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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 12, 1943 (Sunday). Budgeting of funds for a full-time special investigator for the district attorney's office was recommended here today by the Jackson county grand jury.

The organized search for light plane missing in this area since April 4 with four persons aboard ended yesterday; no trace has been found.

20 YEARS AGO April 12, 1933 (Monday). County war bond sales amount to \$304,249 on first day of second war loan drive.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "One of the local social queens balks at wearing the glasses the doctor ordered. With them she sees better but looks worse, she says."

30 YEARS AGO April 12, 1923 (Tuesday). Medford residents urged to use more canned food in order that grocery shelves can be cleared for new stock.

Medford Elks lodge holds annual crab fee. 40 YEARS AGO April 12, 1913 (Wednesday). City Chief of Police Charles Adams loses star; reward offered for its return.

50 YEARS AGO April 12, 1903 (Friday). Clarence Reames, Medford, said "almost assured" of appointment as United States district attorney for Oregon.

Jackson school pupils observe Arbor day by purchasing three dozen roses and using them to construct an arch in front of the school.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. The prolonged cry of a horse is called what? 2. Which is the smallest in area of the six Central American Republics?

3. A crane on the side of a ship used for lowering a boat is called what? 4. Who was the siren of the Rhine who enticed sailors to destruction?

5. What article of dress is frequently used in a jazz band to mute a trumpet? 6. A hard rubber disc is used in playing ice hockey; what is its name?

7. If a company passes a dividend, do the stockholders usually feel glad, or sorry? 8. Did Christopher Columbus make two, three, four, five or six voyages to the Western Hemisphere?

9. Which pair of words best completes this statement: basement is to attic as (1) nadir is to zenith (2) zenith is to acme? 10. Who is called The Father of Medicine?

Answers: 1. Neigh. 2. El Salvador. 3. Davit. 4. Lorelei. 5. Hat. 6. Puck. 7. Sorry. 8. Four. 9. Nadir is to zenith. 10. Hippocrates.

WON'T USE CAR Washington - Speaker John W. McCormack said today House Clerk Ralph B. Roberts has agreed not to use his government-provided limousine to go to nearby race tracks any more.

McCormack told newsmen Thursday that "Mr. Roberts will use the car strictly for official purposes."

Pork-Barrel Highways

We have said before and we say again: The state legislature makes a lousy highway commission.

Over the past several sessions, it has been conned into approving the issuance of bonds for specific projects which are not high on the highway commission's list of priorities. As the bonds have been issued and sold, interest payments have increased to a point where they now consume a goodly portion of the money available to the commission, thus depriving other areas of needed highways.

The highway bond grabbers are at it again. ONE can sympathize with the highway "have not" areas. But we cannot agree that bonds should be issued to help them at the expense of other and more populous parts of the state.

As in the past, the current attempt to legislate where highways shall go, and to borrow money to pay for them, becomes a matter of porkbarrel log-rolling in the legislature. And it raises hob, not only with highway financing, but also with the orderly and well-thought-out priority list for highways prepared by the highway department.

The legislature should do its job - passing or rejecting laws - and let the highway commission to its job - which is building highways with funds available and where they are needed the most.—E.A.

Education Tax Deduction

It so happens that we recently mailed off two checks - one to Uncle Sam in payment of our income tax obligation, the other for the monthly installment for board, room and tuition for the college freshman in the family.

Thus we are in a position to appreciate the suggestion that educational expenses be made tax-deductible.

Congressman Walter Norbald's annual questionnaire mailed to his First District constituents recently showed that 57.2 per cent of them would favor a plan where "parents of college students would be permitted to claim their tuition, books, and other educational costs as an income tax deduction."

The proposal is not new, but it has yet to be enacted. The possibility that it will be remains.

THE only deductions for educational purposes now allowed by federal income tax laws are for education of a self-improvement character, designed to improve one's professional skills.

But, with the increased emphasis being given to higher education, it seems to us that such a deduction would do as much as any single thing to encourage young people to continue their education at the college and university level.

It would, in effect, be "federal aid to education," in one sense. But it would be a back-door approach, assisting families of students, rather than the colleges themselves, and would thus avoid a lot of the current arguments about federal aid to education.

From a public interest standpoint—as well as a perfectly selfish one at the moment - we would support such a proposal.—E. A.

\$2 Bill Revival

In the midst of all sorts of crusades and campaigns, some dead-serious and some zany, it is comforting to find a one-man campaign which is designed neither to ban the bomb nor to clothe naked animals nor to hike 50 miles.

This campaign, being waged by an ordinarily serious-minded university professor, is designed to increase the circulation of \$2 bills. He has conducted his project from Oregon to Wisconsin and back again.

He explains: "In this age of conformity and rule by rote, America needs a lighter touch, something to break the straitjacket of life."

"The \$2 bill is indeed hard to come by. It is never returned in change over a counter. Apparently it is used principally to place or to pay off bets at race tracks. Or it is a Christmas or birthday gift for children. There are some people who will have none of it, for the \$2 bill has a reputation of being unlucky."

THIS professor has found, however, that he can obtain supplies of \$2 bills if he goes directly to a bank, preferably one in a large city, and specifically requests them.

Then he uses them in making his various purchases, and delights in noting the reaction of the clerks and salesmen. No one, so far in the two-month project, has refused to accept a \$2 bill, but he has found some skepticism about his campaign.

It has been so long since we have seen a \$2 bill—one with all four corners torn off for "good luck"—that we are seriously considering enlisting in the good professor's crusade.—E. A.

Almost Nothing

The New York legislature recently adjourned. Most of the session was held during the black-out of news in New York City, caused by the newspaper strike.

The New York Times, in commenting on the session, stated: "The newspaper strike blacked out much of the session. If the public is wondering what was being done at Albany, it has had its answer now: almost nothing. To attain this end the Democrats made their contribution. They helped the Republicans do nothing."

One hopes the Oregon legislature will not be subject to similar caustic comment when it finally adjourns next month, or the month following. Its record up to this point is not impressive.—E. A.

"You Want A Hot Line To The Capitol Too?"



... 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.

Brain Powers To the Editor: Thank you, oh brave pioneer in our frontier wilderness of practically and infant technology, for your darning "Mystic Brain Powers."

Before the cranks' pool-pools bury you, please will they read Nobel prize winner (1932) Werner Heisenberg's "Uncertainty Principle." This foremost German physicist stated "that nothing is for certain—that there is an interaction between the observer and the observed so that each is altered by the other in the experiment by an unknown and undetermined amount."

And a later experiment is noteworthy, when three physicists with preconceived notions sat to an electron microscope to observe and find, once and for all, and to tell the world, just what are atomic particles: No. 1 believed they were static particles, as dust, and this is what he saw; No. 2 believed them light rays and he saw vacillating light rays; No. 3 had no idea what he expected to see, and he saw nothing, and thus, today, we have the scientific term "particle waves" because "nothing is for certain."

Henri Poincare, a great mathematician, credited this strange brain power with the making of mathematics, in his "Science and Method."

Einstein lately pleaded the nations of the world to prevent atomic disaster by the simple means of altering their attitudes.

Jesus Christ told what could be done by brain power if it were utilized, comparable to that of a single mustard seed, (positing, Himself, that seeds also have brains).

Howard Fast, in "The Naked God," reveals the usage of such power by Russia, as he learned before leaving the Communist party.

Norman Peale gives credence to E.S.P. and countless healers of Catholic, Indian, Protestant, and jungle prove its realism.

So far, I can't think a tree stump out of my yard, nor can we concentrate the clouds away, so you'll get yours for bringing this up. But somehow I'm awfully glad you did, and I hope you are not ever sorry.

Virginia D. Card Jacksonville, Ore.

Hoppe To the Editor: If you care to use the following without giving my name here it is: I like Arthur Hoppe better with most of his face covered (behind the glasses) and I value your paper more without his contributions. (Name on file) Gold Hill, Ore.

Togetherhness To the Editor: Concerning Arthur Hoppe's proven system on birth control. I am curious to know why Arthur Hoppe thinks a married couple should have to separate in order to control the rate of births that we have today.

Could it be that he has gone from doctor to doctor, asking each separately for a very simple and easy operation which would then enable a couple to control the rate of their family, permanently, and also permit them to live together in peace of mind without the fear of having another accident?

I have! And every single doctor I have talked to said no, and some even refused to talk about the matter. One doctor said that he might consider performing surgery if I was 35 or 40 and if I had 3 or 4 children.

So I ask why all this controversy about why people don't do something about the world's exploding population? The medical men of our

area, and I would venture to say most other areas, will refuse to help even when people have sound reasons for asking of them some professional help.

Maybe Arthur Hoppe's idea is proven, but if he wants people to start helping him stamp out togetherness, why doesn't he move a motion to stamp out marriages to begin with, as isn't that the root of all togetherness?

Richard M. Atkin P. O. Box 335 Shady Cove, Ore.

Publicity Agent To the Editor: Bill Jessen seems to be the only reliable source for truthful news and reporting on the Public Sanitary district and County Planning commission meetings, through the radio station KDOV public opinion program.

I, as well as many others, who attended the meeting, will verify and witness his testimony and news on how these meetings are conducted.

The chairman of South Talent Sanitary district asked for volunteers to serve on the budget committee. I was the only one to volunteer at that time, to serve on the budget committee of the South Talent Sanitary district, and was not recognized, as Bill mentioned.

Am I a nobody? It seems we should have a publicity agent at these meetings who is, and who we could hold responsible for the truth in regard to articles which are printed and permitted in any public newspaper.

Arne Borreson Route 1, Box 239 Talent, Ore. P.S.—Print as is written

Pope John's Praise of United Nations In Encyclical Strikes Responsive Chord

By BRUCE W. MUNN United Press International

United Nations, N.Y.—(UPI)—Pope John's encyclical appeal to strengthen the United Nations as a peace-keeping authority with power to negotiate and act struck a responsive chord here.

It was the first time a Pope had spoken out directly in support of the world organization, although previous pontifical pronouncements have supported U.N. objectives and philosophy.

The Pope extended his ecumenical principles beyond purely religious affairs into global politics in what was interpreted here as a plea for political coexistence.

He walked carefully down the line between the East and West Power blocs, departing from that path only in remarking that while a state must be based on belief in God and human rights, "it is im-

possible to determine once and for all what is the most suitable form of government."

"It is our earnest wish," the Pope said, "that the United Nations organization - in its structure and in its means - may become ever more equal to the magnitude and nobility of its tasks, and that the day may come when every human being will find therein an effective safeguard for the rights which derive directly

from his dignity as a person . . .

"A public authority, having world-wide power and endowed with the proper means for the efficacious pursuit of its objective must be set up by common accord and not imposed by force."

The Pope's implied suggestion for putting teeth into the United Nations is not new. The charter provides for a U.N. military force to carry out Security Council direc-

tives, but the major powers never have been able to agree on its make-up.

The pontifical appeal for negotiation echoes the pursuit of "quiet diplomacy" practiced effectively by Secretary General Thant and his predecessor, the late Dag Hammarskjold.

Pope John's encyclical recalled the U.N. creed enunciated by Thant at a news conference last September.

"I am convinced that this world is heading for a synthesis," Thant said. "If we may recall a little of history, I am sure you will agree with me that religious tolerance 200 or 300 years ago was regarded as a sin, and not only as a sin, but as a colossal crime. But it is no longer regarded as such in the 20th century."

"Now, of course, political tolerance or tolerance of political ideologies or beliefs is still regarded, if not as a sin, as some sort of crime. I believe strongly that this attitude is also a passing phase . . .

"To give a religious analogy: I am a Buddhist; I believe that Buddhism as a religion is superior to other religions, but this conviction does not blind me to the fact that there are hundreds of millions of people who believe otherwise. I understand this, and because of this understanding I believe in peaceful coexistence."

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

TWO SOUR-VISAGED farmers liked to complain about conditions together. "Never did see hay grow so short," scoffed the other. "I had to lather mine to mow it."

Senator Keating of New York is pondering an invitation to lecture he received recently from an upstate group. It concluded, "Please come, Senator. Everybody here is mighty anxious to hear the dope from Washington!"

They have invented one of those chain letters for hypochondriacs. It goes something like this: "Send your symptoms to five friends, and if you're lucky, you'll start an epidemic. One man broke the chain and ended up healthy."

Have you heard about the new sport developed by two clergymen behind their church? It's played with racquets and a shuttlecock. They call it godminion.

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Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris

ON OPEN EARS I was about to recommend a newly published book of essays by that remarkable Frenchwoman, Simone Weil,

who died during the Second World War at the age of 34, and who has been described by T. S. Eliot as having "a kind of gentleness a kin to that of the saint."

One of the essays in the book, titled "The Power of Words," more effectively analyzes the false and irrational conflicts in the modern world than anything else I have read.

Yet it occurred to me that it is precisely the people who most need to read it who will not read it, and the ones who will read it are the ones who need it least. This is the frustrating aspect of communication—that only the converted have open ears.

From the letters I get in response to many columns, it is evident that, whatever their views, most people do not listen to their antagonists. They are looking only for arguments that will confirm their existing opinions. They do not know how, and do not want to, receive any kind of stimulation from the other side.

But a real education is obtained only in this way. Those who disagree with me are the only ones who can stretch one's intellectual muscles, who can make us question and re-examine our basic beliefs.

For example, I have recently been reading a slim paperback edition of "Nietzsche and Christianity," by Karl Jaspers, the fine theologian. Nietzsche was a bitter enemy of Christianity in all aspects, and yet Jaspers finds in his pages many illuminating insights into the nature of religion.

His willingness to delve into Nietzsche's thought, honestly and deeply, has clarified, strengthened and purified his own beliefs; for nobody who fails to understand the enemy can truly understand his own position, its implications and its limitations.

Likewise, one of the strongest opponents of Plato's thought in modern times has been R. H. S. Crossman, the British political theorist. But, as one of Plato's severest critics, Crossman has concluded:

"I still find the 'Republic' the greatest book on political philosophy which I have read. The more I read it, the more I hate it; and yet I cannot help returning to it time after time."

This is the only civilized attitude a man can take toward his serious adversaries; it is the only way we grow, learn, change, develop, and genuinely mature into a human being. But the ones who most need to know this are the ones who stopped reading at the second paragraph.

Troubled Student Not Always Having Serious Problems

By DAVID NYDICK UPI Education Specialist

Parents can be helpful to successful students as well as those having difficulties. The successful student probably already has been given the necessary support and assistance, but continued guidance and understanding will be valuable.

The overwhelming amount of advice concerning students with problems may lead parents to believe that a great many problems exist. But we should keep in mind that a large majority of students are successful. Unfortunately, there always will be a small percentage of children with problems.

Then, maybe we could start over again from scratch—with a clean slate.

Bruce Y. KleinSmid 1719 S.E. Portola dr. Grants Pass, Ore.

Duncan's Stand To the Editor: Representative Robert B. Duncan's stand on Oregon's O & C timberland funds should scare every taxpayer in Jackson county!

A spurge of wrathful letter writing to Mr. Duncan is very much in order. His strategy of non-resistance to the attack in Congress on the vital interests of the O & C counties in the state of Oregon is incredible.

The O & C funds belong to these counties as legally as the deed to a homeowner's dwelling. The Oregon Democratic Congressional delegation has adopted a position of non-resistance to present inroads on our O & C revenue.

Don't delay. Write, wire or phone Congressman Duncan today. Here's a chance to do something about preventing tax increases in Jackson county. This is our money and it is up to us to protect it.

H. P. Jennings Chairman, Jackson County Republican Central Committee P. O. Box 1372 Medford

Can't Understand To the Editor: What I can't understand is that . . . the more people that have to pay taxes, the more taxes there are that people have to pay! In business the more goods that are manufactured and sold, the less it costs to manufacture and sell and the more profit is realized. But ordinary citizens do not understand the mysterious workings of (modern) government. Their end of the deal is simply to supply the money for research, committee investigations, subsidies, foreign aid, salaries, expense accounts, fringe benefits for government employees, losses in government business ventures, etc., etc.

How much more of this business-pocus can poor, tired business stand before it closes up shop entirely . . . and thus puts a stop to the whole mess?

Oh, say can you see, the hypocrisy . . . ?

