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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. 12, 1953 (Saturday) An increase of 16.21 per cent in rates and charges for electric services has been authorized for California Oregon Power Company by the Public Utilities Commissioner of Oregon and the Public Utilities Commission of California.

28 YEARS AGO Dec. 12, 1935 (Sunday) Local women receiving Gray Lady certificates from Red Cross include Mrs. R. C. Faber, Mrs. R. E. Carley, Mrs. Leonard Carpenter, Mrs. Margaret Biddle, Mrs. O. A. Eden, Mrs. J. E. Gribble, Mrs. Rawley Moore, Mrs. J. P. Naumes, Mrs. H. F. Nordwick, Mrs. Marguerite Mills, Mrs. Edith Thompson, Miss Annette Gray, and Mrs. Mark Wright.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 12, 1933 (Tuesday) Cast of Medford High School play, "The Weasle" includes Patricia Young, Alene Ray, Bob Gail, Bob Murphy, Ted Lindley, and Lucien Smith.

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 12, 1923 Wednesday Serilda Turpin, 80, a resident of the Rogue valley for 54 years, dies at home after brief illness.

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 12, 1913 (Friday) Los Angeles sports writers say Medford fighter Bud Anderson looked like a "dump cart colliding with a dump cart" in his victory in Pacific coast championship bout.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. Would you guess that salmon can swim against a current of 15, 20, or 30 miles per hour? 2. Which of these planets is considered to be the largest: Saturn, Jupiter or Neptune? 3. A weapon known as a claymore was used where? 4. Name the capital of Minnesota. 5. The city of Galveston, Texas, is built on an island; true or false? 6. What substance, found in fruits, is important in jelly making? 7. On what island was Napoleon Bonaparte first sent into exile? 8. How many dozens are in a great gross? 9. Are the Egyptians or the Greeks credited with making the first world maps? 10. Who was the first Vice President of the United States? Answers: 1. 30 m.p.h. 2. Jupiter. 3. Scotland. 4. St. Paul. 5. True. 6. Pectin. 7. Elba. 8. 144. 9. Greeks. 10. John Adams.

On Honoring JFK

In the aftermath of the widespread shock and grief of President Kennedy's assassination, it is only natural that well-intentioned people should wish to honor him by naming things after him.

There is such a thing as too much and too soon, however, and good intentions can lead to unforeseen results.

President Johnson's action in renaming Cape Canveral for the late President was resented to some extent by residents of the Cape, who pointed out it had been named some 400 years earlier by Spanish explorers, and that the name was hallowed by long usage.

A MORE appropriate renaming was the action of the West Berlin government, which chose a downtown square to honor President Kennedy—who, only a few months before, had proclaimed "Ich bin ein Berliner" ("I am a Berliner"), and who had pledged U.S. support to West Germany and West Berlin.

The renaming of Idlewild airport for the late President is not inappropriate. But the rash of proposals to rename streets or other geographical features, particularly those which have long been known by their present names, surely can only lead to confusion.

In Salem, it has been proposed that Liberty Street be named for President Kennedy. A nice gesture. But think of the changes in stationery, telephone books, maps, legal descriptions, tax records, city directories and so on which would be involved.

THE desire to honor the martyred President is a fine and decent one.

But let it be done, not in haste and shock and grief, but in calmness and deliberation and reverence. Too, let the memorial be an appropriate one, one of significance, which will do real honor to his memory.

John F. Kennedy's place in history is assured, although it is still to soon to say just what it will be. No man-made markers or memorials—no matter how appropriate—are needed to enhance his memory.

And perhaps it would be well to let a few healing years pass by before determining what it is that should bear his name for all time to come.—E.A.

Silvichemical Break-Through

Several months ago in this space it was reported that a chemist had predicted that the time might come when a tree would be more valuable for its content of chemicals than for its wood.

This prediction moved a step closer to reality this week when Crown Zellerbach Paper Co. and the University of Oregon Medical School revealed they had signed a contract for research into the medical properties of a chemical known as DMSO, which is a by-product of pulp manufacture.

Wood basically has two components—the cellulose fibers that form the structural framework of wood, and the lignin which holds them together. In paper making, during the pulp stage, the cellulose is retained while the lignin has thus far been waste.

IT HAS long been an ambition of silvichemists to find useful ways of using lignin: It has several potentialities, but none have as yet been proven.

DMSO, extracted from lignin, may change this. It has some fascinating properties, which must be carefully researched.

Looking like water, and with only a slightly higher specific gravity, it serves as an anti-freeze. This is how its medical possibilities were discovered. It also has the ability to pass rapidly through living tissues, both animal and vegetable. It has possibilities as a pain-killer, and in a dozen or more other medical and commercial applications. It is an exceedingly effective solvent.

IT IS too soon to say whether it will turn out to have the wide range of usefulness that preliminary research and tentative conclusions would indicate.

But the fact that a significant break-through in wood chemistry has, in fact, occurred, is good reason for optimism that it is only a first step and that other discoveries will follow, as they have in the petrochemical industry.

The more uses that are found for wood, the less waste there will be. Meat packers say they use every bit of the hog but the squeal. The time is coming when chemistry will use every bit of the tree but its beauty as a growing thing.—E.A.

New License Plates

Next month, the first of the new Oregon automobile licenses will start showing up.

The colors—orange on dark blue—will be the same. But the word "Oregon" will be in somewhat larger letters. And the licenses will have a combination of three letters and three numbers, as do both California's and Washington's.

The most significant change, however, will be the fact that the silly and meaningless slogan, "Pacific Wonderland," will be dropped from the plates. For such small favors let us give thanks.—E.A.

1964 Crystal Ball



Strictly Personal

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

PURELY PERSONAL PREJUDICES It can be seen that a woman is a more complex creature than a man, for it is much easier to define manliness than womanliness—if a man lacks but one quality, courage, he is less than a man; but no single quality, or its absence, can so delineate woman.

You have not found your vocation if the drudgery it involves is not also somehow a kind of pleasure.

Parents often accuse their children of being "selfish" for wanting to live in their own way; but Oscar Wilde stated the matter accurately when he said, "Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live—it is asking others to live as one wishes to live."

To be "original" does not consist in saying what has not been said before; any madman can do this; it consists, rather, in the ability to combine and rearrange old thoughts in such a manner that they can never again be separated and viewed in the old dimensions; and this is precisely the greatness of such "original" thinkers as Freud.

The last lesson that despots ever learn is that a government without an opposition is, eventually, the easiest to topple; for an opposition keeps a government sharp, muscular and flexible.

People who look down upon games as a "form of escapism" rarely stop to consider that, for them, work may be a form of escapism; indeed, for many, a kind of alcoholism which permits them, in socially approved fashion, to elude their deeper responsibilities as human beings, and sometimes as parents.

Watching the convolutions of Congress when some of its own activities are being examined reminds me of Nietzsche's observation: "In all institutions from which the cold wind of open criticism is excluded, an innocent corruption begins to grow like a mushroom—for example, in senates and learned societies."

Why do we wonder that people are unable to communicate ideas and feelings to one another, when nine persons out of ten are incapable of communicating the simplest directions for getting across town?

Memory is mainly a matter of interest, more than of mnemonic power: a man who is amazed that a bridge expert can recall his exact hands in 36 boards of a tournament played last year might himself rattle off the batting averages of the baseball players he was interested in 20 years ago, and think nothing of the feat.

Those who persist in making what they call "bad choices" in love are really not exercising choice at all, but are driven by forces they are scarcely aware of: where there is no freedom, there is no choice.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Mishmash in the news: In Washington the other day, President Johnson took over a custom made familiar by former President Harry Truman—the morning walk.

He took off bright and early. The sun was shining, but the morning air was nippy—as it can be in Washington at this season of the year. He was hatless, and wore no gloves. He wore only a cotton raincoat over his suit.

HE THOUGHT he had handled the situation pretty well and was going to have a nice little stroll all by himself. But something slipped. Three secret service agents spotted him and formed an escort as he strode down the quiet street.

His personal limousine, whose driver had got the word that the President was on the loose, came roaring out and fell into line close behind him. It was followed by two secret service cars, which were promptly joined by a police motorcycle escort. Within the first block it became quite a motocrade.

AND— Presumably— By that time the radio stations and the TV stations had got the word and were blaring out the news that the President was out for a walk and could be seen if people got there in time. That's what Alfred Lord Tennyson was talking about when he wrote his famous lines about "Wearing the white flower of a blameless life, before a thousand peering littenesses, in that fierce light which beats upon a throne." The President of the United

Split Between Leaders, Economic Unrest Threaten Stability of Bolivian Government



When Victor Paz Estenssoro returned from Argentine exile to become president of Bolivia after a successful revolt in April, 1952, a prime mover in his return was a labor leader named Juan Lechin Oquendo. Since the 1940's the two had worked together in leadership of National Revolutionary Movement (MNR) and when Paz became president Lechin assumed the post of minister of mining and petroleum. Lechin's power rested upon his control of the Communist-dominated tin miners' union. He himself has been described as a Trotskyite.

"In an economically dependent country like ours an extremist revolution cannot be accomplished. Guarantees will be given to foreign capital on the condition that it brings real benefits to the country."

The Paz government has had two main supports. One came from the peasants who received land under government agrarian reform. The other source was the United States which has supported the government with \$250 million. This year's aid program is budgeted at \$65 million.

U.S. aid to Bolivia is the largest per capita in Latin America. The elections of 1960 named Paz president of the country for a second consecutive term and Lechin vice president.

But, although operating under the same party banner, the two men had reached the end of the political ways. Lechin went into virtual exile as Bolivian ambassador to the Vatican. He quit that post two months ago to take up active opposition to Paz, depending for his support upon the restless tin miners who still re-

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.

Time To Go To the Editor: In response to Lydia Burnham's letter of Dec. 9, I would like to say that I agree with Mrs. Robert E. Ellis that it was President Kennedy's "time to go" — and I am NOT a fatalist.

I am firmly convinced that the soul determines in each his own destiny — that the force of destiny is not outside of us; but within us.

I believe that Mr. Kennedy could have averted his own destruction by adhering to the precautions set up by those professional authorities who were paid to guarantee his safety. I believe that he had, in this life, accomplished spiritually that for which he was born. Death is not a disaster. It is a graduation.

Accidents don't "just happen" either. They are created by man's own carelessness — or perhaps his subconscious will for self-destruction or sometimes as a release from tension or problems too great to bear.

Sometimes persons are drawn to a fatal condition for other reasons. Perhaps they are here for a particular purpose which has been satisfied — or are here to teach others a lesson. Even in the airlines accidents you will find many who, at the last moment, found themselves unable to make that particular flight due to some supposed freak happenstance. Others were drawn to the same man-made tragedy, sometimes, in spite of themselves.

Also, I cannot go along with the idea that man is merely a biological incident. Each and every human being is a part of God, and the purpose of life is to discover its purpose.

Through our trials and tribulations we are being led to wisdom.

Mrs. Frank M. Duncan 114 Summit Medford

School Prayers To the Editor: Be not deceived or disturbed, dear friends, about a decision of the Supreme Court concerning a law that does not exist.

Congress has not made any law concerning religion nor in any way a law forbidding the free exercise thereof, therefore, any school's management has a perfect right to exercise its full privilege concerning either the reading of the Bible or the offering of prayer.

The Supreme Court is not functioning as a law maker but as an interpreter of existing law. In regard to an atheist, or an unbeliever, it should be his privilege to leave the class during the reading or prayer; if the Word of God is offensive to him he should not be compelled to listen.

God has much to say about them that they accept and those that refuse His Word.

If we all were listening to His voice today, there would be no murder, hate, malice, strife, wars, avarice, greed or thievery. We would love one another as His wisdom instructs and no violence would exist.

We would not need an appointed Supreme Court at all. We would?

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Guns and Threats To the Editor: This time I am writing in agreement with your editorial of 12/4/63 as regards firearms, and also wish to call attention to Sidney J. Harris's column.

The proposal that firearms be registered in no way violates the Constitutional guarantee of a "right to bear arms," nor does it bear any more relation to confiscation than does the registration of automobiles.

tain their weapons from the revolt of 1952. His campaign, both anti-Paz and anti-United States, is based upon opposition to government efforts to clean up the mess in the nationalized tin industry.

The mines, nationalized as one of the first acts of the 1952 revolution, are shot through with featherbedding and fraud. Exhaustion of once-rich veins, worn-out machinery and falling prices have added to the chaos in an industry accountable for 60 per cent of Bolivian exports.

Government efforts to introduce economic reforms, including reduction in the work force, have met violent resistance. The resistance, stirred up by Lechin, reached a climax in



Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop (c) New York Herald Tribune Syndicate

THE BRIDES IN THE BATH WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower's mildly astonishing intervention in Republican pre-convention politics may not bring Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge back from Saigon. But it certainly underlines, with ironic emphasis, the difficulty of the Republican problem.

The facts concerning the Eisenhower intervention are in dispute, so they had better be got out of the way to begin with. In brief, the former President either saw or talked by telephone with Ambassador Lodge while the latter was in this country; and Eisenhower then urged Lodge to come home and re-enter Republican politics.

Not content with this, the former President also encouraged the publication of a report of what he had done, based on his own account of his exchange with Lodge. When this report stirred up considerable excitement, the usual crowfishing ensued; and the most remarkable crowfishing of all was done by the former President himself.

IN SHORT, with President Johnson strong in the South but in some trouble in the industrial states which generally choose the President, Republicans just might win the race. Yet the Republicans find themselves confronted with one front-runner carrying a heavy handicap, another front-runner who is suddenly broken wounded, and a third front-runner with the political equivalent of glanders.

In these circumstances, in view of Ambassador Lodge's proven ability, President Eisenhower's impulse to get Lodge into the race was quite understandable. But despite the recent increase of talk about Gov. William W. Scranton of Pennsylvania, too little attention is still being paid to his dark-horse potential. And this is true, although Scranton will probably remain a dark horse for some time to come.

ONE OF the more remarkable English murderers was George Joseph Smith, who had a sad habit of marrying rich spinsters and then drowning them in their baths. The first drowned bride was dismissed as a natural accident, and so was the second. But the third bride died in her bath stirred investigation and brought George Joseph Smith to the gallows.

George Joseph Smith is in point here, because Gov. Scranton has already twice accomplished the rarest feat in politics. He has twice held sweetly yet ostentatiously aloof from a bitter fight for a nomination, only to be nominated by acclamation in the end—first for a seat in the House of Representatives, and then for the Pennsylvania Governorship.

Like murderers, politicians tend to be repetitive. Hence a third performance of this rare feat can hardly be ruled out—especially as Scranton can be counted on to do very well in the crucial industrial states.

IT WAS sensible, to begin with, because all the Republicans' reasons for being tempted by Sen. Barry Goldwater ceased to operate when President Kennedy was assassinated. The Republicans of the Northern industrial states saw no point in fighting the well-financed Goldwater drive as long as they were certain that President Kennedy would win their states anyway. But now they have a real chance of winning those states with the right kind of Republican candidate, though not with Goldwater.

By the same token, Sen. Goldwater's chief asset is now a busted flush. The best forecaster of Southern trends, Sen.

No, we never see it. I can't understand people who are always wanting to cut somebody down who is at the same time helping people to live. If it's because of an osteopathic doctor, there is something there they should know but undoubtedly don't and that is an osteopathic doctor has just as much training and schooling as a medical doctor and I understand a little more, and I for one would risk my life in their hands any time.

It would make me sick to be called for jury on a case against a doctor I wouldn't have the knowledge to even help pass a true verdict and there are others who feel the same way. Seems some of our greatest men get the biggest stones thrown at them.

Ask yourself this question, "Why is a doctor a doctor in the first place?" and be honest with the answer. After all, a doctor is human and he can only do so much. The patient has to help and even a little higher power goes with it, and when I see something like that in the paper it looks like lack of intelligence or something. Maybe want for money, or even jealousy.

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Question for Americans: Was this the fourth victim in Dallas?