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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
Jan. 2, 1953 (Wednesday)
Rogue Basin project listed by bureau of reclamation as one it would "investigate" for consideration.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 2, 1943 (Tuesday)
Medford Lt. Martin Luther takes part in "Flying Fortress" bombing raid on Tunisia.

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 2, 1933 (Thursday)
Warrants charging former county judge and ex-county commissioner with mutilation of county records and contempt of court said not valid.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 2, 1923 (Friday)
Raid led by Sheriff Terrill on abandoned house on Roxey Ann butte uncovers one of the largest hauls of moonshine ever found in Jackson county.

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 2, 1913 (Sunday)
August Singler officially becomes Jackson county sheriff by posting required \$15,000 bond.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. In liquid measure two pints equal one quart; what do they equal in dry measure?
2. In avoirdupois weight 16 ounces equal one pound; how many ounces in a pound of troy weight?
3. How many feet in one furlong?
4. A stack of wood eight feet long, two feet wide and four feet high is called what?
5. The abbreviation for a liquid equivalent of two barrels is "hd"; what is the full name?
6. What is the standard weight of a bushel of potatoes?
7. A pint is a world around; supply the missing word.
8. What is the term applied to designate twelve gross?
9. Quire, ream and bale are terms applied to the measurement of what?
10. How many pecks are there in one bushel?
Answers: 1. One quart. 2. 12 ounces. 3. 680. 4. One-half cord. 5. Hoghead. 6. 60 pounds. 7. Pound. 8. Great gross. 9. Paper. 10. Four pecks.

The Inter-Faith Dialogue

Though occasional skirmishes still occur, the four-hundred year cold war which has ravaged Christendom since the Reformation is rapidly coming to an end. Though reunion is hardly yet in the offing, genuine understanding and respect are. That is a tremendous gain.

The quotation is from The Commonweal, the weekly magazine of opinion edited by Catholic laymen, which is generally understood to be the voice of liberal American Catholic thought.

It is from an editorial in which it is announced that a Protestant minister would henceforth be a regular columnist in the magazine, an event which, the editors said, not many years ago would have been "unthinkable."

This new era was a factor in Time magazine's naming Pope John XXIII its "Man of the Year."

THE dialogue between Catholics and non-Catholics, which The Commonweal is so usefully assisting, is an important one. We are not here concerned with the theological aspect as much as the human and organizational aspects.

Theology, it would be safe to assume, will long prevent any substantial degree of inter-faith unity. And for our part, we believe theological diversity is a healthy thing in a free, diverse, and pluralistic society such as ours.

Yet pluralism has not prevented mutual respect and understanding between Protestant denominations. We are happy to note the signs that this is becoming increasingly true as between Protestants and Roman Catholics, as well as between the branches of Catholicism.

Who knows, the day may come when convinced and honest agnostics and atheists will be accorded the same respect and understanding.—E. A.

Court Study Needed

The Oregon Council on Crime and Delinquency this week issued a report entitled "Court Services to Children and Families in Oregon." It concluded that a sweeping study of Oregon's court system, with special reference to family cases, is needed.

In this recommendation it joins the legislative interim committee studying divorce laws and adjudication, and the 1960 Oregon State Bar family law committee.

The Council's report is interesting reading, and it makes a good case for the statement that some review of the situation, leading to corrective legislation, is badly needed.

IT CALLS Oregon's court system, particularly as it is involved in children and family cases, a "hodgepodge" of five kinds of courts, with overlapping jurisdictions, little if any collaboration or even communication, many with inadequate staffs, all of this preventing a unified approach to solving family and delinquency problems, and protecting society.

It says that answers are needed to the following questions:

- 1. What feasible court structure and organization can be developed which will make possible a unified approach to the problems of families and children coming before them?
2. What diagnostic and treatment tools should such courts have to insure that appropriate and effective action is taken in each case?

THE fact that we are used to our present court organization does not mean that it is sacred and should not be tampered with. It is a human contrivance, not immune to improvement.

At present, at one time and place or another, a child may come before a municipal court, a justice court, a district court, a county court, or a circuit court.

Whether Oregon should follow the Rhode Island system of family relations courts, or use some other system which has yet to be devised, remains to be seen. But it is evident from the Council's recommendations that a long, hard look at the courts of today is long overdue.—E. A.

On Missing The Times

James (Scotty) Reston is chief of the New York Times' Washington bureau, and writes a column for that respected newspaper. Since the newspaper strike in New York has closed all the city's dailies, the only place Reston is printed now is in the Times' western edition, published in Los Angeles.

Just before Christmas, Reston wrote "An urgent letter to Santa Claus," which appeared in the western edition. It was sort of a minor classic, in its way. One plaintive paragraph said:

"Somebody struck the Times in the belief that it's a newspaper, but that is obviously ridiculous. The Times is a public institution, like the Yankees and Barney Baruch. When everything else is changing, the Times remains the same—typographical errors and all."

HE ALSO comments on the differences in life that the lack of newspapers creates:

"Without newspapers the procedures of life change. Tired, men, sick of the human race after a long gobby day at the office, cannot escape on the train into the life story of Y. A. Tittle or the political perils of Harold Macmillan, but must go on talking to strangers all the way to Westport. Once home, they are bereft of excuses to avoid fixing that dripping tap or shoveling the walk."

In his final plea to Santa to bring back The Times, Reston wrote a line which may well become imperishable in the newspaper profession: "Besides, how do I know what to think if I can't read what I write?"—E. A.

"That's The Way It Goes. Along Comes Some Dame With A Smile"



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.

Fire Walking Bees

To the Editor: Do any of the Tribune readers ever recall seeing a hard shell back beetle that actually managed to survive hot ashes?

Going out on a small brush fire one time on the Rogue River National forest in the Union Creek area somewhere around 1937, a small crew of men were detailed to patrol the burned over area all night. The foreman on duty asked me if I wanted to see some strange creatures around the burned out tree stumps. Of course I was naturally curious to get first hand information.

The foreman, used a long handled shovel to turn over a shovelful of ashes around a tree stump in the hot pumice ashes. There were literally scads of dark colored beetles pouring out of the formerly red hot ashes surrounding the charred tree stumps.

No one at that time seemed able to explain the unusual phenomenon, and I have never had the mystery explained. Perhaps there is someone who does know. This is one for Lynn M. Watkins to solve.

Bert Kissinger, 322 South Riverside ave., Medford.

To the Editor: I recited to her the following lines: "It's better to buy a small bouquet. To give to your friend this very day, Than a bushel of roses white and red; To lay on his casket when he's dead."

"And," said I, "I want to hand you a bouquet. Some station agents and some post-mistresses seem to think it a more or less condescension to act courteous and nice to the general public, but you are different. You are graciously nice and obligingly courteous to all and sundry, and I for one want you to know that I sincerely appreciate it."

I shall never forget her spontaneous, unpremeditated, and quick reply, "Why not be that way?"

Which, Mr. Editor, reminds me of the sage words of the early Roman emperor and philosopher, Marcus Auerlius, "Men are born to be serviceable to one another; therefore either reform the World, or bear with it." The Apostle Peter wrote at an earlier date words that have their place in our Bible, "Be courteous."

—Peter 3:8. H. R. Bulman, Route 4, Box 316A Medford.

To the Editor: I was listing the things in our home the other day for the insurance man, this thought came to me.

A wedding dress and suit put away with loving care. Your babies' first foot prints and lock of hair.

In a box are babies' first clothes and baby shoes. Also their first cowboy hat and cowboy boots.

A gun in its holster, and an old bat and baseball. A kite no longer needed hanging on the wall.

First color books with finger marks put away to keep. With first bedtime books you read before their sleep.

Also doll blankets made by a great grandmother. A child's embroidered apron passed from one to another.

Old dishes that crossed the plains in years past. Also quilted quilts of beauty that will forever last.

A grandfather's clock to strike out the passing of time. An old butter churn and paddle, an old crock are mine.

Pictures of good times, of days gone, of friends we know, Christmas and birthday presents tucked away just so.

Flowers we've started from ones our friends had. Recipes we collected in past years, some good and bad.

Crocheted dollies, pretty cushions made for looks. Also a box of old cards, letters and precious books.

These articles are what make a house a loving home. There is no price you can put on the treasures you own.

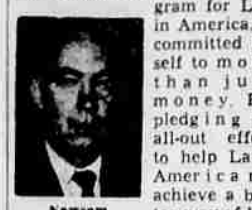
Clara Faye Pursell, 1394 Beckman, Medford.

Gas Tax To the Editor: I take pen in hand to write to the citizens of our valley in regards to the proposed gasoline tax increase.

I have recently been informed of a proposal that will allegedly be presented to the State Legislature in the forthcoming term. This bill in essence requests a one cent per gallon tax increase in the already overburdened State gas tax (when I say overbur-

Inflation, Instability Mark Brazil; President's Role Remains a Question

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst



When, nearly two years ago, the United States announced its Alliance for Progress program for Latin America, it committed itself to more than just money. By pledging an all-out effort to help Latin America achieve a better way of life through democratic processes, it also placed its own prestige on the line. And any Latin American nation henceforth which might fall either to violent revolution on the left or to military dictatorship on the right delivered a blow against the United States.

It is with this in mind that the United States of late has been paying more than the usual attention to Brazil.

As of this minute, Brazil owes more than \$2.7 billion, about half of it to the United States, and has no money to pay it.

A Christmas bonus of one month's extra pay, which all Brazilian employers must pay their employees, was just about wiped out by vicious inflation which in the last year alone amounted to 50 per cent.

Black beans and meat had just about disappeared and Brazilians were standing in queues to receive small bags of rice at government-controlled prices.

Related to the sorry state of Brazilian finances were two other causes for concern. One was a fear that the government might feel it had to resort to totalitarian means to solve its problems.

"The Union" appears on the state seal and is accepted by most authorities as the state motto, although the law has never designated it as such.

A SUGGESTION: Why not put on the ballot at the next general election a measure proposing that OREGON FORMALLY ADOPT SHE FLIES WITH HER OWN WINGS as the state motto?

This writer has confidence enough in the sturdy independence of the REAL people of Oregon to believe that such a measure would be approved by an overwhelming majority.

PERSONALLY, I think that is stated wrongly. What is happening is that incomes in Oregon are rising. That is GOOD news, not BAD news. What we should say is that INCREASES in the income level in Oregon may make it unnecessary for our state to HAVE TO ACCEPT \$850,000 in federal welfare funds over the next two years.

Let's look at the doughnut—not at the hole.

CONSIDER this item from the Oregon Blue Book: Oregon's (present) motto is "The Union."

"Alis Volat Propriis" (She Flies with Her Own Wings) was the Oregon territorial motto and was generally accepted as the state motto for many years, but was NEVER adopted by the state government.

I wonder of the State Highway commission could say that every penny of the present gas tax goes strictly into roads and highways alone? The federal government, not the state paid for over 90 per cent of our new Freeway which we are so proud to have. Our neighbor California proposes an increase also, but not as much as Oregon's and even if they do get it, it will be cents less than ours after it's added to their present tax.

I believe that the American public is being forced to have too many increases in taxes for instance, the 1 cent postal increase, stricter income tax enforcement, the ever-increasing real estate taxes, etc.

Back to the gas tax, the increase would cost the average salesman or anyone whose business involves traveling an average of 65 cents per 1,000 miles or \$32.50 per 50,000 miles, and any firm with a fleet of cars will really feel it.

I guess most people have heard the old saying, "Give them an inch and they will take a mile." I wonder if this couldn't be applied to taxes today. I believe that if the heads of government really wanted to cut down on unnecessary spending it could be done. Of course a lot of bureaucrats would be looking for a real job.

Yours truly for saner government spending. Noel Leon, 4069 South Pacific Highway, Medford.

Another was Brazil's increasing flirtation with the Communist bloc. At the center of this is Brazilian President Joao Goulart who on this coming Sunday hopes for a belated Christmas present in a frayed stocking.

On Jan. 6, Goulart hopes Brazilian voters will restore to his office the powers stripped away 16 months ago when he succeeded the resigned Janio Quadros. Under military pressure and in a move of questionable constitutionality, parliament then set up a government of a strong prime minister and a weak president.

It is Goulart's claim that without restoration of his powers, he can do nothing to deliver Brazil from its present state.

In this there are two important question marks. The first is Goulart. In a visit to the United States last April he apparently succeeded in persuading the U.S. government and many businessmen that he was moving away from the political left to the center and was sincere in his announced intention to set up tax, educational and farm reforms to meet requirements of Alliance for Progress aid.

Instead, Brazilian inflation accelerated and little progress was made on other problems. In addition, Goulart was packing his cabinet with leftists and assigned leftist-leaning officers of his own choosing in the armed forces.

And herewith the second question mark. Even should Brazilian voters give him the power he seeks, will Brazil's armed forces let him keep them?

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

BURDICK AND WHEELER's un-put-downable new best-seller, "Fail-Safe," suggests that electronic gear and fantastic new weapons are becoming so complex that they are outstripping the ability of man to control them, and that the world may one day be destroyed by a nuclear war nobody wanted—that was begun by accident.

Implying that many secret documents are not properly digested by qualified recipients, Burdick and Wheeler tell of one official who stuffed a sixty-page essay by Ralph Waldo Emerson into a confidential memo addressed to his entire staff. The memo came back, duly initialed, but not one man made a single comment or raised one question about the contents!

"Sunday was always the noisiest day of the week in my family," recalled Buddy Hackett. "Everybody sang at the top of his lungs in the bathtub." "You must have been full of animal spirits," commented a friend. "What do you mean, animal spirits?" countered Hackett. "Our bathroom door had no lock."

"They have some odd weather out Oklahoma way. A news dispatch from one town in the Western end of that state, for instance, tells how half of Farmer Burt Quigley's barn was sheared off by a twister. While he was discussing with a builder plans for replacing it, another storm came along and blew down the half that remained!"

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Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises, Inc.

CHANGE As we enter the tremendous year of 1963, I can think of no better contemporary text for our reading and reflection than a few paragraphs prophetically written a half-dozen years ago by the physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer. In his book, "The Open Mind," Dr. Oppenheimer sets the task before us more clearly and concisely than any I have heard. This task is our pressing universal need to recognize change, and to cope with it.

"What is new in the world is the massive character of the dissolution and corruption of authority, in belief, in ritual, and in temporal order. Yet this is the world that we have come to live in. The very difficulties which it presents derive from growth in understanding, in skill, in power.

"To assail the changes that have unmoored us from the past is futile, and in a deep sense, I think it is wicked. We need to recognize the change and learn what resources we have."

I quote from Dr. Oppenheimer's book at such length because I believe that what he has said needs to be deeply imprinted on every mind in the year ahead. Our grasp of what he calls "the changing scale of change itself" may determine whether we leave this year any wiser and better than we entered it, or whether, indeed, we leave it at all.

"In an important sense," Dr. Oppenheimer reminds us, "this world of ours is a new world, in which the unity of knowledge, the nature of human communities, the order of society, the notions of society and culture have changed and will not return to what they have been in the past."

"What is new is new not because it has never been there before, but because it has changed in quality. One thing that is new is the prevalence of newness, the changing scale and scope of change itself, so that the world alters as we walk in it, so that the year's of man's life measure not some small growth or rearrangement of moderation of what he learned in childhood, but a great upheaval.

"What is new is that in one generation our knowledge of the natural world engulfs, upsets, and complements all knowledge of the natural world before. The techniques among which and by which we live, multiply and ramify, so that the whole world is bound together by communication, blocked here and there by the immense synapses of political tyranny.

The 1963 session begins Jan. 14. Democrats have a 31-29 edge in the House, and Barton was elected speaker-designate at a Democratic caucus held last November.

House Members To Organize Jan. 13

Salem—UPI—An organizational caucus of the 1963 House of Representatives has been called for 8 p.m. Jan. 13 in room 6 of the State Capitol building here.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), speaker-designate of the House, and F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene), minority leader of the 1961 session, called the meeting.

"The purpose is to organize the House of Representatives, to elect the officers, and in adopt the rules for the 1963 legislative session," the joint announcement said.

Thornton Rules On Loan Directors

Salem—UPI—Directors of an industrial loan corporation must comply with the residence requirements specified for directors of banks, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton said today.

Thornton noted that the incorporation of industrial loan corporations was governed by the requirements for incorporation relating to banks and that the naming of properly qualified directors "is an integral part of the incorporation procedure of a bank."

The opinion was in response to a question by J. F. M. Slade, superintendent of banks.

JFK CONSIDERS MEETING London—UPI—The Daily Herald said today President Kennedy is considering "an early meeting" with French President Charles de Gaulle over the U.S. offer to provide Polaris missiles to France and Britain in a dispatch from New York, the newspaper said. U.S. Ambassador to France Charles Bohlen is expected to suggest the meeting to De Gaulle soon.

EDITOR

"How's this on the cover? What did Jackie tell Caroline about Mona Lisa and da Vinci? . . ."

