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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**

**Sept. 16, 1948, (Thursday)**  
A livestock auction and presentation of special awards concluded the Jackson county 4-H club fair tonight.  
A \$30,000 sale involving 52 head of horses at an average of \$595 per head was conducted Tuesday night at the Snowy Butte ranch of John Cupp.

**20 YEARS AGO**

**Sept. 16, 1938 (Friday)**  
Congressman Clarence F. Lea of Santa Rosa, Calif., addresses a luncheon at the Northwest Aviation Planning Council conference.  
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Citizens are reported roaming the timber with rifles, on the eve, or nearly so, of the deer season. They claim they are not hunters, or hunting. If a deer grabs the gun and commits suicide, that's different."

**30 YEARS AGO**

**Sept. 16, 1928 (Sunday)**  
The first Interstate Sportsmen conference will be held here next week, it's purpose a discussion of fish and game conservation.  
One of the best race programs of the four-day Jackson county fair was held yesterday with six races taking place.

**40 YEARS AGO**

**Sept. 16, 1918 (Monday)**  
"Parlor, Bedroom and Bath," first road show of the theater tonight.  
Teams for the Salvation Army drive have been chosen.

**What's Your I.Q.?**

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

1. In which State is Notre Dame University?
2. Does a spider have six, or eight, legs?
3. The planet Neptune is larger, or smaller, than the earth?
4. By presidential proclamation, what date in October is set for the observance of United Nations Day?
5. The lower portion of South America extends farther south than the lower portion of Africa; true or false?
6. A young deer is called a f...?
7. Who was Secretary of State when the United States declared war on the Axis powers?
8. Which State in the Union is located nearest to the North Pole?
9. Ambergris is obtained from amber, whales, or musk oxen?
10. What were the colors of the uniforms worn by the Federal and Confederate soldiers during the War between the States?

Answers: 1. Indiana. 2. Eight legs. 3. Larger. 4. Oct. 24. 5. True. 6. Fawn. 7. Cornell Hull. 8. Minnesota. 9. Whales. 10. Federal—blue; Confederate—gray.

**EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Washington—(UPI)—The State Department says the United States and Russia will exchange major exhibits of scientific, technical and cultural accomplishments in New York and Moscow next year.

**Two Marriages**

There was a startling contrast in two series of stories in the news last week.  
Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher, who began an "ideal" marriage three years ago, finally broke up in a blaze of publicity which also involved Liz Taylor.  
And Sir Winston and Lady Churchill quietly celebrated the 50th anniversary of a marriage which, in 1908, was given "little chance."

**WHAT** went wrong with the "ideal" marriage? What went right with the one given "little chance" of success?  
First of all let us grant that Hollywood marriages are difficult enough to make last. They are surrounded by an aura of hero-worship and fandom in an industry which thrives on vast reams of publicity.  
When every spat and reconciliation is the meat for gossip columnists; when the partners are thrown with other men and women, most of them glamorous, attractive and personable; when the marriage is made in surroundings which have a set of moral values which seem warped to the ordinary observer—in such a case it is difficult enough to retain a balanced outlook on the sacred institution of matrimony.

**SOME** Hollywoodites have managed it.  
The late Ronald Coleman and his wife were happily wedded for many years. Jimmy Stewart and his wife appear to be making a notable success of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benny, Mr. and Mrs. George Burns, and quite a few other members of the movie colony lead married lives which are stable and enviable.

Others have been less fortunate (if that is the word) in resisting the combination of pressures which make marriage in Hollywood seem almost a travesty of what it should be.

**WHAT** is it that makes a successful marriage? What is the principal ingredient which permitted Sir Winston and his wife "Clemmie" to live for half a century in harmony, and which permitted the great man to say, "We were married and lived happily ever after"?

There are many things necessary to happy marriage, and we will not venture into the role of a family counselor and try to enumerate them. But it does seem to us that the chief one is mutual respect—respect for the marriage partner as an individual, with individual needs and an individual role.  
Lady Churchill respected her husband, and the intense, sometimes almost overpowering, demands made on him in his role as a public figure. And Sir Winston respected his wife, and showered upon her the thoughtfulness, the courtesies, the attention to which he knew she was entitled.

**WITHOUT** mutual respect, a marriage is nothing.  
With it, there is a basis for growth, for adjustment, for accommodation of all the petty, nagging disharmonies which have wrecked more marriages than all the "romantic triangles" in history.  
Glamor, romantic "love" as seen in the movies, physical attraction—these are not enough to form the firm cement of a lasting marriage. They do no harm, but in themselves they are not sufficient.  
Without mutual respect, either to begin with, or acquired the hard way, no marriage can be happy, and few can last. But given mutual respect, no marriage is hopeless.—E.A.

**Metric System**

We doubt that this country, in the foreseeable future, will adopt the logical metric system, any more than it will adopt a logical calendar.  
There's just too much time, money and effort—as well as sentimental attachment—tied up in the existing haphazard systems of linear measurement.  
Inches, feet, yards, rods, chains and miles follow no particular logical pattern. They simply "grew" from a variety of sources. But they are so imbedded in common usage and acceptance that to change now to centimeters, meters, and kilometers would be a difficult thing to do.

**DESPITE** the difficulties, Japan is making a change to the metric system, effective Oct. 1. The government is taking it seriously, too, and will levy a fine of 50,000 yen (\$138.89) on those who insist upon using the old system after that date.  
The difficulties in Japan, an ancient land, will be formidable, probably more so than they would be in this nation.  
Think of all the legal descriptions, the deeds, maps, plats, and other official documents which would either have to be changed, or at any rate converted into the new measurements if and when they became active again.

**THE** same applies to weights—the use of grams and kilograms instead of ounces and pounds—and liquid measure—the use of liters instead of quarts—and so on.  
The Oregon Statesman comments that "We think of ourselves as a young country, and yet we are so set in our ways we refuse to consider seriously conversion to a simpler system of measurements. . . . Perhaps our aversion to change is a measure of our middle-aged spread."  
The reluctance, however, is probably more apathy and inertia than anything else. It's just that we haven't sufficient motivation to make the effort to change.—E.A.

**Dennis the Menace**



"YOU GOT ANYTHING THAT WILL GROW HAIR ON A WHITE RAT'S TAIL?"

**Matter of Fact** By Joseph Alsop

**ARTILLERY BARS THE DOOR**  
Tainan, Formosa—The best commentary on the President's great speech that this reporter can offer must begin with a pretty unimportant personal experience.  
At 2:30 a.m. Saturday, we set off for Quemoy, Keyes Beech of "The Chicago Daily News," Jim Bell of "Time" and a mixed bag of others motivated by the good old rule: "Better go and have a look."  
It was one of those wartime departures that make you feel your age—haste and horribly early rising at the outset; distribution of tin hats and other mild drama at the airport; and then an interminable, weary wait followed by a bumpy takeoff in pitch darkness, in a raddled old C-46 that looked like a plain, dumpy woman whom the years have dealt with unkindly.

All the same, we were cheerful at takeoff and throughout the long flight across the Formosa Strait. The word at Taipei, wrong as the word in all higher headquarters, was that the Communist gunners were letting the airstrip on the Quemoy Beach pretty much alone.  
**SO IT WAS** a sharp surprise when the lanky veteran Chinese captain came back from the cockpit, a few minutes before our landing time, to tell us we had been ordered to turn back. All the Quemoy beaches, he said, had been under heavy fire for the last 24 hours. Our destined beach was a honeycomb of shellholes, and Quemoy ground control guessed that 7,000 rounds had landed there in the past hour.  
We all felt the mixed disappointment and relief that is best summed up by the old story of the respectable, mid-Nineteenth Century Lady Jersey. Staying once in a remote district in North England, she found she had to drive 12 miles to the small country church. When the big carriage arrived, there was no service. So Lady Jersey ordered the footman to leave her calling card under the carriage door, and directed the carriage homeward with the remark: "Well, children, at least we've done the civil thing."

**HERE** at Tainan, the last-minute effort to beef up the Chinese Air Force has abruptly increased the American contingent from 100 to 500 men. Hence facilities are a bit strained. Yet the cleared C-46-load was received with the customary hospitality of American soldiers in wartime. Coffee, strong and hot and by the gallon, is a remarkable restorative, even when you are feeling empty and let down and all too conscious of no sleep, no shave and no accomplishment.  
After the coffee, came another interminable wait, in this case to hear whether we could try Quemoy again or must go back to Taipei. (The wait is still going on as these words are written, but the captain says the betting is ninety-nine to one on Taipei, since the artillery barrage on the Quemoy beaches is apparently continuing.) But this wait has not been so weary, because the C-46-load is pretty well composed of veterans.

So here, in the idle talk of the men waiting on the dusty airstrip, we have had bloody Tarawa and bloody Iwo Jima—those place names so glory-gilded, that they all but dazzle to this day. We have had the Normandy beaches, and Bastogne, and the story of a brash American reporter who tried to make the exceptionally tough but dignified Chinese commander on Quemoy talk like Gen. MacAuliffe. (Chinese charged with high missions just do not say "nuts" under any circumstances.)

**WE HAVE** had the first chancy months in Korea, and the brilliant landing at Inchon, and what came after: "By god, there was an army!"  
From an American pilot on training duty here, we have had the story of the superb success of the Chinese Nationalist pilots, fighting the Communist MIG-17's with their obsolescent F-86's with the tactics Chennault invented for P-40's against Zeros. And we have had other tales, all of them stirring, all of them comforting, except for the unheroic and macabre story of American policy in China in wartime, contributed by this reporter.  
On the surface, it has been a wasted day following an aborted mission. But has this day been really wasted?

**NOT** altogether, is the answer. In the first place, the failure of the mission revealed the key problem out here—the blockade of Quemoy, which is not a simple naval blockade but a very rough artillery blockade. The Chinese Nationalists, who are enormously out-gunned, cannot break this artillery blockade. If Secretary Dulles cannot secure a cease-fire by diplomacy, President Eisenhower will almost surely have to make a hard choice. He will either have to break this blockade with American power or accept failure in this final test of America's strength of will, which he has so nobly expressed.  
And this day has not been wasted in another way, too. Often in the past, one has wanted to write the President, "Mr. President, how much you can do, if you will only use your powers and the power of your office!" But the talk on the airstrip has suggested another letter, "Mr. President, how much the country that you lead can do, if you will only summon up its powers!"  
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**Filmland Triangle Action Delayed**

Hollywood—(UPI)—Troubles of Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher, faithfully recorded in thousands of words over a hectic week were little more than an "ahem" today in filmland conversation.  
The three in the domestic drama, Debbie, Eddie and lovely Elizabeth Taylor weren't talking, and action on the legal front was being delayed to "give the case a rest."  
Debbie, 26, the mother of two, was preparing for the start of a movie later this month. Fisher was rehearsing his television program and Miss Taylor was in seclusion. One week after Fisher had returned from New York dates with Liz, he and Miss Reynolds had ridden out a crest of publicity, which chronicled their separation and decision to get a divorce.  
"This case is going to be at rest for quite a while," said attorney Frank B. Belcher, representing Debbie. "There's going to be nothing doing on it for quite a period."

**Artist Dies**

London—(UPI)—Artist Stephen Boyd, 43, died Monday.

**Some Experts Believe Red China Almost Hysterical in Desire for Recognition**

Editor's note: Earnest Hobercht, United Press International vice president for Asia, outlines in the following dispatch the reasons for Peiping's current drive to enter the United Nations.  
**By EARNEST HOBERCHT**  
UPI Correspondent  
Tokyo—(UPI)—Many top Asian experts believe the Chinese Communists want United Nations recognition so badly they are almost hysterical and likely to do something desperate because their desire has been frustrated.  
There even are those who think the Chinese Reds—despite Peiping's constant denials—are anxious to win U.S. recognition.  
A large number of students of Asian affairs share the belief that the Chinese Communist whipped up the current Formosa crisis primarily to get the stalled U.S.-Communist China talks going again.  
If this was the case, the Communists have managed to "shoot" their way to at least one conference table for the Americans and Chinese Communists reopened negotiations in Warsaw Monday.  
Few people think the Chinese Communists are going to be satisfied with the Warsaw level talks. They are going to want more. What they really want, many believe, is to be accepted as equals by the rest of the world.  
**Wants Respectability**  
"In his old age, Mao Tse-tung wants respectability," a Western diplomat observed

when discussing the China problem.  
He pointed out that the Chinese never have considered themselves inferior to anybody. He said some statements by the Chinese Communist press and radio indicate they are practically hysterical on the subject of recognition—not only diplomatic recognition but also recognition as being equal, important and a major power.  
A Japanese industrialist observed the other evening that the Chinese Communists may be trying to throw their weight around because they do not have real knowledge of world affairs, especially the strength of the United States.  
"Sometimes," he said, "the Chinese Communist leaders sound like the Japanese militarists who led Japan to the biggest defeat in her history."  
**Working Both Ends**  
There still are some observers in Asia who believe that Russia may be encouraging the Chinese Reds on one hand while giving Peiping bad advice on the other.  
They contend Russia does not really want Communist China to be accepted. They contend this would be against Russia's interests and Russia likes the situation just as it is—for it makes it easier for Russia to hold the China mainland in the Red camp.  
It is their theory—shared by many British—that Communist China might lean a bit away from Russia and might lean a bit more toward the West if Red China once got to associating on a large scale with other people and began getting ideas from other sources.  
On the other side of the argument, there are those who believe the free nations would be selling many of their allies—and some neutrals—down the river if they made a deal with the Chinese Communists who still wear the label of "aggressor" which was pinned on them by the United Nations.

**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.

**Guard Being Squeezed?**  
To the Editor: The following letter has been sent to Gov. Robert Holmes:  
Dear Governor Holmes: I have been following discussions in the papers about a considerable part of the National Guard being required to drill on Sunday twice a month. These men signed up for one evening drill of two hours a week and are now being required to drill more than twice as much time, for the same pay.  
I enclose a clipping from the Medford Mail Tribune, Captain Reibe, commander of "A" Company in Medford, wrote an article attempting to whitewash the Sunday drill. The head of the Army Reserve called him to account for misrepresenting the facts, and reminding everyone that a young man can fulfill his military obligation just as well and much easier in the Army Reserve. The Army Reserve still has its regular weekly evening drill.  
It seems to me that there has been a definite movement in the past year or two to crowd out the National Guard and let the Army Reserve take its place. I have it on what should be good authority that when money was appropriated for National Guard training camp, there was less than half enough money provided to pay for six months training for enough recruits to keep the Guard up to authorized strength. The Guard is being reorganized and some units soon will be eliminated entirely. Now the Guardsmen have to put in 19 hours a month at drills, and give up half of their Sundays. (I know they say 8 hours a Sunday, but the men are ordered to report at 7:30 a.m. and not dismissed until 5 p.m. or later.)  
But what about the men who haven't joined either yet? Will anyone join the Guards from now on if he can get just the same deal from the Reserves for less than half the time expended? What about the men whose enlistments are expiring? Will they re-enlist in the Guards, or join the Army Reserve? Then, when the National Guard has dwindled in number until it is too small to exist as a military organization, what will the State of Oregon do for a military force? The National Guard of Oregon is not just a branch of the U.S. Army. It is our State's own and only fighting force, the only body of men larger than the State Police which any Governor has at his disposal in case of need. I believe you should do everything in your power to stop its being crowded out of existence.  
Thelma M. Taylor  
166 Nob Hill St.  
Ashland

**In the Day's News**

**Ed Wilkinson's meat market.**  
No. 5 Photo Quiz—picture No. 9 is not a picture of the Nash hotel nor even a picture of Medford.  
No. 1 Photo Quiz, building with belfry is not the S. O. college first building, but could be the first building of the Ashland Normal school, and their later building now housing the S. O. college, where it first opened its doors many years later.  
No. 4 Photo Quiz—the picture of A. S. Bliton, was when he was editor of the "Medford Mail." It has always been by that name, never Southern Oregon Mail. I was a typesetter for the paper around that time.  
Was looking forward to more pictures being shown.  
Hope you are not too "huffed" to print this.  
Henrietta Medynski  
316 North Central ave.  
Medford.

(Editor's note: Far from being "huffed," we greatly appreciate the interest aroused by the old-time pictures printed in the Mail Tribune's "Photo Quiz." It was a difficult job to assemble the pictures and to provide correct identifications, for in many cases there was disagreement, even among the "old timers" who lived in the city at the time. We should point out to our correspondent that the quiz picture were multiple-choice, with some wrong identifications deliberately included under the pictures. As for the answers, we are convinced of the accuracy of each, on the basis of "positive" identification by people who are in a position to know.)  
**Rotary Suit Sale**  
To the Editor: We wish to express our sincere gratitude to your staff for your kind assistance with the Medford Rotary Suit Sale.  
Without your help I am sure the sale would not have been the success it was. Many thanks.  
K. W. Cook,  
Medford Rotary club.

**ST. LUKE** tells it thus:  
"And He said unto another, follow me. But he said Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father."  
"Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead, but go thou and preach the kingdom of God."  
"And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee, but let me first go and bid them farewell which are at home in my house."  
"And Jesus said unto him, No man, HAVING PUT HIS HAND TO THE PLOUGH, AND LOOKING BACK, is fit for the kingdom of God."

**WHAT** shall we say of the decision?  
We might with good logic say that the justices of the Supreme Court may have been reading their Bibles—seeking, perhaps, to find guidance therein.  
If so, they may have found what they were seeking in the concluding verses of the ninth chapter of St. Luke, in which it is related that members of the multitude were questioning Jesus as to what they should do, in difficult circumstances, in order to be saved.

**AND**—  
Having put their hands to the plough, the Founding Fathers didn't turn back.  
"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are CREATED EQUAL, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. That to secure rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

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