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The objects on display included paintings and drawings in a number of different media, sculpture in wood, stone, cast stone and plaster, and in addition there were experimental pieces which defy definition in conventional terms, but which were highly interesting exercises in two and three dimensional design.

THE choir, too, is an expert group of artists. They demonstrate not only the accomplished training and directing of Lynn Sjolund, but also the results of training through all their years in school—training not only in the mechanics of music, but in its appreciation, which in the long run is probably equally or more important to the individual.

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THESE two examples—and there are others—are convincing proof that the Medford school system is providing young people with many of the things they need for a well-rounded life. Not all students, of course, are equipped to take advantage of some of these opportunities, but many are, and they will stand them in good stead the rest of their lives.

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CARRIER BOYS

While we're on the subject of youngsters doing good things (and it's one of our favorite subjects), we could mention another area in which they show up well.

We refer to the newspaper carrier boys—the "little merchants" who are in business for themselves, serving the public.

Those of us at the Mail Tribune are particularly aware of the good jobs these boys are doing as a result of the "Carrier Boy of the Month" contest which the paper is sponsoring.

THE response of people who are aware of the services of their carrier boys, who are appreciative of it, and who take the time and effort to cast their vote for the boy on their route, has been heartwarming.

Courtesy, promptness and the care to place the paper on the porch and out of the rain appear to be the things people most appreciate in the youngsters who bring them their papers each day.

Time after time, the letters, notes and 'phone calls mention these things, and praise the boys in glowing terms.

One recent note, typical of many, said: "... He is always on time, the paper is neat and dry, he leaves it in a dry place, and always with a smile."

THE training which these boys receive is something which cannot be purchased, or learned in school. They learn, through experience, how to get along with people, how to meet them and how to use the important social skills of courtesy, efficiency and cheerfulness.

They learn how to handle money, and the value of it, keeping their own accounts and records, and collecting, in many cases, in cash for their services.

They learn the lessons of competition, and the fact that one has to be competent in his own job to earn the respect and confidence of superiors and the public he serves.

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DENNIS THE MENACE



WASHINGTON REPORT

By William S. White

THE GOP "TEAM"

Washington — In politics, clichés may be tricky things. Take "the team." The Republicans for five years have used this term to suggest a massive unity amongst themselves that never existed.

The Democrats all this time have been ridiculing the slogan. They have been calling it an advertising man's happy dream and presenting themselves as above such trade-marking.

But what is the situation, in fact, in mid-1958? There is no Republican "team." There is no high degree of all-party strength, common party identification or common party purpose.

And the Democrats will win the Congressional elections this fall partly because they are no less than a team. For five years they have muted their differences and accentuated the positive.

In eliminating the negative—in filling away the sharp edges of intra-party dispute—they have promoted the party as a whole. But they have created no great individual within it.

AND the paradox goes further. For the highly-touted "team"—the Republican party—is for the purposes of the 1960 Presidential campaign actually dominated by a single star player.

There is only one real probability for the Republican Presidential nomination, Vice-President Richard M. Nixon. He is line coach, backfield coach, running back, blocking back—the whole "team."

But the Democrats, who historically have raised their combat morale but weakened their fighting strength by hell-raising within their own outfit, are now bound together in a corporate, team-like embrace.

The only national leadership they have had since 1952 has been the Democratic Congressional leadership. This Texan hierarchy—Senator Lyndon B. Johnson and Speaker Sam Rayburn—has stoically and continually turned the party toward compromise and made do rather than inner debates and diversions.

THE results have been several: 1. There are no Democratic prima donnas any more—certainly not in the Senate.

2. The first to be reported on, in a column to appear within a couple of days, is—because he is the most urgent of all, the Golden Boy of politics—Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

All are wrapped in the comparative anonymity of their party. Each, compared to Nixon, is the man nobody knows. This correspondent intends to deal candidly with these six, one at a time and once a week, until all have been briefly described.

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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.

She Wants a Change

To the Editor: It seems to me that when a man comes forth with a constructive, intelligent program which will be for the best interests of our county, the people should back him 100 per cent. The future of Jackson county is important to all of us and any progressive step that has been proved successful should be adopted. No one is going to help us but ourselves. We must take all these things into consideration when we go to the polls to vote May 16th.

I speak of sound platforms offered by those running for Governor, to those seeking the office of County Coroner. I feel that any office is important. The platform offered to us by Frank Perl is good. I am fully aware how hard he worked two years ago to have the bill passed that would qualify Coroners. It passed three to one in the State. Due to great opposition from those who profit from the office, the Legislature decided to put the whole matter into the hands of a legislative interim committee for further study. They hope, and I quote from the Oregonian of May 4th, to qualify Coroners by appointing Medical Examiners or Trained Investigators, thus taking the whole thing out of politics. All mortuaries will then have consideration instead of only a few. I understand that Klamath county adopted this way and the people are highly pleased with the results. Mr. Perl is offering us the only solution to this problem, until such a time as this bill becomes a law. His is one of fairness to all five mortuaries and not just one. His platform has not only been proved workable but is sound and just. Knowing Mr. Perl to be a man of honesty, integrity and above all else, charitable, I sincerely hope the people of Jackson county stand behind him on May 16th. As a resident of Medford for some 50 years, the progress of our county has always been an important issue with me.

AFTER THE OFFICE HAS BEEN IN ONE LOCAL FIRM FOR THE PAST 16 YEARS, IT CERTAINLY IS TIME FOR A CHANGE.

Mrs. Mary E. Jacobs, 604 Pine st., Medford

The Weighmaster Record

To the Editor: After reading Alan B. Holmes' open letter to Candidate for Sheriff Vern Smith, published in your paper of May 5, I would like to clarify the record of Vern Smith during his position of weighmaster under my supervision.

Vern Smith was employed July 1, 1946 and resigned April 20, 1949 to accept another position. All during this time Mr. Smith was in complete charge of the weighmaster's department, having supervision over all other weighmasters and deputy weighmasters.

He returned to the position of weighmaster April 1, 1955, at which time Robert Flagg was chief weighmaster. Mr. Flagg was very anxious to resign from the position of weighmaster and obtain other work with the County where he would have regular hours. He asked me to designate Mr. Smith as chief weighmaster, and he would be willing to work under him until such time as I could find him a position other than weighmaster.

Mr. Smith refused to accept the title of chief weighmaster at that time, but did assume complete supervision over Mr. Flagg and other weighmasters. It was not until Mr. Flagg was transferred to another position that I gave the title of chief weighmaster to Mr. Smith, and he has been occupying the same position up to this time.

During both periods of employment of weighmaster, Mr. Smith was considered the head weighmaster, chief weighmaster, or whatever other title he may have been given, and he was drawing chief weighmaster's pay during that time.

Paul B. Rynning, County Engineer.

Prophecy is the Answer

To the Editor: Answering Mr. Krauss, in World War I, I was of the same belief. Studying Bible prophecy and anatomy, I find the Bible reveals many facts, which the world has only learned lately. Bible prophecy revealed the village, the year, the day and hour, how and why Christ was born, the one that would betray Him, the exact price paid. What the money would be used for. His death, burial and resurrection, was foretold.

The Village DAIRY-SMITH at Genesee

WANTED! Midget tight rope walker to walk six foot span in our small carnival of values.

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BABSON PREDICTS NO AUTO STRIKE IN '58

By ROGER W. BABSON
Babson Park, Mass.—It is not my custom to discuss strikes. Now, however, Mr. Reuther's asking that the negotiations be postponed until the tooling time comes truly arouses one's anger. This is a Soviet-type threat. Every-

one should be ready to be hard hit because so many members are working only part time or are not working at all because of plant slowdowns and shutdowns. Only recently the UAW—in order to ease its financial position—was obliged to cut salaries of some employees. Although so far as is known, Mr. Reuther has not yet backed down on any of his 1958 demands, I forecast that in the end he will feel obliged to compromise and a strike should be averted. But if by chance a strike should be called, I believe it will be a short one.

What Workers May Get
It is interesting to note that the Supplementary Unemployment Benefits plan now in force in the auto industry—and which the Union seeks to expand—was originated by management (Ford) and not by labor. I expect that benefits under this SUB plan will be increased as a result of the present negotiations. Other so-called "fringe" benefits may also be increased, but only fractionally.

Provision for a wage increase of the size asked for by labor now seems impossible. Perhaps management and workers in this vital industry, I am afraid we are losing sight of one important fact: Labor's fortunes are still dependent on supply and demand. In recent years, management has shown more respect for the workingman and his place in our economy. As a result there is usually less wrangling in labor negotiations than was the case some years back. But management will not sit idly by forever and make concession after concession to labor, if labor does not do its part by boosting productivity and upgrading quality.

Unwise acts by labor unions tend only to stiffen the attitude of management and to hasten and increase demand for labor-saving devices. Automation will become more universal during the next ten years. There will be vast changes in our labor situation during the next generation or two, changes calling for a series of adjustments on the part of both management and workers.

What Management Can Do
The agreements finally reached by the UAW and the large auto companies will undoubtedly have an eventual impact on other industries. What can management do to protect itself from the pitfalls that lie ahead? First of all, it must do more than simply give in to labor's every demand.

Management needs more intensive training in labor relations for it will still be quite dependent on labor even when automation becomes more widespread than it is now. If we are to avoid socialism in this country, management must have the capacity to look ahead and lead labor on to mutually better things. Such negotiations, however, must be carried on in mutually Christian spirit and without either side using Russian-type threats or sharp maneuvers.

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Honolulu.—The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union's demand for a two-year contract containing a 25-cent hourly pay raise has been flatly rejected by the Hawaiian sugar plantation companies' negotiation committee.

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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. Which U.S. president was nicknamed "the rail-splitter"?
2. Bible: How old was Moses when he died?
3. Royalty, the press, or the legal profession, is called the "Fourth Estate"?
4. Did the U.S. acquire the Virgin Islands from Denmark, Norway, or Sweden?
5. Name the author of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."
6. Are the Hawaiian Islands north, or south, of the Equator?
7. Name the American naval hero who is famous for the saying, "I have just begun to fight."
8. What is a somnambulist?
9. Albany is the capital of which state?
10. Which King sent the Spanish armada against England in 1588?

Answers: 1. Abraham Lincoln. 2. 120. 3. The press. 4. Denmark. 5. Washington Irving. 6. North. 7. John Paul Jones. 8. Sleep-walker. 9. New York. 10. Philip II of Spain.

Short Story Writer To Attend Discussion

Ashland—W. Verne Athanas, resident of Ashland and nationally known short story writer, will be on the Southern Oregon college campus May 19 to serve as focus for discussion of short story writing.

According to Walter J. Arron, SOC instructor in English, the meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Britt Student center and is open to the public.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

ONE OF THE DARDEST baseball yarns I ever heard was told by my Mt. Kisco neighbor, H. Allen Smith. In June, 1911, a man set in the death house of the Nevada State penitentiary awaiting execution for murder. His name was Pat Casey, and in better days he had been a professional baseball umpire.

His last request? He had one, all right. He wanted to umpire one more ball game. So the game was arranged and played the afternoon before Casey marched to his death. Pat called balls and strikes for nine innings—and not once did a convict player dispute a decision.

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