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Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

Oct. 7, 1953 (Wednesday) A Talent man, the front seat of his car ablaze, drove up to the Medford central fire station Monday for curb service.

20 YEARS AGO

Oct. 7, 1933 (Thursday) One Mexican National killed, 14 others hurt when truck side-swiped on East Main st.

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 7, 1933 (Saturday) Frozen assets to be thawed as soon as banks reopen, treasury department says.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 7, 1923 (Sunday) Lecture under auspices of Ku Klux Klan to be held at Ashland.

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 7, 1913 (Tuesday) Louis A. Waite wins home-steam on Squaw lake after lengthy court battle.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. From what town in England did the Pilgrims come to Plymouth, Mass? 2. What war was won by using a wooden horse? 3. Correct the following: The recipe calls for three spoons full of flour.

Answers: 1. Plymouth, England. 2. Trojan War. 3. Spoonfuls. 4. Sun. 5. Josephine. 6. Avocados (1,200). 7. Rheostat. 8. Fifty million tons. 9. 'Remember the Maine.' 10. Atomic fallout.

SOVIETS OFFER PLANT TEL AVIV, Israel (UPI)—The Soviet Union has offered to set up a plant in Egypt to assemble MIG jet fighters, Israeli sources said here.

A Name for the Park

The Medford City Council is to be commended for turning down the proposed cemetery-like name for the new park along Bear Creek. A search is now on for a name with "colorful and historic connotations."

The best authority on Oregon Geographic Names is a book by that name, written by the late Lewis McArthur. About our city, he has this to say: "MEDFORD, Jackson County. Richard Koehler, a resident of Oregon for more than half a century and for many years operating head of Southern Pacific Company lines in this state, told the compiler that the town of Medford was named by David Loring who was at the time of construction a civil engineer connected with the right-of-way operations for the Oregon and California Railroad Company. The railroad was opened to traffic from Grants Pass to Phoenix in 1884. The name was apparently applied shortly before that date. In August, 1927, David Loring was living in Portland, and in conversation with the compiler confirmed Mr. Koehler's statement. Mr. Loring said that while the form of the name was suggested by Medford, Massachusetts, he really named the new community in Oregon because it was situated at the middle ford on Bear Creek..."

How about Middle Ford Park?

It is colorful. It has meaning. It has historic connotations. It is appropriate. And it brings into the present day the thoughts and intentions of the man who named Medford some 80 years ago.—E.A.

Text of Tax Bill

Those who have been berating the newspapers for trying to explain what is in the income tax measure to be voted on Oct. 15, instead of just printing the bill itself, should be happy to know that the full text is printed in the Voters Pamphlets which go to each voter before the election.

Once they see it, perhaps they'll understand why the papers didn't—couldn't, really—print it. Space is better employed trying to explain what will happen if it is defeated, or if it is passed.—E.A.

Educators' 'Blackmail'

Many people are criticizing educators for what the critics call "threats" about what will happen to Oregon's higher education programs if the tax bill is defeated.

Those who want to vote against the bill are bolstering their consciences by a great show of indignation against such "blackmail." It is noble to be against blackmail, you see. Curiously enough, this same rationalization was used by some legislators on the Ways and Means Committee to justify cuts totaling \$650,000 in the Board of Higher Education budget recommended by the governor. A number of key legislators openly expressed a "we'll show those egg-heads" attitude.

Gov. Mark Hatfield used no such excuse when he chopped \$15,897,180 out of the Board of Higher Education's request for the 1963-65 biennium. He just maintained that the board didn't need that money to keep the present level of service. One might disagree with that, as we do, but it was a reason with some basis in statistical figures, not an excuse.

Now, it is nonsense to accuse the educators of "blackmail;" it is un-democratic to deny them their right to speak; and it is bull-headed and stupid not to at least listen to what they have to say.

In the first place, the word "blackmail" hardly applies to the statements of people who have no power to carry through. Educators come, hat in hand like every other state-supported agency, first to the governor, then to the Legislature, and finally to the taxpayers for funds to carry out their programs. The word that applies to what they are saying about the effects of a tax defeat is "warnings." This is not just a semantic exercise; it destroys an irrational excuse.

In the second place, by what right does anyone presume to muffle any other person wanting to speak his mind on a public issue?

And in the third place, it really is ridiculous to try to avoid listening to the educators. There's a little sign that sums up this attitude: Don't Confuse Me With The Facts; My Mind Is Made Up.

That's funny on an office wall, but not so funny when it applies to the future of Oregon education. Finally, let's consider why the educators are issuing warnings.

It's quite possible that a few of them are selfishly looking out for their own bailiwick. But the majority are professionals whose reason for existence is to help educate young people.

YOU don't hurt these people much, materially, by cutting their budgets. They'll still get a good salary or they'll go somewhere else where they can. The better they are, the more they're in demand somewhere else, so the best are the first to leave.

What you do is to prevent them from doing their job as well as they'd like to; but even more, you deny their students the full advantage of higher education.

Anyone who puts his own real or imagined needs ahead of better higher education is free to do so. But he can't convince us he's doing it in a noble cause.—Capital Press, Salem.

"Don't Think I Stand Idly By — I Keep Asking Them Not To Do This"



Foreign News: Face-Saving in Algeria; Macmillan's Future; Red Berlin Feelers

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Notes from the foreign news cables:

Face-Saving

Despite Algerian Premier Ahmed Ben Bella's tough talk against the Kabyle rebels, French officials are confident there will be no civil war in Algeria. They believe Ben Bella will do everything to reach a face-saving compromise. Ben Bella does not have the military strength to conquer the rebels' Kabyle mountain stronghold which several hundred thousand French troops also failed to reduce during the Algerian war. So far as French relations with Ben Bella are concerned, the French have reacted angrily to the nationalization of a 1.1 French farmland in Algeria but the French will think twice before taking any sharp reprisals. They want at all costs to avoid provoking Ben Bella into seizing the Sahara oilfields, too.

Macmillan's Future

Political insiders say it still is a 50-50 bet whether British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan will yield Conservative party leadership in advance of the coming general elections. Talk now is he is under fire in party councils not so much for staying on but for not making his own wishes clear. It is being argued that this is hamstringing party planning. On Macmillan's side it is said he is equivocating because he feels there is no agreement on any one man to succeed him. More light on his plans may come when he makes the windup speech at this week's Conservative party congress.

Red Feelers

Berlin experts are on the alert for some probing moves by Communist East Germany after Chancellor Konrad Adenauer turns over his post to Ludwig Erhard. Rightly or wrongly, Communists feel there is a possibility Erhard will follow a more "flexible" policy toward the east bloc than Adenauer. East Germany is desperately wanting credits and trade with West Germany. One move might be to see whether some minor concession, such as permission to West Berliners to visit East

Berlin, would draw a favorable response from Erhard on financial questions.

Spanish Cabinet

Madrid observers expect a shuffle of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's cabinet this fall, but predict no change in the country's basic policies. Ministers affected would be those whose views are considered outmoded in a period when Spain is liberalizing and moving toward full integration in the Western world.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev is preparing a report on Russia's chronic agricultural problems for the November meeting of the central committee. Since agriculture and the Sino-Soviet quarrel continue to take up most of his time, little action is expected on East-West problems beyond leisurely discussions of measures to prevent surprise attack, space cooperation and a non-aggression pact between Warsaw and NATO pact nations.

Our Next President Is a True Moderate

By Arthur Hoppe



The Liberals are furious with Senator Goldwater. And in their anger they're hurling a pretty vicious charge at him. The Senator, they say with outrage, is becoming more like them.

"He has begun his Great Mutation," cries the New Republic. And it says the Senator is no longer issuing clarion calls to abolish the income tax and farm subsidies or crack down on labor unions. At most, he's demanding maybe "a complete study" of these problems. Which is a pretty wishy-washy clarion call.

So the Liberals are accusing the Senator of forsaking his principles' (which they can't abide) and coming over to their way of thinking! (Which sounds disastrous.) Just because he wants to be president! (Which is true.)

It seems to happen every four years. The country's lousy with radical candidates from the left and right. Yet we always seem to elect a moderate president. It's like the case of Dr. Albert Pangmire, the standard bearer of the Nudist-Communist-Vegetarian Coalition party.

As you recall, a computer with a nagging headache misread a digit late in the campaign and announced Dr. Pangmire was preferred by 48.6 per cent of the voters. Reporters rushed to Dr. Pangmire's headquarters in an abandoned garage scow to record his fearless stand on the issues in depth.

Q — Dr. Pangmire, if you'll pose for a picture... A — Wait till I get my trousers on, gentlemen. There. Now my vest, coat, top hat... Good. Shoot.

Q — But, sir, as a practicing nudist... A — True, true. I stand foursquare for nudism. In carefully

selected private areas, highly fenced. If the local authorities don't object.

Q — Now, sir, about the clarion call you issued yesterday in the Daily Worker for "an immediate revolution of the proletariat, through the streets run red with blood."

A — Exactly. And when elected president, my first act will be to order an exhaustive federal study to determine whether an immediate revolution of the proletariat is feasible. At this time.

Q — An exhaustive study? A — I don't care if it takes 20 years.

Q — Yes, sir. Do you feel your vegetarian principles will cost you the support of the meat industry?

A — My vegetarian principles, gentlemen, are as American as the hot dog. I firmly believe vegetables are good for you. And that goes for hot dogs, too.

Q — Can you sum up in a word, then, the answer to this question: How do you stand, sir?

A — Moderately. Q — Since when? A — Since that poll came out.

Unfortunately, the computer corrected the figure the next day to .000648 of one per cent. Dr. Pangmire promptly took off his trousers, raised the hammer and sledge and marched off munching a stalk of celery. And he hasn't been seen since.

Which all proves you can count on a politician to swear by his principles. As long as he hasn't got a prayer.

For the Liberals' sake, however, I hope the Senator proves the exception. For their sake I hope he gets elected, wrecks the economy and plunges us all into World War III. It's the only way he'll make them happy.

... 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.

School Quality

To the Editor: In reference to the letters of Mr. Murray, Central Point, and Mr. Lee, Medford, pertaining to educators and education in general, I feel I have a right as a citizen in the community to put in an opinion or two.

It seems these two gentlemen feel that the "rigid" education of their era was the best education and that the philosophy of "spare the rod and spoil the child" is the only way children are able to learn.

I would question the amount of education these two gentlemen actually received (not to mention whether or not they even enjoyed it). I would venture a guess that present fifth and sixth graders probably have more knowledge today (taught by present-day teachers) than these two gentlemen knew when they finished high school — if they went that far!

I don't mind reading letters from citizens who do not abuse their freedom of speech, but I am quite irked at individuals who complain about schools and teachers when I am certain these same individuals have never stepped into a classroom to observe FIRST HAND the superior type of teaching found in most of the schools of today.

I think school administrators should send special invitations to Mr. Murray and Mr. Lee to attend a school day (of their choice) to see just what is going on in our "modern schools of today." They will be quite amazed... I know I was!

James R. Randolph, Mark Antony Hotel, Ashland, Ore.

Awaken!

To the Editor: "Voices in the Wilderness," our jungle of today, cry out to the people to awaken. Pleading, beseeching them to rise and defend their inherent freedom. Many of these voices have been stifled or muffled — but others courageously carry on whenever the rare opportunity presents itself.

But soon it will be too late! How can the One Worlders promise the earth's people peace and tranquility when their very method of accomplishing this end is being done with duplicity, corruption and revolutionary measures?

Why can't the ever-increasing number of civil servants, the unions, welfare, all subsidies and bandwagon riders ask themselves how long the gray-train will continue to run after the taxpayer has his back to the wall and foreclosure is the order of the day?

What small fry they and their children will then become under United Nations and World Court.

Their golden goose will indeed be cooked and it won't be necessary to bribe, cajole and pacify these people anymore.

Someone else has written—and I quote: "None escape when freedom fails. The best men rot in filthy jails. And those who cry, 'Appease! Appease!' Are hung by those they tried to please."

Clarice Du Bois, 420 Edgewater dr., Grants Pass, Ore.

Did He See It?

To the Editor: In the Mail Tribune of Oct. 1, Rep. Duncan is quoted as saying that the sign, "ANOTHER PORK BARREL DAM," bulldozed in letters 35 by 50 feet in size, was not seen by President Kennedy on his fly-over of the proposed dam site, and it is intimated that this was because of clouds over the site. Possibly the President did not see the sign because he was not interested enough to be looking at the dam site, or perhaps some of those with him saw it

first and directed his attention elsewhere, but it is certainly not true that he did not see it because of clouds.

The Mail Tribune, in the article, stated that pilots who flew over the site prior to the President's flight reported the sign clear and our representatives, stationed right at the sign, and others living nearby said that there were no clouds overhead except at a considerable distance, and that the plane was clearly seen at its comparatively low altitude. As one remarked, "I could practically see him; why couldn't he see us?"

Unless the air at that point acts like a one-way window, through which one can see out but no one can look in, it is hard to understand how the President, in two flights over the site, could have really examined the dam site without plainly seeing the very visible and descriptive sign.

D. H. Barber, President, Preserve the Rogue Association, Inc., Trail, Ore.

Crow & Chicken

To the Editor: It seems Mr. Arnold Eugene Jenny has seen fit to take me to task in his letter 9-29 about something he seems to know very little about.

I will be content to let the Negroes prove my point, and if the people of Medford will clip and file away your article and mine too for future reference.

Mr. Jenny, you, I believe, will be eating crow, while I am eating chicken. I shall not write again on this subject.

Lewis I. Perry, 910 Valley View dr., Medford.

What Can One Prove?

To the Editor: Too much to eat or too much to drink is often fatal as is too little eating or too little drinking. The excess of all things are destroyers.

He who faces danger and feels pleasure is brave but he who

faces danger and feels pain is a coward.

There are a number of emotions man experiences such as desire, anger, fear, pride, envy, joy, love, hate, regret, ambition and piety. No one is blamed for feeling any one of these emotions, but only for certain ways these emotions are used. All these emotions used to excess are destroyers. Also smoking can be over done or under done. All things in moderation are good.

The most difficult task for any individual is to choose the lesser of two evils. Humans are too prone to weakness to sense the difference, especially so when the tendency is choice between pleasure and pain. It is harder to choose than to pull a crooked stick straight.

Regardless of choice of two evils you still will be blamed for your voluntary choice. Involuntary choice under compulsion will be forgiven. So to smoke cigarettes with your friends is a natural abundance of tobacco necessary for health, such as will not fail its partakers nor their health. This later point is by no means a minor consideration.

The supposed cause of disease is limited to mere ideas. It is all the more real for cancer exists in and on people and there are all kinds of diseases inflicted on human nature among both smokers and non smokers. The causation is from God. All is ignorant of this world and the powers of the universe. What can any one prove one way or another about anything?

E. Dykes, 2412 Spring st., Medford.

SIGNS UP AGAIN

HONITON, England (UPI) — The British army's oldest old soldier, Lance Cpl. Tom Hooper, celebrated his 65th birthday Sunday by signing on for another year in uniform.

Strictly Personal

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

FAMILY LIFE

The high incidence of troubled youth in our time — of which juvenile delinquency is only one aspect — is caused by many combining factors, and it would be foolish to isolate one factor for special blame.

Yet it seems to me that, if society is a seaman's garment, the problem of the young is related to the problem of the old. In our society, both the young and the old are detached from the core of family life.

This pattern is distinctively new in the 20th century. We live in the age of the "atomized family" — father, mother, and children revolving around the axis of a common income. The old-style "clan family" has all but been abolished, except in parts of Europe or in some rural communities.

I was the last of my family to have been born in a house that contained not only parents, but grandparents and uncles and aunts as well. I was born in a "three-generation" house, but my children were not, nor will their children be. Each family constellation of parents and children is now its own separate galaxy.

As a result, there is isolation at both ends. The old people live alone, or in dreary

nursing homes (except for the few who can afford otherwise); while the children grow up lacking that wider contact with the adult world that was formerly provided by clan living.

Whatever disadvantages may have inhered in the old system, I think that its breakdown has a significant relation to the widespread discontent among young people and the increasing sense of forsakenness by old people. Any feeling of continuity through the generations is lacking.

It is this continuity, this sympathy, that we still find (although diminishing) when we visit a country like Italy, where the generations intermingle freely within the same house and neighborhood. But America is predominantly the country of the young middle-aged; the children have their own world, and the old people are pushed into limbo as speedily and as decently as possible.

In the history of mankind, the truncated parent-and-child family is a social novelty and psychological burden. Discipline is harder, recreation becomes structured and external to family living, indifferent sitters take the place of grandparents or uncles and aunts; in short, the home turns into a launching pad and is no longer seen as a refuge. I have a strong conviction that we will not solve the "problem of the young" until we attack the "problem of the old" at the same time.

THE INCOME TAX MEASURE

This is one of a series of brief presentations of some little-known aspects of the income tax measure on which Oregon voters will decide at a special election on Oct. 15.

A "yes" vote approves the law; a "no" vote defeats it, leaving insufficient revenues for the 1963-65 budget. Cuts can only be made from less than two-thirds of the General Fund budget: higher education, mental and penal institutions, the state police, tax commission, welfare and natural resources. All "cuts" will reduce services, since state salaries cannot be cut.

QUESTION I've been told everyone will have to pay at least \$5 taxes. Is this true? ANSWER No. Only people having a taxable income over \$500 and filing a return would be subject to the \$5 or 1 per cent minimum tax. Over \$4,000 no-tax-due returns are processed now. Many of these would pay the minimum tax out of refunds.

QUESTION Why was this provision included? ANSWER Income tax controversies are largely a debate over who pays. Oregon has no sales or cigarette tax. Many people now pay no tax, leaving the burden on middle income taxpayers for all state services. For example, the state contributes \$572 per year to local school districts for a family with four children, yet under the old law the family contributed nothing to state government in income taxes. Under the new law, a maximum of \$30 would be paid. Even a small tax paid by a great number of people spreads the burden of taxation a great deal.

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"At a crucial point in the game, we turn off the set in the window and, bingo, we sell a few portables to the baseball nuts!"