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Flight o' Time: Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO: Oct. 13, 1947 (Sunday) KYJC, the Mail Tribune's new radio station, resumes broadcasting Saturday after sound-proofing of control room.

20 YEARS AGO: Oct. 13, 1937 (Wednesday) A \$20,000 Community Chest campaign opens in Medford.

30 YEARS AGO: Oct. 13, 1927 (Tuesday) Isabella Rowley files suit against Medford for \$250,000 for alleged ownership of water rights at Big Butte Springs.

40 YEARS AGO: Oct. 13, 1917 (Saturday) New apple drying plant opens at Central Point with 50 people employed.

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

1. How many days were there in February, 1946? 2. Rosa Bonheur was a famous Belgian, Dutch, German, or French artist?

3. Bible: Who was responsible for "The Massacre of the Innocents" at Bethlehem? 4. Is the right side of a ship (looking forward) the starboard or the port side?

5. Adolf Hitler married his mistress shortly before their joint suicides—name her. 6. How many ciphers added to the figure one (1) express a quintillion?

7. What is the name of the great fish market in London, England? 8. What did Napoleon say an army marched on?

9. What is the plural of axis? 10. "O Genevieve, sweet Genevieve, / The days may come, / Three days may go, / But still the hand of / ... weave / The blissful dreams of long ago." What is the exact spelling of the missing word?

Answers: 1. Twenty-eight days. 2. French. 3. Herod. 4. Starboard. 5. Eva Braun. 6. Eighteen. 7. Billingsgate. 8. Its stomach. 9. Axes. 10. "memory" —George Cooper; music, 1877, H. Wallace.

Pythians Schedule Special Meeting Here: A special business meeting will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Pythian building to vote on page rank applications.

EXACTLY! The people of Arizona are to be congratulated for having a Utility Commission, not only with the authority to place the public welfare above excessive private profit, but with the "guts" to see that this

"The King Is Dead"

"The King is dead, long live the King!" "King Baseball" has been kicked from his throne, which King Football now occupies, both intercollegiate and professional, and the crack of the bat will be heard no more until Spring.

But the 1957 baseball season will not be soon forgotten, not only in Milwaukee but the U.S.A. The ending was particularly a dramatic spectacular—and undoubtedly to a majority of baseball fans, was highly satisfactory.

For while the loyal Yankee supporters—and they are legion—lost their shirts, and their long-cherished prides, even some of them, when the headache eases will, we believe, admit, the defeat of the Yanks and the triumph of the Braves will be good for the game. And the vigor and health of our national game is important.

For the Yanks have been league champions so regularly and world-champions so often, that public and sporting interest, except in Greater Manhattan, threatened to drop in the direction of zero.

Now we have a new world, and league champion, fresh, vigorous, youthful blood has been injected into our leading national sport, and with the NY Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers moving to San Francisco and Los Angeles respectively, there promises to be from now on, greater baseball interest from coast to coast, than at any time since the sport was born some 39 years before the Civil War.

THERE is another good thing about the final chapter of the season.

The Yankees put up a good fight, but there is no doubt that the BETTER team won.

The Milwaukee youngsters had in Burdette the best pitching, in Aaron, the best batting, in Covington, the best fielding; and in general morale, teamwork and grim determination, they topped the New Yorkers throughout.

TO this department there was one very interesting feature about this world series—namely: how devastating the effects of "bad breaks" can be in a contest between relatively well-matched teams.

If anyone questions the term "bad breaks" we are willing to compromise for "bad plays."

At least in two of the Braves' most decisive victories, it was not, outside pitching, their good playing so much as the Yankees' bad playing, that marked the turning point in each contest. There was Coleman's bobble and late throw of an easy grounder to first base, for example, which should have been "side-out," and there was Kubek's wild throw to second which should have meant an easy double-play, but instead of that both runners were safe.

Of course, it comes under the heading of speculation, but it did seem that these two errors completely changed the tide of both games and from then on, there was little doubt about the ultimate outcome. It gave the opposition a "shot-in-the-arm" that just couldn't be overcome.

SO much for baseball.

We fear John R. Scott of Jacksonville will pen another letter, taking "Ye Editor" to task for writing too much on subjects he knows "little or nothing about."

We accept "little" but NOTHING, we reject.

If we are to be limited by John only to subjects we know, "EVERYTHING about," then, we fear, three times a week at least this space will be weak, if not vacant. (Loud cheers from the box-seats!)

FINALLY, we congratulate "KBES-TV" on its world series coverage. There was hardly a break or a failure—(what there were, were due of course, to the telephone company). As to the commercials, the seven days were sufficient to change this department permanently from "Gillette" to "Gem!"—R.W.R.

Arizona Blocks the "S.P."

We have received a letter from the dynamic "Flash" Fiddler, who is spending the winter in Phoenix, Arizona.

Apparently "the Friendly Southern Pacific" is trying to extend its unfriendly "penny-wise, pound-foolish" policies to its main-line from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

But it is not enjoying the success it did when the G.O.P. was in control of Oregon, according to Flash's "memo."

On the plea of losing money and facing bankruptcy (as was done in Oregon) this "billion dollar" corporation asked the Arizona Corporation Commission to allow it to drop two of its main line trains, running through the state from the Pacific to the Gulf.

This would not deprive the Phoenix section of Arizona of ALL rail passenger service, as it has in Medford and Southern Oregon, but it would reduce the number of trains daily from 4 to 2.

APPARENTLY, Arizona has more effective laws regarding public utilities than Oregon has—or had—for the Arizona commission refused to bow, scrape and comply to the demand, but said, in effect, "you maintain your present service—or else!"

As to the railroad's wail it was losing \$1.5 million a year, the commission said "that loss would be less than the loss and inconvenience of the public by the cessation of operation of the two trains."

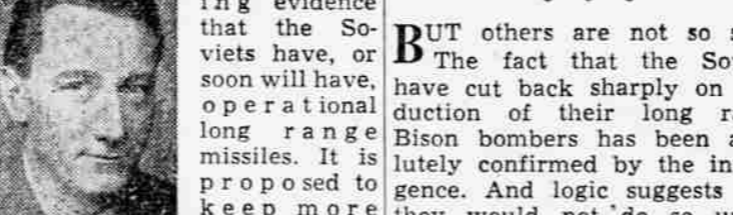
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He never paid much attention to 'Dad'. But now that I'm the 'Range Boss'...

Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON — A rather desperate expedient is being considered at the highest levels, in the wake of the mounting evidence that the Soviets have, or soon will have, operational long range missiles. It is proposed to keep more than a third of the planes in the Strategic Air Command in the air at all times.



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Back in 1955, a distinguished scientific committee, headed by Dr. James Killian, M.I.T., recommended to President Eisenhower an absolute priority for two kinds of American missiles—the ICBM and the submarine-launched medium missile.

But even in 1955, there was plenty of evidence that the Soviets might beat us to the ICBM punch. The submarine-based missile was therefore proposed as interim insurance. Land-based medium-range missiles do not provide such insurance, for the simple reason that the foreign countries in which almost all our forward bases are located would exercise a veto power over the use of such missiles.

NO FOREIGN country can veto the launching of a missile from an American submarine. Nuclear subs like the "Nautilus" and the "Sea Wolf" have unlimited range, can stay submerged indefinitely, and can carry up to 16 missiles like the "Polaris," which is designed to be fired under water. Thus, with only a few such missile-carrying submarines in service, the Soviets could not hope to knock out our capacity to retaliate decisively.

The Killian report was approved "in principle." But the Army-Air Force battle over the medium land-based missile shoved the Navy's "Polaris" into the background, and it will not be operational for two years at best. Meanwhile, the whole missile effort has been slowed down by the budget-first policy. And the essentially desperate expedient of keeping a huge proportion of SAC's planes in the air at all times is the best measure of the real danger in which this nation finds itself, a danger which has been consistently concealed from the American people by the American government.

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truly democratic principle is upheld and enforced.

THE details of the situation in Arizona are not contained in "FF's" letter, but it is reasonable to assume the Corporation Commission, did a bit of researching into the bookkeeping of the SP to determine just HOW a billion-dollar corporation that hasn't missed a dividend in a quarter of a century and pays tremendous salaries in its Upper Brackets, COULD not afford to maintain the service to the traveling public that its franchise pledged and has been maintained through such a prosperous period.

OF course, the SP's "million dollar lobby" is already hard at work along with a corps of high-priced lawyers to secure repeal of the state's control over railroads and other public utilities, or bring sufficient political pressure to bear to force the members of the state commission to reverse their decision.

It will be interesting to see if the commission and the people of Arizona are able to do what to date, the people of Southern Oregon have been unable to accomplish.—R.W.R.

Editorial Comment

WORDS NOT ENOUGH

Is the missile research program proceeding at all possible speed? Mr. Eisenhower's words imply that it is, yet his newly-named secretary of defense, Neil H. McElroy, said in his first news conference this week that a speed-up in the ballistic missile program is being considered seriously.

The president wants to reassure his fellow Americans, and certainly they would like to be assured. If our military power still is sufficient to provide a strong deterrent to Soviet ambitions, and adequate planning is under way to make sure it stays that way, this knowledge would be comforting to all of us. But the assurances given thus far, in the light of the physical evidence seen in recent days and weeks, fail to do the job.

If America is in danger, Mr. Eisenhower should not try to shield us from the unpalatable truth. We can take it, and make whatever sacrifices are necessary to improve our situation. If we really are in a good competitive position, let's have some solid facts to back up the statements that to that effect.—The Oregonian, Portland.

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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

White Man's Inhumanity

To the Editor: Might a bit of Newspaper week be dedicated to editorially awarding us again of the U.S.A. Department of Interior Commissioner of Indian Affairs May 16, 1955 orders to field workers and the dangers involved to America's home and world position, safety and security? Field officials were "ordered to ignore tribal interest in deciding whether to patent or open to sale to non-Indians certain tracts of Indian land. The order specifically instructed officials to patent land even if it contained the Indian community's only source of water or was a key part of a tribal grazing unit." "Area Directors must obey orders."

In August, again in October, 1955 the Association on American Indian Affairs called national attention to this grave situation through its newsletters. (How many read them?)

April 13, 1956 UP reported plans for a Seattle office "to extend economic development" into the Pacific NW; that operations have been made in 15 reservations; will be extended to 45 in the fiscal year and eventually to all 300 reservations.

From Assn. on American Indian Affairs, Sept. 9, 1957, letter: "The account of downright loneliness of the Omahas and Sioux in their home states is one of the saddest things I have read. These tribes have lived through military conquest only to be threatened by extinction from federal neglect and exclusion from the life of the Dakotas and Nebraska."

"One of the saddest and most tragic records in the annals of this nation is the list of broken promises made by our government to the American Indians," said Mr. Bert Pausma, manager, Navajo Assistance, Inc., to the Gallup Rotary club. He pointed to 1848 when we took the country from Navajoland to and including California, and of promises to the Navajos. Instead, we brought Civil War battles into N.M. and the Indians perceived the white man's destruction of lives, buildings, wagontrains of food and equipment far surpassing any depredations they had been guilty of.

From Mohawks and Senecas, Pottawattamies and Seminole, to Yakimas and the Klamaths; everywhere; all have suffered more than words can tell, because of white man's insatiable greed—not because he needed the Indian's lands or would improve America for Americans, but to exploit, waste and destroy for dollar profits. The nation's newspapers can help stop these tragedies.

John E. Gribble 139 Kenwood ave. Medford, Ore.

Quiet Please

To the Editor: Being a family man I find a great deal of pleasure, and also find it easier on my pocketbook, to take advantage of the "Do It Yourself" idea.

But, my one problem is time. Through close friends I have learned that at the present time there is a City Ordinance in Medford that reads in effect, "that a home-owner can work on or about his property within the hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m."

Since I am an average working man, with average working hours—8 a.m. to 5 p.m., how am I going to find time to use up my free hours during the week?

As to improving my home, I will have to use my whole weekend, without any free time for my family. To cite an example: I would like to build a patio or "extend out" on my home. So I purchased a building permit

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contribution)

We have often told of typographical errors, which are the occupational hazard of newspaper business. And we like to report on those in big-city papers, too, to show we're not alone in our transgressions. The L.A. Times recently had a headline saying "Carriers Demonstrate in Exercises They Can Whip Anything But the Common Coad."

Have you ever wondered what would happen if you drove right past the California quarantine (or "checking") station just over the border?

The Ashland Tidings reports that an Illinois man did it. The siren sounded, but the man kept on going. Arriving at Weed, he was stopped by the California Highway Patrol, taken back to the quarantine station for checking, and to justice court, where he paid a \$50 fine.

The minor inconvenience, as we see it, is better than a 50-buck fine.

A man got his name in the paper twice on the same day not long ago. Once was for a citation for failure to signal for a left turn, and the other

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Retired defense secretary Wilson has something to say that is interesting. It is interesting because he knows what he is talking about. It is particularly interesting at this moment because he has just RETIRED as secretary of defense, and therefore has no reason to shade his public utterances for policy or political reasons.

Talking to reporters in Seattle, he says the United States' long range missile program can KEEP UP WITH RUSSIA'S.

But—He adds—"We must be careful that WE aren't the ones to intensify an armament race."

WHAT is to say: We must make it clear to all the world that we aren't the ones who are beating the war drums. Our objective is to defend ourselves against those who might seek to destroy us. Under no circumstances will we be the aggressors in an atomic world war.

HE TELLS the newsmen that in the current "fuss over Russia's satellite and missile development" we are tending to forget what our competition with the Soviet Union is all about.

He adds: "IT'S ABOUT A WAY OF LIFE."

THAT is supremely important. Russia's objective is to conquer the world for communism. Our objective is to maintain OUR way of life.

Our big job is to dramatize that fact to all the world.

ASKED if he thinks the U.S. missile program needs to be accelerated, he replied: "Our missile program now is good. It is quite speeded up, and I think it is ABOUT WHERE IT OUGHT TO BE. I view the Russian satellite Sputnik as a scientific rather than a military achievement."

LET'S forget missiles for a moment and listen to an appraisal of another aspect of modern progress.

Health Secretary Marion Folsom asserts today that Americans can knock out paralytic polio within a year by using the Salk vaccine now on hand. He says that millions of people under 40 who have not been vaccinated are "needlessly risking disability or even death." They should take advantage of this new discovery, he thinks.

He joins with Surgeon General Leroy Burney in a report that paralytic polio ALREADY has been reduced 89 per cent in the past two years through the use of Salk vaccine.

MODERN progress, you see, ISN'T all bad. IT ISN'T all destructive.

It is heading toward a BETTER way of life.

with the idea in mind of making use of my extra hours. Now, I find myself with my permit, my "Do It Yourself" plans, and no time to do it in.

I could do without my breakfast and dinner, and possibly get in one good hour each day, thus paying on doctor's bills what I have saved on labor cost.

Just as a mere suggestion: Couldn't our city council amend this ordinance? To read in effect: "for the summer months—hours to be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and for the school months from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.?"

Hoping for some action on this question.

George Miller, 600 Mary Place, Medford.

(Editor's note: The ban is part of the city's noise-prevention ordinance, and limits the hours during which noisy construction can be performed.)

was when he applied for a marriage license. We'd hazard a guess that nervousness from the latter caused the former.

The "beep" of the Russian satellite, for some reason or other, seems to bring out the poet in people. Here's an offering which arrived on the Potluck editor's desk last week:

I do not mind the little "beep" That's "beeping" way up high, 'Cause someday we'll have lots of them

Up in the starry sky. My only wish, when the "beep" decides To take an earthward flop: It doesn't pick me out to be The one it wants to pop.

A local 2-year-old boy has reduced football to its simplest form. He throws the ball, then falls down. Apparently that's the way it looks to him on TV.

The 10-year-old daughter of a man we know has learned about diplomacy the hard way, according to the way we hear it.

One day when her father came home from the office, tired and a little cross, she commented to her mother, "When daddy asks me a question I don't know whether to answer him, or just play it safe and keep my mouth shut."

Ernest Bingman, 85, of Jacksonville, dropped into the office for a moment the other day, and revealed that he'd just walked from his home to the bank in downtown Medford in a little less than two hours. "That should show these young fellers a thing or two," he declared.

That ubiquitous doctor of philosophy, Elmo Stevenson, is a well-known man in the valley, and even better-known on the campus over which he presides, at Southern Oregon college.

It is only natural, therefore, that some students have suggested renaming the college's song the "Elmo Mater."

A power outage hit this area last week, shortly after the announcement of the Russian earth-satellite. At one Medford school, as the lights flickered and went out, a youngster exclaimed: "That's the Russian satellite hitting the sound barrier!"

Remember "Mac," the lazy, toperish St. Bernard dog at Timberline lodge mentioned here last week?

Well, we have been told he spent a summer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lattie in Phoenix, but finally wound up at Timberline—partly because he consumes a couple of dishpans full of dog food twice a day. He was once a fraternity house mascot, Mrs. Lattie says, and his full name is William McKinley III.

And she added, "Why shouldn't he drink? He was raised by the SAEs."

The first day at school can be an upsetting one for some youngsters, but the first day at kindergarten gave one small Medford girl some definite ideas about her future education. "I know one thing," she told her parents, "I'm not going to college."

Police Officer Gene Dupuy spent a busy evening recently, handing out citations and warnings to motorists about no tail lights, no license plate lights, headlights not burning, and so on.

Later a short circuit on his police vehicle cut out his dash lights, headlights, tail lights, brake lights, red light on top and the siren.

He crept back to the station, feeling lucky no state or county officer had spotted him.

Sure sign of fall in the Rogue valley: When you have to wait until it stops raining so you can rake the leaves so you can mow the grass.

An undetermined number of local attorneys left notes with their secretaries last week, informing the latter that they, the former, had been summoned into circuit court.

Later, it was discovered that a television set in that part of the courthouse was tuned in to the World Series games.

The city police blotter is usually confined to reporting the crimes committed or suspected in the city. Our city hall reporter declares that it was a welcome relief, recently, to note therein the birth announcement of Randall William Renfro, son of Police Officer Elvin Renfro.

A Salem paper reports on a man who visited the office of the Internal Revenue Service in that city.

The man complained about the doormat at the office, which says "Welcome." He thinks it should say "Thank You."