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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

Oct. 25, 1953 (Sunday) The trial involving two grand jury indictments charging forgery against a Medford man will not be heard tomorrow because of a defense motion for a change of venue.

Optimistic reports on the possibility of reaching United Medford Crusade's \$101,000 goal have been issued by UMC officials.

20 YEARS AGO

Oct. 25, 1943 (Monday) Medford Ministerial Association protests scheduling of Sunday football game by Army units at University of Oregon.

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 25, 1933 (Wednesday) Jackson county officials report the county has no funds for the old age pensions until financial situation improves.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 25, 1923 (Thursday) Rawles Moore, district attorney for Jackson county, resigns from office.

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 25, 1893 (Saturday) Bud Anderson, Medford, scheduled to meet Louis Rees, Los Angeles, in lightweight boxing match at Oakland; Anderson, in top condition, rated 10 to 6 favorite.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. Chimpanzees are monkeys; true or false? 2. Are the Cascade Mountains east or west of the Rockies? 3. Name the author of the novel "Hawaii".

Answers: 1. False (Anthropoid apes). 2. West. 3. James Michener. 4. Lake Erie and the Hudson River. 5. Earth. 6. Washington, D.C. 7. Sea-level. 8. South. 9. Do. 10. Ferenc Nagy.

Tax Poll Results

A newspaper poll, where respondents have to clip out a ballot, mark it, put it in an envelope and address it, put a stamp on it and mail it, is not a scientific way to ascertain public opinion.

The poll conducted this week by the Mail Tribune was revealing. As the returns came in during the early part of the week the trends were established almost immediately, and varied but little as further bundles of ballots were opened and counted.

THE election was a "tax revolt," all right. But this poll (and others now being reported around the state) would indicate that it was far from a mandate to slash the budget to the bone.

Most people apparently realize that the state can't get along on starvation-level income, and realize that some new taxation is imperative. Of the 917 who took the trouble to respond to the poll, only 103 said there should be no new taxes of any kind.

THE largest single votes cast indicated that the tax bill was defeated because it was poorly written and unfair, and that Oregon needs a new tax program.

THE largest single vote for what should be done now (more than a third) was to revise the tax program. And the largest votes for what kind of a tax should be enacted, if one is needed, were for a cigarette tax (well over one half of the total) and a sales tax (also over one half).

THERE was, both in the ballots and in comments accompanying them, considerable resentment both against the Governor and the Legislature. But this was not a majority expression, although it is possible it was implicit in many replies.

One was that the retroactive feature of the measure, which would require payment of all 1963 tax in a lump sum, was more than most people could possibly dig up.

One respondent suggested, as new taxes, levies on "beer, liquor, motor scooters, bicycles, trailers, gasoline, and men and women who wear shorts and tights in public."

Here are some other random comments, some representative and some isolated: Stop the hiring of only professors with a doctor's degree.

Stop creating new commissions. Opposition to the tax measure was due to inflation in all its many forms.

There are many items could be mentioned, but it all sums up to more efficiency in spending. We know that the people will spend willingly when they get their money's worth.

There were a few evident misconceptions (many do not realize that Oregon doesn't tax liquor; it buys it, then sells it at a profit, and has raised the price several times recently).

But we are convinced that most people voted out of one of two convictions: That taxes are just plain too high, or that a new and fairer tax program is imperative.

"Man, It Looks Like A Real Old-Fashioned Hallow'en"



Illustration by HERSH LOCK

Free Speech Is A Real Bargain

By Arthur Hoppe

LONDON — Everybody's for free speech. Couldn't be more so. And in America everybody's got free speech. Except maybe the Communists or other disagreeable people like that.

Now in England, it's a bit different. Being the home of free speech, the English are very, very proud that anybody in England can say what he pleases.

Where they can say it, as you know, is in Hyde Park. There's a place in the park called "Speakers' Corner" where anybody who wants can get up on his soapbox and say anything he wants. In order to see how this system works, the first thing I did in London was to hustle over to Hyde Park to listen to the free speeches.

Speakers' Corner turned out to be perhaps half an acre of asphalt which contained, when I arrived shortly before 11 a.m., a refreshment stand in which three ladies sat moodily, a bum sleeping on a bench and maybe a dozen pigeons.

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Speaking at Los Angeles the other night to the Council of Profit Sharing Industries, Oregon's Governor Hatfield told his hearers that profit sharing by employers will help improve their morale and will improve their attitude toward free enterprise.

QUESTION: True or false? Answer: It all depends.

IF THERE IS A PROFIT, the employees' morale will be improved and their attitude toward free enterprise will be much friendlier.

TURNING to automation, Gov. Hatfield said he has no solution of the problem but believes that business leaders must pool together to solve it.

WHAT about that? Let's put it this way: Water fluoridated for 51 Million Americans

WASHINGTON (UPI) — More than 51 million Americans were drinking fluoridated water as of 1962, the U.S. Public Health Service reported.



Portrait of Arthur Hoppe

what I am talking about. I'm an expert. I spent 30 years of my life in prisons.

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Many Policy Differences Separate U.S., France, Though Old Friendship Remains



Portrait of Phil Newsom

In the light of nearly two centuries of close relations between the United States and France, it seems sad now that Paris feels it must explain that it is not anti-American.

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But regardless of whether the French position is anti-American or simply pro-French, there are in the approach to world affairs important differences and in the opinion of many the gap between the two is widening.

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which could include Britain if she were to forego her close ties with the United States. The suggestion was rejected by both Britain and West Germany.

On the other hand, the U. S. proposal for a multi-nation nuclear naval force within NATO is far enough advanced that discussion of details may start soon. West Germany backs the U.S. plan.

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help and guidance. The French resent U.S. efforts which they believe are attempting to force the West Germans to decide between Washington and Paris.

They disagree with U.S. efforts to keep lines open to Moscow on the grounds that it gives the Soviets the initiative in the subjects to be discussed. They also disagree with what seems to be a U.S. tendency to side with Moscow in the Moscow-Peking dispute. They believe a policy of strict neutrality is called for.

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... 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.

human effort divorced from the acknowledgement of and obedience to God.

With respect to the descendants of Noah, any attempt to identify them with particular racial or cultural groups is futile. Even if one were to attempt to use the genealogical tables of Genesis 10, gross inconsistencies remain which make any positive identification impossible.

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Strictly Personal

By Sidney J. Harris

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"ORDINARY" PEOPLE A rather strange and rather wonderful paradox occurred to me the other day, while riding up 18 flights in a crowded elevator.

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Good Neighbors

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