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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
Dec. 12, 1952 (Thursday)

A hearing on a petition to permit the sale of Ashland radio station KWIN at public auction will be held Dec. 22.

Some 110 men will work from dawn to midnight or later between now and Christmas to handle the "rush" which is starting to hit the Medford post office.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 12, 1932 (Friday)

Donald Milton Bowers, Medford, first local youth to register for 18-year-old draft.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Considerable excitement was caused this morning by the rumor the Espee passenger train from the north arrived on time."

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 12, 1932 (Sunday)

Portland man urges merger of Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry and Douglas counties to cut expenses; would abolish office of county sheriff throughout state.

Medford bakery schedules city-wide yo-yo contest; two prominent businessmen slated to act as judges.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 12, 1922 (Monday)

Two men held in Grants Pass jail, accused of stopping and robbing drivers on Medford-Grants Pass highway, escape.

Crater Lake National forest officials report 67 fires were started by lightning on national forest land during 1922.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 12, 1912 (Wednesday)

Mrs. Anna Conklin is first woman ever to register to vote in Medford city election.

Total of 775 cars of fruit shipped from Medford during 1912 season.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. What are the two poles of the horizon called?

2. Do mulberries grow on bushes or on trees?

3. What is the name of the chief mountain range of Mexico?

4. What was the relationship between Louis 14th and Louis 15th?

5. What letter represents one thousand in Roman numerals?

6. What climatic zone lies between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn?

7. Who in England is comparable to the United States "Uncle Sam"?

8. What is the chief river in Russia?

9. Solomon Grundy was born on Monday; on what day did he die according to the nursery tale?

10. In the event neither candidate in a Presidential election receives a majority of the electoral vote, how is the President chosen?

Answers: 1. Zenith and nadir. 2. On trees. 3. Sierra Madre. 4. Grandfather and grandson. 5. "M". 6. Torrid. 7. John Bull. 8. Volga. 9. Sunday. 10. By the House of Representatives.

HELL'S ROADS CLOGGED

Hell, Mich.—The roads to Hell today were clogged with snow. Three-foot drifts were reported in Angels Pass and Satan's Hills near this village northwest of Ann Arbor.

Controlling the Weather

"I'll bet," a co-worker remarked the other day, "that if we spent as much money on fog removal as we did on developing the atomic bomb, we'd be able to get rid of this nasty stuff."

She is undoubtedly correct. Even now, fog can be cleared — under certain specific conditions. But not all types of fog, in all conditions. The kind that can be cleared is the "super-cooled" variety, which, when seeded with particles of dry ice, tends to precipitate as rain or snow.

There have been enough repeated successes with such fogs, locally and elsewhere, that success can be predicted under the right circumstances.

IT WAS DONE on a number of foggy fall and winter days here several years ago, and it was done here again yesterday.

The trouble is that the technique is limited. It works only in a fairly restricted area, and it works only on very cold fog.

And often, low-lying fogs are relatively warm, and cover large areas. No techniques have yet been worked out which have been completely successful in dispersing them, although some promising results have been obtained experimentally.

But, as our colleague remarked, if research on fog dispersal were carried on with enough support, there is every reason to believe a successful technique could be found.

ATTEMPTS to modify and control the weather go far back, even before recorded history.

At first they consisted of "hope, faith, magic and ritual," according to the 1957 report of the federal government's advisory committee on weather control. Rain dances, sacrifices, spells, incantations — all these were employed with degrees of success entirely dependent on one's prejudices and beliefs.

Among the first of the "scientific" attempts to modify weather were those using cannon and other applications of gunpowder, on the experimental theory that noise would induce clouds to part with their rain. The results were, as might be expected, inconclusive.

BUT IT was not until the advent of the airplane that wider applications of scientific principles were attempted, again with somewhat inconclusive results.

Medford was the site of a number of such experiments, and some of them were promising.

Two young fliers, Gene Kooser and Harvey Brandau, were in business here for several years, seeding clouds for the prevention of hail, and, experimentally, for the dispersal of fog and production of rain.

While they were thoroughly convinced of the success of their efforts, their contracts were not renewed after several seasons.

IN ADDITION the power company (then Copco) retained a firm to seed clouds with silver iodide from ground generators in attempts to increase wintertime snowfall over their mountain watershed power sources.

Statistically, some success was indicated, but not enough to cause the firm to continue with the work.

Since that time, interest in physical control of the weather has been evidenced only sporadically, although basic research which may ultimately lead to new methods and techniques is being continued. There is no "crash program," however, and it may be years before any degree of success can be expected.

ONE of the most promising avenues of research is that aimed at a better understanding of weather processes themselves, and here a principal tool will be the observations of weather satellites.

While these are primarily used for weather observation and forecasting, they also are providing information about weather patterns worldwide never before so comprehensive nor explicit, and there is reason to hope that a far deeper understanding of what causes weather to happen will result.

Too, research into the effects of solar radiation on the world's weather will assist in this general understanding.

THE DAY is far off when the weather, worldwide, will be amenable to human control.

But the day is approaching when a wider understanding of weather will provide far more accurate forecasts, and, hopefully, when some degree of local and temporary control can be maintained.

Certainly the economics of the weather are such that we could afford to spend more money on researches. It would be interesting to know how much our current fog has cost in lost retail sales, in automobile accidents and fatalities, in time and tempers lost, in delays, hazards and irritations of every sort.

The figure would be considerable.

THE weather has been "unusual" this year. There was the mighty storm of Oct. 12; there was the flooding and high water of Dec. 2; there has been the heavy fog of the past week weeks. Man's chief defenses from the weather still — as 5,000 years ago — remain his clothes and his buildings.

If he ever learns to extend his control of his environment to any significant degree over the weather, he will save himself countless tragedies and inconveniences, and billions of dollars. —E.A.

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.

No Comment

To the Editor: I submit without comment the following letter from the office of the Rehabilitation Commission, The American Legion, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Frisch: Thank you for your letter of Oct. 29 addressed to Past National Commander Charles Bacon. It was very kind of you to make known to Commander Bacon your views with respect to the utilization of buildings at Camp White for Veterans Administration hospital purposes.

This subject has been under consideration for several years, and the major objections to such utilization is that they are considered unsuitable for hospital purposes according to present standards, and the cost of bringing them up to the required standards would be practically prohibitive.

Another major factor is that due to the location, it would be very difficult to staff the hospital with the needed professional and technical personnel.

Again, I must emphasize that we are happy to receive your views and would like to say that certain members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation have been very much interested in this subject for a long time.

Nicholas Lynch Jr., Assistant Director, National Rehabilitation Commission in Charge of Field Service, David Frisch, White City, Ore.

Deerslaying

To the Editor: To continue the discussion on the deer, elk and bird situation in Oregon, I have talked with hunters on this subject and many feel as I do about the following:

1. The game commission needs to hear directly from more hunters (without having to answer each and every letter).

2. The game commission and game people are to be congratulated for the many, many hours they have put in the past in the interest of the best game management they knew how (and in the face of private interest groups and other pressure).

3. Hunters want to see game management as it is (in the hands of the state), not one big hunting club for individuals and out of state, but want certain items and procedures corrected and amended in the interest of what needs to be done and what the hunters want.

4. The game commission should, in the future, poll hunters, as they have in the past, only more, and see also what they want. In the interest of better management and future hunting in the state of Oregon, after all, what group knows better than the hunter himself what action needs to be taken. (The hunter, in the interest of better hunting, will be more likely to furnish an unbiased comment or statement).

5. If the game commission feels the hunting season should be lifted (pulled off) for one year in the interest of the overall hunting picture, then lift the season when needed regardless of how a few hunters howl.

6. Shorten season on deer, elk and pheasants by one week.

7. Stop spike killing and set forked horn or better law, except when hunters' choice year in effect.

8. Hunters' choice law every other year, the entire big game season (like in some other states), in order to take pressure off the bucks but still enable hunters to harvest does and take home meat.

9. Let the elk herds rebuild for two years then open season only every other year, in order to keep elk population up where it should be.

10. Allow only Oregon hunters to hunt in Oregon (except every fifth year).

11. Most children under 14 (unless they are serving to help their family) are too emotional as a whole to hunt deer and should not be allowed to hunt big game because they have a tendency to wound more game than they kill.

12. Make it illegal to have a rifle in a vehicle with shells in either chamber or magazine, in order to cut down road hunting, and accidents. Failure to comply would cost heavy fine.

Most hunters know what the situation of the road is like, so if you want something done, form "Hunters, Inc." by forwarding this article, (signed on the back) to the Oregon State Game Commission, 1634 S.W. Alder, P.O. Box 4136, Portland, Ore.

P. K. Watson, Merrill, Ore.

Where the Exorcists?

To the Editor: The Rev. Hesbrough, president of Notre Dame, recently informed the

National Science Foundation that people had become secondary in technical advance. The good Father and his scientific confreres are evidently not conversant with the why of our demotion. I am one of the few fools that God has joyously recognized and used in this century and this little epistle may confound the wise. Our world is not going to hell — it's merely that our great scientific progress is guided by the devil.

The good man has never invented anything. He has always been satisfied with the things God made. But Satan restlessly roams the world, often seizing on simple minds; transforming temples into awesome laboratory. He there fabricates and exploits latent spiritual power into intricate futuristic vision for our technical tomorrows. This little "on the spot" expose of the origin of invention may read like sci-fi fiction; merely remember true Romance is far more wondrous.

Having raped a captive mind and lightly materialized his "miracle," the devil now projects his spiritual pattern into the brain of some waiting restless genius who "invents" it and sells the finished physical marvel in the world market. It is hailed as a forward mark in man's scientific victory!

God created the sun, moon and the stars in Heaven. Now our courageous souls seek them physically in dubious vehicles which originated in the machinations of the powers of darkness. All of which makes us fools invite you to remember the current presidential joke wherein the reporter asks John F. Kennedy:

"When do we put a man on the moon?"

"Whenever Goldwater is ready," replies the President. The truthful answer is: "Whenever the devil is ready."

The Vatican Council reconvenes next September. It would be well were the assembled prelates — aided by all our Protestant brethren both present and absent — to crusade for a full exorcism of science before our heroic astronauts venture further in what is actually man's most astute and dangerous antic since we departed the apes and God gave us soul.

William Thomas Cuddy, V. A. Domiciliary, White City, Ore.

Comments

To the Editor: Since reading Mr. Jenny's comments and opinions, I have attempted to summarize them so I can comment. It happens that I even agree with him occasionally. I have summarized as follows. If I misunderstand, I know you will correct me.

1. He is against "Aginners" which sort of makes him one. 2. He believes Scripture, in its context.

3. He feels that the peculiarities of "Aginners" ought to be examined.

4. He is "Agin" nudism.

5. He is for the U.N.

6. He is for chlorination and fluoridation.

7. He doesn't smoke.

8. He believes all men are brothers.

Here, summarized, are my comments on his opinions and a few opinions of my own.

1. Our differences of opinion, make us all Aginners.

2. Scripture used in context is the greatest gift man has if he will heed it.

3. Since he is agin aginners, he is one and we can be examined together.

4. Since I wouldn't make a very good looking nudist either, I won't trade for or against it.

5. I'm Agin the U.N. While it has done some good, it has also done immense harm. Just because a rattlesnake is good to its young doesn't recommend it as a playmate for our children. What harm you say? It has done harm by not having members who are willing to pay their share of its cost.

How great is an organization? Like a chain, only as strong as its weakest link. It has done harm by its being so ineffectual, about Hungary, about Tibet, about the Congo, where it wages war in violation of its own charter, about Goa, about Cuba.

6. I'm for chlorination, agin fluoridation.

7. I don't smoke either.

8. Christ is my creed, all men are my brothers, and I pray for strength to love my neighbor as myself. While doing this, I do not forget that there are those actively engaged in enslaving their brothers. Incarcerating them, killing them, not like human beings but like mad dogs.

Their aims are clear, and always unchanging, victory at all cost, even the cost of their own lives. These are the people we have to fear, they and their dupes and fellow travelers. People who speak of this

As Tension Eases, New Cracks Appear In Western Alliance; U.S. Criticized

By PHIL NEWSON

UPI Foreign News Analyst

It is unfortunately customary that when cold war pressures ease, cracks also begin to appear in the Western allies' NATO shield.

The present is no exception. In fact, as the 15 NATO foreign ministers gathered for their three-day meeting in Paris

there seems to be more than the usual amount of bickering, disagreement and recrimination.

The United States still feels the European NATO nations are dragging their feet in meeting defensive requirements.

This applies to Denmark, Belgium and Holland, and especially to France where President Charles de Gaulle has refused to meet NATO commitments and is suspected of deliberately weakening the alliance.

The United States continues to oppose De Gaulle's independent nuclear program but apparently has dropped efforts to persuade De Gaulle to abandon it.

The U. S. view is that its own nuclear power is sufficient to protect the alliance and that a limited striking force such as might eventually be built by France is dangerous and worse than nothing at all.

Believing that placing a nuclear trigger into too many hands simply increases the possibility of war, the United States nonetheless has offered to help Europe create a nuclear striking force within NATO.

But this also meets opposition, especially among small nations unwilling to assume the cost.

Britain enters the conference nursing at least two grievances.

One is the belief that De Gaulle primarily is responsible for her current difficulties in Brussels negotiations to enter the European Common Market.

She also is seething over a recent remark by former U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson that Britain's "attempt to play a separate power role is about played out."

While Acheson spoke unofficially, his remarks brought a sharp retort from Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

Britain also is disturbed over reports that the United States intends to drop its air-to-ground Skybolt missile program in favor of the 6,000 mile, land-based Minuteman.

The British had counted on Skybolt for their own bombers.

It is probable also that U. S. Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara will come under some fire for initial U. S. handling of the Cuban crisis.

Some European spokesmen have complained that the American action placed them in nuclear jeopardy without consultation.

Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippmann is in Europe. Roscoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.) (c) 1962 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

TIME FOR INITIATIVE

Berlin—The fact that Cuba has upset the time-table of Mr. Khrushchev's next move against Berlin does not mean that the danger is lifted or that the Soviets are abandoning their objective to drive the West out of this divided city.

That is not the dividend we have earned from Cuba. The dividend is that the Soviets now know they face determined resistance, and we have gained some time in which to be better prepared — diplomatically and militarily.

Instead of asking ourselves what the Kremlin is likely to do next, the need — and the great opportunity — is to use the Soviet disarray to create a situation in which the Kremlin will have to be asking what the U. S. is going to do next.

The question is how to use the initiative which is now open to us, how to transform what, until Cuba, was almost always a negative, passive policy into a positive, forward policy in waging the cold war.

MY OWN conviction is that for years we have been far too timid in negotiation, in advocacy, and in action. We must get off our let's-try-to-hold-our-own-stance in dealing with the Communist pressures on the free world. There are things which can be done, like the following:

NEGOTIATION — Over Berlin, for example, we are still negotiating wholly on Soviet terms. Moscow proposes that we get out of Berlin and when we say no, Mr. Khrushchev says in effect, "Well, let's be reasonable; you make a proposal about how you should get out of Berlin." Whereupon, we look over a shopping list of Soviet demands and see what we can accept that will do us the least harm. No one has put this better than President Kennedy when he described the Soviet tactic in those words: "What's Russia's is theirs; what's ours is negotiable."

We haven't changed. Let's add our shopping list to the agenda and refuse to discuss any Western concessions without a Soviet equivalent. Why shouldn't we demand that West Berliners have the right to visit their relatives in the East zone? Why shouldn't the razing of the Berlin wall be on our agenda? Why should we support the end of Western colonialism everywhere and refrain from demanding the end of Soviet colonialism in East Germany?

Some U. S. policy-makers will argue that all this is unrealistic, that such demands can't be seriously advanced because we know they are unacceptable. Unacceptable to whom? To the people of East Germany? No. To the Russians? Yes, at present. But that does not keep them from making unacceptable demands upon us. Why should our interests be negotiable and theirs never? Why allow the Soviets the whole initiative in fixing the agenda of negotiation just because they claim the right to do so? Let's put our own shopping list on the agenda — or stop shopping.

ADVOCACY—Now that the whole neutral world is feeling the bite of Communist aggression in India and witnessing it at the Berlin wall, the need today is not to step back but to step up our advocacy of self-determination for the captive nations in all of Eastern Europe. This is the time to confront the Asian and African members with the full story of Soviet neo-colonialism and neo-imperialism in Eastern Europe at the UN and elsewhere and seek their moral support for its end. Let's see that the truth about Moscow's colonial hold on Hungary is put before the UN assembly so that the truth is not buried in silence.

MILITARY ACTION—Momentarily the Soviets have called off their attempts to nibble away Western rights in Berlin one bite at a time. They will begin again. The time for writing more protests is past. The need is to meet every incursion by appropriate force and to reply in kind.

That people should be rewarded on the basis of their utility to society is a thesis I cannot quarrel with; and one of the black marks against capitalism is its frivolous system of rewards, in which an indifferent perfume salesman can make more than a good teacher.

But allocating an income on the basis of "need" is a will-of-the-wisp. Pursue our needs though we may, we can never gratify all of them, for new ones keep arising as we satisfy the old ones.

In physical terms, man doesn't "need" much more than a cave, a fire, and a dead animal to eat and skin. Beyond these, all our needs are culturally and psychologically conditioned. The American "needs" a car; in the suburbs, he often

White House Seeking Broadcast Permission

Washington—The White House is seeking permission for radio and television coverage of President Kennedy's speech Friday night to the Economic Club of New York.

The club has a rule against broadcasting its meetings. But press secretary Pierre Salinger said Tuesday the White House was exploring the possibility of broadcasting the speech because of the New York newspaper strike.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Grim note in the news: During the week end just past, accidents claimed a total of 19 lives in Oregon. Thirteen lives were lost in traffic accidents. There were five drownings. One person was killed in a logging accident.

As this is written, not enough time has elapsed for a painstaking search of the records, but it is believed that this past week end may have set a new Oregon high mark.

THIS question arises: Why so many fatal traffic accidents on this particular week end — which was not a holiday period? It was just an average Friday-night-to-Monday-morning.

This answer occurs: During the past week end, the weather was such as to create unusual hazards for drivers. There was much fog. The pavement in many places was frosty. In other places, it was icy. Frost and ice on the pavement create fearful hazards — especially when speeds are too high for safety under such conditions.

And — The summer is just ending. The winter season is just beginning. Drivers have not yet had time to recondition their reflexes to the changed driving conditions.

ANYWAY — This grim fact stands out: TOO MUCH SPEED is always dangerous.

WHAT is too much speed? It can't be measured on the speedometer. Under proper driving conditions — relatively high speeds are relatively safe.

are often called crackpots by those who, if only half as intelligent as they like to appear, would see what an opponent we are up against.

I'm thankful that we can air our opinions in the free press of a free country, but let's remember that it did not get that way by pacifying our former opponents or by turning on our fellow Americans.

Let's keep our country free, our minds alert, and our powder dry.

James K. Shafer, Route 2, Box 210X, Medford.

Time To Begin

To the Editor: How wonderful is God's gift to man, the "Prince of Peace" whose birth we celebrate at this season. From Him we may receive the gift of that unspeakable Peace of Mind and Heart that makes life so worthwhile in spite of earthly woes. Being so, why do we not put more effort into pointing the way to Jesus, so all may know Him and be blessed with His love, peace and guidance?

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