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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

Aug. 16, 1952 (Saturday)

The 1952 Medford-Ashland telephone directory, to be issued about Nov. 1, will be the "big city" size for the first time.

About 300 people gathered Sunday at TouVelle State park on Rogue river to pay tribute to Judge F. L. TouVelle, Jacksonville, pioneer Oregon road builder.

20 YEARS AGO

Aug. 16, 1942 (Sunday)

The Alwyer company, Medford, is given a war production board contract to construct wood and metal buoys for the Marines; this is the first WPB contract to be awarded any Jackson county firm.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Clark Gable of the he-man films has joined H. Fluhrer, the late domain baker, in the air corps in Florida where both will work for Uncle Sam."

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 16, 1932 (Tuesday)

Joseph O. Grey, businessman and city councilman, announces he will be a candidate for city treasurer's office.

Boat loader with fresh pears from Medford, Hood River and Yakima leaves Portland for Liverpool, England.

40 YEARS AGO

Aug. 16, 1922 (Wednesday)

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Trowbridge and Mr. and Mrs. Diamond L. Flynn leave for a week's visit in San Francisco.

Half-hour street dance on Ivy st. follows concert of Elks band at city park on West Main st.

50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 16, 1912 (Friday)

Excursion trip to Weed, Calif., is marred when W. P. Minard steps in front of train, suffers broken arm.

Applegate farmers meet with Copco to encourage extension of electric power into their area.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Are black or white primary pigment colors?

2. Is helium or hydrogen the lighter gas?

3. Does Africa, Asia, or North America have the greatest water power potential?

4. Who was the last Vice-President to succeed to the office of President?

5. Did George Washington publish his famous farewell address on the occasion of his retirement from the army or presidency?

6. Which province in Ireland bears the same name as a man's overcoat?

7. Is Uncle Abner a detective of fiction, a comic strip character, or an old time actor?

8. Is the prairie dog a small, large, or medium-sized dog?

9. Which state is nicknamed "Garden State"?

10. Who said, "No man is born an artist nor an angler"?

Answers: 1. No. 2. Hydrogen. 3. Africa. 4. Harry Truman. 5. Presidency. 6. Ulster. 7. Detective of fiction. 8. Neither-ground squirrel. 9. New Jersey. 10. Isaac Walton.

Reapportionment Compromise

"One man, one vote." Few would quarrel with this maxim as an ideal to be sought in devising a system of representational apportionment for legislatures.

Practically, however, it is impossible to achieve, given our present political structure. The best that can be done is to eliminate, insofar as possible, gross inequities, such as those mentioned in recent court decisions, where in some cases one man's vote was 50 or 60 times as potent as another man's.

THERE are other factors which tend to modify the "one man, one vote" ideal. The founding fathers recognized this when they allocated two Senators and a minimum of one Representative to each state, no matter how small a state's population.

In Oregon's 1857 Constitution, legislative apportionment was based, as closely as possible, on "pure population," but the authors also recognized the impossibility of attaining this ideal, and set up the so-called "major fraction" system whereby counties or districts which do not have sufficient population to entitle them to a Representative or Senator, still would be allocated one if they had more than half enough population.

The same provision was contained in the 1952 reapportionment amendment, now in effect, but it also spelled out in more detail how the legislature should be apportioned, and gave the Supreme Court power to review subsequent reapportionments.

BUT the apportionment plan worked out by the legislature following the 1960 census was found by the Court not to conform to its interpretation, and as a result some of the less populous counties suffered drastic cuts in representation.

It was this that led to the writing of the reapportionment amendment which will appear on the ballot this fall.

At letter in today's communications column attacks this proposed amendment as "vicious" and "un-democratic."

We dispute this. It is our belief that the proposed amendment is closer to the intent of the original Constitution, and the intent of the 1952 amendment, than is the interpretation of the 1952 plan given down by the Court.

WHY DO we say this? Primarily because it restores the major fraction rule as the basis for allocating all the senators and most of the representatives. Many — probably most — students of apportionment problems believe the major fraction rule is the fairest that can be devised when allocating representation to counties and districts of widely varying size and population.

The plan also has these other features, which we believe to be steps in the direction of fairness and equity:

- 1. It recognizes that no citizen should be too far removed from access to his representative, and in doing so recognizes the principle of minimum representation.
2. It is sufficiently flexible to meet changing population trends.
3. It retains the historic county lines as the basis for senatorial and representative districts, and recognizes that when counties are combined to form a legislative district, the combination should be based on a community of economic, agricultural, geographic, social and cultural interests.
4. It retains population as the primary basis for representation—entirely, in the Senate—but also takes into consideration, in the House, the needs of sparsely populated areas.
5. It retains Supreme Court review in case the legislature fails to act in reapportionment, or acts unconstitutionally.
6. It provides an odd number of members in both houses, to avoid deadlocks, but retains the ratio of about 2 to 1 between house and senate.
7. It has a built-in safeguard against excessive over-representation of any area.

IN SHORT, supporters of the proposal believe it will recognize the rights to adequate representation of similar numbers of people, whether in a metropolitan county or a rural combination of counties.

They believe that to deny representation to combinations of small counties, on a minimum basis, would in effect disenfranchise the residents.

They believe it is fair, because it recognizes the legitimate demands of population, yet gives minimum recognition to the state's varied areas, resources and economic and social patterns; that it is not regional because its benefits would accrue to all parts of the state, and that it is non-partisan, because it is supported by outstanding citizens of Oregon from both parties.

IT IS FOR these reasons that we support the proposed amendment.

It will not satisfy those who want a "federal plan," with each county, no matter what size or population, having a senator.

Nor will it satisfy those who believe that no weight should be given to the points enumerated above.

But, to fair-minded people between the two extremes, it is a fair and workable compromise, an honest compromise, which "liberals" and "conservatives" alike can support in good conscience. — E. A.



"I PROMISED MOM I WOULDN'T GO THROUGH TRASH CANS NO MORE, SO I'M GONNA TELL YOU WHAT TO SAVE ..."

... 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.

Step Backward

To the Editor: Every supporter of fair representation in Oregon's Legislature, based upon people rather than area, should be concerned that the Associated Oregon Industries area representation plan, variously described as the "Annala Plan," the "Citizens Committee Plan," or "Ballot Proposition Number 9", is being presented to the voters at the Nov. 6 General Election.

Our Savior was born a mortal from his mother's side, and the first part of his mission on Earth was to be born of water and the spirit (Holy Ghost). As he told Nicodemus (John 3:5) Jesus had no need of being baptized, but he said to John, "suffer it so now that all righteousness may be fulfilled." God's law is righteous, and the Holy Ghost descended upon him in the form of a dove.

He had then obeyed the fundamental principle of the plan of salvation. That must have been given to us at the same time he was chosen to be the Lamb slain before the foundation of this Earth, and we all sang and shouted for joy over the promise of this Earth life (Job 38:1-7).

When Adam ate of the forbidden fruit, he brought our temporal death, by the change in his body from the spirit of God to our earthly element we call blood? He must also then have suffered a spiritual death, as he could not walk and talk with God face to face any more.

And God gave Adam the plan of salvation in the temporal priesthood. And Jesus came in due time and established his church and spiritual part to overcome Adam's spiritual death, through the higher priesthood and the gift of the Holy Ghost with its ordinances. Jesus is the light and life and spirit that is given to all both good and evil.

But the gift of the Holy Ghost is given to us by the laying on of hands by one who has that authority. (Heb 3:4) And its function is to enlighten our minds, and to lead us into all truth and righteousness, as Jesus told his disciples in John 14:16 to end of chapter) shortly before he departed from them.

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Can't Let It Pass

To the Editor: In yesterday's Medford Mail Tribune, page 8-B, there was an item concerning the Southern Oregon Humane Society in which it stated I had resigned the position of humane officer. I want it clearly understood by all the membership of the Humane Society and by any of the board of directors that might have such an idea, that it is entirely false. My services were terminated two days after I was released from the hospital following an operation for hernia and I was still unable to go back to work.

No member of the board of directors visited me during the five days spent in the hospital, nor did any one of them let me know they were contemplating replacing me. I was notified by special delivery letter and no reason was given for my discharge. After devoting 24 hours a day for four years of my life (the first year without one cent in pay, in fact, I spent a good deal of my own money and labor helping to get the organization on its feet and paying off a \$2,000 judgement against the Society and then building up the good will and services to the point it is self-supporting) it is a bit shocking to be kicked out simply because, "It was found to be an opportune time to terminate my services"—an exact quote of the one board member that has contacted me.

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Plan of Salvation

To the Editor: My views on entering into our spiritual life, as discussed in Helen Prevos' recent fine letter in

the M-T. would be by faith and works. In James 2:26 we are told, "as the Body is dead without the spirit so is faith dead without works."

The apostle Paul says in Col 2:12, "We are buried with Christ in the watery grave." And we come forth, symbolic of his resurrection into a new life. Is not that then the first step in entering into our spiritual life?

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Enough Hate

To the Editor: It is certainly easy to agree with Mr. Dykes as to other people's cats and dogs that live naturally on his property. It also makes me ill to see tons of love poured onto some animals when millions of children could use a few pounds of it themselves. The type of person that behaves that way with an animal needs love himself desperately, but that is another story.

If everyone would provide consideration for their animals and fence their own yard for them, many others would be attracted to dogs and not repelled. This is pure dreaming on my part, but the dog would be first to appreciate it. His ego wouldn't be hurt when someone had to chase him off a patch of grass, he wouldn't suffer the pains of a hit and run driver, and he would be around to be appreciated by the hands that feed him.

It is my opinion that a dog deserves a certain type of affectionate handling. If you own a loyal animal that acts intelligently it is easy to become attached to them. Mr. Dykes right now is seeing the worst side of unsecured for animals. He should retaliate. He complains but offers no constructive ideas. Why doesn't he purchase an intelligent watchdog that would scare the heck out of the other hecklers? Also I'm sure he would be able to keep fleas off as they have a pill out now that gets rid of them.

Soon the hate would leave and gradually a certain type of love would fill the empty spot. There is enough hate in this world and too little precious time to fill your life with it.

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Stepped-Up Aid to Latin America From Europe Seen as Increasingly Needed

By PETER KNOX United Press International

London — (UPI)—There is a growing feeling in Europe that the old continent might have to bail the United States out of trouble in Latin America.

The story running the rounds of the diplomatic channels and getting increasingly into print is that President Kennedy's Alliance for Progress plan is moving with disappointing slowness.

One reason for the tortoise pace, as seen from this side, is the age-old suspicion Latin Americans feel for North American motives. Sober papers like the London Times and the Guardian of Manchester both have mentioned these doubts in articles on the alliance.

Few people here believe Europe could ever seriously expect to rival the United States' influence in Latin

America. Fewer still believe Europe would want to. There is a growing body, however, that thinks Europe is going to have to step up its help to Latin America.

The indication are that President Kennedy and his advisers would not only not resent Europe showing some more interest in Latin America, but actually are encouraging it.

Latin Americans over here, both diplomats and businessmen, also have shown that

paragraph reading: "NY (AP)—A new survey of first half performance showed Friday that many balanced Mutual Funds did better than the popular stock market averages while some small growth funds suffered damaging blows."

The news story is a brief synopsis from an article appearing in Business Week which was actually headed, "Few Funds Played It Right" (the understatement of the decade). The Business Week Article emphasized that the Dow Jones average had fallen 23 per cent in six months and many mutual funds had suffered even greater loss. The article did not emphasize that mutual funds did better than the popular stock market averages, and that only small growth funds suffered damaging blows. In fact, the article emphasized that the 40 common stock funds surveyed, 29 showed even poorer results than the non-selective Dow Jones Industrial Average.

Such stories as this make one wonder if the public is being really informed by such stories, or whether these garbled, self-serving articles are not mere "plants" by the mutual fund industry.

As another example, many will recall that the newspapers, television, and radio emphasized that the great stock market crash on May 29 was prevented from developing into a 1929 type crash by mutual fund buying. Again, this is just not true. The latest reports on the first six months of mutual fund operations show that many did very little buying, and in fact, many joined the public in panic selling.

It appears to me that the mutual fund industry has a horrible record from the point of view of preserving the capital of the investor in the recent stock market crash. These institutions advertise expert and astute management, but the facts lead me to seriously question such claims. If the worn out bogeyman of inflation disappears, one will be able to tell how expert the management really is. My sincere hope is that it will be much more expert in the future than it was during the recent stock market downturn.

Our nation needs individual investor's capital, but if these investors are going to continue to invest in mutual funds, these funds must begin to manage and stop concentrating on sales based on "status portfolios."

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When you prospect for wealth, by whatever means, will you weigh in the balance, and watch the scenes? World's wealth is uncertain and cannot bring joy. Just masses the troubles and things that annoy; But when you find Jesus, His riches are yours.

This world and its poverty, loses its lures; An Heir of Salvation, a "Joint Heir with Him". The richest of persons, your lot, and His kin. He purchased that balance on Calvary's tree.

To justify all that will hear and be free The prospector's strike can be yours, no compare — He's calling, He's calling you, out of the air. James Williams, P.O. Box 441, Jacksonville, Ore.

Mutual Funds

To the Editor: Both before and after the great decline in the stock market from March through June of this year, we have seen many news stories concerning the Securities and Exchange Commission's investigation into the operation of the nation's securities markets and the operations of stock brokers, mutual funds, pension trusts, and other investment groups. Despite this publicity, you see a great many news stories by financial writers which are grossly misleading. In fact, I would wonder if most of the big press associations' stories on the stock market are not written by specialists in sports or advice to the love lord.

This particular letter is the result of an Associated Press item appearing in the Oregon papers recently under the heading, "Mutual Funds Record Good," and with the first

they want more European money, know-how and encouragement to lessen their dependence on Washington.

Under present plans, Western Europe, together with Japan, will chip in about \$300 million annually for Latin America, against the \$1.4 billion the U.S.A. is pouring in there—apart from another \$300 million which comes from the international agencies that are also heavily dependent on U. S. money.

Everyone recognizes that it will be tough to get more money out of European governments for Latin America, although West German Minister for Economic Cooperation Walter Scheel has visited there on an extended tour discussing ways to improve cooperation.

Even if the government money were to be slow in moving to Latin America,

there was a growing feeling that it would find its way there eventually.

One commentator said: "There is clearly a limit to the amount the United States can provide in her position as foster parent to the whole subcontinent."

This means that the door is left wide open for far-sighted businessmen from East Germany, Holland and Italy who are prepared to take a fairly safe gamble on the future of what is a rapidly-expanding market. If at any time they falter, then the Soviet Union will be more than willing to substitute."

The fear that communism will sweep Latin America is a real fear here, although perhaps not as vital as in the United States. But it is an compelling motive for Europe to help out increasingly in the area.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In his first radio-television report to the people since last March, President Kennedy rejected an IMMEDIATE "business-spurring" tax cut. The latest figures for July, he said, do not indicate the country is drifting into a new recession. Looking ahead, he said, there is every reason to expect further progress.

But he promised to summon congress into emergency session to slash levies if the economy skids later this year. He then added:

"I want to make it clear we are not talking of letting spending GET OUT OF CONTROL."

WHAT he has to say about keeping spending under control is interesting, but this question arises:

"What, in his opinion, is the point at which spending will get OUT OF CONTROL?"

To a lot of us of the conservative persuasion, that point seems to have been reached already. We are so conservative as to believe that when our nation owes three hundred billion dollars and its annual INTEREST BILL is larger than the entire cost of running our federal government only 22 years ago spending has ALREADY got out of control.

IN HIS report Monday, the President assured the American people that he still is going to ask congress next year for tax reforms that

would include a reduction in rates, effective back to Jan. 1, 1963.

WHAT also is interesting Federal tax rates are staggeringly high. For example:

If your taxable income (meaning your net after permitted reductions) is not over \$2,000, your tax will be 20 per cent of it. Twenty per cent of \$2,000 is \$400. That's a lot of money to take out of an income of \$2,000.

SUPPOSE your taxable income is \$2,000, but not over \$4,000. In that event your income tax will be \$400, plus 22 per cent of the excess over \$2,000.

Suppose your taxable income is \$4,000, but not over \$6,000. In that case, your tax will be \$840, plus 26 per cent of the excess over \$4,000. Again, that's a lot of money to be taken out of taxable incomes of from \$4,000 to \$6,000.

There is a lot of moonshine to the effect that the Big Shots pay the bulk of our federal taxes. Sure. They pay a LOT of taxes. But the people down at the bottom brackets are VERY numerous.

The Big Shots are relatively few in number.

WHY these staggeringly high tax rates? The answer is absurdly simple. It is because of too much RECKLESS SPENDING.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris

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PERSONAL PREJUDICES

It puzzles me that scientists can design a method of protecting spacemen against a crash impact fifty times the force of gravity, and yet we haven't wanted to, or been able to, build an automobile which protects riders in high-way accidents.

A great deal of what we call "molding" and "improving" our children consists in systematically removing the spontaneity and direct honesty they were endowed with, and replacing these with docility and hypocrisy.

While it is true that, as Kin Hubbard long ago observed, intelligent people are always on the unpopular side of anything, it is equally true that many disgruntled personalities take the unpopular side merely because they think it makes them seem intelligent.

Teamsters Clash With Bricks, Bats

Philadelphia — (AP)—A thousand Teamster Union members clashed last night with bottles, bricks and bats—rebels versus supporters of James Hoffa.

Two policemen and 12 teamsters men were hurt in the brawl. Police confiscated 12 baseball bats and an assortment of steel tools.

Police said three shots were fired through the windows of Local 102's waterfront headquarters before the melee began outside. Ten cars were damaged. Police dogs and fire equipment helped break up the battle.

Violence had begun earlier in the day at a trucking terminal shut down when the union local's insurgent faction, "Voice of Teamsters 107," walked off their jobs and began picketing.

Some married couples get along so swimmingly not because they are well-adjusted but because their maladjustments happen to mesh; the clinicians call this "interlocking neurosis," but I heard a more vivid and accurate description the other day: "The rocks in his head perfectly fit the holes in hers."

Some of the most pious people I have ever known have also been the most parsimonious; perhaps on the warped theory that if they place all their trust in God, they don't have to place any in their fellow men.

We are not nearly as careful in choosing our pleasures as we are in avoiding calamities — and we never learn until too late, that the latter generally come from the former.

It is essential to most reformers that they never succeed, for success would give them nothing to be against, and the dynamics of their personality would collapse.