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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. 15, 1949 (Tuesday)

Legal points are argued in circuit court as Ashland Mayor Thomas Williams' dispute with the city council receives further airing.

Medford Judge G. H. Nelson requires a teen-age traffic offender to write a 500-word essay on traffic safety.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 15, 1939 (Wednesday)

Seventeen Jackson county residents sign up for the cruise on the "Delta Queen" from Sacramento to the dedication of the Shasta-Cascade exhibit building at the world's fair.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "One of the Older Girls reports sighting an early fly in her kitchen Tues., with her trusty fly-swatter missing from where she hid it."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 15, 1929 (Friday)

T. E. Daniels goes to Salem to urge passage of the proposed new steelhead law.

Oil development is in prospect for the valley.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 15, 1919 (Saturday)

Plans are under way for a reception for returning soldiers and sailors of the valley.

A special election for referendums is set for June 3.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 15, 1909 (Monday)

The Crater Lake road bill strikes a snag in the Oregon Senate when it is routed to the ways and means committee instead of the road and highway committee.

Southern Oregon miners predict record output of placer gold this year.

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

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

1. In war, what does the term "open city" mean?  
2. What is a cadaver?  
3. Who wrote "The Song of Hiawatha"?  
4. Who composed the opera Lohengrin?  
5. A flamingo is an air-plane, bird, bat, or a kind of woman's hat?  
6. What motion picture actress was called "America's Sweetheart"?  
7. Correct the following: "He was awkward in bowling."  
8. One President of the United States weighed 280 pounds; name him.  
9. Do fish have eyelids?  
10. Is the yew an evergreen or a deciduous tree?

Answers: 1. Undefined. 2. Corpse. 3. Henry W. Longfellow. 4. Richard Wagner. 5. Bird. 6. Mary Pickford. 7. "He is awkward at bowling." 8. William Howard Taft. 9. No. 10. Evergreen.

**FAMILY BREADWINNER**  
Green Bay, Ala.—While out dove hunting with his father, Robert (Bob) Cunningham, 11, spent his time gathering wild cucumbers—40 pounds of them. Dad didn't get any dove, but Bob sold his catch for \$4.80 and treated the family to a steak.

### Dogs, Again

It is surprisingly evident that people are strongly—even passionately—interested in animals generally, pets particularly, and dogs especially.

An extended flurry of letters to this newspaper, of telephone calls and letters to public officials, of visits to the Humane society and county dog pound, all have demonstrated that few other subjects generate quite as much heat. This is one of the reasons that today we are beginning publication of a new column, "You and Your Pet," prepared under the auspices of the Southern Oregon Humane society.

**BUT THERE** are other ramifications, leading to questions of the care and control of pets, and to problems of the disposal of the "excess" animal population, chiefly dogs and cats.

The Humane society, with much logic and vast experience, both locally and nationally, urges that the problem of too many animals be attacked at the source, by curtailing indiscriminate breeding. If nothing else, the recent evident interest in these matters has focused attention on the problem, and this in itself will do much to make a start toward solving the problem.

**MEANWHILE**, however, a lively controversy over pet control will undoubtedly continue, for the elements of compromise are lacking.

And the problem of the disposition of "excess" animals, while steps are being taken toward a solution, still poses several questions. One of these is the frankly unpleasant subject of methods of execution.

The congress recently passed a law calling for the humane slaughter of meat animals. Can we be any less concerned over the methods of death of animals who traditionally are much closer to us, dogs and cats?

A member of our staff who has made it his business to look into the matter discusses this distasteful, but important, subject in the following editorial.—E.A.

### Humane Death

If Jackson county's unwanted dogs and cats must be disposed of in large numbers, we must consider carefully what methods are used.

The humane way and the easy way are not always the same.

Electrocution, as used at the Jackson county dog pound, kills the animal almost instantly. But it can dispose of only one at a time.

The carbon monoxide gas chamber in use at the Southern Oregon Humane society accommodates several animals at once. But they do not die right away.

**THE** Jackson county court recently ordered construction of a gas chamber for the pound. Since Chris Hagler, the county dog control officer, must dispose of some 50 animals a week, the chamber would certainly make his work easier, if less palatable.

Contrary to what many people have supposed, however, the carbon monoxide appears to be less humane than electrocution. We base this statement on observation of the methods at the two local facilities.

The county's chamber is to have one advantage over that of the humane society. The gas will enter through several holes instead of one, thus hastening its work somewhat.

**A**NOTHER advantage that should be considered is to provide a quick outlet for the air in the chamber as the gas enters. The same motor that produces the gas and forces it into the chamber could also suck out the air.

This, according to William Herring of the humane society, would cut the killing time in half. The society does not use this arrangement itself. For its chamber the gas is filtered through a water tank, which cools it and filters out the carbon soot. Then, however, it must force its way into the chamber as the air is pushed out a vent in the top. This way, death lingers a bit.

**BUT** there are other methods of killing, and we believe they should be considered too. None are quite as easy as the gas chamber, perhaps, but they might prove more humane.

One is the use of cyanide gas. This substance brings death swiftly, but requires precautions.

A second is the injection of a painless but lethal drug. This method is used generally by veterinarians. It is humane, but of course time-consuming and costly.

A third is the captive-bolt pistol. This weapon, held to the animal's head, deals a quick, fatal blow with a retractable metal plug.

The use of carbon dioxide in humane livestock slaughtering should be noted too. Carbon dioxide merely puts the animal to sleep, after which it can be killed by other methods.

**WE REALIZE** the county court has already committed itself to purchasing the gas chamber. The court members have undoubtedly acted in good faith.

But we urge that the possibilities of using cyanide gas or carbon dioxide in this chamber instead of carbon monoxide, and the other alternatives, be fully explored. The court, we understand, has not yet acquired a motor to produce the carbon monoxide.

Commissioner Ralph James has assured us of the court's interest in this matter.

The alternatives we have mentioned may take a little more time for the person in charge of the chamber. They may, mercifully, take a little less for the animals inside it.—E.W.

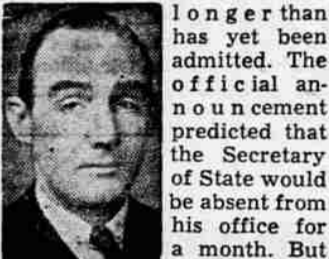
### Dennis the Menace



"SEE? I TOLD YA JOEY WAS STUCK ON YA!"

### Matter of Fact

**DULLES OUT**  
Washington—At a minimum, the illness of John Foster Dulles is likely to last much longer than has yet been admitted.



Joseph Alsop

Dulles himself has warned the White House that he will probably have to be away for two months. The two-month estimate was certainly not soft or self-indulgent, since very few men of our time can equal John Foster Dulles' courage in the face of illness. In truth, he was very ill already, and the doctors were already clamoring to operate, when he grimly crossed the Atlantic for his last tour of the Western capitals.

Worse still, he took this taxing journey although he could make no move of any sort—could not cross or stretch his legs, or rise to go into dinner, or take his seat at table—without incurring the most agonizing pain. In this condition, this 71-year-old man behaved as though he were made of gutta serena, or some similar substance, keeping his secret from all but two members of his party, so that his co-workers would not try to spare him or lighten his burden.

**NO** ONE on earth can fail to admire such a display of sheer guts and stoic sense of duty. Furthermore, there are a great many people who have not admired Foster Dulles in the past, conspicuously including the leaders of other Western nations who most detested and distrusted him, yet who now regard his renewed illness as a genuinely appalling development. The secret of this change of front lies in a single scene from the recent past.

Last August, when the attack on Quemoy began to be taken seriously, John Foster Dulles flew to Newport to see Dwight D. Eisenhower. The President borrowed an hour or two from the golf course to hear the report of his Secretary of State. Dulles then put on the extremely transparent disguise of an anonymous "high official," and he announced to the world that the United States would use force to defend the off-shore islands if the need arose.

**AS** SOME one remarked at the time, "He all but sold like on a major risk of war on the first tee." The will that took the calculated risk that proved out at Quemoy was not the President's will. It was the will of the Secretary of State, who could persuade

### Editorial Comment

**SCORNING THE PUBLIC**  
The Southern Pacific, in a hearing before the interstate commerce commission in San Francisco, claims that it is losing \$1,900,000 a year on the operation of the Shasta Daylight between Portland and San Francisco.

If this claim by the railroad is correct, it means that the SP is losing \$5,200 every day, yet by the testimony of the railroad's own officials even in the low travel months of winter from 150 to 200 passengers ride the train daily.

Frankly, we are highly skeptical of the railroad's claim to a \$5,200 a day operating loss on the Daylight; the figure sounds as padded as a convention expense account. The SP is proposing that service during the winter be curtailed to three round trips a week and if this curtailment is granted, then it is the first step toward the discontinuance of the Shasta Daylight.

the President to make such a momentous decision after long absence from Washington, in mid-vacation, and between rounds of golf.

Here is the real reason why so many former Dulles-haters would now like to bank Walter Reed Hospital with flowers, if that would speed the Secretary of State's recovery. In brief, his peculiar and unprecedented relationship with the President makes Dulles almost irreplaceable.

Under-Secretary of State Christian Herter, Douglas Dillon, and others being mentioned as possible Dulles replacements, are men of highest quality. They might even have been better choices in the first instance. But none of these men has the Dulles relationship with Eisenhower.

**MERCIFULLY**, the sacrifice was apparently rewarded. The reports of general accord in London were not just the usual official eye-wash, if good sources can be trusted. The British have at least agreed in principle that a challenge on the access-routes to Berlin cannot be met by taking refuge in an air lift. Thus the essential foundation has been laid for a "contingent plan" for Berlin's defense. By the same token, Chancellor Adenauer has in principle relaxed his former position at least a little. Thus the essential foundation has also been laid for negotiations about the general German problem.

The determination of John Foster Dulles to defend Berlin, even if he must die in the act, is further proven by the fairly astonishing arrangement he made with the President and his own State Department subordinates before going to the hospital. If all goes well on the operating table, Dulles means to resume personal charge of the Berlin problem, from the hospital, and within a fortnight of his operation, while leaving Under-Secretaries Herter and Dillon to handle all other State Department business. Meanwhile, as the results of the operation are awaited, one thinks of that last Dulles journey.

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### A Call to Think

To the Editor: What is this thing which is so lightly spoken of as "defense"? What is this arms race in which we must have as much of everything as Soviet Russia has, or even more?

Hanson W. Baldwin, the military affairs expert on the New York Times wrote about these things in the issue of Feb. 1. He says the big issue is between what he calls "finite deterrence" and what he calls "counter-force strategy." Those words don't mean much to a common person, but then I read on to see this explanation:

"For the former task-deterrence by city-busting devastation—critics maintain we now have a great 'over-kill' capability, the capability of destroying many times over all of the enemy's principal cities and all of his principal military targets."

Yet, apparently, some military strategists argue that this is still not enough. They fear there still might be scattered missile emplacements from which weapons might get through to destroy our cities. To guard against this possibility I suppose they mean we must be able to blanket the whole area of Russia with our nuclear bombs. Do they not fear that in so doing they might also develop enough radio-active fallout to wipe out the entire population of the world?

When I think of these things my preachings as a minister of Christ seem much too feeble. I feel that I should be obeying the Master's injunction to "proclaim upon the housetops." Yet there are reported to be millions of followers of this same Master in our country, people who have surely heard his words about loving enemies. I don't want to drop one atomic bomb on any city when God's children live. Has not the ultimate seduction to absurdity been reached when people say that "the capability of destroying many times over all of the enemy's principal cities and all of his principal military targets" is still not enough?

Yet the same people who want the arms race to go on even beyond this will be the ones who will want the budget cut on economic aid to countries where over half the population is hungry, or on better housing for our own country where people are still living ten to a room in some cities.

Let us think, and then think again harder. Then let us do something. We the people are the rulers of this democratic country.

Thomas McCamant, 300 Oakwood dr. Medford.

### On Donations

To the Editor: In regard to my letter of Tuesday, Feb. 10, asking for donations for the taxes of an old man in Jacksonville. I wish to correct the spelling of his name, it is Tom Bjornsen instead of the previous spelling. And still checking further, the amount due on his taxes is \$78.26 instead of the \$33 as quoted before.

At this time I have the amount of \$25 and have the balance of \$43.26 yet to raise. Anyone interested in helping to meet this need, please send or bring donations to me.

Mrs. N. Hollis, 112 West California st., Jacksonville, Ore.

### Club Seeks Equipment

To the Editor: We wish to ask your help in locating some of our much-needed hospital equipment.

The Chin Up club has loaned all of its sick and ambulatory equipment through the Red Cross, and we find no records of where the articles are. Also none of our beds etc., have been returned and we are down to nothing.

We hope you will publish an appeal in your paper and ask that any of our crutches, wheel chairs, walkers and other equipment will be traced in this way.

Mainly, we want to know where things are so that we may loan again, when not in use.

One of our projects is buying hospital equipment and making it available to those who need it with no charge. These articles are hard come by and valuable only to our club.

The Chin Up club equipment is marked on the frame with our name, and we can identify it as our property. We will be glad to pick up the articles not in use and also be glad to allow further use if necessary.

We want to locate it so we can keep it in circulation. Anyone knowing of the

# POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

For some time, now, this column has been talking, on and off, about beards.

Well, how could it be avoided? There they are, great hairy acres of them, everywhere one looks. And on some of the most unexpected faces, too.

Now we have an appliance store that is offering substantial prizes for a variety of types of beards—a contest which has tempted the two Lincoln-esque characters in our own office.

At one school in the county, which shall remain unnamed here, some of the faculty are engaged in the pursuit of hairiness, and one of their 10-year-old pupils, reporting on this development to his mother, said that one of them, a man of some plumpness, is growing a beard on his chin. To which the 8-year-old of the family responded, "Yeah, Mamma, both of them."

And we are told on good authority that an official-looking notice appeared on the bulletin board of one of the town's better-known establishments where food is processed.

In legal language, citing sections of the Oregon Revised Statutes, it declared that all employees of concerns which handle food and

who are bearded must have them covered with hair-nets. And worse, it added that these hairy-faced employees must show up at the county health department at least twice a week for "spraying" of their beards.

We are also told that this created some consternation at this business for a time, and one employee even tentatively inquired of his boss whether, if he wore a net, he'd still have to get sprayed.

The culprit who perpetrated this dirty trick is known to this department, but we swore not to reveal his identity.

We have also observed that beards can almost completely change the appearance of a man. Some of them make them look far more distinguished than they do clean-shaven. Jack Creager, the local telephone company manager and president of the Centennial association, has a light-grey spade-shaped Van Dyke beard, which makes him look something like a supreme court judge.

Russ Jamison, the jack-of-all-publicity trades, who once looked like a city slicker with a tiny black mustache, and who later looked like an earnest, energetic young businessman when clean-shaven, now has an almost rustic appearance with one of those chin adornments which looks sort of like the "round triangle" trade mark of a well-known brand of beer.

Our women's editor is fascinated by the whole thing. A few months ago she scoffed mightily at the whole fad, but now she has become a convert and thinks ALL men should wear 'em.

We disagree. Only those who want to should grow beards, and judging by some of the results, not all of those. For every man who looks better in a beard than he does clean-faced, there is a man who looks just vice versa.

Janet Price, a student in the third grade at Hoover school, was one of those who wrote about the Oregon Centennial for the Centennial issue of the school paper, the Hoover Hi-Lite. Her essay follows:

"Once upon a time, a hundred years ago, Oregon country was made up of five states: Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Indians lived here. Pretty soon the pioneers came, making cabins and forts.

"After many hardships they learned to plant corn and many other things. The Indians didn't like peace so there were many wars between the Americans and the Indians. The Indians had many war dances and it was hard for the Americans to win, but they did and I'm glad."

A farmer we know has had trouble with coyotes bothering his sheep and has engaged in a trapping program with the assistance of a government trapper. We asked him if he'd caught anything yet, and he replied: "Yes, I've caught two rabbits, two skunks, one tomcat, one pheasant, one raccoon, two dogs, two coyotes, one 14-year-old boy, my index finger, and one heck of a cold."

One of the Jackson county sheriff's deputies was under his house the other day, doing some repair work, when he suddenly had two jobs to do instead of the one he'd started on.

His wife, in the house above him, finished with a bath and pulled out the bathtub plug, and the water flooded down on him.

It was the first time in all the years they'd lived in the house that he had known the tub drain wasn't connected to the sewer under the house.

A small boy was saying his prayers, and his mother nearby whispered to him, "I can't hear you, dear." With firmness, he replied, "Wasn't talking to you."

Once again we dip into the Hoover Hi-Lite, this time for an article authored by Coralie Sicksels of the fourth grade, entitled "Mrs. Fliegel's Birthday Party":

"The fourth grade room had a birthday party for Mrs. Fliegel. While we were deciding what to do and bring, we had her go to the office for five minutes. We brought cookies and koolade. Robert's mother made a cake and when Mrs. Fliegel came in Les and Dick threw confederate money on her."

## Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

### MR. DULLES IS NEEDED

There is no reason to doubt that John Foster Dulles will again come out on top, carried through his ordeal not only by his stamina, which is fabulous, but also by the knowledge that he is at this moment dispensable.

There have been times in the past when things were at the end of a chapter, and he could with grace and dignity have made way for a younger man. But not just now. This is a period when things are moving toward a climax, after which the world may be very different, and he himself is at the climax of his career.

There is no one else in the Western world who has authority, comparable with his, to lead the enormously complex negotiations about Germany and about Europe, which in one way or another are now unavoidable and imperative. If the West moves, as it must, from a policy of standing pat to one of negotiation and compromise, his personal leadership will be the best guarantee that flexibility is not flabbiness and that a strong and tough hand is in charge. The Russians will make no dangerous mistakes while he is there, and our allies will be much less apprehensive.

**SOMETHING** of this sort is, I feel sure, the crux of the German problem today. There is an ever present and growing danger of revolt in Eastern Europe which would entail Soviet intervention in the Hungarian manner, and would unavailingly bring about a great war. The Russians are undoubtedly worried about this, and truly responsible men in all the Western capitals are equally worried about it. Only those who have more emotion than they have imagination and foresight take the view that an East European uprising would be wonderful, and just what the free world wants.

It is the impending danger in Eastern Europe which makes it imperative to move toward German negotiations. For the best and perhaps the only way to avert the danger is to move towards the beginnings of the reunification of the two Germanys. We should make the Kremlin understand that we approach the coming negotiations, not with intent to provoke an uprising in Eastern Europe but in order to find an alternative to it.

The Russian problem in Germany and Europe is not how to conquer and absorb Western Europe. This is away beyond anything that is within their reach. The Russian problem is how they can disengage themselves in Eastern Europe without jeopardizing their own security. How can the satellites become, not their violent enemies, but neutrals? At bottom the problem is how to let go without falling off and being run over.

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## TODAY

In Oregon History

(A Centennial Feature)

FEBRUARY 15, 1841

Ewing Young who came to this country with Mr. Hall J. Kelley, died today at his home at Wheatland. Mr. Young has been most active in the affairs of this area. He was an organizer of the Willamette Cattle Company and led the party that drove cattle north overland from California. Three years ago he built a saw-mill. His death creates legal problems since, if his estate is to be probated, it will be necessary to set up some sort of provisional government.