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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

July 19, 1953 (Sunday) Despite encouraging progress in polio research, all communities must be on the alert and fully prepared to cope with polio outbreaks this summer.

20 YEARS AGO

July 19, 1943 (Monday) County in grip of whooping cough epidemic.

30 YEARS AGO

July 19, 1933 (Wednesday) Wheat growers of county back acreage reduction plan to cut down surplus.

40 YEARS AGO

July 19, 1923 (Thursday) Southern Pacific plans to spend \$50,000 improving local yards.

50 YEARS AGO

July 19, 1913 (Saturday) Reward of \$200 offered for dynamiters of fish in Rogue river.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. Do all states of the U.S. recognize common law marriage? 2. Another name for the alligator pear is ...? 3. Correct the following: "He was acquitted from the charge of murder."

Test Ban Hopes

There is increasing optimism for the success of negotiations now under way in Moscow looking toward a partial ban on the testing of nuclear explosives.

Such an agreement would be immensely important, and for a number of reasons. For one, it would reduce the threat of increased radioactive fallout, which poses a health menace the world around.

For another, it would tend to slow, or even halt, the proliferation of nuclear weapons in other nations—notably France and Red China, but also including Israel, the United Arab Republic and potentially others.

Finally, it means that East and West are again talking, really communicating, rather than just making disagreeable noises at each other.

For all these reasons, then, a test ban agreement is important to everyone, to every human being in the world. It would probably be overly optimistic to say that it could be the beginning of a new era in international relationships.

THERE is widespread support for such an agreement. It ranges all the way from the faintly ludicrous "Ban the Bomb" marchers to some of the most solid members of the business community.

A number of the latter, including some of the most respected business names in the nation, recently paid for a full page advertisement in the Wall Street Journal telling, in big type, "Why business leaders want a Nuclear Test Ban Treaty."

The rather long statement concluded thus: "An effective test ban treaty lifts the ominous pall which overshadows and opens the door to rationality, and, therefore, to hope in a constructive world."

Such risks as may be involved in a test ban treaty should not be magnified. The gains to be achieved far outweigh them.

COMING as it does from 21 of the foremost business leaders in the nation, this statement takes on added significance. It gives hope that the business community is becoming more fully aware of the stake it has in successful international negotiations, the lessening of world tensions, and the struggle to achieve a peaceful world in the nuclear age.

The arousal of false hopes, of course, can be dangerous. But there are many signs that there is reason for cautious and realistic hope for a change for the better.—E.A.

Barry's Beliefs

Everyone knows that Sen. Barry Goldwater is the "darling" of the conservatives of the Republican party. But what, actually, is his record? What are his beliefs?

The New Republic's columnist "TRB" recently outlined some of Goldwater's attitudes, based on his voting and speaking in recent years. In part, TRB said:

"He would abolish the graduated income tax (substitute a fixed rate income tax on all alike, rich and poor). He favors the compulsory open shop and calls the federal school program illegal until the Constitution is amended. He would make a tax cut conditional on a balanced budget. He believes unemployment can be solved only by private investment. The Birchites, he believes, are mostly fine people, though he thinks their founder, Robert Welch, is now a handicap and should retire."

"His foreign affairs approach: brandish the bomb, support banana dictators, withdraw recognition from Communist countries, invade Cuba, retreat from the UN, take a 'strong' stand around the world, and save money by reducing military expenditures."

THE columnist also pointed out that Goldwater wrote an approving letter to the then city manager of Newburgh, N.Y., Joseph McD. Mitchell, after he put into effect 13 new regulations covering welfare expenditures — most of which subsequently were tossed out as illegal. Mitchell recently resigned to become an organizer for the John Birch society.

It is universally conceded that Goldwater, personally, is an exceedingly nice and personable individual. He is no racist, (although he may try to help the attempt to stymie any effective civil rights legislation in the Senate).

We conclude that, despite his personal attractiveness, no candidate in the 20th Century could be successful when such a record of misty-eyed unreality becomes widely understood.—E.A.

Zippy!

A member of this newspaper's staff visited his post office box the other day, and found therein a letter from a friend in Alhambra, Calif., (91801). It was properly addressed and also had the Medford ZIP code number (97501).

It had two postmarks. The one on the front was the Alhambra one, timed at 6 p.m. July 14. The one on the back was from Butte Falls, Ore., timed at 11 a.m. July 16.

The letter was picked up in the Medford post office at about noon on July 17—three nights and 2 1/2 days after it was mailed. Zip, shmp!!—E.A.

"Le-gis-la-tion, It Shall Not Be Moved"



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.

Discrimination

To the Editor: I usually read your editorials just before I go to sleep so I won't have anything on my mind, but here of late I've been getting a little perturbed about the poor Negro. If you want something to write about here in your own back yard just check into the plumber and pipefitting Local Union No. 418. I have belonged to their local 2 1/2 years and have worked 2 months in '61, none in '62 and 1 1/2 days this year, so you see the Negro isn't the only one that is being discriminated against.

Why don't you write more about Howard Prairie or something you know more about? You're going to keep on until they send us a carload up here and I like it better the way it is now. Let's see you print this. G. W. May, Route 1, Box 179A, Eagle Point, Ore.

The Crazy Sign

To the Editor: May I issue a warning to all you readers entering Central Point from the southwest.

As you cross Jackson creek, check your speedometer, for just ahead, on the right side of the road, if you will look closely, you will notice the back side of a sign. This sign just stands there saying nothing. I guess whoever installed it didn't know which way Central Point was. But—does anyone care? Evidently not, that is at least two city officials and one city employee that I know of.

Beyond this little mixed up sign about a hundred feet or so on the shoulder of the road is a very conveniently located strip of black top on which the city policeman parks his car. It was on this slab of black top that he was parked one day last week when my wife, who rarely goes that way, drove innocently by, not being able to read the reverse side of this little money making sign.

The judge couldn't see where the sign being backwards had any bearing on the case at all. He told her she might beat the case if she took it to court. My wife's spirits soared upon hearing this but promptly fell again when he quoted the cost. Running these figures through her head, and assuming that at one time this man was a lawyer and should know the price, she chose the cheaper, if not the courageous way, paid her fine and left.

So friends, when you are traveling to Central Point by way of Hanley Road, slow down before you pass this crazy sign that stands there saying nothing or it will reach its little hand in your pocket too. Alvy Kendall, 3308 Snowy Butte rd., Medford.

JFK and Barry

To the Editor: In your editorial of July 17, you stated that Oregon's Gov. Mark Hatfield is a "moderate, a middle-of-the-roader," and implied that this fact, in itself, boosts his prospects for winning the general election of 1964 for the Presidency above those of Arizona's Senator Barry Goldwater, as the moderate view is that of the "thinking voters of the nation." Political reality, however, shows that no candidate has the chances of the proverbial snow ball against President Kennedy's political image, rugged good-looks, and vote-catching personality—not to mention the distinct advantage of having the prestige of the office itself behind him—unless he can of-

Strictly Personal

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

ART FORM

One of the ironies of the film as an art medium is that it seems to do much better with the second-rate than with the first-rate. Greatness in a novel or in a play does not transcribe itself as well onto the screen. Two recent movies, "No Exit," adapted from Sartre's play, and "The Trial" adapted from Kafka's novel, are depressing examples of this truth.

The best movies I have seen — from a cinematographic point of view — have been second-rate works, like "Rebecca" or "Gone With the Wind." And "David Copperfield," which is not one of Dickens' superior novels, made an absolute stunning movie.

Yet the great Shakespearean plays, such as "Hamlet"

progress, endeavor to pray less and DO MORE about our problems? How inspiring the example set by our clergymen and other white citizens against the injustices that are being done to our colored brothers! Evidently, they had decided that mere praying wasn't enough. George M. Babcock, 427 Hospital Dr., Ashland, Ore.

Reforms Needed

To the Editor: It would be a great pity if Walter Lippmann's excellent column of July 7, "Strength to Govern Well," were to pass without the commendation it so richly deserves.

Under our present antiquated congressional procedures, the variety of techniques for obstructing or delaying action upon important Administration bills is limited only by the ingenuity of those whose interest it is to maintain the status quo. Perhaps in earlier times the Congress could limp along in this fashion, but the case is different now. Mr. Lippman quite rightly points out that governmental paralysis, in our present crisis, may produce grave injury to existing social and political institutions.

While I do not necessarily share his priorities, I wholeheartedly support Mr. Lippmann's proposal for a rule which would force the Senate and its committees to act upon important Administration proposals. In the last Congress, and again in this Congress, I introduced a resolution (S. Res. 42) which would require each standing committee of the Senate to consider any Administration bill referred to it within a reasonable time prior to July 4, and to report its recommendations for or against enactment to the Senate so that the Senate as a whole will have a chance to act upon it before the end of the session in which the bill was offered.

This proposal, along with numerous others, is now pending before the Senate Rules committee, and two days of hearings have already been held. I hope that these hearings will continue, and that a number of the more important rules change proposals now pending will be favorably reported to the floor of the Senate before much longer. It is later than many think.

Joseph S. Clark, U.S. Senator (Democrat), Washington, D.C.

Appetites Whetted

To the Editor: In paragraph 18 of your editorial 7/16/63, you wrote "There is currently under way an effort to destroy the whole intent of the constitution, as it was written and as it has developed through interpretation over the years." Remember, it was Earl Warren who said the original intent of the Founding Fathers has evolved. He did not say that some people or even conditions have changed, but that the "original intent" has changed. Now, if he and the Court and the Liberal Establishment truly believe this, you will agree — they (the Court) will wander from the original intent when they interpret the constitution. So, are you implying Earl Warren and the Court do not understand the constitution? If so, your implication will no doubt be accepted as an understatement.

There was a superficial aspect in your editorial, in its title alone. "Understanding the Constitution." More necessary, more valuable, is an understanding of the moral and religious principles that inspired that constitution — and yet — the Supreme Court (composed largely of non-con-

Pss! Wanna Buy A Feelthy Book? By Arthur Hoppe

I've written a book and it's called "The Love-Everybody - Crusade - and it's published by Double-day - and it costs \$3.95 - and it's at your friendly book-dealer - and please - buy it.

The reason I start out with a gush like this is that we newsmen traditionally get one chunk of free space to advertise our books when they come out. But it's all very embarrassing and none of us knows how to do it very well.

One gentleman, I recall, had his talking dog talk in his column about his book. This is a very neat way out, but I do not have a talking dog. Another keen solution was thought up by a lady columnist who got her husband to write her column on that dreadful day. He wrote about how swell the book was and how his wife was so embarrassed she was hiding under the bed. But I do not have a husband and, anyway, there is a rowing machine I never use cluttering up the underside of my bed.

So there's nothing for it. I shall have to do my teeth, grit my armor and write my own review of my own book. And it isn't easy. For book reviewing is a rare art form. But after a painstaking study of three back issues of The Sunday Times, an old copy of the Saturday Review and a dog-eared collection of Encounters, I'm ready to dash off a fair, impartial critique. That is, I'm as ready as I'll ever be.

"Never, may I begin by saying, have these tired old eyes lit on such an expertly delineated prose poem as this expertly delineated prose poem. This multi-faceted work has, may I say, many facets, all of them expertly delineated. Yet it must remain definitely, if I may say so, definitive in its basic field, which is lust.

I think that a survey of great film adaptations of the last 30 years would show that they have invariably been taken from minor works and have been improved in the screen version. Perhaps one of the measures of the greatness of a novel or a play is its refractory resistance to being changed into another medium.

In the Day's News

Headline: BROAD SMILES IN MOSCOW.

THE STORY under the headline goes on to relate that our Averell Harriman and Britain's Lord Hailsham were smiling at the close of the second round of the Moscow parley on a formula to outlaw nuclear weapons tests.

Before the opening of the day's talk, Russia's Valerian Zorin was asked if he believes the talks are proceeding satisfactorily. The correspondents report that he replied with a smile: "In my opinion, YES."

IT ALL SOUNDS super-wonderful. But in the warm glow of good will that appears to be pervading the present meeting in Moscow, let's not forget Hamlet's famous crack to the effect that one may smile and smile and be a villain still.

In a big deal, it always pays to keep your fingers crossed until the papers are all signed. BRITAIN'S Sir Bernard Lovell, director of the Jodrell Bank Radio Astronomy Observatory, is just back in England after a three week visit to Russia.

He says the Soviet Union is planning to build an "orbital platform," much like a flying hotel, that will operate out in space. It is expected to be completed within about five years.

QUESTION:

Why the squeeze tubes? Well, out in space, you know, one is WEIGHTLESS. So, if the astronauts' food were merely put on the table and the word given to come and get it, it would be likely to float off around the room. So it will be put in tubes, enabling the astronaut to grasp a tube containing his breakfast, his lunch or his dinner and eat while he floats around the space chamber.

There's always a way, you see, to get around problems.

HOW ABOUT a bath in the "closed-circuit" shower? It would be quite an experience to take a shower while floating around the moon with the water flowing UP from your feet.

This space travel is going to be SOMETHING when we get around to it.

IN 'BAD TASTE' Princes Risborough, England—Anglican vicar the Rev. Hugh Jones said today villager Frank Mullan acted in "bad taste" when he invited call girl Christine Keeler to come open the village fair. Christine did not show up.

