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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**  
Dec. 1, 1948 (Wednesday)  
Medford service station and garage operators plan a meeting to discuss whether to raise gasoline prices to levels now in effect in Ashland and Salem.  
Two Medford shops feature a small booklet of verses by June Catherine Johnson, local poet.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 1, 1938 (Thursday)  
The county clerk can issue no more marriage licenses until the state provides medical examination blanks for both the man and the woman under the new law.  
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Now that the basketball season has started, coaches report they can find six-foot kids every place, but on the basketball team."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 1, 1928 (Saturday)  
Christmas trees are placed along Medford's downtown streets in preparation for Monday's Christmas opening—and for Christmas itself.  
The first "green" planes carrying U.S. mail have been placed in service for the run via Medford.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
Dec. 1, 1918 (Sunday)  
The Southern Oregon Poultry association holds its fourth annual show in Medford this month.  
Carter, the magician with a retinue of 25 people and 15 tons of "marvelous illusions," performs here tomorrow.

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

1. During the War between the States, was Texas one of the Confederate States of America?
  2. In the British Peerage system, which ranks the higher—an earl or a duke?
  3. The Gasp Peninsula is in what country?
  4. Which American naval hero of the Revolutionary War said: "I've just begun to fight?"
  5. In which U.S. city was President McKinley assassinated?
  6. If a child is sent to the Land of Nod, where does he go?
  7. A gazelle is an attractive young woman, a kind of antelope, or a barred window of a harem?
  8. In draw poker, with wild cards, what is the highest possible hand?
  9. What is the name of the Ohio city that is noted for its rubber industry?
  10. From which English King was the grant of Magna Charta obtained?
- Answers: 1. Yes. 2. A duke. 3. Canada. 4. John Paul Jones. 5. Buffalo, N.Y. 6. To sleep. 7. Antelope. 8. Aces. 9. Akron. 10. King John.

The Chatham Islands, rocky dots 360 miles east of New Zealand, were discovered in 1791.

**"Well Done!"**

Medford High school's week end football trek to Portland did not produce the state championship. Yet the players and their coaches deserve congratulation and with it a wealth of praise.  
Black Tornado gridders put up a valiant battle before bowing to defending champion Jefferson of Portland in Friday's Class A-1 title fray. And, throughout the season and through the play-off games, they have represented Medford well. They have given fans many a thrilling moment.

THE gridiron campaign has been a long rigorous one. It has meant long toil, as well as fun, for the boys who've carried the Tornado colors. When practices began more than three months ago, on Aug. 24, Medford was rated a top contender in its own Southern Oregon conference. Few, if any, foresaw that the Black Tornado would be playing in the A-1 final game. That they went all the way is a tribute to their ability, pluck and application, and their teamwork through the fall.

A nine-win, one-loss, one-tie record is terrific for Medford's 1958 grid campaign. It is made more impressive by the fact that the single setback was at the hands of the No. 1 ranked title defending team after giving that club its toughest scuffle of the fall.

AND the football season cannot properly be wrapped up without praise for the colorful contribution of the Medford High school band. Wherever the band appeared, it drew impressive comment for its precise and snappy marching, its halftime spectacles and its lilting melodies. Much applause was received Friday from Portland gridiron fans.  
To the gridders, band members and their mentors the Mail Tribune says: "Well done."  
And, to Jefferson's title holding Democrats: "Congratulations to a real fine team."—R.J.

**Draft Here And Abroad**

A proposal of the new coalition government in Belgium to reduce the period of military service for conscripts could set off a chain reaction among Belgium's North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies, including the United States, Belgium's present obligation—18 months of active service—already is shorter than the nominal requirement in this country.

Of all NATO nations, only the United States, Great Britain and Turkey require 24 months of active service of draftees. And in the United States the two-year requirement provided in the Selective Service act of 1955 is the stick part of a carrot-and-stick device for encouraging young men to sign up for a shorter period of active service plus a long period in the ready reserve.

The 1959 session of Congress faces the companion problems of extending the draft and the military reserves program. Dependable sources in Selective Service and the Pentagon reported recently that the administration would be forced to recommend continued peacetime conscription. Without the draft club the "ready reserves" program probably would collapse.

OPponents of extending the draft here are certain to argue that our allies are loafing in the shafts and to point out their shorter active-service requirements. A check of embassies of NATO nations in Washington showed that aside from Belgium—and the United States, United Kingdom, Turkey—only five nations require so much as 18 months active service—France, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal.

The obligation in Denmark and Norway is 16 months, but Denmark is moving to reduce it to 12 months. West Germany and Luxembourg require only 12 months, but in the Federal Republic the Bundestag is debating a proposal of Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss to go up to 15 months. Iceland has no military forces and Canada no peacetime conscription.

Of our Southeast Treaty Organization (SEATO) allies, other than Britain and France, only Thailand requires so much as two years active service. The Philippine Republic requirement is six months; in Australia the minimum is 98 days. In New Zealand, where the training period had been 10½ weeks, conscription is being scrapped as of March 31. Pakistan's armed forces are made up of volunteers.

Of other nations with which the United States has specific military arrangements, Japan has no military conscription. The Republic of China (Nationalist) embassy in Washington, treats the length of required service as classified military information.

THE Eisenhower administration in 1955 presented to Congress a long-range military program designed to permit abandonment of the draft at the end of the new four-year extension. This was to be accomplished through creation of a ready reserve — to augment the regular services — of 2.9 million men by 1960.

The program ran into serious trouble. Admittedly the compromise measure which emerged from Congress would not build up a 2.9 million ready reserve — the goal was later lowered to 2.5 million — nor was it expected, realistically, to permit the scrapping of the selective service in 1959.

Only the Army now uses drafted personnel, but recruiting officers in all these services agree that the threat of being drafted encourages enlistment. The draft call for January of 9,000 — lowest since December, 1957 — reflects plans to cut military manpower on active duty more than 70,000 by June 30, rather than any change in reserve policy. The total armed forces by the middle of next year will number 2,525,000 men.—E.R.R.

**Dennis the Menace**



"AND WHEN ANNIE SAID 'PASS THE MEAT', DENNIS PUT THIS HUGE RUBBER TOAD ON A PLATE AND....."

**Washington Report**

By William S. White

**POWER OF THE WEST**

Washington — Perhaps the most fundamental shift in the balance of political power of this generation is unfolding with ever rising significance in the American West.  
Alaska's decision in its belated balloting to send Democratic Senators here has had far more important results than to swell the Democratic majorities that had resulted from elections held across the rest of the country on Nov. 4.

It means of course, that the new Senate will open in January with 64 Democrats to 34 Republicans. This is the largest margin of Democratic control since the high tide of the Franklin D. Roosevelt era.  
Much more meaningful, however, is that Alaska, our 49th state, has now joined in a headlong western march to the Democratic party that will have consequences extending many years into the future.

ALREADY, in the Nov. 4 voting, Democrats have swept through the Far West like a desert sandstorm. They had seized four entrenched Republican Senate seats in Wyoming, California, Nevada and Utah. They now have consolidated almost total control of the whole vast area running from the ice of northernmost Alaska to the blazing heat of the Mexican border.

Now a single Republican Senator, Thomas Kuchel of California, survives on the whole Pacific slope. Moreover, Democrats are in effective control of Senate delegations running all the way eastward to the Dakotas.  
Already, too, Far Western Senators had held four of the most powerful committee chairmanships in the Senate dealing with the national economy—Hayden of Arizona, appropriations; Murray of Montana, interior and insular affairs; Magnuson of Washington, interstate and foreign commerce; Chavez of New Mexico, public works.

The immediate result of all that has happened in November will be to give the West a degree of Senate influence it has hardly known in history. There will be a sharp corresponding fall in the influence in the Senate of both the East and the Mid-West.

AND the ancient dominance of the Senate by the South, particularly in these times when party control lies with the Democrats, inevitably will be much weakened. Indeed, it would be vastly weakened but for this fact: the Southern moderates who now master the Southern Senate wing in general have long been close to the Western Democrats. The association has rested in part, simply on mutual liking and in part on common interest.

These Western Democrats are universally liberal in things like public power, spending for public works and agricultural subsidies. They have an empire to build and they represent for the most part a have-not section of the country, long subject to economic discrimination from the East. So, too, the Southerners. And so the Southerners, with a handful of Old Guardist exceptions, find it easy to make common cause with the Westerners. Each section believes, from one point of view, in moving the country forward.

Or each section from the orthodox Republican view, is quite expert in widely distributing money from the federal treasury.

ON a single issue, civil rights, the Western-Southern comradeship is far from close. But even here, the Westerners have never been willing to burn the last bridge with the moderate Southerners.

What is likely for the future is an increasingly successful Western-moderate Southern coalition. Actually it is potentially capable of mastering the Senate—and it will probably will do so.

At the same time, the power of the West in Presidential elections, thus in Presidential nominating conventions, has not risen with its Senatorial power. This, of course, is because in the Senate the smallest state has equal representation with the largest, whereas in the Presidential electoral vote of Nevada, say, is a small prize indeed.

Finally then, it is entirely possible that we shall see a new contest for ultimate power over public policies between the Western-Southern Senate on the one side and the Presidency that after 1960 is still likely to be dominated by the interest and attitudes of the East and Midwest.  
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**Weather Lore**

To the Editor: One of the ancient weather omens among the early Egyptians, and proven true nine times out of ten, was that the first three days of December foretell the kind of winter weather for the three months ahead.  
The first day of December signals the first month of winter, the second day foretold January weather and the third day represented February.  
One consolation about the three month prediction is that the whole period can be construed to mean only the 90 days from the winter solstice to the spring equinox every year. Whatever kind of weather the three day tradition may bring is the prophetic key.

We can only hope it isn't the "upside-down" fog variety to hold precedence.  
Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman st., Medford

**No More Authority**

To the Editor: From the article in Thursday's paper regarding the special election Dec. 10 it appears that off-street parking is not the main purpose thereof.  
The voters should take note of statements made at the Jackson hotel—viz: Otto Frohnmayer, of the Chamber of Commerce, stated: "There's only one issue to be voted on Dec. 10, and that is faith and credit behind the bonds."  
The city attorney, E. Roy Bashaw, showed that the charter amendment would not in itself authorize floating any bonds but it would permit the city to proceed with resolution of a (or any) specific nature with necessary public hearings by "enabling legislation."

In my opinion this means but one thing: The voters are asked to give our city officials full authority here and in the future to act for the

**All Not Lost for Conservatives; Many Reelected to Congress, Wilson Reports**

By LYLE C. WILSON  
Washington — Further evidence to support the belief that the conservatives are not all dead is this:

The right wing weekly news-letter "Human Events," which is published in Washington, D. C., cast up before the November election a list of 42 Republican members of the House, all 55 years of age or younger, who were standing for re-election and who could be classed as conservative politicians.

Their conservative tag arbitrarily was conferred because all of them in the 85th congress had cast more than 70 per cent of their votes on controversial legislation against the recommendations of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA).

ADA is a non-Communist but quite left wing political

faction of which Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is honorary national chairman. Other notables in the ADA high command include Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.) Walter P. Reuther of the auto workers, and former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D-N.Y.). ADA is the heir and embodiment of FDR's new deal.

"Human Events" called the list of 42 conservative Republicans a roll of honor and reported in October that 38 of them were seeking re-election. Of those 38, four lost and 34 were re-elected, a high percentage in any circumstances, but especially so in an election generally regarded as an unrelieved catastrophe for conservative citizens and a triumph for the left wing.

The 34 winners came from 17 states too widely scattered to make anything like a pattern.  
Other and older Republican conservatives also were re-elected. "Human Events"

noted, however, a peculiar significance in the re-election of the younger men, as follows:  
"An opposition sweep usually causes the most devastating losses among the younger and newer members because they are the ones who lack the prestige and power which comes with seniority in committees. In addition, they have not had as many years to be of service to constituents."

These 34 youngish Republican conservatives, a handful of their conservative elders and those Southern Democrats who refuse to march the left-of-center path will add up to a considerable bloc of votes in the 86th Congress.

All of them together are not likely to muster a majority on any vote in the House. They will be the hard core of support, however, when President Eisenhower begins to fire veto messages at big spending projects. To override a veto requires a two-thirds vote. Eisenhower will use the veto freely in the next two years.

**In the Day's News**

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's talk today about the "common touch." There are some interesting examples of it in the news of the day after Thanksgiving.

President Eisenhower and his family ate their turkey on the glass-walled porch of the Eisenhower cottage that stands beside a fairway at the Augusta National Golf club. It was a simple family gathering. Around the table were the President and Mrs. Eisenhower, their son, John, and his wife and the four Eisenhower grandchildren, ranging in age from 10 down to two years.

It was just like millions of other Thanksgiving family reunions in America—with ONE EXCEPTION. The exception was that the turkey had to be carved under the glare of floodlights and the eyes of newsreels and TV cameras.

The President and his family bore up cheerfully under the ordeal, and when it was over they settled down to their meal.

THE common touch? It came during the carving, which was done by Grandpa Eisenhower. THE KNIFE WAS DULL and Grandpa had quite a tussle with the first duck. Son John had to hold the turkey steady while his father wielded the knife.

THE moral? Presidents are just like OTHER people. Their families are just like other families. Somebody forgets at the last minute to sharpen the carving knife.

Vice-President Nixon and his wife, Pat, entertained Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip Thursday at the American embassy on Grosvenor Square in London.  
Preparing for the dinner, our Veep put on his dress

WARSAW, Poland — Leaders of the International Atomic Energy Agency were in Warsaw today for a tour of Polish atomic energy centers. Among the group was W. Sterling Cole, of the United States, director general of the agency.

TOKYO — Japan National Railways has begun remodeling a railway coach for the special use of Crown Prince Akihito and his commoner fiancée, Michiko Shoda, it was disclosed today.

shoes and his black silk socks, wriggled his way painfully into his starched-front shirt, put in the studs (probably murmuring a bad word or so when the darned things wouldn't go through the stiffly starched buttonholes) got his black bow properly tied and pulled on his pants.

At that point, he discovered that he'd gone off and left his dinner jacket HANGING ON ITS NAIL IN HIS CLOSET IN WASHINGTON. Pat was embarrassed. "This is the first trip he ever went on," she explained, "that I didn't do his packing for him. I'll see to it that it never happens again."

HOW was the emergency met?  
Well, Dick borrowed a tux from Jim Basset, of the embassy staff. That left Basset out on a limb. So he had to borrow a tux from one of the Scotland Yard men who was assigned to the Nixons for their protection during their London visit. What happened to the dick? He met the emergency by borrowing one from one of the waiters.

All in all, I think, a commoner touch would have provided if Prince Philip had dashed over to Buckingham Palace, which isn't too far away from Grosvenor Square, and rummaged out one of HIS dinner jackets for his far-from-home host.

IN conclusion — The teletype bears the news that Crown Prince Akihito's engagement to 24-year-old Michiko Shoda, daughter of a wealthy Japanese flour-mill executive, which shatters 2,618 YEARS of tradition, has brought wild joy to all of Japan because it creates the prospect that she will be the first COMMONER to share Japan's throne since the world's oldest dynasty took it over in 660 B.C.

This is truly, you see, the century of the common man.

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