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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: June 25, 1953 (Thursday). Western clothes are the order of the day this week end in keeping with Mayor D. L. Flynn's proclamation that the week of June 21 to 28 is Posse Week.

20 YEARS AGO: June 25, 1943 (Thursday). Teen-age recreation rooms in city discussed.

30 YEARS AGO: June 25, 1933 (Saturday). Frank DeSouza slated as local postmaster over big slate of Democrats.

40 YEARS AGO: June 25, 1923 (Sunday). Bankers of Jackson and Josephine counties to aid farmers.

50 YEARS AGO: June 25, 1913 (Tuesday). June rainfall abnormal, 1.94 inches, to date.

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

1. Name the capital of Pennsylvania. 2. Jose Turbi, Ray Lev, and Rudolph Serwin are all well known for their talent on what musical instrument?

3. Of the 32 permanent teeth, how many are molars - 4, 8, or 12? 4. In the Old Roman calendar, was December, March, or April the first month of the year?

5. Is linseed oil derived from the seed of olives, flax, cotton or squash? 6. The snorkel breathing device is used in high altitude planes, submarines, or coal mines.

7. Which one of these would be most likely to use a sawhorse: jockey, baker, or carpenter? 8. Identify the scientist who advanced the theory of relativity.

9. Flora is a term applicable to plants; what does the term fauna express? 10. If you plant an acorn, would you expect a pine, butternut or oak tree to grow?

Answers: 1. Harrisburg. 2. Piano. 3. 12. 4. March. 5. Flax. 6. Submarine. 7. Carpenter. 8. Albert Einstein. 9. Animal life. 10. Oak.

LOST OR DISCARDED: Southend, England—776-Of. Officials of the local lost and found office are wondering what to do with the item found on a street Monday. It was a white-cloth, one-tier wedding cake.

Miss Claire Hanley

The untimely death of Miss Claire Hanley deprives this community, indeed, the state of Oregon, of one of its best known, best loved, and most respected citizens.

Were it not for her warm human qualities, her gentle strength and her kindly heart, Miss Hanley would have qualified as an institution. She and her sisters were "The Misses History" in Jackson county.

One of her strengths was in her leadership, over the years, of the Southern Oregon Historical Society, which in turn was and is the custodian and reference point for knowledge of our origins in southern Oregon.

DEATH, which often can be cruelly dilatory, was mercifully quick when it claimed Miss Claire Hanley in the vigor of her mature womanhood.

Yet the rapidity and unexpectedness of the blow left those who knew and loved and looked up to her with a loss which only healing time can soothe.

This daughter of indomitable pioneers was, herself, an indomitable pioneer, whose very life was a tribute to the men and women who have gone before, and to the generations still to come, who will benefit by the dedicated work this gentle but determined woman performed.

Southern Oregon will never be quite the same. —E.A.

Tax Referral Petitions

Petitions are now being circulated in an attempt to obtain enough signatures to place the late, unamended Legislature's tax bill on a referendum ballot this October.

At first—because of our disenchantment with the tax measure—we were of a mind to sign such a petition.

On second thought, however, we're not so sure. For if the tax bill is referred, a whole Pandora's box of unpleasant possibilities will be opened up.

FILING of petitions with enough signatures would hold up the effective date of the tax law, with its resultant loss in badly needed state revenue.

And, should the tax bill be defeated by a vote of the people, it is a virtual certainty that the Governor would have to call a special session of the legislature, simply to keep the state and its services going.

The regular session of the Legislature, in a few minutes more than 141 days, was unable to come up with a balanced, sound and progressive tax program. One wonders if a special session, which cannot be limited to a single topic, could do any better.

CLARENCE BARTON, speaker of the House of Representatives, has hinted that, rather than rewrite the tax bill, or adopt a new one, the Legislature might simply hack some \$60 million off the budget. And \$60 million taken away from a budget which is already skimpy enough for vital services, particularly education, could be disastrous.

If we were convinced that the Legislature could do a better job than it did in the Spring and Winter, we would be inclined to sign a referendum petition. But since we have little confidence in the Legislature—particularly the Senate—we doubt that we shall do so.

There's too much of a chance that the same bitterness and feuding and backbiting would resume, and that a special session would wind up with state finances in a shambles. The present tax program, unpopular as it is, is one we can live with for two years. And one hopes that the 1965 Legislature will be a more responsible group than the 1963 session turned out to be. — E. A.

Post-Session?

Ever since the Legislature adjourned, newspapers and political observers about the state have been holding "post mortem" discussions as to what can be done, organizationally or otherwise, to improve future sessions.

Many of them deplore the record length of the 1963 session, but we are inclined to agree with the Eugene Register-Guard that mere length is less important than the lack of constructive accomplishment, and that the worst thing of all is the last minute confusion when the end is near and everyone is pressing for adjournment. It is then that bad bills have their best chance of being passed, and good bills the best chance of dying.

Is there anything which could be done to eliminate this dangerous last-minute pell-mell rush?

PERHAPS THERE IS. Annual sessions, one devoted to taxes and finances, the next to general legislation—on the model of California—has been one suggestion.

Another we would like to see considered is the proposal that after the regular session has ended, a post-session, automatically called two weeks after adjournment and limited to one week, be convened.

Such a post-session, held after a couple of weeks of reassessment and calm, and after the last-minute actions have been sorted out, would have a chance of correcting mistakes and errors in judgment.

It certainly would be no panacea, but it might be of significant help. — E. A.

"Look, Everybody, I'm not Paying Any Attention"



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.

Golden Age: To the Editor: As we enter the Aquarian Magnetic Field of expression, many subtle but significant changes are taking place throughout our entire Solar System.

Only One Defense: To the Editor: What are the facts about the safety of bomb shelters in the event of nuclear war? Propagandists for fallout shelters have gone so far as to picture nuclear war for most Americans as two cozy though somewhat tedious weeks in the confinement of a family bomb shelter.

There will be a change in the mineral content of the body. For instance, there is an infinitesimal amount of aluminum in the brain which in the past has served as insulation from psychic, electronic energies in the Cosmic atmosphere.

The blood stream will contain a greater quantity of iron. This is a magnetic substance and essential in making possible a harmonious interplay in man's inter-communication system as he becomes a more integrated unit.

There will be an increased amount of copper and calcium in the nervous systems. Copper is a conductor of electronic impulses, and messages and impulses of the body will be more easily carried through the nervous systems to the various cognition centers.

Every cell of man's body will receive more phosphorous. Phosphorous radiates light and is, in a sense, radioactive. An increase of this element will allow man to continue to set loose his own radio-active rays in vibratory harmony with the radioactive Cosmic Rays of the Aquarian Magnetic Field.

The hyper-tension and nervous disorders apparent today are due to the fact that at present man's nervous systems are advanced over the rest of his body in adapting to the new vibrational influences.

Where Are We Headed?: To the Editor: A few years ago Russia kicked God out and adopted Communism. Today the United States is doing the same thing.

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Young people want to live forever because "time" as a concept has no meaning when we are young—to them, people of 40 are just as old, as "half-dead," as people of 80. It is only as we ripen into adulthood (if we do) that time becomes a friend, not an enemy.

Negotiations for Spanish, Portuguese Bases by U.S. Complex and Difficult

By PHIL NEWSOM, UPI Foreign News Analyst

When the United States and Spain negotiated their 1953 agreement on U.S. naval and air bases in Spain, both sides won important benefits.

There are indications the Spanish asking price is not cheap. The 1953 agreement gave the United States the use of three air bases by the Strategic Air Command, the big naval base at Rota and of other installations including naval depots, radar sites and a pipeline system.

Now, amid considerable secrecy but with some of the facts known, they are approaching a renegotiation of the agreement which expires in September.

Both sides seek certain gains. A somewhat similar agreement with Portugal on the strategic U.S. base in the Azores already has expired, with negotiations at present reported deadlocked but by no means abandoned.

Both the Spanish and the Portuguese agreements bear heavily on U.S. strategic planning, especially since President Charles de Gaulle's snub of the Atlantic Alliance, the gain in Communist voting strength in Italy and U. S. hopes for a mixed-nation naval force based on the nuclear-tipped Polaris missile.

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than a billion dollars, plus modern military equipment including rockets and missiles.

On its part, the United States would prefer that the agreement continue much as it is and to wait as long as possible to determine how Europe's strategic and political alignments finally are to work out.

It further has warned Spain that, because of the unfavorable outflow of U.S. gold, free military aid to Spain will have to stop; that instead, she will expect Spain to spend some \$250 million of her own money on new equipment.

The deadlock is the negotiations with Portugal is on an issue less complex but equally difficult. The 20-year-old agreement with Portugal expired last Dec. 31 but use of the base which is an strategic link with Europe and Africa, has continued.

Boiled down to simplicities, the Portuguese are insisting that the United States abandon its support in the United Nations of the Afro-Asian nations demanding independence for Angola and Mozambique. Portugal's two big territories in Africa.

Both the Portuguese and the Spanish negotiations go far beyond the mere questions of bases.

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Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop (c) New York Herald Tribune Syndicate

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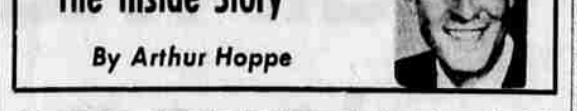
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By Arthur Hoppe



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So if you will excuse me, I will now go lock myself in my hotel room. I figure if I hear one more Inside Story, I will begin to understand what's going on around here.

Strictly Personal

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

IMMORTALITY: The teen-age boy was asked what his ambition was, and he replied, only half-facetiously, "I want to live forever."

One of the first things we can notice in a child is his inability to comprehend death, except on a purely verbal level. The child may accept the fact that other people die, but he cannot believe that he will ever die. This "sense of immortality" often persists into and beyond adolescence; some, indeed, never lose it.

It may be said to be the emotional acceptance of one's certain mortality that marks off the adult from the child. It also happens to be the principal psychological feature of human beings, as distinct from all other animals. Only man knows he will die, and his life fact shapes much of his life, or mis-shapes it.

Immortality, on this plane of existence, would really be a horrible fate for any individual, no matter how appealing the idea seems to the young, who have not lived long enough to appreciate the necessary cycle of birth, growth, decay, and death. To think about living here forever, to think about it seriously, reveals how appalling it would be: its attraction is wholly superficial, a vestige of infantile desires.

The finite human mind cannot grasp what "forever" is, so let us imagine living even only 200 or 300 years, as the only ageless person on earth. No one we knew would be alive; we would be a person out of time, and out of communion with the earth. Our predominant feeling would be one of exhaustion, spiritually and emotionally. We would cry for death as a most welcome relief from this intolerable burden.

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