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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.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 5, 1942 (Thursday)
 The "usual" sharp increase in unemployment in the area arrived in November, according to the Medford office of the State Employment service.
 Twelve recorded messages for servicemen in Korea were recorded at radio station KYJC during the "Christmas Crusade" for blood, which concluded yesterday, according to Station Manager Jimmy Dunlevy.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 5, 1942 (Friday)
 Annual Medford school census shows 3,300 children of school age in district; increase of 306 over previous year.
 From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "December has been designated 'Save Fuel Month' in this state. This is a result of not having a 'Cut Wood Month' last August."

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 5, 1932 (Sunday)
 Thieves enter basement of Medford home and carry away 30 gallons of grape juice.
 First concert by Medford Gleemen reported as "notable success." W. F. Isaacs, L. N. Foy and Dr. W. W. Howard heard in solos.

40 YEARS AGO
 Fire caused by explosion destroys city of Astoria; two dead and damages estimated at \$15,000,000.
 W. B. Biddle, Medford, appears before Interstate Commerce commission hearing in Washington, D. C., to urge divorce of Central Pacific railroads.

50 YEARS AGO
 Medford woman indicted on charge of mutilating county records; police state she removed divorce proceedings from courthouse and destroyed them.
 Medford Elks club announces plans to construct \$75,000 home at corner of Fifth St. and Central ave.

What's Your I.Q.?
 Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
 1. Anti-trust laws are concerned with banking regulations, monopoly, or tax loopholes?
 2. Is a truffle hound a dog that hunts truffles, a pulley, or a bookbinding machine?
 3. For what U. S. government agency do the initials GSA stand?
 4. Who discovered the water route around the tip of Africa?
 5. The Romans regarded Venus as the Greeks regarded Aphrodite, Minerva, or Cleopatra?
 6. A priest is to a chapel as a rabbi is to a Bethel, Synagogue or Mosque?
 7. Of what nationality are most Australians descendents?
 8. Are planets always seen in the same part of the sky?
 9. How many lines must be drawn on a four foot square to mark it off in square feet?
 10. Correct: As soon as I saw him I knew it was him.
 Answers: 1. Monopoly, 2. Dog, 3. General Services Administration, 4. V. a. c. o. de Gama, 5. Aphrodite, 6. Synagogue, 7. English, 8. No, 9. Six, 10. "... was he."

An End To Slobbery

There is some truth to the old saying that there are liars, damn liars, and statisticians. Still, statistics, if taken in perspective and with a grain of salt, do furnish interesting insights in many cases. One such case in point was provided by a Sanford Research Institute study which indicated that the United States is not, as rumored, a cultural desert, populated wholly by baseball, rock 'n' roll, and chewing gum fans, utterly lacking in appreciation of music, the arts, and the finer things in life.

To the contrary. The SRI study reports that the market for "the arts" in this country runs about \$2 1/2 billion per year.

FOR instance:
 —There are more piano players in the United States than there are licensed fishermen, and as many painters as hunters.
 —Twice as many Americans attend concerts and recitals as see major league ball games.
 —There are more theater-goers than boaters, skiers, golfers and skin divers combined.
 —Some 120,000,000 Americans annually attend cultural events, and as many as 50,000,000 are active amateur artists of one sort or another.
 —Individuals' expenditures for cultural objects and events rose well over 100 per cent between 1953 and 1960, twice as fast as spending on all recreation, and more than six times as fast as outlays for spectator sports.

HOW valid are these indications?
 If nothing else, they do give a strong impression that Americans' tastes are not all with creature comforts, the "nudie" motion picture, or True Confessions magazine.

Arnold Mitchell, SRI economist for the study, remarked,

"I find it somehow quaint that more servicemen visiting New York go to the Museum of Modern Arts than to any other attraction, except for the Empire State Building."
 We're not sure that we agree with the word "quaint," and we'd prefer the Metropolitan to the Modern. But the general theme is all to the good.
 A combination of status seeking, and a need for self-fulfillment, is raising the level of taste of the Great American Slob.—E.A.

The Thing Is Balance

In commenting on the American cultural explosion, we do not intend, by innuendo or implication, to say there's anything wrong with hunting, fishing, baseball games, or outdoor recreation.
 Balance is the thing. The well-rounded man is the one who can attend a baseball game in the afternoon and a concert in the evening, each with equal aplomb.
 Nor is there anything in the rule book that says you can't go fishing one day and museum-hopping the next. And if one wishes to dabble in philosophy while toasting marshmallows around a campfire, who is to say nay?

LIFE is far too complicated these days to hope for a real rebirth of the Renaissance man—the well-rounded character in the mold of Leonardo—who could fight a duel, conduct a love affair, design a building, plan a battle, paint a picture, and converse about the nature of the universe, all with dash and style.
 This is, by necessity, the age of specialization, and one man's intellect hardly will stretch to more than one or two specialties in the world of science or bread-winning.
 But in the field of culture and recreation, each man is his own master, and need place no crippling limitations on his own breadth of interest.
 Open the Cabernet Sauvignon, spread the pate, bring me my pallet and brush, and turn up the hi fi, Baby.—E.A.

State's Price Tag

Was anyone shocked by Governor Hatfield's proposed budget for the coming biennium totaling \$405,300,000?
 They shouldn't have been.
 The Oregon Statesman reminds us that the budget for 20 years ago, the 1941-43 biennium, was \$20,327,000; for 10 years ago, the 1951-53 biennium, it was \$176,272,000; and for the current biennium, 1961-63, it has been \$366,779,000.
 The proposed budget is up \$40 million from that.

WHY? WHY a 20-fold increase in 22 years?
 The Statesman replies:
 "For one thing, inflation has clipped away over half the buying power of the dollar. For another, the state has assumed more financial burdens. Biggest is the basic school support fund which, with a proposed increase to \$130 per census child will run to around \$150,000,000. Higher education costs far more because the state operates three more institutions than a score of years ago... Two more institutions under the board of control have been added."
 "Introduction of the 40-hour week for employees and expansion of professional staffs at institutions have added to costs. Public welfare outlays continue to increase as population grows and new programs are added."
 These are not all the reasons, either, although the most important ones are covered, directly or by implication.
 The price tag — about \$225 per person — is high. But it hardly seems too high, considering what we get for our money. There's a real possibility that it's not high enough to provide the goods and services state government needs.
 —E.A.

"Caroline?—Caroline Who?—?"



... Communications ...

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A Parody
 To the Editor:
 'Twas the night before Mommy got up out of bed. (She'd been down with a sore throat and cold in the head.) Not a thing was in place like it once used to be. And the house had the look of general debris.

The dishes were stacked in a disorderly pile. For washing and drying had gone out of style. Clothing was strewn on the sofa and chair. While hangers in closets were lonely and bare.
 The dining room table was inch thick with dust. And numerous soup cans were starting to rust. The iron stood idly aloof in a corner. All backside of pans were black as a mourner.

Toys had been carelessly left on the floor. The windows were smudged and a knob off the door. Three boisterous boys had been tucked in their beds. While visions of mischief danced in their heads.
 Both children and pillows had started to clash. When suddenly Daddy arrived in a flash. "Now fellows let's cut out the racket," he said. "Tomorrow's the day mom gets out of bed."

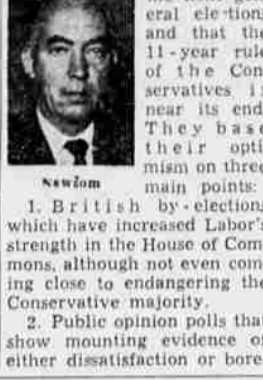
(Soon hectic confusion will be all in the past. Her sick-bed vacation is over at last. But, I thought, she might quickly retreat. To the bedroom again, at the sight she would meet.
 But when she came down, feeling rested and fine, I heard her exclaim: "Is this poor house mine?" Then quick as a flash she went straight to her work. Put on her apron and gloves with a jerk.

And holding a hanky up close to her nose. She went on her way, as up the dust rose. Then 'fore you knew it, as quick as a wink, She cleared up the dishes and scoured the sink.
 As she gathered the last of the clothes out of sight, I saw her collapse in a chair for the night. Poor dear, she'll never look forward with anticipation. To having another sick-bed vacation.
 Author unknown. Submitted by: A. R. Nelson, P.O. Box 813, Ashland, Ore.

No Justice?
 To the Editor: Will you please print this letter in its entirety, if possible, and if you are not afraid of pressure from the officials involved. The Governor of Oregon and the Secretary of State plus Chief Justice Douglas of the Supreme Court have been alerted to this case and it is not finished yet.
 I am writing this as an open letter to the citizens of Jackson County, not only as a grief-stricken relative but as a person who has faced the injustices of a lax investigation of one of the most heinous crimes that ever hit your county. I am referring to the deaths of my sister, Nancy (Roh), and her two babies, who were shot to death in the Gold Hill cemetery on Oct. 7 of this year. Perhaps I should say, we think they died on Oct. 7, but since no post-mortem was ever performed or no inquest held, who knows what day they died or what day to look for an abili for whom?
 They said that, since she purchased the gun herself, suicide was indicated. We had explained to them that her life had been threatened and

Labor Party Gaining Confidence That It Can Control Government Before Long

By PHIL NEWSOM
 UPI Foreign News Analyst
 London - Britain's Labor party is gaining confidence that it will take over the government after the next general elections and that the 11-year rule of the Conservatives is near its end. They base their optimism on three main points:



1. British by-elections which have increased Labor's strength in the House of Commons, although not even coming close to endangering the Conservative majority.
 2. Public opinion polls that show mounting evidence of either dissatisfaction or boredom with the present government.

3. A belief that Prime Minister Harold Macmillan will retire within the next couple of years regardless of the outcome of any future elections.
 On the latter point, the Conservative Daily Mail this week went a step further. It predicted Macmillan may step down within the next three months.
 "His stature among Tory (Conservative) members of Parliament is near its lowest ebb," the newspaper said.
 The recent flurry of speculation springs from five recent elections in which the Conservatives lost nearly 7 per cent of the vote, a percentage which if continued in a general election would be enough to put the Laborites of Hugh Gaitskell into office with a comfortable majority.
 General elections in Britain need not be held until October 1964, but the Laborites believe that political necessities will force Macmillan or his successor to call them at least by April or May 1964.

Harold Wilson, a member of Gaitskell's "shadow cabinet" in the opposition, explained the reasoning to this correspondent over coffee one evening in the Parliament restaurant.
 "I suggest the establishment of a Veterans Club in Medford, to be financed by the various elements that go to make up the city. It should preferably be a building devoted exclusively to club purposes, and having the combined atmosphere of home and recreation center. In a very short time such a project would reduce the volume of headaches all around, while serving to spread good will and good fellowship.
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
 David Frisch
 P.O. Box 292
 White City, Ore.

CARE Program
 To the Editor: The members of Travel Study Club, of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, wish to thank the Medford Mail Tribune for the space given them for the General Federation of Women's Club-CARE program.
 Much credit is due to Olive Starcher for her fine cooperation during the "CARE" campaign.
 The project was very successful, due to the splendid cooperation given by the press, and the people of the community, who supported the drive.
 Travel Study Club wishes to express "CARE'S" sincere gratitude to the community for their participation in this General Federation of Women's Clubs-CARE literacy program, which is aiding adult literacy and primary education programs in eight countries throughout the world. This organization is challenged as never before. Dedication is not enough to develop a literate population, teachers need the tools of education with which to work. The General Federation of Women's Clubs-CARE program will help provide these tools. This is an important undertaking.
 Contributions are warmly welcomed, and may be sent to Mrs. Clay M. Lee, Cargill Court 8, Medford, as late as Dec. 31, 1962.
 Mrs. Carl W. Peterson, president, Travel Study Club, OFWC, 630 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland, Ore.

Solution
 To the Editor: A Medford lady asked me to make an estimate on lowering the ceiling her apartment. That wuz before the flood. Now she wants me to make an estimate on the cost of leaving the ceiling where it is and raising the floor.
 Everett Aeklin
 Ashland, Ore.

Sell The Shoes
 To the Editor: We see where President Kennedy attended the Army-Navy Game last Saturday and presented each team captain with a silver dollar.
 We hope each captain remembers to pay his Federal income tax. Social Security tax and the numerous other taxes due from the dollar because otherwise they run the risk of the Internal Revenue Department auctioning off their football shoes to pay the bill.
 M. J. Olsen
 Route 4, Box 325
 Medford.

Veterans Club
 To the Editor: There is a way to cause the people of Medford to be glad that a veterans' domiciliary is close to their town. A way that would relieve tension, bad feeling and misunderstanding. After all, Medford is a very fine community and its various organizations do much to

force the government into a new austerity program. For the government involved, the effect on the voters would be equally adverse.
 Wilson rejected the idea that the Laborites would campaign on a program of opposition to British membership in the European Common Market.
 "We would want to cover the whole spectrum," he said, "housing, education, pensions and the like."

Some interesting figures:
 The federal budget for the next fiscal year is estimated at somewhere between \$90 billion and \$100 billion. The U. S. population at the 1980

neighborhood of 180 million. That means that the PER CAPITA cost of the federal government in the next fiscal year will be somewhere around \$500. (Meaning \$500 per person.)
 As currently estimated by Governor Hatfield, the Oregon budget for the 1963-65 biennium will be \$405.3 million. The population of Oregon at the 1960 census was 1,737,691.

ANTICS WITH SEMANTICS
 When I proclaim that I can "take it or leave it," you can safely bet that most of the time I take it.
 When I praise your idea as being "fine in principle," may be sure that I haven't the slightest intention of putting your principle into practice.
 When I say "I don't mean to be critical," that's exactly what I mean to be.
 When I make the modest disclaimer that "Of course, I'm not an authority," it is invariably the prelude to an authoritative statement.
 When I murmur "I have nothing against him, but..." you are going to hear something against him.

When I interpolate "I don't mean to change the subject, but..." I mean to change the subject as rapidly as possible in the direction of my own interests.
 When I advise you that "I don't want this to get around," I am getting it around as eagerly as my little tongue can spread it.
 When I observe that "I'm not entirely sure that I agree with you," it means that I am completely sure that I utterly disagree with you.
 When I begin with "I'm a tolerant sort of person," it's a certainty that I am going to end with some violently intolerant judgment.

When I shake my head that "I don't understand children nowadays," I use that statement as a launching pad for a half-hour flight into verbal space trying to prove that I understand children very well, past, present, and future.
 When I protest that "I don't want you to change your plans on my account," I am looking forward to a general revision of plans on my account.
 When I tell my audience that "I can't begin to describe..." I am off and running with a full-length description in gruesome detail.
 When I leave you with the general reminder that "I'm in the book," I don't expect you to call me for lunch any sooner than I'll call you — which will be a freezing August afternoon.

When I insist that "I'm an independent voter," what I mean is that if my party were running a convicted kidnaper for office and the other party were running Dr. Albert Schweitzer, I would probably vote for Dr. Schweitzer.
 That keeps costs down.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
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AT first glance, it looks completely out of balance. Why should remote federal government cost more than four times as much per person as close-to-home Oregon government?
 ONE suspects, of course, that the reason Oregon government costs so much less per person than federal government is because it IS closer to us.
 We can see it. We know what it goes for. We have the feeling that it comes right out of our pockets.
 The federal government is farther away. We can't actually see the federal money being spent. That makes quite a lot of difference.

THERE is, of course, another reason why the federal cost is larger than the state cost. The federal government includes DEFENSE — and in these days defense costs a fantastic amount of money.
 And — The cost of federal government includes a lot of fabulously reckless extravagance. For example:
 A few months ago the Washington bureau of the Louisville (Kentucky) Courier Journal, after an exhaustive investigation, came up with the stunning figure that the over-all, everything-included cost of keeping a member of congress in Washington for a year is \$275,000.
 Things like that happen when the seat of government is REMOTE from the people who pay the taxes.
 OREGON is a small state. Its government is close to the people. If reckless extravagances should creep into our state government, everybody in Oregon would soon know about it.
 That keeps costs down.

FOUNDATION GIVES Money to Colleges
 Some 525 privately supported, coeducational and male liberal arts colleges and universities have just received checks totaling \$77,000 from Household Finance Foundation, C. A. Lindsey, manager, at 128 East Main, announced.
 These checks ranged in amount from \$50 to \$1,000 based upon the full-time enrollment of the individual colleges.
 Checks are sent to all four year accredited colleges and universities in the 47 states in which Household Finance Corporation operates. In Oregon, these include Cascade, George Fox, Lewis and Clark, Linfield, Northwest Christian and Reed college, Pacific and Willamette universities and the University of Portland.

Well, for heaven's sake... it was bound to happen. They make these things too dangd life-like nowadays...!

