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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
Nov. 19, 1948 (Friday)
A total of 3,253 persons have had chest x-rays sponsored this week by the Jackson County Public Health Association.
Skiing conditions at Crater Lake are expected to be excellent this week end.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 19, 1938 (Saturday)
Total assessed valuation for Jackson county shows an increase approaching \$3 million over last year.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Republicans held a victory dinner Thurs. eve. All enjoyed the chance to grow instead of eating it."

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 19, 1928 (Monday)
Buy-at-Home week, encouraging the purchase of goods made locally, gets under way here.
An "old-time fiddlers' contest" is scheduled at Walker's hall.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 19, 1918 (Tuesday)
Medford and Jackson county go over the top in the United War Work campaign.
Robert Duff, visiting home for two weeks during a shut-down caused by influenza, returns to his classes at a military school at Santa Clara, Calif.

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

1. Who was Carry Nation?
2. In parliamentary law, to whom does the term "The Chair" apply?
3. What agency in the U.S. Government is charged with the duty of protecting the life of the President?
4. Name the author of "Cabbages and Kings."
5. Neither the Senate nor House may adjourn for more than how many days, without consent of the other body?
6. During W.W. II, a notable conference, attended by Stalin, Churchill, and Roosevelt, was held at a place in the Crimea; name the place.
7. "When in the Course of human events," is the opening clause of what famous document?
8. Who disputed with the devil about the body of Moses?
9. Pistons in a gas engine make a complete stop at the end of the ascending stroke beginning the descending stroke; true or false?
10. Frankie and Johnny were lovers; he was her man, but what did she do?

1. Temperance leader. 2. The presiding officer. 1. U.S. Secret Service. 4. O. Henry. 5. Three days. 6. Yalta. 7. Declaration of Independence. 8. The archangel Michael. 9. True. 10. "She shot him down."

Notable Citizenship

Yesterday, Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini watched as her most recent "class" raised their hands and took their oaths as citizens of the United States. We hope Mrs. D'Albini received a thrill from watching. We're almost sure she did, for there is something impressive, something touching, something meaningful in seeing people swear their allegiance to the United States of America—particularly when they are as thoroughly aware of what it means as are those who have been helped by Mrs. D'Albini.

FOR the past 32 years this good woman has been giving classes to aliens who wanted to become citizens. For 32 years she has been teaching them about the U.S. constitution, its laws and traditions and customs. For 32 years she has watched and thrilled as the many, many people who were her friends stood before the judge and undertook the rights, the privileges, the responsibilities and obligations of citizenship.

How many people can say they have done as much for America as Mrs. D'Albini? Not very many. For she has had a real and important part in preparing for citizenship some of our finest citizens.

AND now, after all these years, she feels she can no longer carry on with this job, which she has done under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is leaving town to live with relatives, and someone else will have to be found to carry on with the important and soul-satisfying job she has performed so notably well for more than three decades.

To say "well done" and "thank you" in this case is not quite enough. We should also say to her that, through preparing new citizens for their roles in a free America, she has herself more than fulfilled a noble and inspiring act of citizenship.

There are hundreds of Americans who are humbly grateful. — E. A.

We Need...

"We need..." is one of the most-used phrases today. It is heard every day. For example:

We need more scientists, engineers, technicians, schoolteachers, police officers, social workers, juvenile officers.

We need more pay for legislators, more taxes for more services to the public, more money for roads, for public buildings.

We need better schools, more driver training for school youngsters, more school buildings, better instruction.

WE NEED a cessation of H-bomb testing (or — we need more H-bomb tests to perfect our defenses).

We need better relations with the rest of the world, more understanding.

We need lower taxes (or more foreign aid). We need higher (or lower) farm price supports. We need water development, better natural resource protection, reforestation, more timber to cut, better access to forests.

We need more tourists, more industry, bigger payrolls, more parking space, better sanitary control, more trees in the city, better-looking streets.

WE NEED better mental institutions and a higher degree of training for workers in them. We need a "cure" for cancer, for arthritis, for heart disease.

We need money for the United Fund appeal, of the Shakespearean festival, for the March of Dimes, for Muscular Dystrophy.

We need better support for churches, for city government, for the PTA, for lodges and clubs and fraternities.

We need volunteer workers and money, money, money. We need shorter, more economical cars. We need filter cigarettes that really filter.

We need... We need... We need...

THE buffeted American citizen sees these statements — or something very much like them — incessantly.

The wonder of it all is that he can keep going on a steady, even keel, keeping the appeals, the needs, the urgings pretty well in perspective.

Many of these needs are real and vital. Some of them are phonies. Sometimes it is difficult to tell the difference. But one of the things we like best about this country is the fact that anyone is free to make known what he believes are needs. And everyone is free to pick and chose for himself, and to decide what is a real need and what is merely a dressed-up appeal by self-seekers.

EVERYONE makes a mistake once in a while in deciding. But in the long run people generally do pretty well in allocating their responses to the "we needs..." for funds, for time, for support.

This is not to say that all the real and vital needs will be filled tomorrow, or ever. But it is to say that the decision-makers in America — the voters, taxpayers, contributors, volunteer workers, consumers — generally do a fair job of picking out what they want over a period of time. And we're darn lucky to live in a place where we CAN make our own decisions about what it is we really need; where we have freedom of choice, and the wherewithal to support those choices. — E. A.

Dennis the Menace



"BUT WHAT MAKES YA THINK I DID IT?"

Impressions of Russia Said Sobering by Oregon Visitor

(Editor's note: The following article was written by Edward P. McKean-Smith, an Oregonian who recently visited briefly in Russia. McKean-Smith last June completed graduate work at the University of Oregon school of journalism, and currently is attending the Sorbonne in Paris. He tells here his impressions of Russia.)

By E. P. MCKEAN-SMITH
Everybody and his notebook seems to be going to Russia these days. A few, notably John "Inside Every-where" Gunther, "Hole in the Sole" Adlai and Walter Lippman have even been able to meet the boss. However, one does not have to visit the top to see what is going on at the bottom—which is where most of us are.

The bottom is seldom hard to reach. A visa to get there took two weeks, or exactly what the Russians said it would take. I spent 12 days in the country: two in Leningrad, six in Moscow, two in Kiev and two in travel between these places and the frontier.

Instead of talking with the "man in the street" I became one. I walked alone—very much alone—through miles of these cities, used the famous subways of Moscow and Leningrad and buses in all three. I was never molested. I was never followed. I was never stared at. In spite of the language barrier the contacts I had with people in the course of trying to find my way around were most pleasant.

Invariably, I was asked my nationality. The reply "America" never brought a hostile reaction but rather one of friendly interest. Where in America? I had to answer "near California" because no one understood the word Oregon.

Why does one go to Russia? The "decadent" capitalist West has a much higher standard of living and a much greater variety of pleasures. No. You do not go to Russia for the fun of it. You should go to observe as far as possible and to learn. Even in a few days you can do both to a small but nevertheless important degree.

From the time you arrive until the time you leave you will be constantly aware of Lenin, the star and the hammer and sickle emblems. Lenin's name, picture and statue are everywhere. So is his philosophy. You will see thousands and thousands of people on foot.

Cars are being built but the real traffic is composed of trucks and buses. You will see that these thousands of people are rather drably clothed—but everybody is clothed. The military look sharp and the children look best dressed of all. People look like what they are, workers—and everybody is working. You will be unfair if you say that the faces of these people reflect fear and oppression.

You will learn that the Russians have been able to produce about everything we can produce, much of it not as good, some of it better. In most cases there is not as much. You will learn that housing and transportation are two serious problems but you will see enormous construction projects aimed at solving these problems.

You will learn that this communist country is in reality a highly organized capital investment country. People receive low wages, pay high taxes and high prices for most things. The government makes the profit. The people believe the myth that they own the government. You will learn that bureaucracy is prodigious.

You will leave Russia highly impressed and probably distressed. You will admit that the progress made in 40 years is almost fantastic and has been accomplished in the face of great odds. You may accept the fact that the system which accomplished this is here to stay. You will be sobered by the thought that this system or ideology has won over more converts, willing or otherwise, in a few years than other ideologies have won in many centuries. But you will not be one of them.

Let anyone and everyone come to this meeting and learn "what it is all about." Come out and see what is done and, maybe, help do it. Remember the date and be there.

Andy Unger
634 Pennsylvania ave.
Medford

Moonshine
To the Editor: We have now launched 15 rockets aimed at the moon. One never got out of Florida, one dropped in the Atlantic and one went clean to Africa, but that ain't any closer to the moon than Florida.
One of the rockets went completely berserk and hit the Republicans. They got caught trying to outstep the Democrats. They said it couldn't be done, but the Republicans did it. Now that's harder to do than trying to put three Army blankets, a pillow, a canteen of water and your pants all in a hammock at the same time, with you in them. This can be done, but did you ever try it when you were seasick, from the top of a stepladder, atop the coal pile, in the basement of a plunging ocean liner, with the lights out? I tried it many times, but I never got there. I slept in an Army bean kettle. I'm the guy who couldn't hit a plastic dummy on the rifle range, with my chin resting on a brick wall.
I am complainin' about the Army because they can't hit the moon, but they'll do it some day. When we get a lot of rockets on the moon, we'll have to send someone up there, to shoot them back. We'll have a new game, called interplanetary ping-pong. It will be expensive, \$2 million a ping. It might be cheaper to blow hell out of the moon. The moon shines only part of the time anyhow.
Everett Acklin,
Ashland.

Taft Supporters Find Comfort in Loss To Politics of Early Eisenhower Men

By LYLE C. WILSON
UPI Correspondent
Washington—(UPI)—There is a dark pattern of defeat and disaster in the political experience of the Republican politicians who manned the guns which six years ago shot down the presidential ambitions of Sen. Robert A. Taft.



Some of Taft's long-time associates cite the record as evidence of a political course come true. Some others ponder the thought that the strategy which stopped Taft and obtained the 1952 nomination of Dwight D. Eisenhower may now focus on a new target.

The new target would be Vice President Richard M. Nixon whose most formidable adversary for the 1960 Republican presidential nomination

is likely to be a political unknown as General Eisenhower was a political unknown in 1952. That adversary is, of course, Gov.-elect Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York.

If the Rockefeller-for-president managers—the stop-Nixon manipulators—believe in curses, haunts and the political voodoo, they should examine the record of what has happened to some of the Eisenhower-for-president men, the stop-Taft strategists of 1952. It has been plenty.

The Passing Parade
There was Sherman Adams who master-minded the strategy by which Taft actually was defeated at the 1952 Republican national convention. Adams is gone.

Republican Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey dealt the Taft pre-convention campaign his most deadly blow in his states' presidential primary. Driscoll's Republican state machine was disrupted two years later by Robert B. Meyner, a Democrat who got himself elected as governor and handed the Republican organization another licking in this year's general election.

Gov. John S. Eime, and especially, Sen. James H. Duff of Pennsylvania were big liemen in 1952. They have vanished from the political scene

and Pennsylvania elected another Democratic governor this month.

Events caught up with former Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. (R-Mass.), in the election immediately following the 1952 Republican convention. Lodge lost to Sen. John F. Kennedy who may go on to take the 1960 Democratic presidential nomination. Brother John Davis Lodge, another Ikenam, lost Connecticut's governorship in 1954.

By the Wayside
Others of the 1952 Ike-for-president men who had to stop Taft, or else, have since been mowed down at the polls: Dan Thornton of Colorado, Douglas McKay of Oregon, Arthur B. Langlie of Washington.

Former Gov. Walter J. Kohler Jr. of Wisconsin, ran proudly as an Ikenam in 1957 for the late Joseph R. McCarr-

thy's Senate seat. Wisconsin elected its first Democratic senator since the Republican calamity of 1932.

Sen. William F. Knowland of California withheld support from Taft at the critical moment in the 1952 Republican convention and look what happened to Knowland this month in California. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has survived, personally, in the cabinet but the Republican organization Summerfield helped create in Michigan has been obliterated since he helped turn Taft back six years ago.

Sen. Edward J. Thye of Minnesota cast the deciding vote in 1952 which rejected Taft and nominated Eisenhower. Minnesota voters this month turned Thye out of the Senate.

Quite a list! In it the old Taft-men find some comfort.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Sad tale in the news:
A gang of ten youthful toughs raided a Hillsborough party the other night (Hillsborough is a fashionable suburb of San Francisco) and assaulted nine of the guests with auto chains, black jacks, tire irons and any other weapon that came readily to hand.

The raid was triggered when three members of the gang undertook to crash a party given by a Hillsborough family for their 18-year-old twin sons. It lasted only ten minutes, but in that short space of time the hoodlums wrecked much of the home and broke most of the windows of automobiles parked outside by the guests.

One of the guests was thrown bodily through a picture window. He and four other guests who had been man-handled violently were sent to nearby hospitals. Four other guests were rather badly injured, but declined hospital aid.

POLICE, aided by license numbers of the cars in which they drove off, which had been noted by guests at the party, picked up all ten of the toughs before the night was over.

What will be done with them remains to be seen.

WHY is that a sad tale? It's a sad state of affairs when things like that can happen in an American community.

WHAT caused these young toughs to do it? I wouldn't know. I doubt if anybody would know. But case histories would be interesting. Case histories might shed some light on what caused ten young Americans to BECOME TOUGHS.

I'd be willing to hazard a personal guess that accurate case histories would reveal that of the ten FEW have held steady jobs or had applied themselves at school to the acquisition of an education that would prepare them for holding good jobs and getting ahead in the world.

One might go a little farther and guess that when they have thought of jobs they have thought of them in terms of SOFT SNAPS. That, perhaps, they have thought of GETTING AHEAD in terms of winning a big prize in a quiz show and living spectacularly on the proceeds.

It would be a fairly safe bet that few of them have thought of success in life in terms of hard work and intelligent application to the job of getting somewhere worth while.

Newspaper Guild Asks Protection Law

Portland—(UPI)—The Portland Newspaper Guild voted Tuesday night to ask the Legislature for a law protecting newspapermen from having to disclose the source of confidential information for news stories.

The proposed law would apply to newspaper reporters, press association personnel, radio and television newsmen and employees of other news publications.

The Guild said 12 states already have laws declaring reporters may not be compelled to reveal sources of confidential information.

EDITOR'S NOTE
Chicago—(UPI)—The Encyclopedia Britannica reports that the admission of Alaska as the 49th state means that 104 of its articles must be revised to conform with this latest development.

Central High Idle As Students Attend Private Institution

Editor's Note: Jack V. Fox, UPI roving reporter, was sent to Little Rock to report latest developments on integration. The following dispatch contrasts what is happening at the closed Central High with the activity at the private, all-white high school.

By JACK V. FOX
UPI Correspondent
Little Rock, Ark.—(UPI)—This morning, as on every weekday, the teachers park their cars and walk into the fine building that was Central High School.

They hold a brief staff meeting and then go to their separate classrooms. The desks are polished, the rooms spotless. The chemistry and physics labs and the biology room are ready for experiments. On the row after row of lockers are the familiar combination locks put there early this fall in anticipation of school opening.

There is everything except pupils. The teachers sit at their desks in the empty rooms. They try to make the day useful by devising improvements in their courses. Then they write letters, practice typing, read, look out the window.

For the 3,700 students of Central and Little Rock's three other high schools have scattered from coast to coast, enrolled in makeshift private schools, started taking correspondence courses, or given up their education temporarily.

Use Old Building
A few blocks away is an old building which bears the only resemblance to a high school in Little Rock today. It is a former orphanage, later used by the University of Arkansas Graduate Division.

It is the site of the Little Rock private high school, run on donations and staffed by 34 teachers who came out of retirement or are just beginning teachers. There are 217 seniors and 288 juniors here plus 312 sophomores in a new Sunday school building of the Highland Methodist Church nearby.

Thursday the students hold an election for president of the student body and other offices. The campaign posters are stuck on the walls with endorsements.

Nowhere here is there any mention that these children's education has been crippled. **Proud of Makeshift Schools**
W. C. Breshers, a former elementary school principal and a superintendent of schools in Texas, is the superintendent of the private schools. He is justifiably proud of having made available education in Little Rock, and he points out what a tremendous job it has been.

So it just makes good sense to get the Christmas shopping done early. Not only does the customer have a wider selection of merchandise but the salespeople have more time to offer service than they do in the frantic, final days.

If we get our Christmas buying and mailing done early, we will have more time to think of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"—the true holiday spirit—when the great day is upon us.

We're ready, Santa, anytime you are.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Editorial Comment

HAIL THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
The Christmas buying season is here, beating the Thanksgiving turkey to the wire.

At one time we might have resented the overlapping of the two holidays, but not any more. Christmas has become such a busy time that we've forgotten how to enjoy it.

So many activities are connected with Christmas nowadays that it is futile to try to cram them into one or two weeks. Churches have a special choir concert and perhaps a pageant. The children expect to see the beaming faces of their parents at the school Christmas show. Special lodge and club meetings herald the holiday, to say nothing of private social events.

Pile on top of this the annual Christmas card ritual and the family reunions. The season begins to look more like a challenge than a festive occasion.

The buying of presents and the preparation of Christmas cards are two things that can be done early to relieve the pressure.

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