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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. 29, 1953 (Sunday). Eagle Point High basketball team rallies to overtake St. Mary's of Medford for a 46 to 39 decision at Eagle Point.

20 YEARS AGO: Dec. 29, 1943 (Monday). Arnold K. Geren, assistant Scout executive of Crater Lake Area Council, transferred to Aberdeen, Wash., council.

30 YEARS AGO: Dec. 29, 1933 (Wednesday). Frank DeSouza, Medford attorney and chairman of the Jackson County Democratic Central Committee, named Medford postmaster succeeding W. J. Warner.

40 YEARS AGO: Dec. 29, 1923 (Thursday). Local radio experts suggest that people with regenerative radio sets be more careful in tuning, as an over-oscillation disturbs neighbors who also wish to enjoy concerts.

50 YEARS AGO: Dec. 29, 1913 (Friday). Natatorium Manager Walter Merrick reports considerable difficulty in enforcing recent "anti-raiding" edict at dances.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. What color is Titian blonde, and why is it so named? 2. Name the composer of a famous "Largo."

3. All of the planets revolve about the sun in the same direction, true or false? 4. Name the principal river in Alabama.

5. In honor of what king is Jacobean furniture named? 6. Under which President of the United States did Adlai Stevenson serve as vice president?

7. For what purpose is the Bertillon system used? 8. Does a xylographer play a musical instrument, engage in wood carving, or make maps?

9. If sodium chloride were not served with a meal, what would be lacking? 10. Who played the male lead in the movie, "Return to Peyton Place"?

Answers: 1. Red; used by the painter Titian. 2. Handel. 3. True. 4. Alabama. 5. James I. England. 6. Grover Cleveland. 7. Identification of persons. 8. Wood carver. 9. Salt. 10. Jeff Chandler.

School Aid Cutting

"The legislative assembly shall provide by law for the establishment of a uniform and general system of common schools."

—Article VIII, Section 3, Constitution of the State of Oregon.

When the Oregon Constitution was adopted in 1859, "common schools" were regarded primarily as elementary schools. As time passed, and educational requirements increased, the phrase also was applied to high schools.

The time may come when the burgeoning community colleges will also be regarded as "common schools," but that day has not yet arrived.

The community colleges, thus far, have been set up by individual school districts or special education districts, and largely financed from local property taxes. But the legislature enacted the laws which made them possible, and to an ever-greater degree voted state funds to help support them.

IN THE wake of the Oct. 15 tax referendum election, and the resulting financial crisis for the state, it has been necessary to cut down on virtually all kinds of state spending (except for that from dedicated funds).

Schools and higher education, simply because they constituted the largest portion of the general fund budget, have been hit hard.

The State Board of Education, which has jurisdiction over both elementary schools and the community colleges, is in the uncomfortable position of having to decide where cuts shall be made in state school-support programs.

Some have favored selective cutting; others have favored across-the-board cutting.

If priorities in cuts are to be made, (and it would appear that this should be done, rather than letting all programs suffer equally,) we believe the community colleges should bear the brunt of the cuts.

NOT only does the state have the constitutional duty of supporting "a uniform and general system of common schools," which does not yet include community colleges. It is also true that the "common schools" involve a far greater number of students, and at an even more crucial time of their lives.

The community college system is not yet fully developed, and desirable as such colleges are, it would be better to cut back on their rapid development than to cause undue restrictions in the operation of the elementary and high schools of the state.

Community colleges are at least one partial answer to the crisis in education, and in years to come we hope they come into their own. But, when the voters say "no" to added tax revenues, something must give. Better the new colleges than the long-established and vital school systems.—E. A.

Dim Future for Drop-Outs

On a recent plane trip, we chanced to be seated beside a man who was one of two partners operating a firm in the Seattle area which manufactures communications and electronic equipment.

The firm is small in comparison to such giants as Western Electric and others, but still it employs a considerable number of people, and has its own research and development department, which has come up with some successful units.

During our conversation, our new friend made one remark that we wish every high school student in the nation could have heard. He said: "I've found through experience that I cannot afford to hire anyone who has not at least graduated from high school."

THIS, multiplied thousands of times, is the destiny of the high school "drop out," the youngster who, for whatever reason, leaves school without finishing it.

They face a bleak future. More and more, employers are refusing to hire anyone without an adequate education. And this applies not only to skilled jobs, but ANY jobs.

Our seat-mate said he wouldn't even hire a man for janitorial duties unless he had had some education. And he added that the intelligence and ambition implicit in graduating from high school are the bare minimums he requires for all employees.

THIS situation, here today, will become even more severe in years to come, as standards of education and skill are set ever-higher by prospective employers.

For those without the minimum requirements, there simply will be no place to go.

There is a nationwide campaign designed to seek out prospective school drop-outs and persuade them to continue their schooling. But it will be of no avail unless they can be convinced that their future is a dim one indeed unless they have the equipment—educational in particular—to become a productive member of society.—E. A.

Informed Comment

Sen. Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin recently visited in California. He observed the spreading jammed-up suburbs, the acres of asphalt, the snarled traffic, the air pollution, the spreading freeways, the dry or dirty rivers. Returning, he commented:

"I have seen the future, and it doesn't work." —E. A.



"I'm sorry, but all those children asking for toy guns after Dal... Will we ever learn?"

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.

Merry Christmas: To the Editor: All my friends, relatives, E. A., and the people who read my letters, may I take this opportunity to wish every one a Merry Christmas.

Ordinarily at this time of the year I would be in my kitchen preparing all kinds of goodies to give to my friends and relatives.

But this year a large piece of green fir wood fell on my foot, so I am having to sit with my foot in hot water part of the time and propped up the rest of the time.

To me, receiving goodies from someone's kitchen is the best thing that can happen at Christmas, and I love to make goodies and give to ones I know who live alone.

Since I am one of those people who put off Christmas shopping until the last, that won't get done this year.

I have a zillion things to be thankful for.

Merry Christmas! Mrs. Delbert Casey, Route 1, Box 358, Central Point, Ore.

CARE Helped: To the Editor: Mrs. Smith's class won a five dollar prize for obtaining so many P.T.A. memberships.

Our class voted to send two dollars and a half to CARE. The first grade heard about our plans and they wanted to send some money too. We included their money with ours. We chose to send our money to Honduras because we study this country in our social studies classes.

Last year Mrs. Smith's sixth grade class sent half of their prize money to Colombia and Ecuador.

Brenton Walker, Lincoln School, Medford.

Moonlight Reflections: To the Editor: A year ago I wrote the following to the editor of the Oakridge (Ore.) Telegram. As something of a tribute to our late President for his efforts toward World Peace, I submit it to you for reprinting.

To us older folk at this season of the year come nostalgic memories of when our children were young — and we were young in heart! Remember when, on a night before Christmas, we'd warn: "Santa Claus won't come down our chimney if you kids don't go to sleep right away!" And how we'd later tiptoe in to see if they WERE "nestled all snug in their beds" before we placed the gifts around the tree? Even today, we hear in fantasy their happy Christmas morning voices echoing "through the corridors of Time" as they bounce out of bed to see what old Santa brought.

I wondered, this year, if I could find it in my heart to wish "Merry Christmas" to anyone? It seemed that the world situation had cast me in a mood of passive desperation. I recalled the prophetic statement made by Einstein a decade or more ago: "The splitting of the atom has changed everything except our modes of thinking, and thus we drift toward unparalleled catastrophe." I was also saddened and disillusioned to realize that, after nearly 2,000 years of Christianity and "peace, good will toward men!" wars still plagued the world.

It was while in such a mood that I happened to step outside one evening and see a full moon coming gloriously over a snow-capped mountain range. As it sailed onward, it seemed to readily push aside a few wisps of cloud. Then, suddenly, an ominous dark cloud "came out of nowhere" and the starlit moon hid its face! It wasn't long, however, before it found a clearing ahead and shone again, brighter than ever. I noticed other dark clouds in its path, but knew that the Ruler of the Night would conquer them.

Liberal shepherds had a lot to do with the naming of such flowers in "Hamlet." Shakespeare has the Prince refer to a flower which was known by one name at court but by another and grosser one to the peasantry. And there is every evidence in his plays that he preferred the rustic names to the aristocratic ones, for strength, honesty and uncorrupted imaginative-ness.

The best the botanists can do is to come up with a tortured metaphor like "archid," for the lovely flower bearing this name. It so shocked John Ruskin when he learned the derivation that he wanted it stricken from the books and renamed "Wreathy wot" instead.

U.S. Seventh Fleet Extending Protective Arm to India in Case of Red Aggression



By PHIL NEWSOM, UPI Foreign News Analyst

The United States 7th Fleet, which has proved an effective barrier against Red Chinese attack on Formosa, is extending its protective arm to India.

Official statements have been guarded but from the first moment that it was learned limited units of the powerful 7th would visit Indian Ocean waters

it was apparent that the threat of U.S. naval action was being added to the air arm in the event of massive attack upon India.

Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru who has just concluded talks on Indian defenses with Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, denied that U.S. fleet movements in the Indian Ocean "power vacuum" had any prominent part in their talks.

Reports of such fleet movements have aroused controversy in India and the curiosity of Pakistan, which as a U.S. ally in SEATO, demands the right to know of changes in U.S. strategy.

Nehru said that so far as he knew only "one or two ships" would visit the Indian Ocean, "just to know the waters."

A look at the map suggests that the waters of chief interest to the U.S. forces would be the Bay of Bengal and the defense of India's Assam state which is regarded as an area of greatest threat in the northeast.

Significantly, other reports have suggested that the "one or two ships" mentioned by Nehru would include an aircraft carrier nesting 100 military aircraft.

Despite the fact that winter now has just about ruled out any new imminent attack across India's border, Taylor's visit was both an indication of continuing U.S. interest in the buildup of Indian defenses and Nehru's own involuntary departure from his stand of non-alignment.

"How can you object to anyone going wherever they like on high seas?" was his somewhat lame rejoinder to a question whether India objected to the fleet visits.

It was not the Nehru of old. Taylor's visit which also is being extended to Pakistan, is a natural follow-up to last month's air exercises over India in which 18 U.S. F100 fighter bombers participated along with aircraft of the Indian and British air forces.

The exercises provided the U.S. Air Force with valuable information of what the requirements would be in the event of a Chinese attack and a subsequent Indian call for aid.

They also illustrated gains which continue to exist in Indian defenses.

In exercises over the Calcutta industrial region a majority of "enemy" bombers broke through Indian and British defenses.

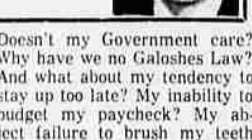
The exercises also demonstrated the necessity for integrating U.S. and Indian radar techniques. The Indians now will be working with sophisticated radar equipment to be given them by the United States for their border defenses.

A case in point: Indian pilots normally cry "tallyho" when their radar "locks on" to an enemy aircraft.

The Americans report with the more prosaic codeword "Judy."

Security Is A Wet Blanket

By Arthur Hoppe



Having a government to protect you from evil certainly makes you feel secure. My Government protects me from evil nations abroad and evil men at home. And more lately it even tries to protect me from me.

The trend isn't new. For years, the Government has tried to protect me from being a wastrel. It now has compulsory Social Security to make me put away for my old age and compulsory withholding taxes to make me save up for a rainy day. Which thoughtfully provides every April 15.

So I'm now more secure. And the Government kindly wishes me to wear a seat belt and quit smoking.

All over the country laws are in the works to make seat belts in cars compulsory. Of course, if I get in a wreck, my seat belt won't help anybody else. But it'll protect me. And naturally my Government wishes to protect me from my own carelessness.

And now it yearns to make me quit smoking. You can tell. Everywhere the Government is appointing committees and study groups to gather data so it can inform me smoking's bad for me. Which I already know. And, sure enough, some eager legislator will demand a law taking my cigarettes away from me. For my own good. Because, he'll say, I'm not strong enough to quit on my own. And, alas, it's all too true.

For, woe, I'm a careless, spineless spendthrift. But, I ask, is my Government protecting me enough from me? For example, there's no doubt I eat too much. Where is my Government, I want to know, when second helpings are passed around? A simple law limiting caloric intakes would do wonders for my longevity.

And another thing, I hate to wear galoshes. I know I'll catch pneumonia sooner or later.

Bellringers Plan Contest Saturday

The annual contest between the Medford Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs to help the local Salvation Army collect funds for Christmas will be held in Medford tomorrow.

Members of each club man Salvation Army kettles in the downtown and Medford Shopping Center areas, with the president of the club which receives the largest amount pushing the president of the losing club around a block in a wheelbarrow.

Officials of the Rotary Club said C. C. Hoover, Eagle Point rancher, has donated small, potted trees to the Rotary Club to distribute to contributors.

The trees will include firs, blue spruce and other varieties. Bellringers from the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs will man the kettles between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Attempt To Free Freighter Planned

POINT ARGUELLO, Calif. (UPI) — A fourth attempt to free the grounded 10,000-ton Greek freighter Elin will be made Saturday with the arrival of a salvage tug from Astoria, Ore.

For the third day in a row, efforts Thursday to remove the marooned \$1 million vessel from a sand bar here were unsuccessful.

The 203-foot Salvage Chief from Astoria will utilize its keel anchors and winches and a greater power to try to release the ship from the shallow water.

It may be that the 508-foot ship cannot be freed until Dec. 27 because lowering tides continue to make rescue operations more difficult.

The Elin, with 32 men aboard, went aground Monday.

Newberg School Bid \$1,247,000

NEWBERG, Ore. (UPI) — Johnston and Malloy Construction Co. of Salem was apparent low bidder Thursday night on construction of a new high school here.

The low bid was \$1,247,000. There were seven higher bidders.

The Newberg School Board is expected to award the contract at its Jan. 2 meeting. The board has said it hoped the school could be completed by next September to allow conversion of the present building to a junior high school.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Historic note in the news: It was 60 years ago this month that the Wright Brothers first got off the ground at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. They made four flights that day—the longest of which lasted 59 seconds.

At the end of the fourth flight, a gust of wind blew the machine over and wrecked it—but they had proved that MAN CAN FLY.

They might have been disappointed if they could have known that day what their stunt would lead to.

SLIGHTLY shivery thought: What will the NEXT 60 years lead to?

OVER in London, a young altruist is out to toss a monkey wrench into the machinery of the ancient and aristocratic sport of fox hunting. His name is John Prestidge, his age is 21 and he is using an inheritance he has just come into to found a group he calls the Hunt Saboteurs Association.

The idea, he says, is to make it a movement of young people who hate cruelty and are prepared to do something about it. Over on this side of the Big Water, when we embark upon a mission of that sort, we go to the state legislature or the Congress and get a law passed.

YOUNG Mr. Prestidge is bypassing Parliament and us.

Scripps Family Member Succumbs

LA JOLLA, Calif. (UPI)—F. Tudor Scripps Jr., 56, a member of the Scripps newspaper publishing family, died Thursday at his home following a long illness.

Scripps, a philanthropist who endowed several San Diego institutions and causes, was an attorney and partner in the San Diego law firm of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps. He also was a director of the famed Scripps Memorial Hospital here.

Scripps, a nephew of the late E. W. Scripps, founder of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers, was born at Graemarr, the family estate in the Pacific Beach area of San Diego.

Survivors include his widow, Virginia, a daughter, Mrs. Woods A. Caperton III of San Diego; a sister, Mrs. Gardner Corey of Pasadena, Calif., and a brother, Thomas O. Scripps of Pacific Beach.

Services will be private.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

ONE OF John Ringling North's favorite yarns concerns the wisps of a man who bought a ferocious tiger at an auction sale, outbidding several prominent circus proprietors.

"What on earth do you propose doing with that man-eating beast?" he was asked by the trainer of a wild-animal act. "Going into competition with us!"

"Oh, no," said the little man. "It isn't that. But my wife's taking a trip around the world—and I'm lonely."

During one of the tensest moments of "How the West Was Won" at the Cinerama Theater, an elderly gentleman began grump for something on the floor, greatly disturbing a lady in the next seat. "What have you got?" she inquired testily. "A catnip," said the man. "You're going to all this bother for a measly catnip?" she demanded. "Yes," was the reply. "My teeth are in it."

Cleveland Amory knows one very proper and well-bred Bostonian who never saw apparatus growing until she was past fifty. The sight obviously unerved her. "Why," she gasped, "I always thought that the cook brewed the eggs!"

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