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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**  
April 2, 1948 (Friday)  
Blister mites threaten to  
become serious problem, ac-  
cording to C. B. Cordy, county  
horticultural agent.

Law enforcement officers  
search for the man who  
robbed the Holly theater box  
office.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
April 2, 1938 (Sunday)  
D. C. (Jerry) Jerome files  
declaration to seek Republi-  
can nomination for justice of  
the peace in the Medford dis-  
trict.

From Arthur Perry's Ye  
Smudge Pot column: "Lad-  
y wrestlers will adorn the ar-  
mory ring again tomorrow  
night, and the hairpins are  
expected to fly."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
April 2, 1928 (Monday)  
The world shortage due to  
unfavorable weather conditions,  
and subsequent increase  
in prices of citrus fruits, will  
favorably affect the market-  
ability of Rogue River valley  
pears, according to Floyd  
Young, frost expert.

From local and personal  
column: "Flower girls in cos-  
tume will sell nosegays and  
candies during intermissions  
at the Greater Medford club  
play and entertainment at  
the Page theater Wednesday  
night."

**40 YEARS AGO**  
April 2, 1918 (Tuesday)  
In spite of threats of var-  
ious kinds from those op-  
posed to health inspection in  
the schools, City Health Of-  
ficer Dr. S. A. Lockwood and  
Miss Allen, visiting nurse, ex-  
amined 150 children at the  
Washington school.

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

1. A hurdy-gurdy is a kind of riot, true or false?
  2. Bible: In Biblical times where were the money changers usually found?
  3. Which President of the U.S. died 31 days after his inauguration?
  4. Which weighs more, a bantamweight or a featherweight boxer?
  5. Icebergs are composed of frozen salt water; true or false?
  6. Of what is paleozoic the name?
  7. During World War II American airmen bombed the Ploesti oil fields. Where are these oil fields?
  8. Was the legendary William Tell a German, Austrian or Swiss?
  9. What is the name of the great mountain range of western South America?
  10. Babe Ruth hit the longest home run on record; was it 487, 587 or 687 feet?
- Answers: False (It is a street organ). 2. In the temples. 3. William Henry Harrison. 4. Featherweight. 5. False (fresh water). 6. A geological era. 7. Rumania. 8. Swiss. 9. Andes. 587 feet.

## Cars and 16-Year-Olds

The automobile, probably more than any modern invention including the telephone or television, has changed the way-of-life of most Americans.

It has gone far to destroy the barriers of time and space, which once held people within fairly small circles of activity.

Within the memory of many people is the time when a jaunt across town was a time-consuming project, and a visit to a nearby city was an all-day affair. A visit to another part of the state was a real journey, instead of a matter of a few hours, driving in upholstered comfort over smooth highways.

THE automobile has given Americans mobility undreamed of only a few short decades ago. More than that, it has given car-owning families travelling a "home away from home," and a freedom to live at a distance from their work. It has changed the face of the cities and the countryside.

And one of the greatest changes it has created is in the life of the adolescent—the high school and college student—for whom this mobility, this new freedom, has provided a privacy and a lack of restraint and guidance unparalleled in times past.

Many of the young people have been able to handle this new responsibility with intelligence and sense. But some of them have abused it. It is these abuses that have brought about some sober second-thoughts about the wisdom of allowing 16- and 17-year-olds the privilege of driving automobiles.

THE Eugene Register-Guard, for example, has called for a law raising the age at which one can obtain a driver's license from 16 to 18. The Salem Capital Journal seconded the proposal, and other newspapers have shown an interest.

Up in Walla Walla, Washington, Whitman college has announced a new ruling regarding cars for students. They will not be banned, but no scholarship assistance will be provided for students who can afford to own and operate an automobile at school.

Some observers believe that the pattern of teen-age behavior, particularly boys, is changed by car ownership in other ways. Boys who have cars have continuing expenses, and many are working nights and week ends to earn the money—thus cutting in to the time valuable for studying, or for worthwhile extra-curricular activities.

ARE all these valid reasons to deprive young people of the driving privilege? The Register-Guard thinks so. It says:

"If the age were raised to 18 for acquiring a driver's license, some high school seniors would still be able to drive. But the emphasis placed on the car would be eliminated. The argument that teen-agers need a car for work is a weak one. Methods would be found to get and from a job. And the argument put up by high schoolers that you are legislating against the many for the 'few bad apples' grows weaker by attrition.

"If Mom and Pop had to do some ferrying of the teen-age son or daughter in the family car, better parental control would be automatic . . .

"We don't intend to be harsh with high schoolers. Today, they are generally a more intelligent and well-adjusted group than they were in our days as a teen-ager. But if the car were removed as an implement for the teen-ager it would deprive him of very little in the way of enjoyment. Different standards of being 'in-the-swim' would evolve almost immediately.

" . . . If the next Oregon legislature raised the age for driver's licenses to 18, it is our belief that 80 per cent of that overworked phrase, 'juvenile delinquency,' would be erased. And the high schooler would find that life would be just as much fun, without the car being a badge of stature among his fellows."

WE'RE not sure that we go along with this—entirely.

But it must be acknowledged that the automobile does create difficulties—ask any policeman!—and increases other types of problems.

This sort of "chop-off-his-head" approach may not be the answer—even though the Capital Journal points out that voting, getting married without permission, buying cigarettes and liquor, and serving in the armed forces, are reserved for boys and girls either two or five years older than the present age limit for drivers.

IT IS an interesting proposal, and will be much debated during the next year.

We would be glad to receive—and print—opinions of our readers on the idea, particularly from those who are in the age-group involved, the 16 to 18-year-olds.

Is a car a necessity? Is it, as the R-G says, a "badge of stature"? Would raising the driver's license age to 18 really solve the problems which unquestionably do arise when young people and automobiles get together?

We'd like to know.—E.A.

## On Sunday Closings

Medford grocers are working on a voluntary plan so that they can all close their doors on Sundays, thus eliminating the high costs of doing business on that day, and allowing their employees to spend the day in worship or with their families.

No one can have any serious objections to such an agreement—so long as it is TRULY voluntary. But as soon as any element of coercion appears, then we would have to object, and strongly. If a man wants to operate a store—or buy his groceries—on Sunday, is a matter for him and his own conscience, and is nobody else's business.—E.A.

## Dennis the Menace



"IT'S GONNA BE A LONG TIME BEFORE WE EAT. YOU OUGHTA SEE ALL THE DIRTY DISHES!"

## Engineer, Veteran Sees Military Pay Raise Plan 'Joke'

(Editor's note: Robert B. Pechner, whose permanent address is Box 25, Butte Falls, is an engineer now working in Turkey. In the following article, he discusses his viewpoint of the Cordiner plan, a proposal to increase the pay-status of members of the Armed Forces.)

We have been reading a great deal in regard to the clamor for pay raises for the Armed Forces.

I for one most heartily oppose any and all increases, for whatever purpose the Generals, with their propaganda machinations, indicate to the tax-payers is most needed.

The latest gimmick is the Cordiner Plan. The purpose is to pay more money to the so called genius, but leave the "Sad Sack" status quo. They say it will cost more for a few years, but eventually it will taper off, and then be cheaper. This is a joke. Soon there would be no "Sad Sack" type, but we would have 3,000,000 geniuses all qualifying for the high pay and all essential for the defense of the nation.

'Country Club'  
It is time the people of the country took a good hard look at the "Country Club Military" we have operating today. No one denies the fact that we must have a modern, well equipped military, and one that can protect us against any and all emergencies. My point is that pay raises, pay raises, pay raises, fall into the category of criminal waste.

I was a member of the peace time Army and a Veteran of World War II. I am a Civil Engineer, and have lived and worked abroad for years. I have observed and talked to members of our Armed Services in Europe and Asia. Believe me, we have in the Military Service one huge Social Club that extends from the northernmost tip of Europe all the way through the Mediterranean and into Asia (this is my personal knowledge and I see no reason to believe that it stops there).

Anyone, regardless of rank, has his car, servants, families, in-laws and their families, PXs, movies, commissaries, hospitals, bowling alleys, officer's clubs, etc. All at the taxpayers' expense. If you are in the higher echelons, you even have airplanes at your disposal, also at Government expense. Observe the Officers Clubs, and in some cities, one is not enough they have two or three.

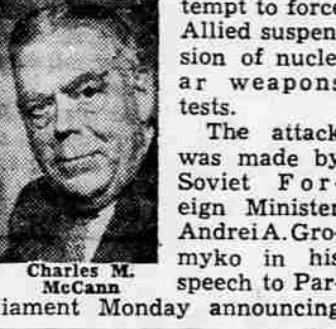
More Than Base Pay  
Whenever you hear the pitch for more money, you only are told the base pay. Never do you hear anyone say what the pay and allowances are. No one tells you that a corporal living in a city without quarters is paid approximately \$200 per month extra. Does anyone ever mention so-called hazardous pay? Do they mention in addition, medical and dental care (all free), retirement, and various and sundry other extras?

As a veteran I can say that, in my opinion, the military in peace time are "Treasury Parasites." This may sound strong, but if it is considered it must be admitted to be true. They produce nothing. Their only function is one of insurance. If you buy insurance, on your life, or your house, you look it over carefully. You get the most for your money. If the company is loosely run, extravagant and inefficient you go to another company. We cannot do that with the Armed Forces but the people can demand

an end to millions of dollars for unessential expenditures. Overseas we should have a striking force. We have been going from crisis to crisis for the past 12 years. If suddenly we should become engaged in an all-out attack, we want to be able to go into action. Our forces cannot do that with families, averaging three small children, as well as wives, uncles, aunts, etc., all clamoring to get out. In Egypt when the French and British attacked, the waterfront and airports were loaded with American dependents, and we had no troops, as such, assigned there at all. What would it be in Germany for instance.

## Soviets Launch Savage Attack On Germany Over Arms Policy

By CHARLES M. McCANN  
United Press Correspondent



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Soviet Russia has launched a savage attack against West Germany as part of its attempt to force Allied suspension of nuclear weapons tests.

The attack was made by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko in his speech to Parliament Monday announcing

Russia's own decision to suspend such tests. Gromyko asserted that in deciding to accept American tactical atomic weapons, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and his fellow leaders were "steering the country down the same fateful road which was once traveled by Hitler Germany."

He charged that Nazis "wield great influence in the top political and military circles of Western Germany" and that Adenauer's policy constitutes a threat not only to Rus-

sia but to Germany's neighbors. The attack was overshadowed by the melodramatic announcement of the decision to suspend nuclear weapons tests.

But it was perhaps the most ferocious attack that the Soviet government has made to date on Adenauer and his policy of cooperation with the other Western Allies in arming against the threat of Russian Communist aggression.

Following up Gromyko's speech, the Soviet Parliament sent a strong message to the West German Parliament warning that it was "suicidal" to accept American atomic weapons.

It also ordered the chairmen of its two houses to send messages to the governments of all countries that fought against Germany in World War II, asking them to support Russia's position.

This Gromyko's blast apparently was merely the first move in a new campaign designed to rouse fear and suspicion of Germany in those countries, like France, which Hitler's armies invaded.

Despite the fact that Adenauer was an open enemy of Nazism in Hitler's day, Gromyko said that the tactical atomic weapons "are being made available to the forces that unleashed the second world war, which took the lives of tens of millions."

He intimated that though supposedly any atomic weapons supplied to West Germany will be used only by authority of the North Atlantic Treaty Command, the day might come when Germany would use them for its own purposes.

Johnson, who served as its Executive Trustee and Director until his death in 1950. From 1920 onward he served also as the Editor of its magazine, The Herald of the Epiphany, now called The Bible Standard. Since 1950 Prof. R. G. Jolly serves as the Movement's Executive Trustee and Director, and as Editor of The Bible Standard.

The Laymen's Home Missionary Movement, by Mrs. Irene Moreland, Secretary, local chapter, 3146 Hanley rd., Medford.

**Drivers for Safety**  
To the Editor: We are a group of professional drivers, who feeling our combined years of experience in driving the streets and highways of the state should be of great value in combating the rising toll of traffic accidents, have banded together in order to better make our voices heard. We feel that we, whose work forces us to be constantly on the road, are in the best position to recognize hazardous conditions and practices which should be brought to the attention of appropriate authorities. In this we have had excellent cooperation from the Oregon State Highway Department, and traffic safety commissions.

We organized in January 1957 with nine men, and now have a membership of over a hundred. Inquiries have been received from several other communities about forming chapters in their areas. We feel, in time, this movement will be nationwide. The only requisites for membership are three years experience as a professional driver and a genuine interest in the promotion of traffic safety. We are sponsored by neither union or management.

A number of us have taken a first aid course as truck drivers are quite often first at the scene of an accident. I have written a letter to the Medford hospitals advising them of our blood bank for victims of traffic accidents. We would appreciate any coverage you could give, in order that the general public be acquainted with this program.

R. E. Harding  
Professional Drivers Safety Council of Oregon, Inc.  
P. O. Box 7516  
Portland, Ore.

**Missionary Movement**  
To the Editor: The question has been asked: "What is the Laymen's Home Missionary Movement?" May I, therefore present the following?

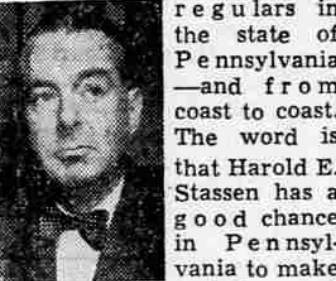
The Laymen's Home Missionary Movement is an unincorporated, interdenominational, non-profit-making religious movement, in which Christian people from various denominations and walks of life voluntarily co-operate in seeking to further its purposes. It is financed by voluntary contributions. Its purposes, to spread Bible knowledge (particularly as it pertains to our times), and to further a greater interest in group and personal Bible study along undenominational lines, especially among laymen. It is not affiliated with any other group, or with any denomination.

Its work is international in scope; there are many local chapters in this and foreign countries. It seeks to accomplish its purposes through publishing and circulating books, booklets, tracts and other literature (including the Bible Standard) in various languages. Also, it has a staff of qualified speakers. Among other services, it furnishes Bible film and filmstrip programs, complete with speakers, for use in churches, young people's groups, etc. It arranges for and finances in the public interest many such programs in Y. M. C. A.'s and Y. W. C. A.'s and other public places.

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## Things Looking Up For Stassen; GOP 'Regulars' Unhappy

By LYLE C. WILSON  
United Press Correspondent



Lyle C. Wilson

Washington—The word in Washington today is bad news for Republican Party regulars in the state of Pennsylvania—and from coast to coast. The word is that Harold E. Stassen has a good chance in Pennsylvania to make

Primary day is May 20. Stassen's chances of winning have been improving hour by hour. Like Minnesota, his native state, Pennsylvania will not be big enough for Stassen if he is nominated and elected governor this year. Stassen's ambition has been for years to be nominated and elected president of the United States.

As the Republican governor of big Pennsylvania, Stassen would be entitled to another try for the presidential nomination in 1960. Few who have observed his political career doubt that he has that in mind and, if not in 1960, then, in 1964.

**Bad News for Nixon**  
All of this is bad news for Vice President Richard M. Nixon. Stassen spent himself and considerable mysteriously contributed money in 1956 to prevent Nixon's renomination for a second term. He argued that Nixon's name on the ticket would cost President Eisenhower millions of votes and, probably, obtain the election of the Democratic presidential nominee.

So, as governor of Pennsylvania, Stassen would be counted among the biggest obstacles to the Republican nomination of Nixon in 1960 for president. Pennsylvania is tied with California for the second largest delegation to Republican national conventions. The Republican governor of Pennsylvania would control that big delegation and Stassen would be expected to use that control to beat Nixon and, if possible, to obtain the presidential nomination for himself.

All of this is causing regular Republicans in and out of Pennsylvania to lie awake at night and toss in their beds. The opposition of the organization regulars in Pennsylvania, such as all of the county chairmen, may be more of a help than a hindrance to Stassen in his campaign for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. Stassen is bidding for the maverick vote.

An "Old Pro"  
Republican State Chairman George I. Bloom warned party regulars the other day against taking Stassen lightly. Bloom called him an "old pro" and Stassen is all of that. He is raking the grass roots in search of independent votes and he is turning them up.

Stassen was three times elected governor of Minnesota before his home state political chores were interrupted by wartime naval service. Seeking a more important political background for his ambitions, Stassen moved to Pennsylvania in 1948 to become president of the University of Pennsylvania. Thence he came into government service in Washington and achieved cabinet rank as the

## 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 an eye 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.

## For Free Gold

To the Editor: In all five western early gold producing states, the gold and silver discoveries were the real beginning of settlement. The state of California has and always will be a top producer of gold. The state of Nevada's 17 counties all are mineralized and produce a great variety of metals. We recently heard the statement made, which we have no reason to doubt, that there is enough rare metals yet in the five western states to absorb the national debt, providing some of the erstwhile war restrictions were lifted so new mined gold could be sold on an open competitive world free market.

As long as the so-called paper money inflation continues, the fact remains, that the cost of production at present is prohibitive to mine gold. This is the predicament the gold miners are beset with.

Bert Kissinger,  
520 Boardman st.,  
Medford.

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The Soviet Union announces it is HALTING ALL TESTS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITHOUT WAITING FOR SIMILAR AGREEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN.

WHAT is it? A bold move on Russia's part to break the deadlock and save the world from destruction in a nuclear war? Not quite. There's a catch to it. This is the catch:

IN ANNOUNCING the decision, Russian Foreign Minister Gromyko said if the United States, Britain and other nuclear powers FAIL TO TAKE SIMILAR STEPS the Kremlin "naturally" will have to reconsider its action "in the interests of its own security."

THAT tabs it. A propaganda move—and a VERY smart one. It puts on us the onus of refusing to go along with Russia in ending nuclear warfare.

WE HAVE to refuse. We have to refuse because we know Russia can't be trusted. The Russians K N O W we know they can't be trusted—so they are aware that in offering to put a stop to the testing of all forms of nuclear weapons they are taking no chances.

From their standpoint, it's a case of "heads I win, tails you lose."

LET'S not fool ourselves. Russia's proposal is a fabulously effective propaganda move. The world wants peace. A lot of the world wants peace at ANY price.

In the eyes of all such people—in Europe, in Asia, in Africa, even in the United States of America—Russia's proposal to end testing of nuclear weapons identifies her as the friend of peace and identifies us as a warmonger.

In a debate, a liar always has a tremendous advantage over a truthful man. He can make any kind of wild statement he chooses. The truthful man is hobbled and limited by FACTS. The liar is hampered by no such limitations.

The cynical Russian communists know that and take full advantage of it.

ALL this doesn't necessarily mean that President Eisenhower and State Secretary Dulles are bungling workmen, whose fingers are all thumbs. It merely dramatizes the handicap that truthful men must suffer when dealing with unprincipled liars.

Their hope must be that in the long run the truth will prevail over clever and unprincipled falsehoods.

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