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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. 18, 1953 (Wednesday) John Robert Lentz, Ashland, a veteran of World War II, early this afternoon became the 5,000th veteran to be admitted to the Camp White Veterans Administration Domiciliary. De Armond Leigh, a Jackson county deputy sheriff, has resigned his position, effective Dec. 1. Sheriff Howard Gaul has announced.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 18, 1943 (Thursday) Medford school children collect 21,601 pounds of tin cans for scrap drive. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The science of astrology reports now is no time to travel, because the moon is opposed to Jupiter. There is also some opposition between the A-card and the gas station."

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 18, 1933 (Saturday) Mrs. Mable Mack, Jackson county agent, schedules radio talks, reveals there are now 11 radio clubs with 81 members in Rogue valley. J. B. Kirk and H. Chandler Egan winners of A. P. Johnson golf tournament at Rogue River Valley Golf course.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 18, 1923 (Sunday) Craters club slates banquet honoring Medford High School football team, Coach "Prink" Callison, Principal O. R. Campbell and Superintendent Smith. Capt. and Mrs. C. Ford, in charge of Medford Salvation Army unit, receives orders transferring them to Sacramento; Ens. and Mrs. Ballington Rodgers named to succeed them.

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 18, 1913 (Tuesday) Interstate celebration planned to start construction of Pacific Highway over Siskiyou, bids to be opened on paving of Central Point - Medford section and grading of Siskiyou division. Colony club, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Chandler Egan, plans display of dolls for Medford hospital fair.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. Was a Henry Wadsworth Longfellow an American, or an Englishman?
2. Caracas is the name of the capital of the northernmost country in South America; name it.
3. Name the largest gland in the human body.
4. The Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives has no vote except in the case of a tie; true or false?
5. In what sort of work do longshoremen engage?
6. "Old Eli" is a nickname for which eastern university?
7. Is a Mallard a type of pheasant, duck, or partridge?
8. For what substance does the symbol Al stand?
9. Was George M. Cohan of Irish, Jewish, or Scottish ancestry?
10. An alluvial deposit at the mouth of a river is called a...

Answers: 1. American. 2. Venezuela. 3. Spleen. 4. False. 5. Loading and unloading of ships. 6. Yale. 7. Duck. 8. Aluminum. 9. Irish. 10. Delta.

Long Twilight?

Instead of bucking the tide of regression, which rose to a crest on October 15th, some of the leaders of the Legislature appear determined to give it fresh impetus.

That is the way I interpret the attacks of Sen. Walter J. Pearson on the State System of Higher Education and his proposals for legislative interference with administration of the states' institutions of higher learning. Public school education is also embraced in the attack.

One resolution would deny the State Board of Education authority to increase the tuition charged students or to raise the admission standards. Both have been proposed by the board as one way to meet the crisis which arises from the chopping off of \$6 million from its 1963-65 budget. Thus the Legislature proposes to keep broad the education program, and maintain quantity at the price of quality.

SINCE roughly 80 per cent of the budget for higher education is for personal services, this is the major area where economies would have to be made. This would entail dropping of employes and cutting salaries of those retained.

Nothing, as far as finances go, could be more demoralizing to these institutions as centers of instruction and of learning and research than slashing salaries. Already the Oct. 15th blow has done the schools grave damage.

If the Legislature undertakes now to administer the institutions — especially after it for years has prodded the governing board to raise tuition and stiffen entrance requirements (particularly for out-state entrants) — Oregon becomes identified as a state indifferent to higher education and niggardly in its support.

THE MOOD reflected in this move is quite in contrast with that indicated when this same legislature adopted SJR 8 ordering the State Board of Education to draft plans for comprehensive graduate education in the Portland metropolitan area, and submit them in 1965.

Even preparing the plans is expensive; and it was plain when the resolution was offered that the state couldn't, in justice to its presently assumed burdens, take on all or any significant part of the cost of such an institution.

Yet the resolution passed with only three No votes in the Senate and six in the House. This special session ought to adopt another resolution relieving the board of the task then imposed.

ANOTHER attack is inferred in a resolution for a legislative probe of policy-making and auditing procedures by the Board of Higher Education. This may stem from intimations that the forthcoming audit by the secretary of state will reveal faults.

It is the job of auditors to dig out all the facts and bring error or maladministration to light. Inasmuch as the accounts of the board have been under continuing scrutiny of the Audit Division of the State Department over a long term of years it is doubtful if any serious evils or errors have now been discovered. If so, it would reflect on the previous audits.

Of course there is always an area of spending where discretion is involved. The state board and its administrative staff exercise discretion and assume responsibility of how they employ it.

AS FOR the third proposal to initiate a probe of the Department of Education, including certification of teachers and state standards for school buildings, that is clearly a fishing expedition. What it would turn up, I do not know.

This state department has grown over the years, but almost altogether on orders from the state Legislature, other than expansion required by growth of schools in number and size.

Duty after duty was added to this department, most of the additions coming before the superintendent, Dr. Leon Minear, took over.

AS FOR Pearson's assurance that that the expenditure of \$55,000 for the two studies would result in saving of millions of dollars, I will agree, if the inquiries are made in the spirit which he reveals and the ensuing recommendations carried out.

His plan is simply the downgrading of quality in higher education; and Oregon's present rating is only "middling," with some exceptions.

The multiplication of state schools, by order of the Legislature, has served to prevent upgrading of quality, for lack of funds. Nor is there any way to save millions in public schools save at the cost of programs and salaries.

IT IS HIGH time for friends of education to assert themselves.

Is Oregon to be condemned to mediocrity in its system of education from bottom to top? Or will it continue to aim for excellence, and make sacrifice to attain a fair measure of quality?

If, after the voter insurrection of October 15th, wrecking crews are to be dispatched by the Legislature to extend the damage, then a twilight of long duration will settle on the state. The state will be drained of many of its ablest educators, and ambitious students will go elsewhere for their higher education — and not return to Oregon.

The boards of education and administrators have accepted with as much grace as they could muster the mandate of the people at the election. They are trying to live with the popular verdict. Instead of adding to their difficulties, the Legislature should seek to cooperate with them, effecting as much salvage of real values as possible. — Charles A. Sprague in the Oregon Statesman, Salem.

"Hello—Sen. Neugegger? Maurine, What Are You Doing Next Summer?"



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Foundations of Freedom

To the Editor: Inaugural Address, George Washington, April 30, 1789: "It would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first Official act, my fervent supplication to that Almighty Being, Who rules over the universe, Who presides in the national councils, and whose providential ends can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States a government instituted by themselves. . . . Every step by which they have advanced seems to have been distinguished by some of providential agency. . . . We ought to be persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."

Can you imagine Washington advocating peaceful co-existing with Communism? Inaugural Address, John Adams, March 7, 1797: "May that Being Who is supreme over all, The Patron of Order, the Fountain of Justice, and the Protector in all ages of the world of virtuous liberty, continue His blessings upon the nation and its government, and give it all possible success and duration consistent with the end of His providence." Later John Adams said, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this; It connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of evil government with the principles of Christianity."

John Adams was thus one of the early adherents to the philosophy that freedom and free government arise when men adhere to the principles of Christianity. Organized society requires discipline. If we do not voluntarily discipline ourselves in accord with the moral law of God, we shall bring the discipline of the secret police upon us.

William Penn said, "Men who will not rule themselves will be ruled by tyrants." Lately some writers have been claiming that the Founding Fathers were not Christians, but Deists. Well, if Deists they were definitely not atheists, and had no intention of founding an atheistic government. How judge whether a man is a Christian but by his character and deeds? Bella Dodd, former communist, says there is a conspiracy of atheists, communists and misled citizens who are determined to blot out God and the Bible from schools, courts and coins and turn this country over to Godless communism. Then, not only will be gone our freedom of religion, but all our freedom.

L. G. Weaver, 301 Haven St., Medford. Factual Integrity To the Editor: In a vicious attack directed at the United Nations appearing in this column on Nov. 3 in a letter written by Frank Koch of Central Point, the allegation is made that the United Nations together with its Charter was the "special creation" of our "secret government," the "Council on Foreign Relations," whose key members consisted of Nelson Rockefeller and "communist agents" Alger Hiss, Harry Dexter White, and Leo Paslosky. It seems almost unnecessary to point out that this is quite at odds with historical fact.

But, nevertheless, the actual origin of the United Nations and its Charter, as briefly delineated in the publication, Facts for Fallacies, released in March, 1963, by the U.S. Committee for the United Nations (a non-partisan committee established by the U.S. State Department in 1948 and whose Chairman is annually appointed by the President) is as follows (pp. 3-4): "Half-way through World War II most people agreed with

President Roosevelt that something must be done to prevent another such terrible slaughter from ever happening again. At San Francisco, in 1945, while the war was still going on, representatives from 50 nations met to work out the basic charter. . . . Preliminary drafts had been drawn up by experts and discussed at various international conferences at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington, D.C. and at Yalta. But it was at San Francisco that the final draft was hammered out. . . . The phrase by phrase, and concept by concept. . . . "The United States Delegation to the San Francisco Conference was composed of: Senators Arthur Vandenberg and Tom Connally; Representatives Sol Bloom and Charles Eaton; Harold Stassen, Miss Virginia Gildersleeve, President of Barnard College; and Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., who was Chairman. In this connection many people ask what role Alger Hiss played in the framing of the Charter. As a staff member of the State Department, he did NOT work on the original draft. At San Francisco Alger Hiss served as Secretary of the Conference, a job which involved making the administrative arrangements for the meetings; scheduling meeting rooms, translators, and similar facilities. He was NOT a delegate and at no time did he have a vote on any question."

Mr. Koch, may I suggest that in the future you confirm the veracity of your purported "facts" before parading them in the public press. The freedom and opportunity to utilize this mode of communication to promulgate one's views carries with it the equal responsibility for factual integrity.

Mrs. Betty Walters, 520 Liberty St., Ashland, Ore. 'Spouse? To the Editor: Whadda we learn from others? We learn good things 'n bad things, but itsup ta us ta try always 't do the good things — 'nother words, 't do ar' very best 'nall we do s'long as we don' cause someone else 't be hurt in the process.

We mus' learn ta think things out — 't know within ar' heart that what we plan 't do will not cause pain or sorrow, 'nany way, 't another person. Sometimes this's a difficult task because 't may be that if we don' do as planned we may hurt more people than if we did it. We mus' put ar' selves in 't other person's shoes for a minute 'n decide if ar' plan could possibly hurt this person. Then, if we still aren't sure, we mus' ask ar' friend out in some way — usually from others — what they think of ar' plan. 'E'en though we may feel that what we want 't do mus' be done, now we should do ar' utmost 't know for sure that ar' bes' for all concerned.

This, as y'know, is the Golden Rule which I believe most religions teach — Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you. This's true Love as Jesus taught, 't makes no difference whether the persons involved are friends or enemies — we still mus' follow this rule. I'member when I was in the first grade at school we were taught the Golden Rule — the teacher had a big card with it printed on it — and I've never fergott'n it.

Each day, we mus' try jus' a bit harder than the day b'fore 't accomplish that which we set out 't do. 'Nother thing I'member from my first grade is the story of the little train tryin' s'hard to climb a hill — he tried 'n tried 't no avail at first 'cause he was s' sure he couldn't make it. Then, he began sayin' — I think I can, I think I can, I think I can — and he did finally get ta the top 'n on down 't other side.

D'you have real true blue friends? If y' do, why d'ya spooe 'tis? Maybe it's cause you're a true friend back — right? 'N what about enemies? Y'spect it could maybe be 'cause you're one? Huh? Spooe? VAL (Name on file) Gold Hill, Ore.

Bank Rules To the Editor: I am offering one suggestion that might go a long way toward reducing the number of families on Oregon relief rolls. That is, to see to it that corporation banks conform to the state and county laws in which they operate and do not function under what they call "Bank Rules" that allow them privileges not afforded smaller business firms or individuals.

Did you know that if a man and wife secure a small loan from a bank, giving as security a chattel mortgage on property jointly owned and the obligation is not met on the due date the bank is obligated to notify, by letter, only one of the parties involved of the default? Did you know that without any further notice they may take possession of the property and sell it immediately without notice or without informing the parties involved that they have done so?

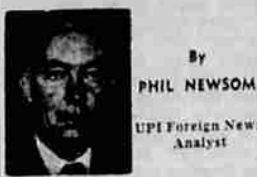
Did you know that if the mortgage property contains several hundred dollars worth of personal property not involved, that they can transport it anywhere, even across county lines and place it in storage in your name, without notice to you, of the articles taken or where it is placed? This can be done even if it is the complete household furnishings, clothing, food, etc., of an entire family.

Did you know you would be obligated to locate it at your own expense, pay the storage charges and transport it back from where it was removed, all at your own expense? Did you know you are given no opportunity to redeem the chattel, even though you were unaware of the default? Did you know that any lawyer will tell you the average citizen has no recourse because of the expense involved in a lawsuit, that the bank would only appeal and appeal over and over for years, if necessary?

I find myself in this situation, and unless I can figure some way to get my family's possessions out of storage and transported we will remain without furniture, clothing, or food and Oregon will acquire a nother mother and four children on its already over-burdened relief rolls. (Name on file) Eagle Point, Ore.

Car Pictures Sought To the Editor: I am attempting to find photographs of the old interurban cars that operated in your area. If any of the readers would happen to have any such photos, please contact me. Some of these photos may have been taken for special occasions, such as a 4th of July celebration, special events, or they may be just photographs of the cars. They may be old picture post cards or larger size photos. I would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone that would have any such photographs. Charles Goethe 1108 E. Seventh St. Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Foreign News: New Japanese Disasters All But Inevitable; Tough Trade Talk



Notes from the foreign news cables:

DISASTER: The sort of disaster that killed 161 persons in a railway collision between Tokyo and Yokohama could happen again at any time. There is no way to prevent it, short of bringing to a halt the Japanese economy to a standstill. The Japanese National Railway Corporation runs more than 200 trains on a single track each day. About 2,400 trains arrive and depart from Tokyo Station daily. Even a slight error can cause disaster. Japan Times editor Kazushige Hirasawa capsuled reaction with the comment: "The situation stems from the fact that Japan's transportation ca-

capacity is lagging behind the expansion of her economy and the concentration of population in big cities." It's the same story with highways, bridges, harbors, sewage, water supply. Until these catch up, Japan is going to go right on having spectacular and tragic accidents.

TOUGH TALK:

The United States is handing out some tough talk to its Western Allies about trade with Russia and her satellites. There will be more of it this week when U.S. Undersecretary of State George W. Ball talks to the NATO Permanent Council and to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris. The United States feels the Europeans are granting too easy credit terms to Communist bloc nations and in effect underwriting their economies in a rush for orders. Among those opposing the U.S. position is Britain. Britain, backed by several of the smaller NATO members, holds there is no reason for further limitations of trading with the Communists.

THE WHEAT DEAL:

The U.S.-Soviet wheat deal is expected to have repercussions in Japan. One analysis predicts it will set off a rise in shipping rates and commodity prices, meaning the Japanese will have to pay more for the food they eat and the raw materials they process. Japan's balance of payments will suffer. On the other hand, under-developed countries making more money on their raw materials will be able to buy more manufactured products from developed countries such as Japan. Some of the pain resulting from U.S. "Buy American" measures will be eased. The Japanese also believe that East-West trade will be stimulated and that in the end Japan may benefit.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Las Vegas, a \$21,500 COMPUTER named LGP-21 picks up an easy \$360 in a blackjack game. It worked like this: The computer decided whether or not to draw a card — "hit" as it is known in gambling circles — and HOW MUCH TO BET — from \$2 to \$42 — on the basis of information fed to it on each play.

The boss of the computer would indicate to the machine on each play what his two cards were and what card the dealer was showing in his hand. If nothing happened, it meant not to draw a card. If the robot flashed a green light, it was time to take another card.

WHAT happened? Well, at the end of 50 minutes the robot was \$360 ahead and the Hotel Tropicana's casino, where the game took place, threw in the sponge and called it quits.

IN NEW YORK, President Kennedy calls for prompt passage of his \$11 BILLION tax cut as "top priority insurance against a recession in 1964." He described senate adoption of the house-approved tax cut legislation as the MOST IMPORTANT single step that can be taken to reduce high unemployment.

THE tax cut, WITHOUT a corresponding cut in spending, he said, would create from two million to three million more jobs.

The business recovery, he added, may be RUNNING OUT OF STEAM and the great need is to fire up the boilers with more fuel and thus provide MORE steam.

A tax cut without a corresponding cut in spending, he indicated, is the best way to provide the additional steam that is needed.

WELL, you will note that at Las Vegas the robot acted on the information given it by its boss. If its boss had given it the wrong information, its decision as to what to do next would presumably have been wrong.

That suggests a thought: Maybe President Kennedy is giving us the wrong information when he says that taxing less and spending more is the way to create prosperity.

AT LEAST, that is the way those of us who call ourselves conservatives feel about it. We can't help feeling that in urging a policy of spending more and taxing less President Kennedy is feeding us the wrong information. So — We're pretty sure that if the attendant had fed the Las Vegas robot WRONG INFORMATION it would have lost instead of winning.

NATO SUCCESSOR: NATO Secretary General Dirk U. Stikker is expected to quit in the spring and speculation already is rife over his successor. Names most frequently mentioned include Italian Ambassador to Paris Manlio Bro-

Strictly Personal By Sidney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises, Inc.

IDEALISMS I bought a new suit last week. I walked into the shop, said to a salesman, "Let me see a gray suit in a medium weight." He brought out a gray suit in a medium weight, I tried it on, said, "It seems all right," and the tailor came out to make the necessary alterations. This is how a man, on the whole, buys a suit. I had no illusion that it would do anything for me except hide my underwear and provide pockets for my notes, cigars and glasses.

When a woman buys a comparable garment, however, it is mostly a material purchase. It is a moment of magic: what she is looking for is not something to cover her, but something to change her. The involved and protracted purchase of clothes by woman cannot be understood unless we know what she is really looking for.

Husbands who are impatient and derisive and superior about their wives' clothes-buying habits fail to appreciate perhaps the most fundamental difference between the male and the female. The male is idealistic in his beliefs, and practical in his conduct; the female is practical in her beliefs, and idealistic in her conduct.

Most of the abstractions that men believe in, and work for and fight for and sometimes die for, are thought to be

Will Mr. Nixon Find Himself? By Arthur Hoppe

Mr. Rockefeller has eagerly tossed his hat in the ring, Mr. Goldwater, fire in his eye, has his arm cocked. And Mr. Nixon keeps going around telling Republicans: "Don't worry, I'm sure we'll find somebody." Else.

It's not that Mr. Nixon has anything against Mr. Goldwater, who's too conservative, or Mr. Rockefeller, who's too romantic. Even though he implies neither of these underheads has a prayer of beating Mr. Kennedy. It's just that the GOP must find a candidate, he says, who will "unite all factions of the party."

You know, like a solid conservative progressive moderate. And as a public service, Mr. Nixon is practically devoting full time to his one-man talent search for this Ideal Candidate. You can't pick up a paper or turn on television without seeing Mr. Nixon out there, talent searching. Indeed, you get the impression he spends all day on the phone conducting personnel interviews.

"Hi there, Al. Doing anything next fall? Oh, you're available. Well, I don't suppose you'd want to run for President, would you? I mean it's a pretty crummy job, long hours. . . . Oh, you would."

"No, no. I admire your frankness, Al. And I don't think you're being pushy. Anyway, not terribly pushy. But let me ask where you stand on the issues. I can't tell you how hard it is to find a candidate who consistently takes a stand I can approve of on every issue and . . . Oh, you agree with everything I've ever said on every issue? No, ha, ha, I guess I

can't argue with you there, Ha, ha. "But about your personal life, Al, I don't want to pry, but you know how important the image is. It's vital. A candidate must be well equipped. For example, you don't happen to have a 12-year-old cocker spaniel, do you? Personally, I feel this a crucial point and . . . Oh, you do. That IS a coincidence.

"Now about the family. You have a couple of boys, don't you? Not that I have anything against boys, mind you, but it's my opinion a couple of girls in white dresses handing out daddy's campaign buttons are worth . . . You do? Four girls, too? Congratulations. But six kids, though, I don't suppose the public would think you're over-sexed? No, I guess not. "As to your wife's furs . . . Really? Nothing but cloth coats? No, I don't think you're cheap, Al. Not at all. In fact, I can't think of a single reason why I can't support you for the nomination. Not a single, solitary, tiny little reason. On the surface, Al, you'd make an Ideal Candidate, one without a blemish, one . . . Say! Speaking of blemishes, how's that when behind your left ear? Still got it, eh? That's a crying shame, Al. Well better luck in '68."

But, personally, I have abiding confidence in Mr. Nixon. Though he must search to the ends of the earth, I have faith success will at last crown his efforts. For finding the Ideal Candidate is somehow something any politician can invariably do. Without even leaving the room.

WHO ELSE BUT NIXON? BURY GOLDWATER! "Let 'em battle it out to a deadlock, then . . ."