this part of scenic wonderland of which is now part of south-west Oregon?

Gold Storage

To the Editor:
The Eskimos are "Jolly Joes."
They live where lots of nothing grows,
Adhere to ancient tribal laws,
Love dogs, papooses and their squaws.

When dotage comes, they have a way
To help their tribes, sans A.M.A.—
When Paw and Maw can't grub around
They haul them off and ice 'em down.

No fuss, no muss — as you can see:
It's "Eskimo Social Security."
George Distell
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Medford.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From New York:
Reacting from the gains made in its big recovery, the stock market swung lower early Friday afternoon (Eastern Daylight Time) in heavy trading.

Key stocks fell from fractions to one or two points. The volatile "growth" stocks and other high priced issues showed losses ranging to about a half dozen points.

That was about the situation at mid-morning Friday (Pacific Standard Time).

Foreign News: Docile Refugees; Cool East German-Yugoslav Relationships

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

Refugee Docility

The recent influx of refugees into Hong Kong from the Communist-controlled China mainland provided the most visible evidence to date of the numbing effect of more than a dozen years of Red rule. Observers in Hong Kong noted that most of the 62,000 who

crossed the border were so docile that when they were being returned to the mainland they made no organized effort to remain in free soil.

This, observers pointed out, is one reason why the "spontaneous uprising" long predicted by the Chinese Nationalists is not considered very likely.

East Germany-Yugoslavia

Look for a further cooling-off of East German-Yugoslavia relations. These have been far from cordial in recent months, and they are slated to get worse. Yugoslavia's leaders obviously have come to the conclusion that their move in extending diplomatic

relations to include the East German Communists has not paid off — particularly in the economic field.

Relations between the two Communist lands took a sharp drop downward shortly after the anti-refugee wall was built in Berlin last Aug. 13. Belgrade authorities recently have granted political asylum to discontented East Germans vacationing in Yugoslavia.

Tough De Gaulle

Officials in Paris predict some tough talking from President Charles de Gaulle when he addresses the French nation June 8. He is likely to stress again his determination to carry through his Algerian policies regardless of criticism and to take near-dictatorial powers if necessary to do so.

Pakistan Policies

President Mohammad Ayub Khan of Pakistan and his top foreign policy advisers are taking a long, hard look at their country's foreign policy. They are considering the necessity of adjusting relations with Communist and neutralist countries, which would mean less devotion to the SEATO and CENTO alliances.

Many newspapers have been criticizing Pakistan's membership in these military alliances and urging stronger ties with Red China and Russia. Sources in Karachi say that Red Chinese Premier Chou en-lai — or some other high Peking official — may be expected to go to the Pakistan capital to settle outstanding problems on the Kashmir border question.

Washington Report

By William S. White
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THE VETERANS

Washington—Speaking of Wall Street and all that, the most sensitive economic factor of all is never mentioned in writing by the financial experts or measured on the brokers' charts. This factor X is middle-aged American male. Old

enough to recall in the most personal way the great depression of the 'thirties, he is forever marked by his memories and forever scarred by his nightmare.

He is like an ex-soldier (which is often exactly what he is, too) who nearly 17 years after the war's end still wakes sometimes at night to hear the howl of a dive bomber that is not there and the flat, burring whistle of a sniper's rifle long since lost and rusted in the silent dust of peace.

ALL THE SAME, by and large it is middle-aged American male who largely controls investment in this country. He represents that class which has the most money and the most management. His state of morale is thus at the vital center of our business affairs. The point of special delicacy, to put it as gently as possible, is that his responses to any break in stock prices, large or small, are likely to be ridden by an anxiety that is irrationally keen.

Let him hear that the ticker tape is running 15 minutes behind and his mind, in spite of himself, begins to cry havoc, even if his voice does not. For, you see, he is suffering from economic combat fatigue, and will until he dies.

Bluntly, it is a pity, for all these reasons, that he does so largely control our economic affairs. For his counsel is usually the counsel of extreme timidity. And his view, in spite of himself, is the view of a man who knows too well what it is to be hit by shrapnel.

IT IS NOT that his fears are always unworthy and selfishly personal. It is simply that some button in his head presses itself and there unrolls before his consciousness a panorama of 30 years ago. Even if he had and kept a good job or income then, he, too, was one of the victims. Granted any decent human compassion — and this he usually had — he remembers his sense of guilt toward the older and quite often better men who would drop by in gallant hopelessness to look for a job that was not there.

Or if he himself was one of the jobless, he remembers the flat, gray dreariness of it all, when every day of the year was November and every day of the year, however blazing the sky, was filled with falling rain.

Indeed, and come to think of it, this fellow, this middle-aged American male, deserves not merely this small understanding but also some small salute. If ever there was truly a "lost generation" it was, and is, his. A long time ago he came, thin of belly and high of hope, from college into a world which thereupon broke around his eager head.

SOMEHOW, by 1941, he had through the endless years and had something called success and a "little wife" and perhaps a child or two. But then Hitlerism struck and off he went to some Camp Corncorn and then upward from some foreign foxhole and forward into the blasts of many fires — and having to command men who were really boys to go with him.

At last he came home to a country which was no longer quite his and to a society which was rather uglier than he had remembered — and sometimes, too, to learn that the "little wife" was his no longer, either.

And when such people, in moments of grief, exclaim, "How could God allow such a thing to happen?" they reveal their theological ignorance at the core of their belief. They really think that God should be a kind of divine thermostat to automatically regulate the moral temperature of the universe.

St. Thomas tells us that all we can really "know" about God are negative things, not positive things. We can know what He is NOT, rather than what He is; and this is what the science of theology can help us find out, so that our beliefs will not be mere superstitions and magical incantations.

Atheists and agnostics are often closer to the truth than so-called believers, as many theologians will sadly admit. The man who denies the existence of this magical god is nearer reality than the man who affirms it. Where the atheists and agnostics go wrong is in assuming that the god of superstition is also the god of theology. In religion, we cannot even agree on what we are disagreeing about.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

WHEN THE LATE Thomas Wolfe's "Look Homeward, Angel" became a big best seller, his publisher, Scribner's, received a request from a VIP for an autographed copy. Wolfe paced up and down the Scribner office for a full half hour pondering what to say. Finally his face brightened, he seized a pen, and wrote in the book, "Sincerely yours, Thomas Wolfe."

An ambitious book salesman was endeavoring to sell a Los Angeles retailer a hundred copies of a handsome new gift edition of Elizabeth Browning's "Sonnets from the Portuguese."

The retailer snorted, "What do I want an item like that for? There aren't a hundred Portuguese in this whole neighborhood!"

Two venerable gentlemen met on the verandah of a New England inn one summer's day in the 1880s. One of them spiced his conversation with so many elaborate quotations that the other grew curious and interrupted with, "What did you say your name was, my good sir?" "Bartlett," was the answer. "John Bartlett."

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Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
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GOD'S LIMITATIONS

"I wish I were God," said Michael the other day. I asked him why. "Because God can do anything," he said. "And I'd like to be able to do anything I wanted to."

Of course, every child wishes to be omnipotent, and some of us never get over the desire. But what interested me in my son's remark was not the commonplace desire but the utter understanding we have about God — not only among children, but among most adults as well.

It would shock the great majority of Christians (and other believers as well) to be told that God has no free will, while people have. But this is absolutely the case. God cannot do evil—and free will is the power to do good OR evil.

He cannot be involved in a contradiction. He cannot be less than perfect. He cannot change the past. He cannot relinquish His power. He cannot change His mind. There are a thousand things a child can do that God cannot do. He is permanently and irrevocably bound by His nature.

There is no point, of course, in telling any of this to a child. But most adults are not aware of it. They look upon God as a super-magician, performing feats with the utmost freedom. This is a superstitious view of deity, not a religious one.

Michael's God—for all young people are pagans at first—is an old man with a long white beard who lives in Heaven and has unlimited power. He can create and destroy. He can change whatever He likes in the universe. This remains, at bottom, the God of most people, no matter what they call themselves.

CHICAGO — UPI — Evangelist Billy Graham Sunday said he saw warnings of doomsday in last week's stock market skid and crisis in Southeast Asia.

Graham was to speak tonight on "Problems of the American Home" when he begins the sixth night of his Chicago Crusade, which he called one of the most successful ever. The revival meetings are being held at the giant McCormick Place Convention Hall.

An afternoon session Sunday drew an overflow crowd of 44,000, of which 915 stepped forward to make "decisions for Christ."

The first five days of the crusade have drawn a total of 166,000 persons and resulted in 4,650 decisions.

Warning Seen

Graham said Sunday that God may be warning men that "the end of our age is near."

Graham pointed to last week's sharp drop in the stock market, the crisis in Southeast Asia and Russia's possession of the hydrogen bomb as possible warnings from God.

"As God destroyed the ancient city of Sodom because of its sins," He may be warning us we could suffer the same fate, Graham said.

"God could be saying 'Repent before it is too late!'"

Resort Hotel at Seaside Planned

Portland — UPI — Plans for a 200-unit resort hotel at Seaside have been announced here by a Portland group, the Promenade Corp.

The corporation said it has purchased all the Louis Albert property at the Turnaround.

West Coast Strikes

Dunn estimated that about 250,000 construction workers are now on strike or out of work because of strikes. Most of these stoppages are on the West Coast, he said, especially in Northern California, Arizona, Tacoma-Seattle, Spokane, and Portland.

Of 62 contracts being negotiated in mid-May, Dunn said, 20 per cent involved union demands which would cost more than 50 cents an hour each year. In another 45 per cent, he said, unions sought from 20 to 50 cents an hour in the balance less than 20 cents.

"Anything over 20 cents could be considered unreasonable," he said.

The Associated General Contractors is composed of 7,500 builders of highways, big buildings and other heavy engineering work.

Heavy Construction Industry Accuses Building Trades

Washington—UPI—The heavy construction industry has accused building trades unions of making exorbitant wage demands and has appealed to the Kennedy administration to fight them.

William E. Dunn, executive director of the Associated General Contractors of America Inc., said Sunday the government should tell the unions that "the guidelines developed by the President's Council of Economic Advisers were meant to apply to them the same as to anybody else."

Dunn told a news conference that higher prices inevitably would result if pending negotiations ended in settlements calling for wage and fringe benefit increases of more than 4 per cent a year.

He said the unions were engaging in a tactic of "divide and conquer" by signing with one or two construction firms at a time. "We can see that happening all across the country," he said. "If this goes on another month they (contractors) will fold or go broke."

Asks for Statement
Dunn said that Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg or Walter W. Heller, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, should reiterate the administration's wage-price guidelines to the unions.

A spokesman for Goldberg said the secretary had delivered such a message to the building trades in statements applicable to all unions and industries.

The Labor Department spokesman declined to say if Goldberg would issue a new statement aimed specifically at the building trades. Heller could not be reached for comment.

Dunn's request could be a source of discomfort to the administration. Since the intensive federal intervention in steel contract talks and the President's assault on the short-lived steel price increase, the administration has been trying to avoid overt involvement in specific labor-management situations.

The guidelines referred to by Dunn declare that contract settlements should be limited by increases in productivity, so that increased output per man-hour is sufficient to pay for higher wages without raising prices.