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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

June 4, 1948 (Friday)
Members of the state divi-
sion of Isaac Walton league
open a two-day quarterly
meeting at the Medford hotel.

The daylight saving time
proposition in Medford re-
mained somewhat muddled
today as city employees were
anticipating the shift.

20 YEARS AGO

June 4, 1938 (Sunday)
Meeting with representa-
tives of southern Oregon cities
in the Medford hotel, the
state highway commission
makes no commitment of
completion of Pacific highway
over the Siskiyou.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: "Tom-
atoes are almost up far enough
for Peoria Bill Gates to make
a speech about them."

30 YEARS AGO

June 4, 1928 (Monday)
A. S. Rosenbaum, general
agent, Southern Pacific lines
announced the company will
name a fare of \$11.90 for the
round trip from Medford to
Portland.

From local and personal
columns: Mosquitoes seem to
be biting at Diamond Lake ac-
cording to fishermen's re-
ports.

40 YEARS AGO

June 4, 1918 (Tuesday)
Commencing today, water
used served by the city sup-
ply will be restricted to irri-
gation hours.

It was learned this after-
noon that all the Medford
grocery and retail dealers in
flour except one, had signed
up with the food administra-
tion.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct (A) superior;
seven or eight is excellent; five or
six is good.

1. Where was the late
Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Lit-
tle White House" located?

2. Members of Congress
pay income taxes; true or
false?

3. Which U. S. President
had a small group of advisers
who were called the Tennis
Cabinet because most of them
played and enjoyed the game?

4. Is the Polar Bear a
warm-blooded animal?

5. Which breed of cat is
noted for being almost tail-
less?

6. What is the boiling point
of water on Centigrade ther-
mometers?

7. What is John A. Lewis'
middle name?

8. Name the author of the
novel, "Cannery Row."

9. Farouk was king of
which country?

10. On what date does La-
bor Day occur this year?

Answers: 1. Warm Springs,
Ga. 2. True. 3. Theodore
Roosevelt. 4. Yes. 5. Manx. 6.
100 degrees. 7. Llewellyn. 8.
John Steinbeck. 9. Egypt. 10.
September 1.

Anniversary Edition

The third anniversary edition of "On Center"
arrived on the desk this week.

The publication doesn't really look very im-
pressive. It's mimeographed, the typing is single-
spaced and sometimes difficult to read. But it
represents a publishing effort which is of consid-
erable interest.

"On Center" is published by a group of alco-
holic patients at the Oregon state hospital in
Salem. They have received help and guidance
from the medical staff (notably Dr. Dean Brooks,
superintendent), from various organizations and
a few others.

WHEN it started, it was America's first hos-
pital periodical on alcoholism and sobriety,
and circulated about 250 copies. Today there are
several other such publications, and "On Center"
has a circulation of about 2,500 in all 48 states
and some 40 foreign countries.

Some of the articles are anonymous, written
by men who have fought alcoholism and know its
threat. Others are by distinguished medical au-
thorities on the subject. It prints pertinent ex-
cerpts from other publications, quotations on the
subject, and, in fact, almost anything which has
a bearing on the problem of alcoholism and the
alcoholic's fight for sobriety.

IN EVERY issue we have seen there have been
testimonials of one sort or another for Alco-
holics Anonymous, that organization of "re-
formed drunks" who have banded together for
moral support and mutual assistance in their self-
chosen battle.

In all the writings is implicit the knowledge
that only an alcoholic—whether his status is cur-
rent or suspended, or even potential—can fully
understand the difficulties of the situation in
which they find themselves.

It is because of this that A.A. is so valuable.
For when one member is in trouble, the other
members, having been there, can perfectly under-
stand what he is going through, and do the most
to help him.

ONE of the most interesting items in the current
issue is a discussion of "Why does an alco-
holic drink?"

Seven reasons, couched in psychiatrist-type
language, are given, and then, in what appear
to be an alcoholic's interpretations, there are
seven more. The latter, perhaps because they are
in down-to-earth language, seem to us to be more
logical and thoughtful than the medicos' reasons.
They follow:

1. A self-pampering tendency which manifests it-
self in refusal to tolerate, even temporarily, unpleasant
states of mind, such as boredom, sorrow, anger, disap-
pointment, worry, depression, dissatisfaction and feel-
ings of inferiority or inadequacy.
2. An instinctive urge for self-expression unaccom-
panied by determination to translate the urge into
creative action.
3. An abnormal craving for emotional experiences
which calls for removal of intellectual restraint.
4. Powerful hidden ambitions, without the neces-
sary resolve to take practical steps to attain them, with
resultant discontent, irritability, depression and gen-
eral restlessness.
5. A tendency to flinch from the worries of life
and to escape from reality by the easiest means avail-
able.
6. An unreasonable demand for continuous happi-
ness or excitement.
7. An insistent craving for the feeling of self-con-
fidence, calm and poise that some obtain temporarily
from alcohol.

"ON CENTER" is written primarily for alco-
holics, both active and suspended (not
"cured")—"once and alcoholic, always one," they
say, and for those whose professional duties
are concerned with the problems of the illness.
But it is instructive reading, nonetheless, for
the convinced teetotaler, for the "occasional" or
"social" drinker—for anyone, in fact, who has
any interest in what is both a monumental social
problem, and in many cases a overwhelming
personal problem.—E.A.

Vacation-Time Caution

A friend called the other day to remind us
that, with school letting out for the summer,
there will be a lot more small youngsters around
and about during the daytime.

He suggested that we caution the mothers of
small fry that they should be kept off the streets,
which seem to carry more and more traffic all
the time. And he pointed out that some mothers,
because they are used to having their small chil-
dren in school, tend to forget that the youngsters
are not yet of an age to realize the dangers of
traffic for themselves.

HIS point is well taken—not only for mothers
of school-age youngsters, but also for mothers
of the pre-schoolers.

The same point should be made as far as
drivers are concerned, too—the reminder to be
even more careful than usual as the number of
ball-chasing, dog-chasing, each-other-chasing
kids out of school goes up.

But there are situations where even the most
careful driver cannot avoid tragedy if a 6 or 7
year old boy or girl comes dashing into the street
in front of his car.—E.A.

RUBINSTEIN IN POLAND
Warsaw, Poland — (UPI)—
Polish-born pianist Artur Ru-
binstein, who was born in
Lodz, arrived by plane from
Paris Tuesday with his wife
and two children. Rubinstein
will play two concerts in
Warsaw on June 10 and 12.
He last was in Poland in
1947.

RABID WILDCAT
Narrows, Va. — (UPI)—
Two 16-year-old boys were
attacked Tuesday by a 25-
pound rabid wildcat. Freddy
Ray Ratcliffe and Dave Mon-
gomery were given anti-ra-
bies shots after the animal
was found to have been rabid.
They said the wildcat jumped
on them from a rock. A po-
liceman later shot the animal.

Dennis the Menace



"WHILE YOU'RE UNDER THERE, DAD,
WILL YA READ ME THE FUNNIES?"

Eisenhower Getting Around More Lately; Stephens Credited

By LYLE C. WILSON
UPI Correspondent
Washington — (UPI)—Tall
among the so-called palace
guardsmen is Thomas E.
Stephens of New York, re-
cently returned to the
White House for his third
tour as appointments
secretary.

Stephens has been de-
scribed as an old political pro
and utility infielder for the Republican
National Committee. To Ste-
phens is being attributed
much responsibility for Presi-
dent Eisenhower's suddenly
increased rate of public ex-
posure.

The President is getting
around, talking to a lot of
groups than was the case
some months ago. There even
is talk around the White
House that Eisenhower might
forego his customary long va-
cation in the late summer and
early autumn to remain close
to Gettysburg and Washing-
ton. That means the President
is thinking of dealing himself
a big hand in this year's con-
gressional campaign.

During the middle and late
winter, the President was re-
jecting many, even most, in-
vitations to appear away from
the White House. He reduced
notably his office and rose
garden meetings with visiting
delegations. The White House
calling list was limited for
the most part to top govern-
ment officials and to the ab-
solutely imperative diplo-
matic encounters.

Change In Schedule
This restricted schedule was
not imposed by the medical
men who keep constant tabs on
the President's pulse and
blood pressure. The decisions
to wave off many out of town
delegations largely were made
by the White House staff. Old
Pro Stephens made a fast
change in that.

There was under way what
developed into the longest
consecutive string of White
House news conferences in
four years—six in a row.
White House Press Secretary
James C. Hagerty, of course,
gets a lot of credit for that.
Then, there was the stiff ques-
tion of protocol when Vice
President Richard M. Nixon
returned from his South
American swing.

Should the President meet
the Nixon at the airport? Un-
dersecretary of State Chris-
tian A. Herter, speaking from
the protocol book said: "No!"
The President was there, how-
ever, and his appearance is
viewed in hindsight as good
politics both for himself and
for Nixon.

Eisenhower is seeing more
groups at the White House
now than in recent months.
The net effect appears to be
that his feel for what is go-
ing on outside the White
House grounds has improved.
He and his staff have seemed
a bit sensitive to suggestions
that the President was being
kept remote from the facts
of life.

Reading Newspapers
To the widely gossiped
story in Washington that Ei-
senhower won't read news-
papers, Hagerty replied over
the week end with a state-
ment that the President regu-
larly reads half a dozen or
so newspapers published in
the East and as far west as
Chicago.

On the basis of his present
activities, Eisenhower is be-
having much more now than
previously like a man who is
ready to go out and battle for
his party. He definitely is con-

sidering invitations for sev-
eral farm belt appearances
next October. They would be
of the type which could be
billed as nonpolitical, perhaps
to solve problems connected
with free TV time in which
an answer could be made.

Editorial Comment

NONSENSE ON PLYWOOD
Opponents of the pending
renewal of the Reciprocal
Trade Agreements Act have
resorted to almost unbeliev-
able falsification and misrep-
resentation in their misguided
protectionist zeal. Explana-
tions and denials never seem
quite to overtake a "big lie,"
but when the lie is calculated
to destroy a cornerstone of
American and free world
strength it cannot be ignored.

One of the fictions recently
circulated was that imports of
hardwood plywood, principal-
ly from Japan, have resulted
in the closing of some 28
American plants. Investiga-
tors for the importers ran this
one down and found that 9 of
the 28 had not shut down, 3
had been demolished by fire,
3 had never existed, 2 were
named twice on the list, at
least 1 had produced contain-
er plywood (none of which is
imported), 1 was closed before
there were any significant im-
ports, 4 were consolidated
with parent firms resulting in
greater production, 2 failed
because of under-capitaliza-
tion and the other 3 were
closed for such reasons as la-
bor trouble and depletion of
timber stands.

Not discouraged, the advoca-
tes of import quotas for
plywood then claimed that
softwood plywood plants in
the Pacific Northwest had suf-
fered from imports of hard-
wood plywood. As the Tariff
Commission found, in unani-
mously rejecting escape clause
relief for domestic plywood
producers in 1955, the two
types are not competitive. The
Portland Oregonian agrees,
and further declares:

"There is danger in Con-
gress imposing quotas on any
item. Plywood quotas might
be followed by similar restric-
tions on any number of prod-
ucts which could result in
retaliation against American
exports and the loss of jobs
dependent upon exports."

The facts seem to be that
the recent boom in sale of
imported Japanese hardwood
flush doors, has encouraged
consumption of all types of
plywood, including domestic.
Yet, fearful of congressional
reaction, Japan has limited
her exports to this country
and now American flush door
plants have been closed, in
some cases, or been unable to
meet orders because of the
lack of imported doorskins.

Plywood imports seem to be
this year's whipping boy for
the protectionists, and an un-
happy choice they were. If
the present situation of the in-
dustry discloses anything at
all about trade policy, it is
that imports of this kind com-
plement and sustain the mar-
keting of similar domestic
products and, in the process,
create more jobs and more
business for Americans. If
Congress unwisely chose to
load the extension of the
Trade Agreements Act with
new exceptions and escape
procedures, it might well end
up stifling the economy it
seeks to protect at a time
when there is a premium on
promoting a new growth.—
Washington (D.C.) Post.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must
bear the name and address of
the writer although under cer-
tain circumstances the use of a
pen name or initials for publi-
cation is permissible. The Mail
Tribune reserves the right to
edit all letters with an eye to
clarification and condensation.
Letters submitted for publi-
cation must not exceed 400 words.
The letters printed in this
column do not necessarily rep-
resent the views of the paper, in-
fact the contrary is often the
case.

Germ Warfare Charges

To the Editor: Our sincere
congratulations for your edi-
torial of May 29. You really
rang the bell at our house.

You stated that it was both
Congressman Porter's "right
and duty" to make charges
against our foreign policy if
he is convinced he is correct,
that being the loyal opposi-
tion's responsibility in a de-
mocratically-based nation. How
right you are!

But and to say the bulk of
the American people have
been kept so ill-informed that
a 3-year-old boy believes in
a "bogey man" is the best il-
lustration of the popular state
of mind we can think of. Con-
sequently Mr. and Mrs. Public
are not opposed.

However it is still true that
"you can fool some of the peo-
ple all of the time, and all of
the people some of the time,
but not all of the people all of
the time." Truth has a way of
leaking out.

There is now a desperate
effort being made to keep our
violation of international law
during the Korean War the
secret that it was supposed to
be. It is not widely known in
America that our planes made
sneak attacks over China and
dropped bacteria on the long-
suffering Chinese civilians.
But the cat will be out of the
bag if the Powell-Schuman
case is not soon hushed up.

"Who can say for sure an
H-bomb can't be set off by
accident?" We say that it
might. We say also that with
human tensions and hatreds
built up to their present state
some over-zealous patriot or
trigger-happy military mani-
ac could do it just as the
barbarians act committed on
China was done. Have we so
soon forgotten Hitler and the
state of mind of the German
people?

Mr. Porter is being wise
and realistic when he senses
the danger of our bomb-car-
rying planes flitting about pi-
loted by Tom, Dick and Harry.
Again, thanks for your ap-
preciation of Congressman
Porter's straightforward atti-
tudes when you say, "to im-
ply he is ignorant when he
takes a position leaves open to
question the reliability of the
critic. And to imply that his
motives are less than honest
and patriotic is to leave open
to question the intelligence
and fairness of the critic."

Bert and Christine Harr,
Box 77, Copper rd.,
Jacksonville.

Clever Californian

To the Editor: A close friend
of mine declared this little epi-
sode actually happened in
California. Anyway it was
told to her as factual. This is
it:

"A couple who were the
parents of eight children rang-
ing in age from 14 years down
to toddler age, were having a
desperate time finding a house
to rent because of such a large
family. Suddenly an idea
struck the man's mind, so he
took his brood to a cemetery
along with tempting snacks
and toys, etc., and told them
he'd be back soon. Then he
and his wife started house
hunting again, and were suc-
cessful only because when
the lady owner asked about
their children, he said, 'They
are in the cemetery.' The
tender-hearted landlady ex-
pressed her deep sympathy
and let them have the house."

"After a few months she
decided to check on her new
renters, and found the chil-
dren. She immediately ac-
cused the man of telling her
a lie. She said, 'You told me
your children were dead.' He
reiterated, 'I said they were
in the cemetery, and that's
where they were, but I did
not say they were dead.'"

So they kept the house.
Several years have had a big
laugh over the Californian's
wit, and asked me to send it
to the Mail Tribune.

Here's for good laughing!
Emma Lou Carpenter,
811 Sherman st.,
Medford.

Circus Criticized

To the Editor: I wish to
compliment the recent Car-
son-Barnes circus for a most
masterful job of false and
misleading advertising, and for
an excellent performance in
how to hoodwink the public.

The admission charges for
this "show" were widely ad-
vertised as being "special re-
duced prices." What they ne-
glected to mention was that
the admission charge was
only the beginning. For each
and every "wild" animal ex-
hibit an extra 25 cents per
person was charged. Upon
entering the main tent the
customer had to run a verita-

World Capitals Busy Trying To Figure De Gaulle's Policy

BY CHARLES M. MCCANN
UPI Foreign News Analyst

The formidable job of try-
ing to figure out what Gen.
Charles de Gaulle's foreign
policy will be
is under way
in world capi-
tals.

In Washing-
ton, London
and Bonn —
and in Mos-
cow — heads
of govern-
ment, foreign min-
isters and their diplomatic aides
are looking for any clue that
will point to the views of the
new French premier on the
big issues of the day.

Officially, in the three al-
lied capitals, the accession of
De Gaulle to virtual dictat-
or power is welcomed.
But there are indications
that allied leaders are whis-
pering the graveyard.
The reason is that nobody
where he is headed — if he
himself knows yet.

Wants Renewed Prestige
The one thing that is certain
is that De Gaulle will try to
restore France's prestige as
a world power. Whether his
attempt will be made at the
cost of Allied unity against

Soviet Russia in the cold war
is one big unanswered ques-
tion.

An attempt to plot De
Gaulle's course, and to find
the best way to deal with him,
is bound to be one of the chief
topics for discussion when
President Eisenhower and
British Prime Minister Harold
Macmillan confer in Wash-
ington next week.

De Gaulle's views will be
important in the negotiations
for a "summit" conference
with Russia, in West Ger-
many's role in the North At-
lantic Treaty Organization
and in all cold war problems.

The White House lost no
time in welcoming De Gaulle's
confirmation as premier.

"We look forward to the
continuation of the intimate
and friendly relations which
have always characterized our
long association with France,"
a White House statement said.

Macmillan sent De Gaulle a
warm personal message of
good wishes.

"It will be a great joy for
me to be able to renew our
wartime friendship. . . ."
Macmillan said. "It is with plea-
sure that I propose to work
with you for our common
causes."

Macmillan has one big ad-
vantage. He was British rep-
resentative at De Gaulle's
headquarters in Algeria for 18
months during the war. He
got to know De Gaulle inti-
mately, and apparently got
along well with him.

Encouraging Aspect
It is likely that Macmillan
will arrange to visit De Gaulle
as soon as he gets back home
after his five-day visit to the
United States.

There is one encouraging
indication of De Gaulle's prob-
able attitude toward his fel-
low Allied leaders. That is his
selection of Maurice Couve de
Murville as his foreign min-
ister. De Murville, a career
diplomat, had been French
ambassador to West Germany
for two years before De Gaulle
called him, and he had pre-
viously been ambassador to
the United States.

He was well liked in both
Washington and Bonn, and is
regarded as a firm sup-
porter of Allied unity.

Hells Canyon Ghost Will Be Hard To Kill

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington — Hells Can-
yon will doubtless remain a
talking point for several elec-
tions to come — but the
House reclamation sub-
committee has just about
eliminated the question of
whether a high federal dam
will be built at the
Snake River

The subcommittee's 19-19
vote to kill the bill was not
unexpected by sponsors of the
high dam legislation, although
they clung to hopes that some-
how it would turn out differ-
ently.

Rep. Al Ullman, who made
a name for himself in the
Hells Canyon movement in
the Northwest before getting
elected to Congress in 1956,
still has hopes. He takes a
"never say die" attitude.

Ullman's hope essentially
seems to be this: that one day
Congress will recognize the
virtue of getting more out of
the middle Snake River than
Idaho Power Co. proposes to
develop with its smaller proj-
ects. He feels that even though
the power company builds and
operates them during the 10-
year construction period for
the high dam, Ullman feels
the government would be
sufficiently compensated, as
would the utility, through
power sales to justify ulti-
mately flooding out these two
dams.

Practically speaking, it ap-
pears altogether unlikely that
this could be achieved unless
it occurred during the presi-
dency of a liberal Democrat
whose passion for federal
river development matched
that of Sen. Wayne Morse,
and who had a big Democratic
margin in Congress to support
his proposal. The 1960 elec-
tion will decide these ques-
tions.

Idaho Power, of course, has
a license to build its third
dam at Hells Canyon, but this
project has not yet been start-
ed and Ullman doubts that it
will be.

able gauntlet of ticket sellers
requesting another 60 cents
per person for "reserved"
seats. All the seats in the
house were reserved except
for a few rickety benches at
the very end. The show itself
did not begin until every pos-
sible nickel had been
squeezed out of customers
both inside and outside the
tent. The big sell of shoddy
souvenirs, the usual refresh-
ments, reserved seats (still in
there pitching), overpriced
candy bars under the guise of
containing prize-winning num-
bers in the wrapper, went on
and on far past the scheduled
starting time.

When the show finally be-
gan it proved to be a suc-
cession of poor quality acts, short
in duration, and interspersed
with frequent commercials.
No trained bears, no rough
riders, no Indians — none of
the acts the public had been
led to believe they would see.
The elephant and horse acts,
all two of them, were pass-
able, but as for the human
performers — it would be
kinder to refrain from com-
ment. From the comments of
those about me I am sure the
customers were wilder than
any animals in this circus.

A low grade carnival such
as this deserves neither the
sponsorship of the Sheriff's
posse, or the support of the