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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. 23, 1953 (Wednesday) Medford's chances of having a white Christmas "are just about nil," the local weather bureau station reports.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 23, 1933 (Thursday) Chet Hale and Miss Ruth Edge scheduled to take part in special USO skating party and floor program at Medford ice arena.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 23, 1933 (Saturday) Wayne Harris, Medford center, gets first basket, but Weed High School basketball team defeats Medford 19 to 16.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 23, 1923 (Sunday) Anna Pavlova and her ballet troupe scheduled to appear in person at Medford Armory.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 23, 1913 (Tuesday) Elmer T. Foss, Medford city recorder, announces he is candidate for reelection.

What's Your I.Q.?

- Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good. 1. What ocean stream is named by a Canadian region? 2. Of what nationality was Franz Liszt?

Six Lessons

"Good people proceed while considering that what is best for others is best for themselves." -Hitopadesa (Hindu). "Hurt not others with that which pains yourself." -Udanavarga (Buddhist). "What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others." -Confucius.

Out-of-Date

A seventh grader, studying what is now called seventh grade mathematics, comes home talking about ideas her parents had never heard about. They'd never even heard the words before. Writing in the Saturday Review about the rapid accumulation of knowledge, John L. Goodlad says: "If this accumulation is plotted on a time line, beginning with the birth of Christ, it is estimated that the first doubling of knowledge occurred in 1750, the second in 1900, the third in 1950, and the fourth in 1960."

Progressive Pope

Not many actions that could be taken by Pope Paul VI will have a greater impact on the movement to unite Christian denominations than the Pope's scheduled trip to the Holy Land. He expects in January to make the longest trip undertaken by a Pontiff in some 19 centuries, since St. Peter left the Holy Land for Rome after the death of Christ. If he goes by air he will set another precedent; no Pope in office has traveled in an airplane. No Pope has left Italy voluntarily in 159 years. His predecessor, John XXIII, broke a tradition of nearly a century in 1962 when he traveled 350 miles across Italy by train. There is no doubt that Paul VI wishes to call further attention to the spirit of progressivism that has animated the Ecumenical Council, the second session of which has just ended. It can be considered another sign of how he wants the third session to proceed next year. - St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Legacy

In his three years in office, the late President Kennedy created for millions of Americans a shining legacy of progress illuminated by his deep concern for the welfare and security of his fellow citizens and the people of the world. These are some of the monuments to his memory: A nuclear test ban, a step back from the abyss of war and toward the goal of peace; a manpower retraining program to help the jobless learn new skills; aid to depressed areas to attack chronic unemployment; giant steps toward the achievement of equal rights for all Americans; increased compensation for the unemployed; increased Social Security benefits for the elderly; increased minimum wage; new programs in mental health; aid to medical school construction and scholarship help for doctors-to-be; the Peace Corps; the Alliance for Progress; housing; equal pay for women. - Oregon Labor Press.

Thoughts on Beards

One of the possible things that has not been suggested as an occupation for a male in the throes of retirement is the growing of a beard. We thought of it ourselves. So far it is in the category of "enterprises of great pith and movement" that may be turned awry. We do not care to emulate Commander Whitehead who advertises quinine water, which we do not consider a sufficiently masculine drink for a man with a beard. If we could become as smart and talented as Peter Ustinov by growing a beard, however scraggly, we would accept the challenge. We have no attachment to a razor, considering them a masculine concession to the feminine sex to whom concessions should only be made on a temporary basis. We think we would look distinguished in a beard (who doesn't?) and we suspect we would look dirty. Perhaps that is the question: distinguished or dirty. - Giles L. French, in the Sherman County Journal.

"Careful, Now"



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.

My Christmas Reverie To the Editor: Who will wander through the wood To select the Christmas tree, I wish that it were me. One that's full and round and straight? Who will go up to the loft To get the trimmin' box, Filled with balls and lights and stars And each one's Christmas socks? Who will place a star atop A tree that is so tall? It must be done with utmost care So it can not fall. Who will drape the garlands Made by our own hands And handle gently the china birds Sent from far off lands? Who will place upon the tree The treasures held so dear, The gold and silver ornaments Saved from year to year? Who will gather evergreen For Yuletide wreaths this year To grace the door of "Home Sweet Home" Which we all hold so dear? I'll be far away on Christmas Day Abiding by another sea, Another Year, another dream I pray it will be me.

Loss of Freedoms To the Editor: How many more of our freedoms will be lost if we continue to allow a small minority in so greatly influence our hard fought for freedoms? The Bill introduced by Rep. Toague to restrict firearms purchased by mail is rather ridiculous. There is no way (without giving more unneeded power to government officials) to handle this task, that would not be overly burdensome, expensive and involved. The small amount of good it would accomplish would come nowhere near to solving the problem. If a maniac, assassin or common killer wants to obtain a weapon of death, he will do so easily. No bill or law is going to deter them. Again, I say, such a bill would only accomplish placing more power into the hands of the government. If we continue, little by little, to give up these inalienable rights, it won't be long until we truly will have the "Brave New World" of Aldous Huxley. Incidentally, there are existing laws against common criminals possessing arms. L. E. Lamoreaux, Route 1, Box 7, Talent, Ore.

FINNS SIGN BAN HELSINKI (UPI) - Finland has formally pledged its adherence to the Moscow nuclear test ban agreement. President Urho Kekkonen Friday night signed a bill approving adherence and making it illegal for any nuclear test to be held in Finland. If this attitude existed in the present day educators there wouldn't be but two classes of students - brains, retarded. There would be many of in-between. There also must be the feel each of us need the help of others. However, if Government is not to be adhered to of which was first originated by the Constitution there will be either a flexible or absolute form of Government. The people must participate in the Government by partition or means otherwise necessary. G. D. Oppie, P. O. Box 1003, Central Point, Ore.

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Top-drawer Pinesse Phyllis McGuire hits the lecture circuit every once in a while, and a part of the ritual she actually looks forward to is the cream of fans that presses about her for autographs and bits of conversation at the conclusion of each talk. Her favorite fan of the year is the fat lady who gave her a big, wet kiss and told her, "What a thrill to meet you IN PERSON, Miss McGuire! I keep your books right on my bedside table. And some day I mean to read one of them!" © 1963, by Bennett Cerf. Distributed by King Features Syndicate

Foreign News: De Gaulle In Earnest; Concern Over Berlin; Reds Expected



Notes from the foreign news cables:

Not Kidding: French officials say President Charles de Gaulle is in deadly earnest about his Dec. 31 deadline for a Common market farm policy agreement. If none is reached by Christmas he will call a cabinet meeting Dec. 27 to get the green light for his next move. This is likely to be a freeze on any further progress toward completing The Common Market. French ministers also may boycott Common Market meetings. It is just conceivable De Gaulle might decide on a complete walkout.

Concern Over Berlin: Western officials are concerned that the Christmas truce for hundreds of thousands of West Berliners to enter Communist East Berlin may touch off serious incidents in which the Western powers inevitably would be involved. They discussed this danger during last week's NATO ministerial council meeting in Paris. The three Western commandants in Berlin are being instructed to keep a close eye on the situation.

Red Eye on Latin America: A stream of Red Chinese trade and cultural missions to Latin America may be expected soon, as well as a state visit or two by a top Peking official. So far, not one top Chinese Red has visited Latin America while several high Soviet officials, including Premier Khrushchev, have. Mao Tse-tung and Liu Shao Shi have standing invitations to visit Cuba, and Latin American diplomatic sources in Tokyo say such a visit in 1964 is a distinct possibility.

Manila vs. Tokyo: There are signs the Philippines at long last is going to swing the door open to Japanese business. The Japanese already have one foot in the door. They have so-called "liaison offices" in Manila which do everything normal businesses based there do. It's strictly against the law but Philippine officials tend to look the other way. Officially, Japanese can't do business in the Philippines under a law promulgated years ago when feeling against Japan was still strong in the Philippines. Now, according to Japanese diplomatic sources, it's only a question of time before the anti-Japanese business restrictions are lifted.

Private Plane Crashes MIDLAND, Tex. (UPI) - A private oil company twin-engine DC3 plane with four persons aboard crashed and burst into flames Saturday on an instrument approach to an airport runway. The three crew members were rushed to Midland Memorial Hospital.

Enlist Today! (Just for Fun) By Arthur Hoppe "Where," writes a lady, "do you get all those down-to-earth, common-sense solutions to the world's problems?" Well, frankly, I get them from my friend, Mr. Edgar Guess. The Kindly Old Philosopher. Take the other day when he off-handedly solved a dilemma baffling our most brilliant economists: how to convert from a wartime to peacetime economy. As you know, our Congressmen have been demanding a cut in Government spending. "So okay," says President Johnson. "I will close 33 military bases we no longer need." Our Congressmen greeted this news as you might expect: "Rat fink!" "Treason!" And so forth. And you can't blame them. Of course, none argued we needed these military bases militarily. But their constituents sure needed the money the soldiers and sailors spend in town. So you see the problem with defense spending: how do we get rid of the defense and keep the spending? It seemed insoluble. So I called on The Kindly Old Philosopher to inquire if he had the answer. "Well, yep, son, mebbe I do," he said, leaning back in his rocker and snapping his fingers. "What this here country needs is a Fun Corps."

A fun corps? "That's right, son. If the only reason we keep these bases is to make the local townfolk rich, I reckon we ought to do it up right." Couldn't we close the bases and spend the money on things like schools and highways? "Well now, son, schools and highways are mighty nice. But they don't appeal to folks the way fighting boys in uniform do. No sir, if we don't need our fighting boys in uniform no more, then we got to discharge them and recruit us a Fun Corps to take their place." What would be the duties of a Fun Corpsman? "Just what's necessary, son. Getting drunk, shooting pool, chasing girls and the like. But we'll pick a better class of young ones. We'll weed us out the misfits who send folks back home to the old folks or who tuck away their paychecks for a rainy day. Which sure don't do the local townspeople no good. Yep, we'll have the greatest spending force this old world's ever seen. Nothing but goodtime Charles." I said this did seem a down-to-earth, common sense solution as far as our military bases went. But what about our defense economy? Like shipyards and... "Oh," said The Kindly Old Philosopher, "we'll have a Sea-going Fun Corps too. We'll build us a fleet of Super Fun Ships for cruising just outside the three-mile limit. I reckon them boys will spend their money like drunken sailors." True, I said. But what about missile building and...? "Son," interrupted The Kindly Old Philosopher, "You got to have faith. It takes a heap of faith to make this old world go 'round. And I got faith in folks. Especially when it comes to them figuring out ways to blow their money on a good time." I said he'd convinced me. "I did!" said The Kindly Old Philosopher. "Then I'll be a-running down to the Five & Dime to convince Miss Flossie. We all got to be willing to do our part to save the country and she's a mighty willing girl. I hope." And with a kindly old chuckle, he was on his way.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS A while back an assistant professor of forest products at Oregon State University who was making a talk to the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce remarked that Oregon's trees may someday become so valuable CHEMICALLY that it may be uneconomical to use them for anything so ordinary as lumber. He added that a breakthrough in any one of the fields now being explored could mean a major industrial development. DMSO appears to have highly interesting possibilities as a pain reliever, a tranquilizer, an anti-inflammatory treatment for burns, and a wide range of other medical uses. All this, remember, comes from a TREE—and an Oregon tree at that. It all goes to confirm that the possibilities of paper plant waste—which in the past has been a frightful nuisance, clogging up our streams, killing the fish and generally raising Old Ned with our water supply—are practically limitless.

Slide Blocking Railroad Cleared SEATTLE (UPI) - Crewmen early today cleared a small rockslide from the Great Northern Railway's main track about six miles west of Seaside at the west portal of the Cascade tunnel under Stevens Pass. The slide had delayed traffic for as much as nine hours. A 20-foot section of the track was covered by as much as 15 feet of rock and debris, the spokesman said. The eastbound Empire Builder, the eastbound Western Star and the westbound Western Star all were delayed by the slide. Same freight traffic also was delayed. Buses were used to transport passengers to intermediate points such as Wenatchee, Quincy and Ephrata.

TOO optimistic? The answer is NO! There's paper, Paper is made out of trees. There was a long time when we thought that paper was useful only to write on or print on or to wrap things up with. Now we're learning that almost anything can be made out of paper. Clothes, for example. They're now making disposable shirts for men and disposable house dresses for women out of paper-wear 'em until they are rumpled and soiled and then crumple 'em up and use 'em for kindling to start a fire in the fireplace. They're not on the market yet, but the experimental samples look surprisingly practical.

BUT even more amazing by-products are looming on the horizon. Some stuff, for example, with a long scientific name that is called DMSO for short. It showed up first in the experimental laboratories of the Crown Zellerbach Corporation. Among other things, it is an excellent antifreeze. In this capacity, it came to the attention of Dr. Stanley W. Jacob, an assistant professor of surgery at the University of Oregon Medical School. He was looking for a way to supercool human organs such as kidneys and hearts—without freezing them. What he wanted was an efficient way of STORING them, so that they could be used as REPLACEMENTS—like spare parts of an automobile. He and his assistant researchers have been experimenting with animal organs, which they

Strictly Personal

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WE CANNOT BUY OUR WAY OUT Now that the initial shock has passed away, and the emotional numbness has worn off, perhaps we can begin to see a little more clearly the deeper feelings that were so stirred up by the murder of John Kennedy. Beyond the sense of horror and outrage and pity, beyond the political and social and historical insult to our system, his assassination cut into the depth of our being also for another reason that may possibly tell us a good deal about ourselves and our unconscious view of human life in America in the 20th century. For here was the man who had everything—brains, ability, charm, youth, looks, money, family, power, fame, international respect even from his enemies. He seemed, in a way, immortal, the living embodiment of the American Dream.

And then, quite literally in the twinkling of an eye, he was no more. Gone, utterly gone, this bold and vital young man who only a moment before had been smiling and waving at the crowd. Done to death by an insignificant madman, in a tragedy that a dozen different "ifs" might have prevented. Somehow, we had seemed to believe that we might be able to cheat death. If we were rich enough and strong enough and smart enough—and, most of all, young enough—death might not dare to touch us, at least so frivolously, so wantonly, so insensibly.

We may have grown up, a little, as a people in that moment; we may have begun to acquire what Europe and the rest of the world have long accepted as "the human condition"—a sense of the tragic that is not morbid or fatalistic, but mature and more accepting of man's limitations and the dark contingencies of nature.

If this could happen to President Kennedy, it could happen to each and any of us, tomorrow, tonight, the next minute. Of course, everyone has known this, in an abstract way; but not in an existential way. This is why we refused to believe it at first—could it happen here, now, to us, to such a man? All these attributes—brains, ability, charm, youth, looks, money, family, power, fame—cannot avert one bullet, one blow-out, one step in the dark. We cannot buy our way out. No matter how strong, how young, how rich, we are subject to the same caprices of fate as the Hindu beggar and the Zulu tribesman. We mourned his death as a tragedy to him and to the nation; but were we also mourning the death of an illusion long and secretly held by us?

Sales Tax Estimate Said Conservative

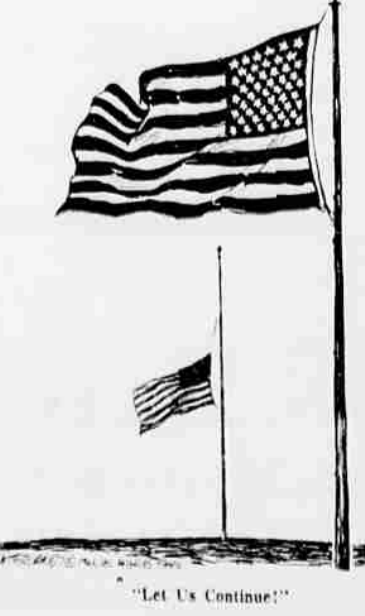
PORTLAND (UPI) - The manager of Oregon Tax Research said Saturday that the State Tax Commission's estimate of the return from a proposed sales tax in Oregon was "conservative." "There is no intention to discredit the commission in its projected yield from a sales tax in Oregon," George Anala, a former state representative from Hood River, said. "But it is my considered opinion that the commission's estimates are conservative," he said. The commission estimated that a three per cent sales tax in the state would bring in \$79 million annually if food were included or \$66 million a year if food purchased for home consumption were exempt.

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