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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.

FLIGHT O' TIME - 10 YEARS AGO... Dec. 18, 1953 (Friday) Greenlease, kidnap-killers, die in Missouri gas chamber 81 days after incident.

20 YEARS AGO... Dec. 18, 1943 (Saturday) Jackson County tax collections for 1943-44 total \$912,283.46, or 75.1 per cent listed on the current tax rolls.

From Arthur Perry's "Ya Smudge Pot" column: "Everybody bore up well under the fog. It was the only disagreeableness in a long time not caused by bureaucratic tinkering. Furthermore, cussing of the same was not listed as giving aid and comfort to the foe."

30 YEARS AGO... Dec. 18, 1933 (Monday) Appraisal of Medford Irrigation District completed and sent to Washington, D.C.; Gold Hill, Eagle Point and Rogue River Districts' appraisal expected to be completed soon.

County Judge Earl B. Day calls for a complete reorganization of the tax program.

40 YEARS AGO... Dec. 18, 1923 (Tuesday) Free city auto park leased to Merrick's Inn, as transients took advantage of the municipal hospitality.

50 YEARS AGO... Dec. 18, 1913 (Thursday) "Ragging" continues at the dances despite protests of police and preachers.

What's Your I.Q.?

- Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good... 1. Seventy per cent of our iron ore comes from which state? 2. What was the name of the temporary residence used by President Truman while the White House was undergoing reconstruction?

Duncan's Freshman Year

Congressman Robert B. Duncan has served in his office for less than a year now, but already he has made an impact, both in Washington and in the Fourth District of Oregon (as well as elsewhere) far above the run-of-the-mill freshman Representative.

After several months of discreet (and wise) silence, during which he felt his way around, looked, listened and questioned, and satisfied himself as to the channels of power and authority, he has begun to speak out.

And he has made himself heard, despite the old saw that says junior Congressmen should be barely seen and heard not at all.

HE HAS established his lines of communication, not only in the Capital, but to his home district. When he accomplishes something, he lets his constituents know about it—as he should.

He was, of course, fortunate in his committee assignments — agriculture and interior, both vitally important to the Fourth District — again unexpectedly good for a freshman. But he has made intelligent use of them and, without being pushy or overtly aggressive, has made himself a respected member.

We recently chatted with a couple of men whose business takes them to Washington frequently, and who are intimately acquainted with the workings of Congress. They agreed that Duncan is fast becoming one of the most effective members of the House.

IN ADDITION to legislative accomplishments, Duncan has shown courage. Recently he voted against a cotton subsidy bill which was strongly supported by leaders in his own party. His opposition was reasoned and sound, but it still took intestinal fortitude, not only to vote against the bill in the face of the possible resentment of powerful members with great seniority, but also to speak out vigorously against it.

He not only does his "homework" on legislation, but also keeps up the public-service activities which are so important a part of a Congressman's role.

A letter printed on this page recently testified to the fact that his efforts obtained Social Security payments to which a constituent was entitled, but which had been held up in red tape. Her gratitude (and her letters to several editors telling of it) is worth its weight in gold, politically. But dozens and scores of such chores are done quietly, with no thought of reward.

A CONGRESSMAN'S job is roughly divided into three parts:

- 1. Being of service to constituents. 2. Bird-dogging legislation of importance to his own district. 3. Keeping abreast of and familiar with the vast torrent of legislation which may have no direct application to his own district, but is of vital import to the nation as a whole.

On the basis of evidence so far, Bob Duncan has gone a long way in learning all three parts of his job in the 11 months he has been working at it. — E. A.

Alternate Airport Needed

The past several weeks have furnished us with ample evidence that what this county needs is an airport which could serve as an alternate landing place when the Medford airport is fogged in.

The airlines must be out thousands upon thousands of dollars in bussing passengers to Klamath Falls or elsewhere and back again.

Last Sunday, Medford passengers on United Air Lines' morning north and south planes were taken to Klamath. The north bound passengers explained, flew directly to Medford (and over it, although it was invisible beneath the fog) and then on north. Two hours were lost.

WHO CAN estimate the amount of business which was delayed or cancelled on that one day alone? And multiply this by the number of foggy days, sometimes for weeks on end, and one can only conclude that the closure of the Medford airport by fog is costing plenty.

There is a movement under foot to expand and improve the Ashland airport so that it could be usable by airliners. The Ashland field is in sunshine far more than the Medford field is.

We do not believe it is the sole responsibility of the city of Ashland to undertake such a chore. Much of the needed sums would be available from the federal government on a matching basis.

IN ADDITION, it occurs to us that the county government is not without responsibility here. Medford for years has carried the cost of the county's major airport, although it serves a wide area.

Air traffic is today a major source of income for the entire community, and anything which would keep it going would benefit the entire community. Perhaps a port district is the answer, but in any event, neither Ashland nor Medford should bear the entire cost.



"He's got to go—he's beginning to identify himself with the role!"

... 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 initials 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.

Mule in a Box Car To the Editor: When the old Brush car arrived in Ashland on the Southern Pacific, we couldn't get it out of the box-car, so I wrote a letter to the Brush Company. I asked them how they got the darn car off the assembly line and into the box-car. They answered my letter and told me they dragged it in with a mule. I wrote right back and told them to come out to Oregon, take their Brush car and send me the mule. I told them I ain't never had no trouble puttin' a mule in a box-car or gettin' one out, and I wished I could say the same thing for your car.

Everett Acklin Ashland, Ore.

Who Will Rise Up? To the Editor: Permit me to preface a few thoughts by a very revealing quote of an article read lately. The title of this is "Motion Pictures Purvey Filth." It is the conviction of many Christians that the movies are herding a whole generation of youth toward hell. It is not news when genuine Christians oppose the movies, but it is news when such men as Hendrik Van Loon and others speak out pointedly against the immoral suggestiveness of the screen.

Louis Bauman quotes Mr. Van Loon as saying, "The moving picture producers are a group of money chasers who are turning an entire race of youngsters into hysterical psychopaths whose ears and eyes must forever be glued to something that can only be described by a single word, 'ignoble'."

Mr. Bauman also quotes Nelson Buton, who is editor of the Hollywood Spectator: "The screen is a menace to the growing population. It aims its products at those whose low tastes make them impervious to the vulgarity of pornography; passion masquerading as love; discussions of the double standard, and other unwholesome aspects of modern civilization. The producers of motion pictures purvey filth for the sole purpose of reaping profits. They have delved into the garbage cans of our social structure and extracted from them as stinky material everything that stinks."

A sample of this very thing, the lowest and most degrading we have ever seen, was advertised in early September by one of the community's drive-in theaters. Are we wrong to suspect that such was purposely planned to catch our young people, and make harlots and whoresongers of them in a wholesale manner? God's word says it is a shame even to speak of the things done of them in secret, but this glaring thing was advertised in the open in the most suggestive language possible to employ. Quote: "10,000 kids meet on 5,000 beach blankets — The inside story of what goes on when the sun's gone down — the moon's come up — and the water's too cold for surfing!" Almost naked figures of both sexes pictured along with this inflammatory language? Who could see it? "Tonight (Sept. 6) at 8 p.m. Adults 90c. Students 75c. Children 50c. You missed the ad? See drive-in ads for Sept. 6, 1963, in M.T. If the advertisement showed so much how much did the show show? Think of putting such rot before children's eyes, or anyone's for that matter!"

Who will rise up with me against this dirty flagrant wickedness, this heinous disgrace? H. R. Bulman, Route 4, Box 316A, Medford

Spoken Evil To the Editor: Thanks for your excellent editorials lately, also for the many good communications, "Common Sense" by Mrs. Ellis, and "Time To Go" by Mrs. Duncan were excellent, and many more contain food for thought. Mrs. Ellis is so right — we must guide children by the example we live, and the words we use. She says: "He, the President,

was just a man." I have heard this over radio and T.V. by people that should know better. I wonder if these people consider our flag "just a rag," or do they teach the children it is the emblem of our nation, of which each individual is a part for good or evil.

A top labor leader on T.V. equated our President with one of his truck drivers. I doubt if many of his truckers would so equate themselves. They are too fine a lot of men, they and our police are the finest men on our highways, and the latter is not "just a man." His uniform makes him different, he represents the people of the state he serves. The same is true of our President. He is TOP MAN, chosen by the nation.

As to "his time to go," I must agree, yet I do not believe in fatalism. Mrs. Duncan's article on this was excellent. When we go, depends on three things — the Lord and His work of good, Satan and his work of evil, and most of all our works. To which side are we contributing? Our President was a great soldier with little fear. This made him a prime target for Satan and evil. Like Christ He loved and gave his life trying to help the people that killed him. Sure, one pulled the trigger, but the evil spoken over radio and T.V. is like gasoline on fire to sick minds.

The remedy? Our President died trying to find it. There should be some way to stop the slanderous, libelous, false accusations against our top leaders. Such incite evil and anarchy, making them prime targets for the sick minds. We do not elect them for that purpose. F. E. Beverly, 112 Geneva St., Medford

Retirement Center Questions To the Editor: Since I believe the attached letter is of interest to a great many people in this area, I thought you might want to use it in the Communications section of your newspaper. L. E. Chantry, 635 Park St., Ashland, Ore.

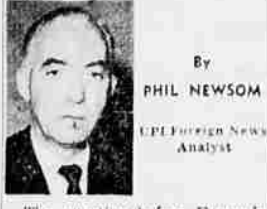
Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency, Senior Citizens Division, Seattle, Washington Dear Sirs: From an article in the Ashland Tidings of Dec. 5, 1963 I learned that a local church plans to go ahead with a retirement center called Trinity Village if they can obtain financial assistance from the federal government.

As an apartment house owner and heavy tax payer, I am wondering about a number of things in connection with such a project. Has an accurate survey been made to show that the center is really needed? This year approximately 100 new rental units have been or are being built in Ashland. A 12 unit apartment building is under construction for elderly people of four units which I understand have been completed, two have been rented.

Since much the same rental situation exists in Medford and surrounding areas, I would suggest that the Jackson County Property Owners Rental Association or some other reliable group be requested to make an impartial survey of vacancies in the whole area. It would be enlightening to know what rate of interest the church will be required to pay if the loan is granted. Will it receive money at a lower rate of interest than other apartment owners, whose high taxes help make the loan possible?

It is generally understood that church property is not taxed. It would be interesting to know what taxes, if any, the church will pay on this center. According to circulars issued in regard to the proposed Trinity Village, there does not seem to be a great deal of interest

Does De Gaulle Mean Business in Common Market Threat? If So, He May Lose Much



France, West Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg now are working in their modernistic headquarters at Brussels, Belgium. At the moment, their chances of success seem remote, with final results having a strong bearing not only upon the future of Europe but upon the approximately \$1 billion worth of agricultural goods sold annually to Common Market nations by the United States as well.

The question before France's Common Market partners now is, does President Charles de Gaulle mean business or is he kidding? On the basis of the record established by "Le Grand Charles," it must be assumed that he does mean business and that he will carry out a threat to wreck the six-nation European Economic Community unless it reaches agreement on a common farm policy by New Year's eve.

shown by prospective tenants. If their plans materialize, it appears there may be as many vacancies as in some retirement centers already built. I have been informed that in some areas of the United States, contrary to common belief, an excess of single house and multiple dwelling units have been built. Owners are offering such inducements as free rent and payment of moving costs to fill vacancies.

May I repeat, there seems to be a question of the need of the Trinity Village project and also the advisability of a church going into active business competition when there appears to be sufficient private capital and enterprise to take care of such construction, which construction is perhaps already being over-expanded.

L. E. Chantry, 635 Park St., Ashland, Ore.

Campaign Donors To the Editor: I am reasonably certain your readers—particularly those tax-payers, taxpayer citizens in the state of Oregon — will be interested in excerpts from a recently published article from the Greater Oregon newspaper, published in Albany, Ore. "Proponents of the Legislature's ill-fated revenue program in the special election last Oct. 15 spent 10 times as much as the opponents. A report Thursday (Dec. 12) by Secretary of State Howell Appling shows proponents spent \$4,186 to the opponents \$4,239. The vote was 32 to 1 against the measure. The largest personal contribution to the campaign came from Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of the University of Oregon. Flemming spent \$2,308 of his own money in a letter writing campaign that blanketed the state. The Oregon Education Association, Portland, contributed \$24,523 of the total of \$28,781 spent by the citizens committee for a YES vote on Measure No. 1. Oregon AFL-CIO put \$1,000 into this total, and \$500 each came from Georgia-Pacific Corp. and the Oregon State Employees Association. The Save Our Students committee collected and spent \$14,018. Of this amount \$13,078 came from higher education students contributing a portion of their fees that would normally be refunded."

Note: There are many more businesses and private donors listed which for lack of space cannot be enumerated here. "Expenditure of \$3,434 was reported by the Committee for Economy and Equitable Taxation of which the chairman was J. Francey Howard, Albany and Corvallis newspaper publisher who sparked the referendum drive. Howard listed only \$1,000 in contributions, and the secretary of the state's office said he was to file a supplemental report. Contributors to this committee included the White Settlement League, Ontario, \$100, and the Oregon Voter, Portland, \$150. Other opposing organizations listing the same amount for contributions and expenditures, and amount of each, are: Committee for Economy and Equitable Taxation, Lane County, \$116, Klamath County Taxpayers League, \$100, and the Committee for a Moderate and Beneficial Tax Program, \$129. The Multnomah County Citizens Committee for Economy and Equitable Taxation reported contributions totaling \$59 and expenditures of \$36."

I earnestly implore you fellow citizens and voters for your own good and for the future well-being of our state remember and keep apprised in your minds the names of those legislators and other officials who tried to cram that monstrous and unnecessary additional tax legislation down our throats last Oct. 15. REMEMBER — there's a primary election coming up in five months.

John J. Murray, 225 Mountain View Place Grants Pass, Ore.

Christmas Season Blossoms in Salem

SALEM (UPI) — The Christmas season blossomed in Salem Tuesday.

A 30-foot decorated tree was erected in the Capitol Rotunda, a nativity scene was in place in the Capitol Mall, greenery decorated the front of the statehouse, and offices inside sprouted seasonal decorations.

Some of the resistance he now is meeting is an outgrowth of the Central Intelligence Agency, which is in charge of our spies, has been busy engaged lobbying the necessary bill through Congress. And I'm for it. Although CIA officials are very secretive as to why we need higher fringe benefits for our spies, I assume we've been having a recruitment problem. And we've got to meet the competition.

SCENE: A secret basement room off the Champs Elysees in a secret foreign country. The CIA Deputy Personnel Manager, Mr. DC-8, who looks like Peter Lorre, is seated at a secret green baize table. There is a secret knock on the secret door and Miss Matta Hour, who looks like that slender vampire lady in the Charles Addams cartoons, enters.

DC-8 (whispering): Ahh, you have come.

MISS HOURI (whispering): Yes.

DC-8: I need not tell you how important this is to us, Transylvania, the unnamed country, I wish you would, has literally scores of secret secrets. Employing you as a double-double agent would be a mastery stroke. With your help, we might even be able to capture the infamous Dr. Nu and squelch SQUONCH forever. Tell me, will you come over to our side?

MISS HOURI: Well, your offer of a GS-16 rating with a pay scale of \$17,298 and four weeks paid vacation is all right. But what about your retirement plan? A girl has to look ahead, you know.

DC-8: If our new bill passes, you'll be able to retire after 20 years of spying at 40 per cent full pay, I'm proud to say.

MISS HOURI: Promises, promises. Besides, the unnamed country of Mauritania is now offering 52 per cent annuities after only 17 years.

DC-8: True, but you're overlooking our Comprehensive Group Welfare Program. Here, this brochure will explain it. See? You will receive a \$2,000 triple - indemnity life insurance policy with convertible features; 16 sick days a year; and a pre-paid medical plan with full maternity benefits, an item which should not be ignored by one in the type of work you do, if I may say so.

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DC-8: Grand! And now if you'll just fill out these 37 employment forms, we'll begin processing them immediately. And you should hear from us in — oh, about two months. And from then on, Miss Hour, you can look forward to a stable, secure future in espionage.

Well, as I say, that's the way it goes these days. Each man has to make the choice between dull, old security and exciting, dashing adventure. And all that bothers me is that more and more we're all making the same choice.

resentment he himself stirred last January when he vetoed British membership in the Common Market. De Gaulle may be that his stand against Britain could lead to his own isolation. Before making her bid to enter the Common Market, Britain had fostered a group called the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). Its membership included Britain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Portugal, Switzerland and Austria. It had been expected that with British entry into the Common Market, this grouping would die and its members follow Britain into the Common Market either as full or associated members.

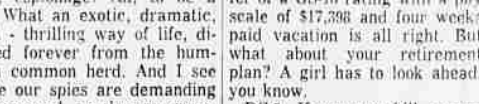
B-EFTA now has been revived and if the Common Market should collapse, its members could be expected to make a headlong rush for EFTA. Excluded would be the troublesome De Gaulle. EFTA has the same tariff reduction goals as the Common Market, but with no political implications and with no attempt to set up common tariff barriers against non-members.

Under the Common Market, Western Europe has soared to unprecedented heights of prosperity. Internal tariffs among the six have been reduced 40 per cent and internal trade has jumped 100 per cent. Gross national product has increased nearly 75 per cent.

France has benefited as much as the others and has as much to lose. It may be that De Gaulle has bitten off more than he can chew.

Espionage Has Its Fringe Benefits

By Arthur Hoppe



Ah, espionage! Ah, to be a spy! What an exotic, dramatic, heart - thrilling way of life, divorced forever from the humdrum common herd. And I see where our spies are demanding an improved pension program.

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THE MEANING OF WORDS Every writer who is in command of his craft knows that there are very few real synonyms in the language. Words that seem to be synonymous usually have fine discriminations and shadings of meaning — and it is in the skilled use of such shadings that a writer makes his best effect.

But the question of synonyms is much more than a matter of literary style; it also has a great deal to do with the substance of what is written. The greatest stumbling-block to verbal communication is in the field of "definition"—a word that means one thing to the writer may mean different things to different readers. Large abstract words are the trickiest of all, and the commonest of these words are the hardest to pin down—love, justice, freedom, and so on. Most quarrels about these concepts are really quarrels about the meanings of the words themselves.

One of the best ways to avoid, or at least to diminish, such areas of confusion and disagreement is to consciously try at all times to use key words that have no synonyms and can be understood in only one way. Unfortunately, most such words are trivial ones; the important subjects are dealt with in words that are slippery and many-faceted.

If, for instance, I say that I have a "hankering" for cheese, there is no mistaking what I mean. A "hankering" is not a yearning or a deep longing or a burning desire; it has a small but definite range of meaning — and it has no exact synonym. No other word would do as well in its place.

But when I speak of "faith" in God or some doctrine, then I am immediately plunged into verbal chaos. How does "faith" differ from "belief"? And both of them from "conviction"? When we say, in common speech, that we "believe" something, we could usually just as accurately say "think" or "assume" or "judge" or "guess" or "opine" or "estimate" or any other of a handful of other verbs of approximate meaning.

In his recent book, "Belief and Faith," Josef Pieper, the eminent German theological scholar, spends the first several chapters in simply discriminating between "belief" and all the other words that pass for it. He tries to attain the most rigorous and precise definition of the word, so that it stands (without a synonym) for a specific attitude of mind.

This is hard work, and tedious, but without it, no argument can be joined, much less any agreement reached—indeed, we would not even know what we are disagreeing about.

Semantic clarity is not the solution to any basic controversy; but it must be the starting point, for we can never reach the same answers if we are, unknowingly, asking different questions.

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