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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. 16, 1953 (Wednesday)

The insurance firm of Faber and Stratton opened for business in Central Point yesterday.

Glen L. Fabrick, Standard Insurance Company's representative in Medford, was Standard's "Man of the Month" for November.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1943 (Thursday)

Medford Postmaster Frank DeSouza reports Christmas mail volume is heaviest in history of local post office.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Sportsmen have adopted a resolution favoring 'scientific management' of wild life — the kind that roams the forests instead of the streets and taverns."

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1933 (Saturday)

Large crowd sees ex-heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey referee wrestling match in Medford.

Members of Roxy Ann Grange voice disapproval of state sales tax proposal.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1923 (Sunday)

C. M. Kidd elected president of War Eagle Mining Company at annual election in Medford.

Grace Teich, county home demonstration agent, spent two days in Lake Creek area showing women how to make Christmas presents.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1913 (Tuesday)

Ashland residents vote "dry" by margin of 793 to 144.

J. R. Tyrrell files petition for Medford city recorder; Martin McDonough, Carl Y. Tengwald and incumbent Elmer Foss also expected to be candidates.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. What is Europe's highest active volcano?
2. Wellington is the capital of which South Pacific country?
3. At what battle in World War I did the phrase "they shall not pass" originate?
4. Give a term common to aviation, bridge and tennis.
5. Who was the Roman God of War?
6. Do you associate litmus paper with a chemist, printer, diplomacy or alligatore?
7. Quote the last six words from President Lincoln's Gettysburg address.
8. Which is lighter in weight, a fresh egg, or a spoiled egg?
9. If an army column ten miles long marched 20 miles in a day, how long would it take a messenger walking 40 miles a day to carry a message from the rear to the head?
10. Little bats come from eggs: true or false?

Answers: 1. Mt. Etna. 2. New Zealand. 3. Verdun. 4. Ace. 5. Mars. 6. Chemist. 7. ". . . shall not perish from the earth." 8. Spoiled. 9. One day. 10. False.

Clean as a Whistle

Editor's note: The following editorial, written by George H. Bell, is his final piece of writing for the Mail Tribune. He has accepted a position with the Portland Oregonian. While in Medford, he has covered the city hall beat primarily, but has also done movie and drama reviewing, covered chamber of commerce activities, and occasionally written editorials. His work has been appreciated, not only by his newsroom colleagues, but by those whose activities he has reported.—E.A.

There probably isn't a newsman alive who doesn't dream about winning a Pulitzer prize someday.

It is one of journalism's top awards, and quite apart from the prestige factor, it is practically money in the bank in terms of one's career.

As often as not, the prize is awarded to a reporter or newspaper which has managed to dig up and expose some sort of vice or corruption, frequently in government.

But any reporter who is assigned to cover Medford city hall might just as well resign himself to dreaming other dreams. There simply isn't any graft to expose.

Medford city hall is clean as a whistle.

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MAKE no mistake, the hall and those who work in it have their critics, but then, who or what in this imperfect world doesn't?

There are those in Medford who will tell you they have first-hand knowledge that this or that is wrong with city hall, or that so and so is inefficient, a scoundrel or worse.

Perhaps, in some few cases, there may be a speck of truth in what they say. Government, even a small city administration like Medford's, is a complicated, highly technical business, and mistakes and a certain amount of inefficiency are as inevitable as taxes.

But only those among us with negatively constructed minds, or those who love to nit-pick while remaining blind to the larger issues, are going to jump to extremes and issue blanket condemnations.

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BEORE you light into your city government, or stand silent while someone else does, pause to consider what it is and what it does for you.

Think, for example, of our city police, not as those fiendish men in uniform who show up to write a ticket every time you violate a traffic law, but instead try looking at them as your neighbors who stand prepared — sometimes at risk of their very lives— to protect your person and property against harm.

Think of your firemen, not as men who sit idly around the fire hall most of the time, but rather as highly trained specialists whom you can summon (at any time and in any weather) during a moment when only they can help, just by dialing your phone. In addition, about 900 children in Medford will have a happier Christmas this year because the firemen chose not to waste their "spare time."

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REGARD, if you can, the planning department and commission, not as agents who gleefully tell you that you can't build what you want to build where you want to build it, but rather see them for what they are — conscientious men who are dedicated toward aiding Medford develop in an orderly, attractive manner.

View the park and recreation staff and commission, not as empire builders, but instead try to think of them as citizens of Medford who are working as hard for the community's future as for the present, who want to insure that this city will never be an asphalt jungle.

Contemplate that much maligned public works department, not as a malevolent group which delights in impoverishing little old ladies with sudden, exhorbitant street assessments, but rather as skilled people with the awesome responsibility of maintaining and overseeing all of the city's streets, sewers, traffic signals and major physical improvements.

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TRY TO SEE your mayor and councilmen, not as power-vested men who are trying to put something over on the electorate, but instead regard them as unpaid servants of the public interests, who give untold hours of their own time every month in doing what they can — with pressures from every imaginable source — for the betterment of their community.

Look at your city manager, not as the administrator of waste and inefficiency, but rather as a singularly dedicated man of unusual ability and integrity who has given the bulk of his years of life to this city and its welfare.

Strive to adopt this point of view, not because there is power in thinking positively, but because this is the most accurate, fruitful way to think.

Believe conditions are this way, because they are this way.

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WHILE every day's newspaper reveals a new Billy Sol Estes or a Bobby Baker, somewhere in these United States, ponder well that you live where you do and that your elected and appointed officials are who they are.

Consider carefully how within recent memory there has never been a breath of scandal about a building contract, not a whisper about an instance of police brutality, nor any valid rumor about dissension among staff in our city hall.

Other communities in Oregon fire their police chief, indict their city treasurer, recall their mayors and councils.

But in Medford, decency, respect and integrity are the rule, not the exception. Old differences are dying away. The prospect of a singularly bright present —, and future — shines in our eyes.—G.H.B.

"Next Year You Might Be Ready To Pack EVERYTHING You Have"

Strictly Personal

By Sidney J. Harris

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GASTRONOMIC IQ

Looking through the new catalog of a publishing firm, I was tempted to paraphrase the famous words in Ecclesiastes to "of making many cookbooks there is no end."

This was a catalog of books to be published in the coming four months only. The new titles included "The Art of Spaghetti Cookery," "The Art of Danish Cooking," "The Best of Near Eastern Cookery," "The Art of Indian's Cookery," "Bride in the Kitchen," "The Art of Fruit Cookery," "Never in the Kitchen When Company Arrives," and — you won't believe it — "The Secret of Cooking for Dogs."

There is a saying among book publishers that it is impossible to make money on a book of poetry and impossible to lose money on a cookbook. Each year, hundreds of new ones are spewed forth by the presses, to fit all conceivable (and a few inconceivable) needs and tastes.

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No other nation, at least to my knowledge, has so voluminous a literature on cooking — and no other nation has so many bad cooks, except perhaps the English, of whom Voltaire justly exclaimed: "What sort of country is it that has 72 religions and only one sauce?"

The poorest peasant in France eats better food, more tastefully prepared, than the average middle-class American. It is absolutely unbelievable that a nation so rich, so ingenious, and so demanding of high standards in other areas of living would permit itself to suffer the indignities of less-than-mediocre cooking in nearly all public places.

Millions of cookbooks are merrily sold, but the level of American cuisine remains deplorably low. Our children grow up munching hamburgers, French fries drenched in catsup, and washing down this dull mass with sickeningly sweet beverages. To offer the ordinary American child a meal composed with imagination, flavor and flair is to understand the full import of the Biblical allusion to casting pearls before swine.

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Our passion for cookbooks must be some elaborate and ritualistic form of expiating our culinary sins; and has about as much impact on our national cuisine as placing a Bible in every room of a brothel would have upon the morals of the inmates and the habits of the patrons.

Brillat-Savarin, in his immortal collection of aphorisms on the pleasures of the table, said, "Dis-moi ce que tu manges, je te dirai ce que tu es." (Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you what you are.") It may be unfair to judge an individual this way, who, after all, is a victim of circumstance and upbringing. But is it so unfair to judge an entire nation by its gastronomic I.Q.?

Sail (Click) On! Sail (Click) On!

By Arthur Hoppe

Excuse my preoccupied look. But I went to hear a speech in defense of robots. It was by Mr. Gerard Piel, the publisher of Scientific American and one of the most brilliant, articulate, enlightened spokesmen our Scientists have got. And our robots, too.

Mr. Piel said we laymen shouldn't get mad at all robots just because some robots are taking our jobs away from us through automation. Which is certainly true. Because, he said with a Scientist's pride, robots are at last relieving us from the kind of mindlness drudgery "not fit for men to perform." Which is certainly ture. And, he said, we should send robots to the moon. Which is certainly interesting.

Mr. Piel, like many Scientists these days, said we should send robots to the moon instead of human beings, because robots can perform this historic feat of exploration more economically, more quickly, more accurately and, above all, more efficiently. And I'm sure he's right.

But, as I say, the while thing's given me a preoccupied look. What preoccupies me is what's going to happen when our first IBM Machine on the moon gets back to earth?

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(Scene: The White House lawn. Millions cheer at a space capsule parachutes to earth, a door opens and our new national hero, RAMAC-681a, rolls forward once again on American soil. The President rushes forward to welcome him. Or, rather, it.)

President: Let me be the first, after your epoch - making voyage in behalf of all mankind, to shake your -er- claw.

RAMAC-681a: Click. Response Affirmative. Click.

President: In view of your exploits I have been authorized by a grateful nation to pin on your dashboard the highest medal I can bestow. Which I now will do. If I can just get this pin in there somewh . . . Never mind, we'll weld it on later. Do you perhaps have something you'd like to say to all these millions of people?

RAMAC-681a: Click. I am proud to have been of service to my country. This was a recorded announcement. Click.

President: Thank you. I am sure your words will go down in history. So please preserve the tape. And now, lwt me ask the question on the lips of all mankind: a question men have asked for eons: What is it like up there on the moon? Is there a deathly stillness? Are the sunrises fiery and clean? How high the heavenly vault? How deep the void? How dry the dust? Oh, please, tell us in your own words, what is it like up there?

RAMAC-681a: Click. Silicon, 28.2 per cent; cobalt, 14.7; reotengen nagative in stasis; .0038 psi factor at 69.7 multidecibels; CO_2, trace; multigravitational coreopsis 7.00362 . . .

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No, it just won't do. I know our Scientists are right about their machines being better than us. And they ought to send as many machines to the moon as they wish. But they ought to let us human beings go, too.

Oh, I know we're inefficient and fallible. We have to breathe and eat and sleep and love. And machines don't. But I think maybe that's why we make far better heroes.

Foreign News: French Aid To Cambodia;

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst

Notes from the foreign news cables:

France in Asia:

The French, anxious to reassert their presence in Asia, can be expected to offer military and other aid to Cambodia which has renounced U.S. aid after the end of this year. Defense Minister Pierre Messmer will visit there shortly for this purpose. The French fear Cambodia may be dragged into the Communist bloc unless something is done to prevent this and they believe France is in the best position to do so.

Marking Time:

A lot of words can be expected at the NATO Council of Ministers' meeting starting today, but little action. No major policy decisions are likely while President Johnson still is in the "settling in" stage. Talks will range over the whole spectrum of East-West relations, Berlin, the multilateral nuclear force project and East-West trade. But, commented one official, "the communique could have been written in advance."

U.S.-U.S.S.R. Agreement:

Pan American jets should be winging into Moscow by early summer—if all goes well on the technical end of establishing reciprocal landing rights for Soviet and American planes in Moscow and New York. U.S. Federal Aviation Agency Administrator Najeeb E. Halaby laid the groundwork for the major technical discussions during his Moscow visit last week. There will be further Soviet-American meetings in the United States. Despite the apparent imminence of the air agreement, the first accord to be signed with the Soviets under the Johnson administration may come in another area now under discussion. That is the new cultural accord for 1964 covering exchanges of teacher and students and artistic personnel between the two countries. Earlier talks were called off by the late President Kennedy to protest the Soviet arrest on spy charges of Yale Professor Frederick C. Barghoorn. With Barghoorn's release, the talks got under way.

Spanish Monarchy:

Spanish monarchists may be expected to exert new pressure on Generalissimo Francisco Franco to reinstitute the Spanish monarchy with the birth of a child expected soon by Princess Sophie and her husband, Prince Juan Carlos. Spanish newspapers have been giving little or much space to the coming event, depending upon political alignments. Some sectors of Spanish opinion oppose restoration of the monarchy, preferring instead a presidential republic. So far Franco is following his usual line—saying nothing.

Johnson to Tokyo?

Look for Japan to step up efforts for a U.S. presidential visit to Japan before President Johnson's term expires in 1965. The Japanese had hoped the late President Kennedy would visit them, and such a visit was thought possible sometime late next year. The Japanese government is anxious to prove that the threats of violence which forced President Eisenhower to cancel his visit to Japan do not represent the feelings of the great majority of the Japanese people.

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.

UNICEF Thanks

To the Editor: Allow us to express our heartfelt thanks for the publicity afforded our Trick or Treat for UNICEF program this past fall. Through their generosity, stimulated by your support, the children and adults in your community have strengthened UNICEF's assistance to over 500 long-range programs for needy children and mothers in 116 countries.

It will no doubt gratify them to know that, in terms of such aid, their Halloween contribution can mean any of the following:

— The antibiotics to protect 2,424 children from the blindness of trachoma;

— The BCG vaccine to protect 30,300 children against tuberculosis;

— The penicillin to cure 12,120 children of yaws, a crippling tropical disease;

— A daily cup of milk for 5,151 hungry children for a whole month.

It is a privilege to thank you, your readers and their children on behalf of the United Nations Children's Fund.

Victor de Keyserling
Director of Information Services
United States Committee for UNICEF
United Nations, N.Y.

Remembers Winter

To the Editor: Yes, we do remember 44 years ago Dec. 13, it was Saturday, 1919. At that time we lived on a homestead two miles due south of Rogue River. The thermometer at the log cabin registered 10 degrees below zero on two mornings.

We also had a fireplace and kept tolerable comfortable, as there was plenty of wood to burn at that time. At night we could hear the tall and stately fir trees everywhere pop and snap all during the cold spell that lasted a week. It turned out to be one of the driest winters in half a century. It was rather a dry winter for gold prospecting as all available water on the mountain slopes froze up for panning traces.

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Asks Questions

To the Editor: President Kennedy's election has proven that regardless of religion, one can be the greatest of presidents of all times.

As much wishful thinking as we would like to do, can we point to one good result of his assassination?

Did the murder of an unconvicted assassin prove any less hate?

Was any less hate evident by the fact that the owner of the cemetery did not want him buried in his ground because of a threat that some relatives who had their deceased buried there would have them removed?

In our efforts to make the widow of the slain policeman a rich woman, why did we forget the widow of the assassin? This is a widow whose children will bear the stigma all of their lives, a widow who left her homeland to come to a society filled with hate.

Did the Reverend who left his home because he made a statement on television that students cheered on hearing of the assassination think there is any less hate?

Would the editor of the Dallas newspaper print this or would he too have to go into hiding?

Did the senator from the South that, a few days after the assassination spoke in favor of segregation, ever ask himself if he thinks he has brought as much happiness into the world as our top Negro entertainers, and who could be replaced more easily?

Let those with racial hatred quit preaching it to children of common school age and younger, and it would do no good to preach it in college as they do not brainwash so easily.

Finally there is little wonder that a police force that cannot protect a handcuffed unconvicted prisoner would be expected to man a few roof tops or watch a few windows in a presidential parade.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington:

Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara announces plans to close 26 domestic military bases in an economy move. He added that President Johnson had stressed to him that it is absolutely necessary to reduce costs —in part because of the need to pass the tax bill.

THE Washington dispatches add that all heads of departments and agencies have before them a Presidential directive to RE-EXAMINE personally their budgets for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 1964, to determine what FURTHER savings can be made. The President's memorandum directed the department and agency heads to:

1. Undertake a personal re-examination of the appropriations, expenditures and employment figures contained in the most recent tentative allowances for the next fiscal year.

2. Identify these further reductions in appropriations, expenditures and personnel which can be achieved through tighter management and better utilization of personnel.

3. Determine what program expansions can be postponed or curtailed along with other appropriate steps to hold down spending at a time of "severe budgetary stringency."

Hmmmmmmmmm.

Maybe President Johnson MEANT IT when he said in his message to the Congress that ECONOMY in government will be one of his prime objectives.

QUESTION:

Was President Johnson's order to all government agencies to take a last look at their spending plans and CUT BACK EVERY POSSIBLE PROGRAM received with enthusiasm?

FOR an answer, let's turn to THIS dispatch from Washington:

The President's order brought a BARRAGE OF PROTESTS from Congress, including charges of false economy. Reaction among many members of Congress from the 14 states hit by the cutback order was irate.

Little more than an hour after Secretary McNamara said the 26 U. S. bases and seven others overseas will be closed or reduced, Senator Keating of New York introduced a bill to SLOW UP defense efforts to curtail activities.

Obviously angry, Senator Keating, whose state would be hit hard by the closing or curtailment orders announced by Secretary McNamara, said:

"It is incredible that anyone could analyze this as an economy move."

Rep. Samuel Stratton, of New York, arose from his seat in the House of Representatives and promised to TURN THE PENTAGON UPSIDE DOWN before accepting the proposed cutbacks.

QUESTION:

Do the members of the Congress really want the economy in government that so many of them have been talking about?

The answer, of course, is YES.

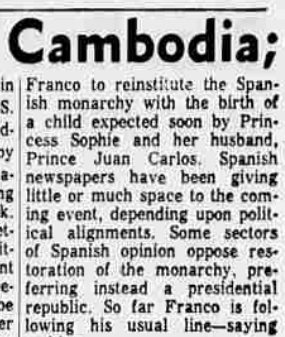
But there's a catch to it.

They want it in SOMEBODY ELSE'S district.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

LOU CULP recalls the college professor who took his young son on a transcontinental motor trip. When they returned home the son produced a collection of coins that totaled over fifteen dollars. "Where did you get all this money?" asked his mother. "Pop was mighty careless every place we ate," explained the boy. "He always left his change on the table. I just stayed behind when he left and scooped it all up."



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An elephant from the circus lumbered into a restaurant opposite Madison Square Garden and asked the headwaiter for a glass of water. The headwaiter brought a double martini instead. "No more of that stuff for me," trumpeted the elephant. "This season they've got me doing a high wire act."

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Tony Randall tells of the post-debutante who called up her boy friend to advise him, "We'll have to postpone our marriage for a little while. I've just eloped with another man."

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Letter From Japan Expresses Sympathy

An expression of sympathy over the death of President John F. Kennedy has been received by Mrs. Lois Martin, librarian of McLoughlin Junior High School, from a teacher in Japan.

The letter came from Kouki Fukuda, a teacher in a school at Arao City in Japan whom Mrs. Martin met while traveling in Japan a few years ago. Since that time teachers and pupils of the two schools have exchanged letters, books, pictures and other material in order that each might become informed about another country.

Fukuda also sent clippings from a Japanese newspaper with pictures of the assassinated President and his successor, President Lyndon Johnson. The letter also tells of the mine disaster which occurred in that area and which took a heavy toll of lives, and several pictures at the scene were enclosed.

Fukuda wrote:

Two Events

"I am very sorrowful to write you about two events that happened recently. One of them happened in Japan our country and the other in America, your country. We will never forget both Nov. 9 and 22.

"At 3:15 on Nov. 9, Saturday, we were surprised at the noise of the explosion which shook the windows of our school. We did not know what the noise was. At supper we knew at the television news that it was the noise of explosion of mine gas in Miike Coal Mine near our school. Just then in the shaft there were working about 1200 pit workers. And alas! 457 workers died and about 500 workers got hurt.

"There died 50 guardians belonging to our school P. T. A. and got hurt about 60. Shingo Yasuda's father, Toshiko Shihodo's father and Tikako Inumar's father, whom belong to English Club, also died. We have been in mourning for the death of the men in the explosion.

"The twenty - second of November also surprised us. Early morning on the twenty-third we heard of the death of Mr. Kennedy, President of the U. S. A. How terrible! We all had loved his witiness, gentility, tenderness and peaceful mind. We heartily express our condolence to our friends, the American people, Mrs. Kennedy and her children.

"We held a 'Festival of Culture' on the twenty-first of November. The English Club in our school showed the play, 'Merchant of Venice.' I will tell you the look of it by another mail.

"May these sorrows of two events firmly tie together your friendliness and ours! Let's pray for the dead, our Mr. Kennedy and mine workers."

NEW MAGNET

NEW YORK (UPI) — Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts is a new magnet for sightseers in New York, and 45-minute tours of the 14-acre project are now available at 75 cents for adults and 60 cents for children and students. Next April, the tour will be increased to an hour and the prices raised by 50 and 15 cents respectively.

"I've got a feeling sales in this department aren't going to be too good this year!"