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FLIGHT 'O TIME

Medford and Jackson County
History from the files of The
Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40
and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Feb. 13, 1949 (Sunday)

Nineteen World War I veter-
ans comprise the third
group of arrivals at the new-
ly opened Camp White domi-
ciliary.
Radio station KYJC an-
nounces it will join the Ameri-
can Broadcasting company
next month.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 13, 1939 (Monday)

The Oregon Shakespearean
Festival association players
stage a scavenger hunt to
round up props for their pro-
duction next week of "You
Can't Take It With You," by
Kaufman and Hart.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye
Smudge Pot" column: "The
first objectors have voiced
their objections to the Sales
Tax in Oregon. They have no
objection to the Sales Tax,
but fear the revenue there-
from, will not be spent where
they think best."

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 13, 1929 (Wednesday)

Valley fishermen abrogate
fish law for lower Rogue
river.
Fred Homes, Ashland, and
Cole Holmes, Medford, are
elected president and vice
president respectively of the
Jackson County Lincoln club.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 13, 1919 (Thursday)

Irvin S. Cobb, pleading fa-
tigue and Democratic affilia-
tion, declines to appear at the
Lincoln club banquet.
Valley residents count their
blessings as the worst blizzard
in years grips the Middle
West.

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 13, 1909 (Saturday)

Crater Lake road boosters
return from Salem, confident
of their bill's passage in the
Senate.
The Rogue River Fish Pro-
tective association's bill to
outlaw net fishing in the river
gains House approval.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. What flag was known as
"The Stars and Bars"?
- 2. "CWT" means what?
- 3. Which of these women
was famous for her work to
abolish human slavery: Susan
B. Anthony, Lillian Russel,
Harriet Beecher Stowe?
- 4. Are the romance lan-
guages derived from the Greek,
Latin, or Slavic?
- 5. Is the actual weight of a
ship denoted by its "gross
tonnage," or its "displace-
ment tonnage"?
- 6. A bar of steel will float
on the liquid mercury; true
or false?
- 7. Is an "excise tax" levied
upon individuals, corpora-
tions, commodities, or real
estate?
- 8. What city in the Philip-
pines is known as the "Pearl
of the Orient"?
- 9. John Bull is a nickname
that personifies what people?
- 10. Complete the proverb:
"A stitch in time . . ."

Answers: 1. Confederate
States of America. 2. Hunder-
d-weight. 3. Stowe. 4. Lat-
in. 5. Displacement. 6. True. 7.
Commodities. 8. Manila. 9. The
English. 10. "... saves nine."

Corporate Dishonesty

Ever since the Southern Pacific railroad
abandoned passenger service to southwestern
Oregon in August of 1955, long-time patrons of
the railroad have pointed out, time and again,
that the SP has deliberately set out to kill off
passenger service.

The pattern shows up again on its "main line"
service, where it is attempting to cut wintertime
runs of the Shasta Daylight to three per week.

If anyone doubts that the railroad has set out
to make passenger service unproductive, so that
it can use "losses" as an excuse for abandoning it,
he should read the testimony prepared by Clif-
ford W. Ferguson, counsel and director of rail
transportation for the Oregon public utilities
commissioner.

FERGUSON is now in San Francisco, where the
interstate commerce commission is holding
hearings on the three-a-week Daylight proposal.
Excerpts from his testimony follow:

"Several years ago President Russell of the SP . . .
made a prediction. 'Railroad passenger service,'
predicted President Russell, 'is on its way out.'
"Mr. Russell is an unusual prophet. The main rea-
son he is an unusual prophet is because he can go about
making the things happen that he prophesies will hap-
pen—and that is exactly what is happening to Southern
Pacific passenger service. It's 'on its way out,' that is,
if presently adopted policies of the SP bear fruit. Evi-
dence in this case generally will show that passenger
patronage of the SP is being deliberately discouraged
by adopted practices designed to discourage patronage.
"This design might be properly titled 'Pattern for
Abandonment.' It was used, the evidence will show, in
a modified form in relation to the Rogue River in-
trastate passenger service prior to abandonment of their
service."

FERGUSON continues:

"President Russell said something else . . . 'There's
no sense in talking about railroads trying to keep up
with airlines. The future of the railroads lies in freight
. . . President Russell has taken steps, and has been
taking steps for more than a year, to insure that his
railroad will not keep up with the airlines insofar as
passenger patronage is concerned.
"The evidence will show that SP ticket agents
have been holding themselves out to sell major air-
line tickets . . . for nearly a year.
"One of the amazing things about the arrange-
ment . . . is that this service of selling tickets by the
SP for the airlines in competition with itself was
negotiated under contracts between SP and the airlines
whereby all of the expense of handling this service
at its 240 passenger stations will be borne by the SP
passenger service, with no cost to the airlines . . .
"Curiously, however, President Russell is con-
cerned about passenger deficit, and because of passen-
ger deficit his railroad has now filed a notice of partial
discontinuance of Shasta Daylight passenger service
. . . The evidence will show that partial discontinuance
is, of course, a practical step toward total discontinu-
ance of Shasta Daylight passenger service along the
only railroad line extending north and south along the
Pacific Coast from Portland to San Francisco . . ."

THUS Ferguson points out this sequence:
1. The SP sells airline tickets, and adver-
tises airline travel, AT ITS OWN EXPENSE.
2. Then it pleads that passengers are "desert-
ing" railroads in favor of airlines, and causing a
"deficit" on passenger runs.
3. Finally it uses this as an excuse to reduce,
or abandon, its passenger service.
It may be, as the SP piously claims, that rail
passenger service is on its way out. But the SP
certainly is doing what it can to hasten the day.
Ferguson points out that the SP recently
closed its big downtown ground-floor ticket sales
office in Portland, then rented the space to a com-
peting airline. Its own ticket office went to the
sixth floor of an office building.
Since 1957 the SP has almost entirely discon-
tinued the cleaning of passenger equipment in
Portland, has laid off or furloughed 17 employees
engaged in such cleaning, and dropped its aver-
age cleaning costs from \$12.76 to \$4.02 per car.
The SP has failed to improve its food service,
as other lines have done.
Out of a total of 68 agency stations in SP's
Portland division, only 23 are supplied with pas-
senger ticket stocks for serving the public.

FERGUSON'S testimony indicates that 25 per
cent of Portland arrivals of the Daylight were
late, and the condition became worse in 1958,
with 45 per cent late during the first six months
of last year, and 60 per cent late during June.

He points out that traveling agents and porter
service has been discontinued or decreased; that
SP company expenditures for advertising of their
passenger service have declined by 57 per cent
during the past five years.

These show clearly the SP has decided that
passenger service (which it is morally obligated
to provide this area) is not for it, and that it has
deliberately set out to provide the conditions
which will kill it off.

It is a disgusting example of corporate dis-
honesty.—E.A.

February 14, 1859

As a result of legislative action and by proclama-
tion of President Buchanan, Oregon today at last be-
came a state. It is expected that the state officers who
were installed last year in anticipation that statehood
would be granted at that time and who subsequently
resigned will immediately be re-installed.

Congressional approval of admission of Oregon has
been achieved only after a long and bitter battle
brought about by the fear of slave Democrats that
the admission of Oregon as a free state would upset
the delicate balance between free and slave state
representatives in the Senate. In Oregon itself the ques-
tion of slavery was a political issue for many months
prior to the convention of 1857 that wrote the state constitu-
tion, and it was alleged on the floor of that convention
that slaves had been and were then being held in
bondage by certain citizens living in the Willamette
Valley. However, a free state constitution was adopted
by an overwhelming vote. The struggle was at length
resolved as a result of a vote by eleven Republican
Congressmen led by Representative Eli Thayer of
Massachusetts.

And so after many trials and disappointments, Ore-
gon is a state. And a century hence these political
skirmishes will be very nearly forgot.

Dennis the Menace



"IS THAT THE UPPER PLATE YOU BEEN HAVIN' TROUBLE WITH?"

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.

Centennially Yours

To the Editor: Will you join
me in a project that will re-
mind thousands of people
every day that this is Oregon's
100th anniversary year?

If so, sign all of your let-
ters (especially to out-of-sta-
ters) "Centennially yours."
Centennially yours,
J. Pat Metke
State Representative
Deschutes County

Protests Tuition Increase

To the Editor: I have lis-
tened to the commentators on
television and read in our
newspapers about the need
for higher education for our
American youth, so that we
may compete with the Rus-
sians and the rest of the
world in scientific fields. I
also read in last night's paper
where Mr. Hatfield urges that
tuition fees be increased in
our schools of higher educa-
tion. Now \$10 or \$20 does not
seem like much, but if such
increases continue we are go-
ing to do nothing but discour-
age higher education.

There have been several in-
stances in southern Oregon
where students have been
forced to withdraw from the
college they were attending,
simply because they or their
parents could not meet the
expenses.

I am not one that knows
too much about finance, but
it seems to me that if more
money is needed to meet state
requirements there could be
other ways to raise it other
than a direct increase of tui-
tion.

Marian V. Glidden
243 South Stage rd.
Medford

He'll Help

To the Editor: Read the
letter from Mrs. N. Hollis,
112 West California st., Jack-
sonville, about an old man,
Mr. Tom Bjornstin, who is
about to lose his house for
taxes.

I am enclosing a dollar bill
to the Medford Mail Tribune
with the hope that others will
contribute enough to save Mr.
Bjornstin's home.

It seems the tax gougers of
this day and age have no
regard for the old people liv-
ing on a pension. I am living
on a pension myself and I
know pensions are not keep-
ing pace with taxes.

Mrs. Hollis's letter was in
the Tribune of Feb. 10. I am
mailing a copy of this letter
to Mrs. Hollis. I would appre-
ciate very much advising me
in event you do not receive
sufficient funds to cover the
tax bill and I will make fur-
ther effort to raise the money.
Thomas S. Williams,
1233 Highway 199,
Grants Pass, Ore.

Editor's note: Mr. Williams'
contribution is being forward-
ed to Mrs. Hollis.

Not Recognized

To the Editor: For the past
few months, doctors, nurses
and others in the health field
have been receiving brochures
from the American Registry
of Doctors, Nurses and
Certified Nurses Aides of
America. We would like the
public to know that these are
commercial enterprises, which
are not recognized in the field
of health.

In the State of Oregon the
following organizations are
recognized: The Oregon
Nurses Association, The Li-
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formation about any of these
organizations call SP Ring
2-8163.

Oregon Nurses
Association,
District No. 4,
By Ada Martin, R.N.,
1133 Spring st.,
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Resents Mexicans

To the Editor: Have been
hearing quite a bit of talk
about the fruit harvest condi-
tion here and I have found
out that it is the growers' own
fault they have trouble with
so-called "migrant" workers.
The Mexicans are treated
much better physically, though
I gather they are not

does everyone figure on Cra-
ter High doing the job for
our whole end of the valley?
The administrative expense-
reduction and simplification
of fund distribution would be
attained without delay. Trans-
portation expenses would not
vary a great deal from any
of the other plans offered.

Phoenix High school could
be operated on a full high
school basis but with enroll-
ment controlled to give first
preference to those students
desiring agriculture as their
main subject. This would
avoid the necessity of stu-
dents being transported from
one school to the other be-
tween classes during the
school day. Girls should also
be allowed vocational agricul-
ture classes. I have known
some very excellent lady
farmers.

Yes I have a personal in-
terest in this problem, with
four children in the Phoenix
school system now.

Space allowed for this let-
ter does not permit a more
detailed outline or sales talk
but perhaps it will call atten-
tion to some SLEEPERS to
new school opportunities and
maybe even stir up a better
plan of action.

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Minnesota Farm Agent Says All Not Rosy
In Midwest; Produce Prices Down, 'Uneasy'

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington—(UPI)—Today it
will be C. F. Knickrehm ver-
sus the Wall Street Journal,
a kind of David and Goliath
contest in which Knickrehm,
like David, is loaded.

Knickrehm is a farmer and a
manager of farm prop-
erties in St. James, Minn.,
a small town in the southern
tier of counties. His county
is Watonwan, an area of
lakes and rich farmland,

fit for corn, wheat, sugar
beets, flax, dairy and beef
cattle.

About 200 Watonwan Coun-
ty acres are mine under
Knickrehm's management. He
is a good manager. A check
for \$1,000 fluttered out of
the envelope which reached
me Thursday with Knick-
rehm's report on how things
were on the farms in the up-
per Mississippi Valley.

Knickrehm's report seemed
not to jibe precisely with a
survey which appeared this
week in the Wall Street Jour-
nal. This was a survey of the
farm machinery business at
the manufacture and retail

levels which the journal re-
ported were booming fit to
burst.

Buyers Less Satisfied
Manufacturers and retailers
alike were happy. Resale
prices for used farm equip-
ment were substantially high-
er. Farmers were making
larger down payments and
even paying off their equip-
ment notes well ahead of due
date to save interest. This
was a happy-days-are-
again survey. It unquestion-
ably was accurate because the
Wall Street Journal is well
edited and its reporters are
experienced newsmen.

The survey, however, re-
flected the seller's point of
view. The point of view of
the buyer—the farmer—is
something else again. Hear
this from my friend, Knick-
rehm who, in typical farm
fashion, begins with the
weather report:

"We have had some real
winter here the past four
weeks. The thermometer has
been below the zero line
quite regularly. And the past
week we have been getting
some snow. We have had
about five inches of new
snow since Monday, Feb. 2.

"Our markets on the farm
produce have been somewhat
uneasy the past weeks. It
seems since the livestock
prices are shipping, especially
the hog markets, everything
else is uneasy.

In The Squeeze
"Farmers are all hoping it
won't get going much worse
than it is. The price of farm
produce alone would not be
so much hurting if the cost
of farm equipment would not
be climbing up higher and
higher. Many of the smaller
farmers do not have enough
income to keep on farming,
after paying all the expenses
such as taxes and cost of re-
pairs or machine hire where
it is not advisable to have
all the necessary machines
such as combines and corn
pickers and hay balers and
other large equipment.

"The small farmer either
needs to get more acreage to
farm, if there is land avail-
able, or else rent his land to
someone else, and find work
elsewhere.

"I guess the farmers are
not the ones that have prob-
lems, so I think we will all
just have to try and work
things out, best we can for
all. We people in our Ameri-
can country have much to be
thankful for. We have free-
dom of speech and religion
and many other conveniences.
"Hoping that you and all
of yours are enjoying good
health, as I can say for my-
self and family.
"Sincerely,
(Signed) C. F. Knickrehm
(agent.)"

Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt Gets
Ike's Pledge of Firm Support

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Editor
The man-of-the-week: West
Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt.
The place: Washington and
New York City.

Both of these characteris-
tics may have played a part
in the reception for Willy
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But sympathies aside, there
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Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

Washington—The gravest
responsibilities now lie upon
the Senate, and especially its
Democratic majority, and
upon the Administration's
political opposition in gen-
eral.

The hospital leave
forced upon Secretary of
State John Foster Dulles has most
pleasant implications. To face
the facts head-on, it means
that for indefinite weeks our
foreign policy leadership will
necessarily be weakened. And
this is at a time when West-
ern and Soviet maneuvering
over the Berlin crisis will
reach the pitch of delicacy.

The situation is to some de-
gree reminiscent of 40 years
ago, when President Wood-
row Wilson lay ill. Then, a
hostile Republican Senate
opposition made a shambles
of his post-World War I policy.
For—to look plainly at yet
more reality—Mr. Dulles, and
not Mr. Eisenhower, has domi-
nated the Eisenhower Admin-
istration's foreign policies.
President Eisenhower has al-
ways handed over unusual
power to Cabinet subordi-
nates, and particularly to Mr.
Dulles.

Moreover, to much of
the world, quite apart
from much of the United
States, the President ever
since his heart attack of 1955
has been regarded, rightly or
wrongly, as less than a full-
time participant in the direc-
tion of this country's affairs
abroad.

In brief, the constitutional
head of foreign policy, Mr.
Eisenhower, for nearly four
years has been seen as not
fully functioning. And even if
he had in fact been so func-
tioning, the rest of the world
would not believe it. Now,
the real creative head of fore-
ign policy, Mr. Dulles, is ef-
fectively compromised by his
illness.

Our vital interests could be
imperiled by the slightest
partisan exploitation of these
melancholy circumstances, as
these interests were imperiled
four decades ago by willful
Senators in the administration
of Wilson.

Fortunately, the present
leadership of the Senate in
both parties is well aware of
all this, and almost certainly
will act accordingly. Even
more fortunately, the Republi-
can far-right wing clawed and
hammered at the Truman Ad-
ministration, seeking its de-
struction in the middle of the
Korean War.