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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

Dec. 6, 1953 (Sunday) The east end of Diamond Lake Highway was closed by snow this week end, probably for the winter; the west end of the highway was closed earlier in the week.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 6, 1933 (Monday) Mrs. James L. Bradley, wife of the commanding general at Camp White, announces plans for Christmas party for children of men in the 96th Division.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 6, 1933 (Wednesday) Bids opened in Portland on \$108,000 in National Recovery Act highway projects in Jackson and Josephine Counties.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 6, 1923 (Thursday) Men in Willow Springs School District build addition to school house to provide space for children's riding horses.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 6, 1913 (Saturday) C. E. Whisler, Medford, to invite state Horticulture Society to hold annual convention here.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. The game of polo is played with a ball made from ivory, cork, or wood?
2. Is the obverse side of a coin the front or back of the coin?
3. How many times does the word "America" appear in the stanzas of "My Country 'tis of thee"?
4. In what historical novel is an exciting chariot race described?
5. Name the capital of North Carolina.
6. What species of bird can fly backwards, and stand still in midair?
7. Would you most likely expect to meet a Pasha in Yugoslavia, Egypt, Indonesia, or in Peru?
8. How many masts has a brig?
9. If some one gave you a stirrup cup, would you get a hunting horn, a drink, or a prize award?
10. If a kernel of corn is planted two inches deep and grows one-half the distance to the surface the first night and one-half the remaining distance each night, how long will it take it to sprout?
Answers: 1. Wood. 2. Front. 3. Not at all. 4. Ben Hur. 5. Raleigh. 6. Hummingbird. 7. Egypt. 8. Two. 9. Drink. 10. It sprouts the first night.

What About Those Nazis?

One of our faithful correspondents writes as follows:

To the Editor: In our desire to be tolerant of the other fellow's beliefs and opinions, we have come to tolerate the intolerable. We sacrifice American lives by the hundreds of thousands to put down Nazi tyranny, and still permit the existence of an American Nazi Party.

Many people do not understand the meaning of the term Americanism. It should be stressed more and more until even the dimwits comprehend it.

David Frisch P.O. Box 2292 White City, Ore.

These are sentiments with which it is easy to concur.

But a question arises: What do we DO about the Nazi Party, and the others who are a living denial of everything good in the American tradition?

THESE people, no matter what we may think of their views, are American citizens. Do we outlaw them? Take away their citizenship? Deprive them of their freedom of speech?

What is "Americanism," if it is not adherence to the Constitution and its guarantees of freedom of speech and peaceable assembly?

We may disagree with them, despise them, ostracize them. But as long as they do no more than make nuisances of themselves, how can we do more without violating the "Americanism" enunciated in the Constitution and in our laws and traditions?

"Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it," Jefferson wrote. Even outrageous opinions.—E. A.

Sky Hooks

The possibility of using helicopters in logging operations has been under discussion for some time, but it hasn't actually been tried out yet.

It will be next year, if all goes well. The S64, a huge and powerful helicopter, developed (at least in part) with logging in mind, is now undergoing tests for the Army, where it is carrying tanks and other types of cargo.

Trial of the big machine for logging purposes is tentatively scheduled for mid-1964, following completion of the Army tests.

MEANWHILE, another type of "sky hook" is actually in use, on an experimental basis. Chester R. Matheson, a Vancouver, B. C., forestry engineer, recently demonstrated logging techniques using gas-filled balloons.

"The demonstration logging was done with conventional main-line and haulback and a donkey-engine winch. But instead of a spar tree or steel spar as anchor for the line which transports the logs, two helium-filled balloons supplied vertical lift. They remained 400 and 600 feet, respectively, over the logs as they carried them a half-mile down a hillside from stump to loading site."

Matheson pointed out that balloons can be used to log a radius of 2,600 feet instead of the 600 feet possible with a spar tree.

THE balloons themselves are similar to the barrage balloons in use during the war. But Matheson plans to commission a specialist firm to develop a work-horse balloon, simple, strong, and with good aerodynamic qualities, specifically for logging.

The article gave no cost estimates on balloon logging, but pointed out that, with good logging roads costing up to \$50,000 per mile in mountainous country, the balloon, needing only a simple road, or even none, could quickly pay for itself.

In addition, balloons permit the use of lighter and more-quickly-managed cables and chokers, and logs suffer less damage since they swing clear, and are not bumped over the ground as with spar yarding.

Maybe, between the balloons and the helicopters, we'll have that fabled sky hook yet.—E. A.

Dr. Gitzen

The passing of Dr. G. A. Gitzen marks an end to an era in Jackson County.

During the half-century he practiced veterinary medicine, many miles were traveled on horseback or on foot. Fifty years ago, country roads were only trails, and some places were almost inaccessible, especially in winter.

But no call was ever turned down. His charity patients were numerous, for he had great sympathy for all animals. In his devotion to his chosen profession, it can truly be said, he was a kind man.—M. I. L.

Neater and Nicer

Over in Ashland, the Daily Tidings this week came out in a new format and using a new printing process. This required not only new equipment, but an adjustment of long-held habits for the staff.

In the first issue published with the new process appeared this editor's note:

"If today's copy of this newspaper looks neater, nicer, and cleaner, it is because it was printed on our fabulous, expensive new press which was christened with this issue. If today's copy of this newspaper does not look neater, nicer and cleaner, it is because we do not yet really know how to run our fabulous, expensive new press."

We're happy to report that it DID look neater, nicer and cleaner. Congratulations.—E. A.

"It Is Later Than You Think!"



Strictly Personal

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



THE VALUE OF MONEY

There is a kind of magic in the naming of a large sum of money, a sort of incantation that hypnotizes people into taking the name for the fact—the way a child uses "a million dollars" to express some infinite and unattainable sum at the rainbow's end.

I thought of this while overhearing two women in the booth next to me at lunch, who were talking about a television comedienne recently signed to a 10-year contract for \$1,000,000 by a network. The women seemed to feel that this was a staggering sum to receive.

It amounts to \$100,000 a year. If the performer receives this as straight salary (and not as capital gain), she will pay about half of it in Federal taxes, off the top.

Another 10 per cent will go to her agent. Her lawyers will receive a substantial cut. Her personal manager must be paid out of this, as well as her publicity man. And, in most cases, comedians pay the writers of their material out of their own income.

Out of the half remaining, then, she is lucky if she retains a half of that. Her personal entourage will include a maid, a hairdresser, a wardrobe supervisor. Her living expenses, simply to maintain theatrical standards in New York, will be crushing.

At the end of the year, unless she is able to supplement her income through personal appearances or other marginal activities, she is quite likely to be broke. For she is being paid in modern "paper" money, that sounds big in print, but lacks the real substance out of which profits are made.

We are living in a paper economy. Salaries sound high, but they are illusory, and still based on standards we dimly remember from a quarter-century ago. The "bite" taken out by taxes, heightened living expenses, and the shrinking power of the dollar, makes such figures almost meaningless, and always misleading.

A man making \$200 a week 20 years ago would have been able to accumulate more property and more savings than the comedienne making \$1,000,000 for the next 10 years. Money has only relative value, and no absolute value—it is relative not only to time and place, but also to the needs and activities of the persons who earn it.

A country doctor earning even \$8,000 a year today may be relatively better off than an actress making 10 times as much in Hollywood or Manhattan. Absolute figures in money have little significance as absolute temperatures—for 20 below zero in dry skiing country, as everyone knows, is not nearly as cold as 15 above zero in the damp and windy city. But the magic of the big number moves us all.

Mr. Johnson Will Get Things Done

By Arthur Hoppe



WASHINGTON — It's very reassuring to see how highly everybody in Washington regards our new President, Mr. Johnson. While they all had the greatest love and respect for Mr. Kennedy, they'll tell you, Mr. Johnson is really going to do much better.

Because Mr. Johnson "knows how to get things done." And that, in Washington, is the highest possible tribute you can bestow.

For, as you know, getting things done in Washington isn't easy. It takes cunning, strategy, compromise, intrigue and devious plotting to get an increase in your office's allotment of postage stamps. And as everybody here spends all day at their desks trying desperately to get things done, they understandably have the greatest esteem for anybody who can get things done.

So everybody here is saying that while Mr. Kennedy had grace, brilliance, courage, wit and all the other qualities of great leadership, he "never did quite understand the way to get things done" in Washington.

For example, "He never really understood the legislative process." Nor did he "quite comprehend the depth of inter-departmental rivalries."

But Mr. Johnson, Ah! "He knows every nook and cranny on Capitol Hill." "He knows where every bone in this town is buried." "He knows how to compromise when he has to."

"He knows how to knock heads together when he must."

"He knows how to wheedle."

"He knows how to wheel and deal."

"He knows how to get things done!"

Personally, I don't doubt it.

Red China Maintains Defiant Attitude Despite Mounting Economic Problems



By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

When, in 1959-60, the Russians began cutting down on trade with Red China, withdrew their technicians and broke their promise to help with nuclear know-how, it was in a ruthless campaign to force the Red Chinese back into the role of sub-

servient satellite. Simultaneously, the "great leap forward" proclaimed by Red Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung and the massive communes set up as the last step toward the communization of more than 700 million Chinese began showing positive signs of failure.

Compounding the Chinese difficulties were natural disasters brought on by drought and flood.

The Western look upon the closed society of Red China is at best a keyhole view.

But the picture as seen from such vantage points along the Chinese perimeter as Hong Kong

and Tokyo was a somber one, noteworthy chiefly for the determination of Red China's angry leaders to convert their backward nation into a world power regardless of cost to the Chinese people.

Red China's National People's Congress is a rubber stamp body which has met infrequently as Red China's problems have multiplied. But it draws together in Peking more than 1,000 delegates from the far reaches of China, Chinese as well as such minorities as Mongols, the Kazakhs and the Uighurs.

And it sets the party line. This year's meeting, just con-

cluded, ended upon a note both triumphant and defiant. The final communique said: "We have overcome the economic difficulties caused by three successive years of serious natural calamities and by the perfidious action on those who unilaterally tore up agreements and withdrew experts."

It could not rightfully be called, as some did, a declaration of independence from Russia, for the line between Nikita Khrushchev and Mao Tse-tung had been drawn long ago.

But it was a declaration that the Soviet pressure tactics had failed.

The communique also said that Red China's debt to Russia would be paid by the end of 1965 and that last year had seen increases both in industrial and agricultural production.

As usual specific figures were lacking.

It has been estimated that Red China's grain harvest this year will be greater than last but still short of the 165 million metric tons produced in 1957. Since Red China's population has increased more than 75 million since then, widespread hunger still may be forecast for the Chinese people despite huge purchases of grain from Canada and Australia.

Soviet Russia's aid to Red China in the latter's first nine years has been estimated at more than \$2.5 billion, a further measure of the sacrifices demanded if such massive aid truly is to be repaid by the end of 1965. For Western consideration there is this:

Frictions between the Soviet Union and Red China now seem certain to increase, with the possibility of border clashes in contested regions not to be discounted.

Red China's internal strains and her quarrel with Russia are forcing her to project a sterner image toward the West, excluding the United States.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

day, years ago, when I entered a horseshoe - pitching tournament. That evening, feeling a bit downcast because I hadn't won it, I sat ready when my daughter, in her early teens, blithely announced, "Cheer up, Daddy! One member of our family won something today."

"How was that?" I asked. "I CAME IN SECOND in a swimming race at the university pool!"

I congratulated her and went on with my reading. After a while, I casually inquired, "How many were in the race?"

"Just two!" she replied, innocently. Then, together realizing the implications of the statement, we had a good laugh.

She then explained the circumstances: None of the girls at the university would compete against the recognized champion in a certain event — she was considered "just too good." But, in order to make it official and enable the champion to get the prize, the girls had prevailed upon my daughter to race against the older girl as a sort of "sacrificial goat." The scheme had nearly back - fired: The youngster won the plaudits of the spectators by staging a close finish!

George M. Babcock Route 2, Box 63-B Jacksonville, Ore.

To the Editor: Jacksonville has about completed their sewer system. Now the people of Jacksonville can start calling the plumbers to clean out their plugged up sewers.

Everett Acklin Ashland, Ore.

Not In Vain

To the Editor: I want to thank you for the fine publication on page 2D of Sunday's M.M.T. Nov. 24. Such a full, first-hand article by M. Smith.

I do not believe President Kennedy ever had many enemies in his life, though some believed that he spent money too freely. Judging by the cost of living for even small families, I am sure a government the size of this could not be operated on a shoestring. As for nuclear spending, that began back in 1945 when the guided missile group was developing a hundred of thousands of dollars worth of equipment.

Tracking posts to watch rocket flights were being built: Cape Canaveral, Jupiter, Gold Rock Creek, Eleuthera, Bahama Island, and if I remember rightly — San Salvador. Others were being lined up. Lieutenant Kennedy was in command of a PT boat in the Navy. He was injured when the boat was rammed by a Jap destroyer.

Later he became a United States Congressman from Massachusetts.

I hope our President hasn't died in vain; perhaps this terrible thing will tend to make an end to backbiting and nagging by other beliefs and by people from other countries.

Pearl F. Spackman R.F.D. 1, Box 11 Rogue River, Ore.

Mme. Nhu Blasts U.S. on Policy

ROME (UPI) — Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu, with a parting blast at the United States, left Paris Thursday to take up a life of exile with her four children. The former first lady of Viet Nam, who was in the United States when the coup in Viet Nam took the life of her husband and her brother-in-law, President Ngo Dinh Diem, came to Italy last month.

She said she would pray that those now responsible for U.S. policy "never think it wise in their catastrophic innocence or candid malignity to be loyal and faithful only with gangsters."

In a written "press conference" statement—where Mme. Nhu both asked and answered the questions—she said "my personal radar has sent out rather favorable signals" about President Johnson.

She said Johnson would succeed in Viet Nam "if I think he will do—the U.S.A. in the straight and loyal line of its idealist and moral traditions."

Dental Labs To the Editor: Mr. E. T. Anderson, I can assure you that I was writing from my own experience, plus the experience of others, in my letter of Nov. 3. Mr. Anderson writes that the health problem was not in the labs that were put out of business, but he implies that due to improperly repaired dentures one can contract cancer of the mouth. When has it ever been proven that improper repairs are the sole cause of mouth cancer rather than the improper construction of the dentures in the first place?

Since the state certified labs do not advertise and they take professional service only, how could the denture wearer have a choice of labs?

Does Mr. E. T. Anderson own the Anderson dental lab in full or in part? Mr. Anderson also writes that there are a great many people who hate to pay a dentist. Wrong again, as most anyone is willing to pay for value received, but they do object to having to pay for something of doubtful or no value.

Mr. Anderson had no quarrel with the waiting time limit of one to three days for your denture repairs. As to costs, he cannot quote but he insists there is no office call charge. Just how can he be sure that there is no office call charge as he admits that he cannot quote costs? He surely knows what the Anderson lab charges, that is if he is the owner in part or in full.

One point that Mr. Anderson wants to make is that any repair that is made on dentures is almost sure to cause mouth cancers if the repair is not made in a state certified lab. I still say that the ADA is more concerned with the question of who is going to get the almighty dollar from the denture wearers, rather than the issue of health and welfare.

In my book Senate Bill 50 has refined racketeering to the point of respectability. John R. Schumpf Route 1, Box 312 Central Point, Ore.

Woe-Begone Day

To the Editor: We who write Communications usually pass something we think is worthwhile, informative or otherwise, to you and your readers.

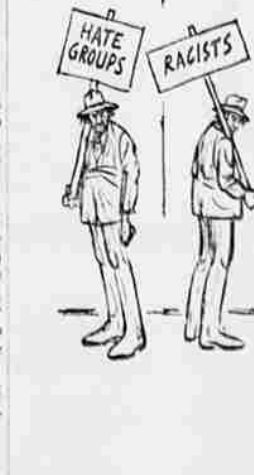
Sometimes you or your readers answer either to confirm or to refute. Here's a question which it is doubtful will be considered necessary either to confirm, refute, discount, or answer. We live in America, land of the free and home of the brave. Why is it some of us Americans are ashamed of others of us Americans because every holiday season all of us bear the sorrowful, distasteful, disturbing, disconcerting, disheartening, and distracting news that hundreds of our number are being killed (this time over 500 by midnight Sunday); more wounded or permanently maimed on our effectively marked and perfect highways?

Ask our patrolmen or our statisticians the whys and wherefores. Then, with the re-

frain of "Nothing But The Truth," in which a friend bet the "hero" \$10,000 that he wouldn't be able to tell the truth for 24 hours running. As I recall, the hero won—but at what a price!

His woes began when, as a salesman, he "gummed up" a deal by admitting to a prospective purchaser that the transaction was on the phony side: "He lost his job!" Later, while calling upon his girlfriend, she displayed a gaudy hat that she had proudly fashioned and asked, "Don't you think my hat is pretty?" He had to respond with "No—it looks terrible on you!" He lost his girlfriend! Then on and on he went the remaining 24 hours—losing the friendship of everyone with whom he came in contact.

How often we see a thing or situation as we WANT it to be, rather than as it IS, and find ourselves neglecting to tell ALL the truth! How well-defined: "Truth is THIS to you and THAT to me!" I remember the



"Whatever Oswald's own reasons were he figured you'd be blamed for the assassination if he got away with it. You encouraged him to pull the trigger!"