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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. 21, 1952 (Saturday) Radio station KWIN, Ashland, sold to M. S. Hamaker, Ashland, at public auction; price was \$20,000.

Heavy fog lay over Medford municipal airport breaks up when seeded with dry ice and chemicals.

20 YEARS AGO Dec. 21, 1942 (Wednesday) Public opening of new United Service Organizations unit at West Main st. scheduled in Medford.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The new governor may not be inaugurated at Salem in time because the legislature may not be organized on Monday, January 11. The state can get along without a legislature better than it can a governor."

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 21, 1932 (Friday) Petition circulated in Rogue valley favoring abolishment of Oregon state game commission.

Search started for airplane believed to have crashed into mountain side in Dead Indian area after residents report seeing it flying at "extremely low level."

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 21, 1922 (Saturday) Christmas rush heaviest in history of Medford post office; total volume expected to be about 20 per cent above any previous year.

The sands of Rogue valley residents attend party at community Christmas tree on front lawn of city library.

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 21, 1912 (Monday) Two men sentenced to hang for Medford murder allowed to receive Christmas gifts and visitors in county jail at Jacksonville.

Local businessmen suggest that four candidates for mayor of Medford roll dice to determine which two of the four shall remain in the race.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. Does a knot in pine logs decay more or less quickly than the rest of the log?
2. How many years was Casey Stengel the manager of the Yankees?
3. In which city is the University of Southern California (USC) located?
4. The professional football team, the Forty-niners, headquarters in which city?
5. What is the greatest source of Internal Revenue collections in the U.S.?
6. What is meant by the "distaff" and the "spear" sides of a family?
7. What was the name of the Indian Chief who led the Indian forces that wiped out Custer's command?
8. Was NIKE the goddess of flight or victory?
9. Where is the largest formation of coral?
10. What is the substance in blood which stops bleeding?
Answers: 1. Less. 2. 12 years. 3. Los Angeles, Calif. 4. San Francisco, Calif. 5. Income tax. 6. Female and male respectively. 7. Sitting Bull. 8. Victory. 9. Great Barrier Reef - N.E. Australia. 10. Fibrinogen.

Recreational Assault

A massive assault is being mounted on the needs — present and future — of outdoor recreation in Oregon.

The state already has much in the way of such development; much more will be forthcoming over the next few years.

This was plainly evident at the first meeting of the new Oregon Outdoor Recreation Council, appointed recently by Gov. Mark Hatfield to keep an eye on the needs of recreation, and to serve as a coordinating body for all the various agencies involved in recreation development and administration.

THE LIST of organizations engaged in the recreation field, to a greater or lesser extent, is an impressive one.

In the federal government alone, there are the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife, Corps of Army Engineers, National Park Service, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Federal Power Commission, and Coast Guard.

Within state government there are the parks division of the Highway department, the Fish and Game commissions, the Marine Board, Forestry department, Department of Planning and Development, and the Committee on Natural Resources, the parent body to the new council.

CITIES and counties throughout the state are also in the field of recreation in a big way.

In the "private sector," there are many firms and individuals involved, including utilities and lumber firms, resort operators, concessioners, and others, including guides and packers.

Many associations, clubs and other types of organization have a stake in recreational opportunities — from the Izaak Walton League to the Oregon Coast Association, and trade associations in a number of industries and occupations.

A pattern of cooperative endeavor and the exchange of information among these differing groups and agencies is gradually developing, but it has not been fast enough to keep up with the need. The new council is, among other things, designed to assist in this trend.

A NUMBER of important gains have been made in recent years.

The counties, which once paid no attention to the recreational wants of their citizens, are now in the parks and recreation business. Many of them budget substantial amounts for the purpose.

City park and recreation programs have grown rapidly.

Federal agencies have begun to receive considerably larger appropriations for recreational purposes. The Forest Service in Oregon has had its recreational funds more than doubled in the past few years, and if proposals already approved by the bureau of the budget are adopted, the current amount will nearly triple by next year.

The Bureau of Land Management, in cooperation with the O&C counties, is putting increasing emphasis on recreation, and spending far more money doing it.

MANY federal agencies, which never before have been authorized to pay any attention to recreational needs, now are being instructed to do so.

At the state level, the parks division is concentrating on acquisition of new sites, and on developing those already owned. It has made great strides, both in its philosophy of park administration, and in physical accomplishment. The division is recognized as one of the really great ones in the nation, and the state park system is classed as one of the best, if not among the largest, anywhere.

Forward looking and progressive companies, such as Portland General Electric, Pacific Power and Light, Weyerhaeuser, and others, have done much to provide additional facilities, usually at little or no cost to the user.

ALL THESE things are good.

But they are not enough. Demand for outdoor recreation has overwhelmed all efforts to keep up with it. And every projection indicates that this rising tide of outdoor recreation seekers is going to go higher, with no tapering off in sight.

What is needed is a state recreational policy, and a plan designed to tie all these things together, to relate them into a meaningful pattern, and to point out the areas where more work is needed.

Representatives of most of the interested groups and agencies serve on the new Outdoor Recreation Council, and it will be their job to come up with such a plan.

IN SPEAKING of the first meeting of the council, Governor Hatfield put it this way:

"The economic value of outdoor recreation is surely of sufficient importance that enactment of such a policy is in the public interest. With the addition of less tangible values which are of tremendous social and moral significance, outdoor recreation is indeed vital to the well-being of all our citizens."

That sums it up well.

New efforts are needed, not only because of the intrinsic benefits and enjoyment to be derived from wholesome outdoor recreation, but also because of the very substantial dollars-and-cents return to the state and its people which tourism — much of it based on our outdoor recreational attractions — bring here.

It makes plain good sense both ways.—E.A.

The Age Of Pyramid Building



... 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.

Meanest Thief

To the Editor: Seems hard to realize there are people who would steal Christmas presents from beside a mail box, but that is just what happened.

I hope the person who took it will have a conscience and return it. It was presents to our sons from their cousins in Montana.

Maybe this will alert others to be on guard for such things. Three neighbors saw the package before it was stolen.

Mrs. W. B. Nylander 1817 Minear rd. Medford.

Socialistic Drivel

To the Editor: Who said there isn't a Santa Claus? Three thousand miles away in New York City a newspaper strike has given us a much needed respite from the reprints of the socialistic drivel spewed forth by the New York Times. It should happen to the St. Louis Post Dispatch also.

M. J. Olsen Route 4, Box 325 Medford.

Editor's note: The western edition of the New York Times, printed in Los Angeles, still arrives regularly.

Fine Punning

To the Editor, Though the pun is considered to be the lowest form of humor, I would appreciate it if you would let Bennett Cerf know how much we enjoyed his "play" on the Pythagorean theorem printed last week.

I think he should change his nomination from worst to best of the year.

Marriette E. Muller P. O. Box 755 Ashland, Ore.

Editor's note: We agree. It's even worth reprinting for those who may have missed it.

Nominated for the worst of the year: the story of three Indian squaws who were admitted to the maternity ward at the same time. Chief Wampum, head obstetrician, assigned one to an buffalo hide, the second to an elk hide, and the third to a hippopotamus hide (now where did he get hold of THAT one?). At any rate, the squaws on the elk and buffalo hides each produced a 6-pound son. But the squaw on the hippopotamus hide mothered healthy, 6-pound twins. All of which proves, of course, that the sons of the squaw of the hippopotamus equal the sons of the squaws of the other two hides.

Good Music

To the Editor: Why not have more musical programs during these winter months, or even through the year, as there is nothing so uplifting as music, good music of course as our schools, all or most of them, have their orchestras or bands, and these students study hard to get the most out of it.

And let's have these groups make plans for a place where they can play, put on a real show, where everyone can walk, or easy to get to, and enjoy this grand music. Our city park by the library is a good place for a permanent stand. Make it a real music center. So let's hope for such an undertaking in the future as these parents spend a lot of time and money on these children hoping it will pay off. Even in parades they do not play that band music as I love that band music. So it's my great hope that

Humane Society Help

To the Editor: The letter written by the Humane Officer and printed in Tuesday's communications column was most informative. Their willingness to help people with pet problems is most sincere, as I know from a recent experience.

During Saturday's dense evening fog my dog became lost and was struck by a car. The conscientious driver notified the "Humane Society", who immediately picked up the injured dog, traced his ownership and within 45 minutes was at our door inquiring as to the veterinary hospital we patronize.

Dukie is home now and recovering from his injuries. Thank you, to a fine organization the "Humane Society". Mrs. George Kaiser 932 South Holly st. Medford.

Hospital Comments

To the Editor: I have just read an article in the "Parade" magazine, from the Sunday "Oregonian", dated Dec. 9, 1962, and entitled "What's Wrong With Our Hospitals," by Dr. Martin Chercashsky, director of Montefiore hospital in Montefiore.

I feel that both of our hospitals are represented by this article.

As a mother, I have had need to make use of the children's ward in the Rogue Valley hospital, and found it to be exceptionally good. The warmth and consideration shown was very reassuring, and the policy of allowing the mother to stay with the child, I feel, is a very good one.

As an example, I was left sitting in the waiting room, following an injury, bleeding all over myself and the floor, not having been offered a band-aid. Surely, if I were to be left sitting, the emergency ward was a more appropriate place.

At least the personnel isn't cold enough to allow children to be left unattended or unreassured, but I wonder if that isn't because their crying would upset the personnel themselves.

As the article states, and I quote, "Nursing, for instance, must be radically reoriented. Understanding care of the patient at the bedside, once the hallmark of good nursing, has atrophied in the past 15 years. Today goals in nursing are distorted."

At least this isn't just a local problem, but here, in our own community, is a good place to begin solving this problem.

Mrs. Carole Johnson 2024 Kings Highway Medford.

Legislative Pay

To the Editor: I will be among the first to admit that times change and that individuals and states and nations must progress, for if you stand still or even hesitate you are left behind.

We could see that our state legislators were very much underpaid at the \$600 per year level, and that if the wages were to remain at that low level, we would suffer because only the rich, retired or payola types could afford to be in the state legislature.

During the primary campaign I heard some of the representative and senate candidates say, "Not once, but several times. This raise in pay is a necessary and good thing, not for us, because we are willing and know that the scale is low. The raise means nothing to us because we are prepared and able to serve as it now stands."

Now here we are, the legislature hasn't as yet begun its session. What, I ask you, makes the first headline?

What is the first consideration? Schools? Taxes? Constitutional Revision? State institutions? No sir! \$800 a month expense money (tax free) and based on a six month session), \$500 a month salary — that comes to \$1,300 per month.

I'm sure glad we elected fellows who weren't interested in the money. Our public spirited servants left the subject of a raise wait till first on the list.

Now here is something else to ponder. What State has already ordered 200 machines to affix and meter cigarette tax stamps when no such tax has as yet been passed by the legislature or approved by the people?

Could it be a choice like daylight time? Vote for ONE tax stamp on end of package.

Tax stamp on back of package. Tim J. Horn, Box 146, White City, Ore.

Radio Free Europe Will Carry Christmas Story to People of Iron Curtain Lands

By PHIL NEWSOM

UP! Foreign News Analyst This is the week end of Christmas parties, an old holiday and finally, of a observance of a holy day in which man has his opportunity for selflessness and a moment to regret his inhumanity to man. There is much of the latter in this world, as the daily news columns will attest.

Christmas is a joyous day into which Christians are born by virtue of their religion. But it also represents a philosophy which may be shared by others.

For too many in this world it will be a day with little reason for joy. Not much for those living

on the east side of the wall in Berlin. And not much for the Hungarians who revolted against their atheistic Communist overlords only to fall when victory seemed within their grasp.

These particular thoughts were evoked by a session this week with some of the men who are responsible for Radio Free Europe, a publicly supported institution, whose 28 transmitters in West Germany and Portugal are broadcasting up to 18 hours a day events of the free world to Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.

That these broadcasts break through the Iron Curtain was attested to recently with the return to Warsaw of Cardinal Wyszynski from the Ecumenical Council in Rome.

While the official Polish press and radio remained silent, RFE broadcast the cardinal's arrival time in Warsaw, and as result an enthusiastic throng was there to greet him at the railway station.

Despite the Kremlin's anti-church campaign, Communist failure is evidenced this year by open observance of Christmas throughout East Europe. RFE will help it along.

Pope John XXIII's Christmas mass and message will be broadcast.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris

The two things that no man will believe of himself are that he is not desirable to women and that he doesn't, in some deep and mystic way, really have a quite nice singing voice. He may pretend to deprecate his voice in public, but in the bath-room, with the shower running full, when he opens up those vocal cords, he is privately convinced that, given the proper training, he would have made Caruso sound like a sick canary.

This is why I returned so chagrined from New York. Straggling through Central Park with a lovely lyric soprano from the Met, I had the audacity to burst out with the "O Quel Amore" aria from "La Traviata."

She listened patiently for a few moments, and then during a pause while I was gasping for breath, she said, "You have absolutely the most horrible vibrato I have ever heard emanate from a human throat." Just like that, cold, bitter, and final.

I laughed shakily and pretended to agree with her, but secretly I was wounded to the quick—and I have a pretty slow quick. Although I abstractly know what my voice sounds like to other people, to me it sounds wonderfully moving. There are days in the shower when I dazzle myself with my vocal brilliance and bravura.

Now, this profound and perpetual inability to hear oneself is, I am convinced, the reason so many would-be artists in all fields persist in their futile endeavors. There are poets, essayists, and painters who have no eye for their canvases.

My voice sounds beautiful inside me, but I am forced to recognize that it comes out somewhat mangled. The beauty is felt, but not expressed. With defective artists, their grave sin is lack of insight more than lack of talent. They think that because they "feel" a poem or a painting that they have therefore expressed their feelings adequately.

The worst artists are always the most passionately sincere. As John Ciardi wrote in a recent issue of the "Saturday Review," most of the bad poems he receives come with appended letters saying, "This is really true; this is what happened; this is what I experienced." But translating the truth of feeling into the truth of art is quite another matter — and sincerity plays only a minor part in it.

Art is the most treacherous of mistresses, the most constantly self-deceiving. Luckily, I do not have to depend upon my singing for a livelihood, but if I had I could never allow myself to believe that my vibrato is "horrible." In fact, I don't even believe it now. After all, what does a lyric soprano from the Met really know about singing?

There will be carols, and a new play by children of Hungarian refugees in Germany will let Hungarians know that their languages are not lost to new generations now living outside the country.

A Romanian jazz band that escaped through East Berlin in September also will be on the air.

On Jan. 1, the RFE will start its annual drive in which it seeks to raise \$11 million to continue its operation.

Washington Report

By William S. White

THE STRUELENS CASE Washington — There is an unpleasant pettiness in the moves of the United States government to kick Michel Struelens, a frank propagandist for a secessionist Katanga province in the Congo, out of this country. But something far uglier is involved here.

In this episode there are inescapable implications that the United Nations is beginning to dominate the domestic policies of the United States, specifically our immigration policies, in such a way as to make a kind of high crime of any active disagreement with the U. N. attitudes in Africa.

If Struelens — who is, after all, an alien — were being deported simply because his activities displeased the United States, this would be tolerable — if hardly a wise or big — action. But the evidence is moving that this nation is strong against him not so much on its own decision but rather at the demand of the

United Nations that we silence this inconveniently hostile voice against U. N. efforts to force Katanga to submit to the Central Congo government's authority.

THIS Pressure upon Katanga, which we are supporting, is undoubtedly backed by us in good faith. Our government fears that unless mineral-rich Katanga can be incorporated into the Central Congo government, that government will fall and be succeeded by a pro-Communist regime. Such a regime, it is argued, might "invite" Soviet military assistance, rather as Fidel Castro did in Cuba.

The objective of strengthening the Central Congo government is undoubtedly wise. The means — including various U. N. ultimatums and threats of renewed U. N. military force — are at least debatable. In any event, however, all this is beside the present point.

For the moment, this column raises only two questions: Has the vilification and pursuit of Struelens by the State Department been worthy of a great government? A bipartisan, nine-man Senate investigating committee has just said it has not.

Can we properly allow the United Nations to cause us to reverse our historic national tolerance to all points of view, so long as they are not seditious or subversive? Struelens, a citizen of a western ally, Belgium, has been subjected to a campaign of smear and innuendo — of "Katanga slush funds" — so by State Department and United Nations officials that has had no parallel. But the Senate committee has now found that the authors of these excited charges have been unable to furnish any evidence whatever of the improper use of money. Indeed they have admitted — in private testimony — that they "had not meant to imply" that sort of thing.

Nevertheless, the same United States government which now prepares to throw out pro-western Struelens has given shelter to other foreign propagandists — including spokesmen for the left-wing terrorist movement which seeks to wrest Angola from another American western ally, Portugal. The suspicion will not down that these latter were not bothered here because the United Nations liked their views, and that Struelens is being ousted because the U. N. does not like his views.

A KIND of striped - pants McCarthyism within the U. N. has for some time been observable. True friends of the U. N. must hope that this perversion of its functions will not continue. If it does, the American Congress will check it in the end, if the administration does not, by the simple process of withholding the funds upon which the U. N. lives.

One of the Senate investigators who have just denounced the action against Struelens is the very man who most of all brought about Congressional approval of the last U. N. loan, Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois, the Republican leader of the Senate.

HE SAYS he was told by 9,000 Cuban peasants have been sent to prisons for refusing to work in the fields.

Their anger is all the greater, he says, "because they feel Castro broke his promises to give them THEIR OWN lands but instead nationalized the land after the Soviet pattern."

WHAT WILL WE DO if and when the Cubans rise in rebellion?

We ought to be doing some thinking about that. We need to know our own minds and our own purposes so that we will be ready to act decisively if the Cuban people, sick and weary of communism, should RISE AGAINST CASTRO — again laying their lives on the line in a desperate move to get rid of him.

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