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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
Nov. 15, 1953 (Sunday)

Oregon's Gov. Paul Patterson spoke to 113 Chamber of Commerce members last night and cautioned against "running away" with a state program.

Law enforcement officers today were investigating the burglary of two drive-in theaters yesterday in which a reported \$238 was taken.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 15, 1943 (Monday)

Seth Bullis elected president of newly formed Jackson County Civil Music Association; Arthur M. Canfield named treasurer.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Soudge Pot" column: "A Camp Adair hunker last week tooted an hour too soon and is still at large."

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 15, 1933 (Wednesday)

Jackson County Sheriff reports almost 50 per cent of taxes are delinquent.

Charles Skooters elected president of State Truck Owners and Farmers Protective Association at meeting in Talent.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 15, 1923 (Thursday)

City Attorney J. H. Carkin starts action to remove city-owned lots from market because prices are too low.

C. E. Gates Auto company, Medford, advertises new Ford four-door sedan for \$685 through weekly purchase plan.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 15, 1913 (Saturday)

Medford women host tea for wives of New York Giants and Chicago baseball players here for game; visitors include Mrs. John McGraw, Mrs. Charles Comiskey, Mrs. Lary Doyle, Mrs. Jim Thorpe and Mrs. Jeff Tesreau.

Local clothing stores offer men's wool pants for \$1.75 and top quality shoes for \$2.50 a pair.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- Who discovered the Mississippi River?
- On the European Continent do drivers travel on the right or left side of the road?
- During the Revolution, were the Tories loyal to the colonists or England?
- If you had a gherkin, could you wear it, eat it, or ride in it?
- Canpe Cod extends East and North from the southeast corner of which state?
- Does a tailwind increase or decrease the ground speed of an airplane?
- Name the first three books of the Bible.
- How many "bits" are there in a quarter dollar?
- Which one of these elements is the heaviest — uranium, osmium, platinum?
- Which of the following is the most nearly opposite of TANGIBLE: radial, immaterial, minute, diffuse, unproved?

Answers: 1. Hernando deSoto. 2. Right. 3. England. 4. Eat it. 5. Massachusetts. 6. Increase. 7. Genesis, Exodus and Leviticus. 8. Two. 9. Osmium. 10. Immaterial.

Forest's Prime Evil

The advent of the relatively inexpensive and versatile motor scooter and power bike has brought new headaches to forest agencies.

These remarkable little vehicles can go almost anywhere — on trails, across-country, along narrow foot bridges. Equipped with one of these, a sleeping bag, and some food and gear, one can gain ready access to almost any part of the forest.

They have some advantage over horses, too. They're a bit more comfortable, they don't create any sanitary problems around campgrounds, and you don't have to feed them when they're not working. They get upwards of 100 miles to a gallon of gasoline.

BUT they're noisy. And therein lies the chief objection to them — an objection which is voiced bitterly by the back-packers and horsemen who like their out-of-doors quiet and peaceful, uncontaminated by the fumes and the horse-scaring and sleep-shattering racket of the motors.

Some nature "purists" also will admit to prejudice against the vehicles simply because they make it too easy to get into the forest recesses. The hikers think that you can't really enjoy nature unless you work up a sweat getting there.

FINALLY, they object to the antics that some scooter riders perform — acts of rudeness and thoughtlessness in the maneuvering of the little contraptions; such things as tearing around campgrounds at all hours of the day or night, scaring horses, and forcing others off the trails. They also, some claim, do damage to trails and meadows.

So there is no peace between the nature-as-nature lovers and those who ride the scooters. On the other hand, scooter enthusiasts contend, rightly, that only a minority of their number is responsible for the acts of bad citizenship that give all a bad name; that the damage they do is minimal, and certainly no worse than that caused by horses' hooves; that they have as much "right" in publicly-owned forests as anyone, and that it's no one's business how they choose to get there.

WE SEE validity in both sides of the argument. We are also convinced that about two-thirds of the basis for the argument would be eliminated if the scooters and cycles could be silenced by an efficient muffler.

They ARE noisy (and why police departments don't enforce the anti-noise ordinances against the scooters has long puzzled us). They DO disturb the peace and quiet of nature's out-of-doors. They DO scare horses and bother people. They ARE safety hazards in some localities. But if they could be made as quiet as the average automobile, or as the new outboard motors, many of the objections would be removed.

THERE are areas of the forest where scooters should be forbidden to enter. The same applies to horses. (The recently rebuilt Rogue River Trail has been made off-limits for both.) On the other hand, scooter-riders do have a point when they say they also like the forests and why should they be kept out? In our view, hikers, horsemen and scooter people are simply going to have to learn to live with one another. And living together would be made far easier for everyone if the noise problem were to be solved.

This would make the scooters and Hondas — now the forest's prime evil — tolerable. — E. A.

Education's \$ and ¢

How much — in dollars and cents — does an individual benefit from an education? How much — in dollar and cents — does society benefit from an educated individual? While we happen to believe that the economic benefits of an education are secondary to other values, it cannot be ignored that they are important — to both individual and society.

A story in yesterday's Mail Tribune pointed out that in Medford, a high school graduate could expect to earn \$46,360 more during his lifetime than a non-graduate or drop-out.

THE TOTAL amount of a lifetime's earnings is estimated at \$262,000 for a high school graduate in the Medford area, a figure somewhat better than the average for the nation, and far better than a decade or two ago.

The total, of course, is increased considerably for those who take post-high school work, in college, university or other schooling.

These tangible differences make a difference not only to the individual, but to everyone, in terms of economic health, ability to pay taxes, and all the other things which a successful person contributes to society.

AS THE general educational level increases, the differences are apt to increase between the persons with an education and those without, because of the increasing demands for skills in an increasingly complex society.

On the other hand, U. S. Commissioner of Education Francis Keppel pointed out the other edge of the sword, the fact that it will continue to become harder for a non-graduate to find a job, and to hold on to it. And he said:

"The cost of one year's unemployment for one individual is greater than the total cost of his education through the twelfth grade."

Today's youngster cannot afford NOT to get an education; today's society cannot afford NOT to have him do so. — E. A.

"Traitor!"



Communications

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A Word of Appreciation
To the Editor: Jackson Council of the Blind so greatly appreciate the coverage given to all of our activities by the M.T. We think the merchants of Medford for their very generous contributions to our recent "new and used" sale. It was this merchandise which helped to make our sale a success. Then we make the general public for the patronage given us, and for all the other contributions given us. We appreciate every bit of this assistance.

The purpose of our organization both on the local and state levels is to help the blind and visually impaired to achieve for themselves a more satisfying and a fuller life. And let us assure you that the proceeds of our sale will be used towards that end.

Again we thank you.
L. E. Jeffries,
President, Jackson Council of the Blind
22 West Jackson St.
Medford.

Homecoming Success
To the Editor: On behalf of Southern Oregon College, the Homecoming Committee wishes to express sincere appreciation for your excellent coverage during Homecoming Week. We can proudly say that this was the most successful Homecoming in the history of our college. We are pleased to have set this precedent — but certainly without your coverage. Homecoming '63 would indeed have been lacking. The success proves that the Medford Mail Tribune is an outstanding medium of communication.

Estimates by college officials indicate that large crowds attended all events, making each event a success in itself. To the general public, we extend our gratitude for their interest in this annual collegiate activity. We hope that they will continue to express their enthusiasm for SOC at the 1964 Homecoming. Southern Oregon College Homecoming Committee
Ashland, Ore.

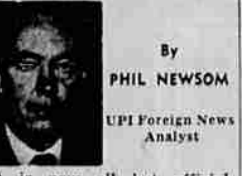
Taxes
To the Editor: The working class citizen has been benumbed so long by exposure to "what is good for him" in newspapers and magazines with political leanings and by the false promises, fence - straddling and double - talk of political office holders and office seekers, he just doesn't know which way to turn for help.

Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer, I plead with you, go to the polls come election time. One lone citizen upstate with foresight, guts and determination showed you what could be done if you all stuck together. Stay together for your own protection. Let's start by cleaning house. Let's put some new blood — some people with the interests of those who pay their salaries — in the county courthouses and in the statehouse in Salem.

Have you read in your local paper where our esteemed speaker, Mr. Clarence Barton, opposes a plan to use 35 per cent of a 3 per cent sales tax (yet to be presented) to offset any property tax relief? "Leave property taxes alone," he says. What do you mean "alone," Mr. Barton? Don't you realize you people in the statehouse have dried up the lovely cow that so patiently and resignedly gave you sustenance for so many years? Our current property taxes are comparable to California's and much much higher than Washington's — if you doubt this, check with random property owners in Josephine county whose taxes have been raised a ridiculous 20 per cent this year.

We are all quite aware that our neighboring states have a sales tax. If the voters go to the polls to vote on a sales tax

All But Official: De Gaulle Will Seek Another Term as President of France



By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

It is now all but official. French President Charles de Gaulle, who will turn 73 this Nov. 22, will seek another term as president to carry him at least through 1970.

The word comes from sources close to De Gaulle and is significant for two reasons. — De Gaulle sees no one capable of succeeding him in the years which he regards as crucial for France and Europe. — The North Atlantic Treaty, signed in 1949, expires in 1969 and must be renegotiated.

De Gaulle believes the NATO treaty must be refurbished to meet the changing times, including the fact that by that time France will be a full-fledged nuclear power able to strike both by air and from Polaris-type submarines.

Backed by a French nuclear force, De Gaulle believes, Europe then will be able to declare itself independent of the United States.

This also would include European independence of any two-way agreements reached between Washington and Moscow.

De Gaulle supporters believe that at least two recent events are proving the correctness of De Gaulle's attitude both toward NATO and the question of Western negotiations with the Soviets.

One was the unexpectedly heavy criticism of the U.S.-proposed multi-nation nuclear fleet which was encountered among European representatives during a discussion of NATO policies. Predictions now are that the U.S. plan will be shelved indefinitely or at least until after British elections.

The Soviet blockade of U.S. convoys on the Berlin autobahn also is being cited in support of De Gaulle's boycott of disarmament talks with the Soviets until all Soviet threats are removed.

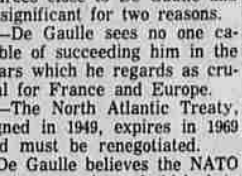
These, along with De Gaulle's concept of a future Europe, represent unfinished business which De Gaulle is reluctant to leave in the hands of others.

At home, a decisive demonstration of the strength of the De Gaulle leadership came recently in the National Assembly which approved both his record budget and large appropriations with which to build his nuclear force.

But these were demonstrations of De Gaulle's personal strength and not necessarily of the Gaullist party or of unity of purpose.

Within De Gaulle's Union for the New Republic (UNR), former Premier Michel Debre, is making a quiet bid for political come-back and is said by political insiders still to hope that he may someday succeed De Gaulle as president. There is no indication that these hopes are being encouraged by De Gaulle.

In the patchwork of French political opinion, efforts to present a united front of opposition to De Gaulle have been successful only between the Socialists and Communists who voted in a bloc against his budget and nuclear plans.



Let Us Ne'er Forget L. B. Whatsisname

By Arthur Hoppe

Ah, another nostalgic piece in that heartwarming series, "Where Are They Now?" You know, it's the kind where we search out a once-famous man who is now living in simple obscurity. And we always search out our beloved Vice President, L. B. Whatsisname. Which isn't always easy.

As old-timers will recall, ever since he shyly retired to the anonymity of the Vice Presidency, "old L. B. W." as he's fondly known, has been gameably struggling to make a comeback. Mostly overseas.

And he had one big triumph. At the height of a crisis, he went to Berlin on a Goodwill Tour, passed out bailout pens, and made a fighting speech. Which almost caused World War III. Since then, reports have been rife that Mr. Kennedy was reluctant to send him on any more Goodwill Tours to touchy areas.

A base canard. For he has only just now completed another triumphant Goodwill Tour, obviously designed to heal grave rifts in the Western Alliance. And this time Mr. Kennedy sent him, as a clear demonstration of his trust and confidence, to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

It was, of course, a delicate diplomatic mission. Details, naturally, could not be revealed. All that is known publicly is that our beloved Vice President was greeted by a crowd of happy Luxembourgers, to whom he gave red and blue bailout pens. And he was then whisked to the palace of Luxembourg's ruler, Grand Duchess Charlotte, to present her with "an official message from President Kennedy." Who doesn't trust the mails.

The scene, fraught with tension, can only be hazarded at: "Howdy, there, Duchesess. Have a bailout pen."

"Please, Mr. Vice President. Enough formalities. We are a small nation, but a proud people, willing to fight if we must. What message do you bring? Will it be peace? Or will it, God forbid, be war?"

are all those thoughts which have no beauty.

Solomon asked God for wisdom and understanding and built his temple for God and those who entered it were blessed with God's love and wisdom. This is a part of the article, I have gotten a great blessing from it, so I wish it for everyone. We must remember thoughts are living things. Selah — think it over, what a big job we have on our hands.

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Closure Opposed
To the Editor: The following letter has been sent to the State Game Commission:

This letter is written in reference to the proposed salmon fishing closure affecting that area above Elk Creek on the Rogue River.

Mr. Ed Schwartz, S.W. district fishery agent, informed me that this measure was designed to protect the salmon from harassment and to help decrease snagging activities.

The harassment part of this measure has no foundation at all because of the fact that during the salmon season, March 23-June 30, the fish remain in the deep holes and will not start nosing around in the shallows looking for suitable spawning beds until mid-August, therefore eliminating any chance of harassment whatsoever.

Snagging, however, has become a problem on the upper Rogue as well as on the lower river. This can all be eliminated by the passage of a bill prohibiting the use of treble hooks in the taking of salmon. Also a stepped up program of law enforcement would help matters considerably. These two measures, if acted upon, would lead to a much more favorable relationship between the game commission and general public than the closure of this stretch of river would produce.

If the closure measure is passed, the results would be:

1. Overcrowding of available

Strictly Personal

By Sidney J. Harris
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When Heine asked his coachman, "What are ideas?" the coachman pondered a moment and answered: "Ideas? ... Ideas are the things they put into your head."

Even today, most people might answer as the coachman did, for our formal system of education seems to consist of things put into our heads — names and dates and battles and multiplication tables and the three principal sources of raw material in the Malayan Peninsula.

Of course, these are not ideas. Ideas are what come out of the head. Nobody can put them there, although a good education can stimulate them, organize them, and give them a solid basis in reason.

Education, if it means anything, is a drawing out; it is not a pushing in. The human mind is not a sausage casing into which we can stuff knowledge; and, usually, the harder we try to stuff, the more resistance we encounter. This is why so much formal education is a waste of time and energy.

A human being is a repository of ideas; the whole trick is to get these ideas out in the open, to test them against reality, to expose them to other ideas, and thus to sharpen and toughen them.

The greatest flaw in formal education, in my opinion, is that it has little respect for ideas and too much for information. Children can get easily bored with information, when it seems to have no relevance; but they are excited and interested in ideas.

I vividly remember how the subject of zoology was ruined for me in school by teachers who were concerned only with classification and memorization of insects and such. No attempt was made to relate the subject to the other links in the great chain of life. Any real curiosity was considered almost an impertinence. As a result, the bright students quickly lost interest, and only the dutiful parrots scored high marks.

Nor was this merely a defect in the teachers. It was, rather, their general attitude toward learning in my day; there is some evidence that it has improved a little, but still not enough. The "dropout problem" is largely economic and social — but a part of it is also pedagogical, in that dead teaching turns students away from the classroom and toward more animated aspects of the human scene.

Every child's mind is teeming with ideas. Too often these ideas are systematically throttled or strangled in the school system, which looks only for the "right answers" that are in the back of the book. What is in back of the head is rarely encouraged to move to the front.

ue through 1964 without an early tax cut (without cutting spending) are poor — so poor that the opportunity to take out anti-recession insurance (in the form of cutting taxes without cutting spending) should not be overlooked.

He added: "In addition to possibly forestalling a recession, a tax reduction (without reducing spending) will help to solve basic problems of unemployment and unused productive capacity."

THIS thought occurs: If tax cutting (without cutting government spending) is so WONDERFUL, why couldn't we latch onto it out here in Oregon as a solution of the problems that have arisen since the voters turned down the legislature's budget for the next biennium? Why can't we just go on spending like drunken sailors for the next couple of years and thus wind up fat and rich and happy?

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

House Pays Tribute To Late Legislator
SALEM (UPI) — Colleagues of the late State Rep. W.O. "Run" Kelsay, D-Roseburg, paid their respects to him in the House Thursday as a legislator and a friend.

The house stood a moment in silent tribute as it passed unanimously a resolution expressing deep sorrow over Kelsay's death in an auto accident in October.

Many of the representatives of both parties in the House stood to recall his ability, humility, and sense of humor.

"Each of us will be a little better for having known and associated with him," said House Speaker Clarence Barton.

Kelsay's widow, Elizabeth, has succeeded him in the House.

boat landings and suitable fishing waters.

2. An increase in illegal methods of catching salmon because of the scarcity of suitable fishing water and the heavy traffic and pressure forced upon available waters left open to the public.
3. A serious loss of income to those who have resorts, motels, cafes, sporting goods stores, etc.
4. General ill feelings of the public towards game commission policies.

I would like to say that I am very much opposed to such a radical measure as this, as are by far the majority of citizens living in the upper Rogue vicinity.

I also would like a report on who introduced this bill and what specific advantages could be possibly gained by this act.

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"I'll never understand 'em — they spend more time arguing about where to pray than they do praying!"