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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 April 1, 1953 (Wednesday)
Possibility of the enlargement of the Medford airport by the Air Force...

20 YEARS AGO April 1, 1943 (Thursday)
Dr. C. M. Paske installed as ruler of Medford Elks lodge.

30 YEARS AGO April 1, 1933 (Saturday)
Local restaurant men warn beer may be scarce for first few days after sale becomes legal.

40 YEARS AGO April 1, 1923 (Sunday)
Copco tennis club holds picnic on Rogue river.

50 YEARS AGO April 1, 1913 (Tuesday)
Local amateur talent gives benefit show at Star theater for victims of Dayton, Ohio floods.

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

- 1. From what source is insulin obtained?
2. Who was the last British sovereign of the House of Stuart?
3. Is macaroni hollow, or solid?
4. Who was the first woman ever appointed as a foreign minister by the United States?
5. If you welcome a rise in the stock market, would you be a "bear" or a "bull"?
6. What did Abou Ben Adhem see when he awoke in the night?
7. Of what country was the artist Murillo a native?
8. What one thing is essential in fishing, a blow in boxing and a tragedy in golf?
9. Is the puffing adder a venomous, or a harmless reptile?
10. Into what sea does the Dneiper River flow?
Answers: 1. From the pancreatic glands of cattle and hogs. 2. Queen Anne (died 1714). 3. Hollow. 4. Ruth Bryan Owen. 5. Bull. 6. An angel writing in a book of gold. 7. Spain. 8. A hawk. 9. Harmless. 10. Black Sea.

A Good Investment

The three institutions having the greatest influence on youth today are the family, the church and the school.

The public may not have much jurisdiction over what kind of influence the family or church will have on children; that is up to the family and the family's religious background.

But the public does have a considerable amount of influence over what kind of schooling the children receive, and whether that schooling will be of sufficient quality to develop the kind of leaders needed in the future.

AN INVESTMENT in the schools of today is an investment in the future. If the investment today is adequate to obtain a quality product, then the investment is well worth it.

This is the premise on which the budget for School District 549C for next year was developed. It is a premise on which the Medford district, along with other school districts in this area, base their philosophies.

And it is this investment which patrons of District 549C will consider Wednesday when they vote on a proposed budget exceeding the 6 per cent limitation by \$2,766,272.64.

The total budget for the district (\$5,061,057.07) represents an increase of \$427,278.75 more than this year's budget. It is a figure which was not arrived at hastily or easily.

IT IS a figure which had its roots in discussions starting last fall between a teachers committee and a sub-committee of the district budget committee. During these discussions various proposals were considered for a teachers salary schedule revision.

The two groups came up with what was considered by the majority an equitable salary schedule designed to attract and hold competent teachers.

The district had fallen into a position in which prospective teachers were being attracted from this area because of below average starting salaries. This was a major concern of school administrators last fall because it could, if it continued, tend to lower the level of competency of the teachers hired.

The revised teachers salary schedule is not the only reason for the increase in the budget, however. School administrators could see other increases coming with higher prices and more children.

THE budget committee couldn't do much about either, except allow for them, and keep the allowance as small an increase as possible.

Every budget item was scrutinized individually, some of them at more than one meeting, and some of them on a continuing discussion basis until a final decision had to be made.

Such was the case of additional classrooms, another factor contributing to the increase.

Ordinarily, additional classrooms are included in capital outlay programs for which bonds are issued. It takes time before an election can be called and held, bonds can be sold, bids called for construction, and the actual construction begins. School administrators feel that by bonding for classrooms, the people whose children benefit from the building are paying for it through the years.

BECAUSE of an unsettled boundary situation, and the knowledge that the state's recognized bonding attorney would not approve a bond issue unless there were no such situations, sufficient time was not available to call for a bond issue.

The budget committee had no choice but to include in the budget funds for construction of a minimum number of classrooms.

Through rearranging school service area boundaries, and utilizing all available space, including a high school shop project, the committee determined that five classrooms was the minimum number necessary to avoid double-shifting some primary pupils next year.

BECAUSE of the teachers salary schedule revision, the need for an additional 14 teachers, and the need for additional classrooms to handle the increased enrollment, the budget committee trimmed every item in the budget possible, a trimming which amounts to postponing many items until next year or the year after.

The committee made sure, however, that the academic program offered from the first grade through high school was in no way jeopardized by cutting anything from the budget or reducing the amount requested.

Not all items in the budget increased, though. Many of the operating and maintenance of plant items have been reduced in cost during the past couple of years by reorganization, better utilization of personnel and equipment, through selective purchasing or bidding, and by other economical changes.

THIS reduction in operating and maintaining the plant has carried over into next year's budget in many categories.

With the increase in the budget, however, the per pupil cost in the Medford district still will be about average with other districts of comparable size.

This, educators feel, is perhaps the major basis on which a school budget should be considered.

If the district can provide a quality education, such as the Medford district does, at an average cost, then the investment is well worth it.

And it is on this basis that we recommend a favorable vote Wednesday.—E.H.A.

"We're In Complete Accord With The President. We Don't Want To Interfere With The Legislative Branch Of Government"



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.

Good Advice
To the Editor: A broker advises you to put your money in a dozen different kind of stocks.

That's good advice, if you got 7 million dollars to burn, you can sit in the brokerage house and watch them all tumble at the same time.

Everett Acklin
Ashland, Ore.

Congratulations
To the Editor: The Oregon Association of School Supervisors wishes to extend sincere congratulations to the staff of the Medford Mail Tribune as the recipient of the Oregon Education Association's Communications Citation.

Your understanding, support, and presentation of the contributions, problems and needs of public education has been highly commendable.

We are happy our profession has had this opportunity to recognize and acknowledge your contribution to public education.

Gladys Durrand, President
Oregon Association of School Supervisors, 812 South Oakdale ave. Medford.

Russian Pen Pal
To the Editor: I wrote to a 36-year-old engineer geologist in Moscow, and he wants more pen pals. His wife is also an engineer, works in the state office. They have a little girl, Tanja, who will be 7 in May.

His main hobby is collecting cards of art, and art galleries. Wonder if there isn't someone in Jackson county that would like to help make new friends and show that we are not as bad as the newspapers make us sound?

Here is his address, the state comes first: U.S.S.R., Moscow, G. 309 B. Filouskaje 23/1 fe. T5 L. T. Rosenberg.

Mrs. E. A. Switzer, Talent, Ore.

Wrecking Yards
To the Editor: Something else Medford needs: Some of our men in chamber of commerce and county commissioners with back bone enough to clean up the garbage, or some may say wrecking yards, on the highways.

Why worry about a few signs along the highways? The town is going to expand more and more. They all do some.

Why not put a stop to this garbage along our highways now, before they get the best of you?

If you have to have them on the highways, put them back a mile or so and make them put a high fence around them.

If you would like to see what I am griping about, just drive out Crater Lake ave. just past Coker Butte rd. E.E.J. (Name on file) Medford

Minority Rights
To the Editor: In view of existing knowledge regarding evils of polluted air and the current emphasis on measures to prevent it, State Sen. Walter Pearson's continued opposition to the ban on smoking on buses in Oregon appears both stupid and irresponsible.

Many non-smokers are compelled by circumstances to ride buses in Oregon, and even though, in some instances, they may constitute a minority, still they have an inalienable right to air to breathe instead of concentrated, second-hand nicotine fumes.

At the moment, my feeling on this question is considerably heightened by virtue of the fact that I have just spent three days in bed with badly congested sinuses and throat complications—a direct result of 10 hours on a Greyhound bus returning from California, during all of which the vehicle's interior was thick and blue with cigarette smoke.

Mr. Pearson, who, I hasten to point out with thankfulness, is no relative of mine, completely overlooks the fact so ably stated by Thomas Jefferson, that in a democracy "the minority possess their equal rights which equal laws must protect, and to violate which would be oppression."

Grace N. Pearson
Route 2, Box 50
Jacksonville, Ore.

Time of Troubles
To the Editor: Why is it, when a man is out of a job, that all the trouble comes his way?

Traffic tickets that have to be paid, even if your family goes hungry, creditors that have to have their money, even if you don't have it. They say they will attach your wages, which, if you did have a job, would cause you to lose it.

They say Governor Hatfield has a rough job. Well I'd like to trade places with him. At least he can pay his bills. He seems to think Oregon is doing so well, he should go to the state employment office and see all the men out of work.

France's Economy Faces Paralysis Unless Month-Old Coal Strike Is Settled Soon

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG
United Press International
Paris—(UPI)—France's booming economy faces creeping paralysis unless the month-old strike is settled soon.

Officially warned that prolongation of the stoppage for another week or 10 days would result in widespread shutdown of plants and would throw hundreds of thousands of workers out of jobs.

The electricity industry was said still to have 850,000 tons stockpiled but it already has cut out nearly all exports of power to neighboring countries.

The gas industry had coal stockpiled at the beginning of the strike estimated at roughly 23 days normal consumption.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From London: Queen Elizabeth II came home from Australia after a Commonwealth tour that raised undercurrents of doubt about the value of parading royalty in distant domains.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia is reported to be seriously ill. Reliable sources reported that there is no immediate fear for the 61-year-old monarch's life, but add that his troubles are complicated by a disinclination to follow doctors' advice.

Behind the loyal greetings lurked a realization that the six-week royal tour of Fiji, New Zealand and Australia had scarcely proved the resounding success that might have been anticipated.

THERE just MIGHT be another reason. After the crash of his plane the other day (the occupants had previously left it, you will remember) the Nice dispatches reported:

The London Times, in an editorial, suggested that this kind of royal tour might have outlived its day.

"The 30 wives and concubines of King Saud, armed with 30 checkbooks, headed for the swank shops of this Riviera resort city to replace some of the clothes lost in the crash of the Saud's private plane."

QUESTION: If Queen Elizabeth's tour wasn't the rousing success it should have been in order to justify the rather large sum of money it cost the taxpayers of a Britain that isn't too flush in these, WHY wasn't it.

His troubles ARE INDEED complicated.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Manchester Guardian, one of the greats of British newspaperdom, offers this possible explanation:

"If the Queen were truly an extravert, rollicking and glamorous, yet a slightly mysterious woman who tried to live up to her public build-up, perhaps this visit would have been different."

"But she is not an extravert. Her own response to big cheering crowds when they were near was part of the reason for the dying of enthusiasm."

So the Right Wing has lots of support in its fight against our present system whereby the State selects our lousy schoolbooks. It wants local school boards to select our lousy schoolbooks instead.

FROM Toronto: Canadian Prime Minister Diefenbaker, in a political address, warned his audience that an OVERPOWERFUL press (he doesn't think much of the press) could be dangerous.

He said: "If we ever arrive at a point where two or three powerful newspapers control the thinking of Canadians, then the people's rights will be at an end."

LET'S put it this way: If Canadians ever reach the point where two or three newspapers CAN control their thinking, Canada will indeed be a goner. The only way the people can remain free is to DO THEIR OWN THINKING.

FROM Nice, on the French Riviera: There is little doubt that a solution could be worked out if the City Council were to prepare and present a comprehensive plan of advertising and of city improvement.

Second, a master plan for the cleanup and beautification of the city should be devised. The suggestion is from individuals and organizations interested in the fulfillment of such a plan should be solicited.

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Third, advertise our city to the traveler as a place where prices are right, where service is given gladly and courteously, where we are interested in his welfare, and where he can see beauty and loveliness created by the efforts of a community dedicated to a better life.

Check one.

The history of our conquest of the "wilderness" contains many accounts of the despoiling and destruction of the beauty of the countryside. The business sections of our cities have become mazes of buildings and paved streets in which little of natural beauty remains.

Wind-blown and free, your waxen curl Wave on wave of pale-gold whorl. Like heralds of the coming morn While yet the sun is still unborn.

The destruction and disregard of natural beauty in our cities is necessary only if men accept it as necessary, and fail to search for better ways of building their cities and their services.

Unfettered yet by love's demand, Unheeded of the hoard-and that warns you of the coming day When family cares will have their say.

Medford has a rare opportunity to break away from the traditional practices and chart another course. I would like to suggest an outline for such a course.

Emblemed hope, stay sweet as you are The restless feet call you afar, To greener fields that beckon so— Be stayed awhile, sweet eyes aglow.

First, as was suggested by Mr. Arnold Jenny in another letter to the editor, the advertising for the city should be concentrated in two areas, one on each side of the city, to acquaint the people with the services available. These areas should be along the Freeway.

Wordless Tug
To the Editor: There is ever a wordless tug at the heart

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
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SEEING FROM WITHIN
What is wrong with the "realist" who believes in "looking at the facts" is his naive belief

that we get our perceptions from the things around us—when, actually, the perceptions come from us. In his book, "Education and the Nature of Man," published a decade ago, Prof. Earl C. Kelley tells the old Austrian folk-tale of the three wayfarers stopping at noon to rest beneath an oak tree.

One, looking up through the branches, said, "What a fine mast this oak would make for a ship as I used to sail upon." A second, who had been a draper's assistant, said, "What a fine brown cloth my master could have dyed from this fine bark."

The third, who had spent his youth as a swineherd, said, "What fine fat pigs could be grown from the acorns which fall from this oak."

Which of them saw the "fact" of the oak tree? As Kelley points out, after recounting some psychological experiments at the Harvard Institute, "since the perception is the usable reality, and since no two organisms can make the same use of clues or bring the same experimental background to bear, no two of us can see alike. We have no common world."

If we truly understand this, it will make us more humble, more tentative, more tolerant, more flexible in our opinions and in our disputes. If, as Kelley indicates, no two persons can know the same thing, and no item of knowledge can have the same effect on each of them, then we can never go from the "facts" to values about them.

He uses the example of Abraham Lincoln. It is, of course, a "fact" that he lived, that he was President, that he was assassinated. But, in Kelley's words, "there are as many Lincolns as there are learners." He explains what he means in these words:

"Lincoln is one thing to an Old Guard Republican, who holds him as a model but believes little that he believes. He is something else to the descendants of the slaves whom he freed. He is still another person to the Southern aristocrat. . . . To some he does not exist at all, and to others he is far from what we hold him to be."

This does not imply that we cannot arrive at a common judgment, at basic value-agreements. It does suggest, however, that such judgments cannot be rooted in "objective facts," but only in the ways in which we grasp and combine these facts with our memory and our experience.

It is not the hard facts of the objective world that keep us from working together, but the hardness of heart that makes us think the oak tree is only for masts, or for cloth, or for pigs.

Moldy Books for Molding Minds
By Arthur Hoppe



Molding the little minds of our little children sure causes trouble. Now it's our controversial schoolbooks. Again, Parents say they're lousy. As usual, I think this is because no little child has ever acquired the vast knowledge his brilliant little mind is capable of acquiring. According to his parents.

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"The Americans have finally taken an interest in Latin America's problems. I hate to admit it, but we have Castro to thank for it!"