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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. 18, 1949 (Friday)  
Congressman Harris Ellsworth has arranged to attend the official dedication of the Camp White domiciliary.  
A bill to permit construction of the proposed Lewis creek dam on the Rogue river is introduced at Salem.  
**20 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 18, 1939 (Saturday)  
The Senate at Salem approves designating the steel-head a game fish everywhere but in the Columbia river, by a 24-5 vote.  
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Pussy-willows, cut the right length for punitive measures against the young, but used solely for decorative purposes have started adorning parlors."  
**30 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 18, 1929 (Monday)  
A medical report shows the average life of Jackson county residents to be 55.5 years.  
Guy Connor sells a car of D'Anjou that average \$4.52 a box.  
**40 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 18, 1919 (Tuesday)  
A mass meeting is held at the public library to plan the reception for returning soldiers.  
The high school band is to give a concert soon.  
**50 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 18, 1909 (Thursday)  
The Crater Lake road bill is reported out favorably by the Senate ways and means committee.  
The ladies of St. Ann's society sponsor a dance tonight at the Angie opera house.

## Draft Revision Needed

If our information is current, the U. S. house of representatives has passed a four-year extension of the draft law, and it is now pending in the Senate.

Some 20 members of the house voted against the four-year extension, and at least some of them voted thus not because they were against adequate defense, but for the contrary reason—they believed that some workable alternative to the draft could and should be worked out, and that it could be done so within a two-year period.  
For this reason they voted against a four-year extension, hoping for one of two years.

**T**HERE is much to be said for their position. The draft law is uneven in application, giving some young men exemptions, while drafting others. The quotas are low now (only three to six Jackson county young men are drafted in an average month), and it seems unduly tough on them while hundreds of their classmates go undrafted.

The draft law, of course, does encourage enlistments in the armed forces, with many boys preferring to "join up," and get their hitch, either in the regulars or the reserves, over without the uncertainty of waiting.

**T**HERE is the added fact, though, that it is questionable if a two-year term of enlistment provides the armed forces with the type of manpower it needs in this electronics-nuclear-space age. A man is no sooner trained to a demanding specialty than his enlistment runs out, and the compensations for service are not sufficient either in terms of money or incentive or career opportunities to attract more than a small minority to re-enlist.

We are just as much concerned with the adequate defense of the nation as the next person. But we wonder if the congress, in perpetuating the war-time draft, isn't simply taking the "easy" way out, and wreaking an injustice on many young men as well as providing a source of manpower which does not suit the nation's needs.

We think the time for a new look at selective service has long since arrived.—E.A.

## Spotlight on Cancer

Whatever one thinks of John Foster Dulles as a secretary of state (and opinions have varied widely), one cannot but have the deepest respect for the man as a courageous and dedicated public servant, and to hope for him the best possible success in his battle against cancer.

His illness, and the grim and stoic battle he has waged against it, serves once again to emphasize the disease and the fact that, while treatment for it is better than ever, it is a still-growing threat to the national well-being.

The Health Information Foundation points out that the present death rate from cancer is about 60 per cent higher than that of 1900; that more than 250,000 Americans died of it last year, and that certain types of cancer have become steadily more important causes of death in the last 25 years.

**I**T wasn't long ago that cancer was a hush-hush word, carrying with it dread fear as well as the same reticence of reference one applied to social diseases.

But that fear is now somewhat mitigated, and the reticence has all but vanished. These changes can be attributed to advances in medicine, and a realization that the hush-hush attitude was one of the greatest deterrents to treatment early enough to be effective.

The illness of two widely-known public figures, the late Sen. Robert A. Taft, who died of cancer, and Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, who underwent surgery and radiation therapy and now hopes for a complete cure, assisted in making the public more aware of the disease, of its character, and of the potentialities of cure or control. Dulles' illness will serve the same purpose.

**I**T PROBABLY would be over-optimistic to predict that a "cure" for cancer will be found in the near future. But the battle is slowly being won, despite the fact that it is, percentagewise, a far greater killer than ever before.

One of the reasons for this is the fact that the population is aging; that other ills have been conquered, and that today people are dying of cancer who a few decades ago would have died younger of other ills.

There are other shifts in the pattern, too. Female mortality from cancer is dropping while male mortality rises. Some types of the disease are less-frequent than before, and others are increasing.

Modern treatment is making survival chances better. A few years ago only one cancer patient out of four survived five years or more. Today one out of three survives thus.

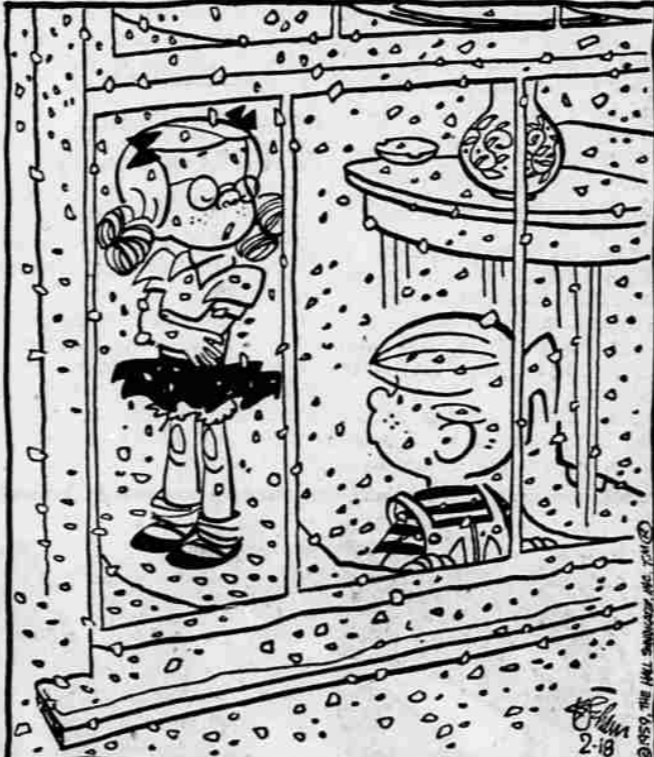
**C**ANCER is being fought on a number of different levels and with many approaches—radiation therapy, chemical research and experiment, virology research, surgery.

Some day it will be possible for a cancer patient to have every reason to believe he can be treated and cured, or at worst have the disease curtailed and controlled.

But today, the best guarantee against death by cancer is a regular call on the family doctor. The Health Information Foundation's advice is still good when it says:

"The main hope for any individual lies in early detection . . . The person who fails to consult a physician regularly is depriving himself of the benefits modern medical science could give him."—E.A.

## Dennis the Menace



"I HATE COLD WEATHER. HEAVY CLOTHES MAKE ME LOOK SO BULKY!"

## Editorial Comment

### Misery Loves Company

BY CHARLES V. STANTON  
Editor, Roseburg News-Review

When protests were being made here, and elsewhere in Southern Oregon, concerning discontinuance of the "Friendly" Southern Pacific's Night-crawler we received little encouragement from the Willamette Valley. In fact, we were accused of abusing a poor railroad company by insisting on a train that didn't pay for itself.

When we declared that the "Friendly" Southern Pacific was deliberately killing off passenger traffic in this area, by giving us lousy service and equipment, we were called intolerant.

Now, the same boys who took the railroad's side against Southern Oregon are squealing like pigs caught under a wire fence because they're getting the same treatment we kicked about for so many years. The "Friendly" Southern Pacific proposes to reduce the schedule on its Shasta Daylight, once Oregon's finest train.

The "Friendly" Southern Pacific quite obviously doesn't want passenger service. It is making a lot of money out of its freight service in Oregon. In fact, here in Southern Oregon we're producing more freight than any like area on the system. But hauling passengers is not a big profit business. If passenger hauling barely breaks even, the company is lucky. Certainly, passenger traffic is a big loss if the railroad company uses old and dirty equipment, advertises its competition and refuses to give service provided by other methods of transportation.

**On Way Out**  
Clifford W. Ferguson, counsel-director of Oregon's Public Utility Commission, said at a public hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission in San Francisco that the president of the Southern Pacific railroad made the "prediction" that railroad passenger service is "on its way out."

Mr. Ferguson recited that the "Friendly" Southern Pacific has deliberately discouraged passenger service, that it moved its Portland office to a sixth floor, where every other transportation company has a ground floor; that ticket offices don't advertise railroad tickets but do advertise airline and bus tickets; that car cleaning service has been reduced and that trains out of Portland are dirty; that dining car service is unsatisfactory; that decent service isn't given at some ticket offices along the line, that trains aren't kept on schedule, that schedules don't

link up with other trains, that porter service has been reduced, that advertising budget has been cut more than half. That's only part of the complaint.

The state Public Utilities Commission is stirring its stumps because the "Friendly" Southern Pacific is trying to reduce its Shasta Daylight out of Portland to three times a week. The Willamette Valley is up in arms because the "Friendly" Southern Pacific is doing everything possible to discourage passenger service.

But when "Bob" Ruhl tried to tell the public the same thing in the Medford Mail Tribune, and when I said in The News-Review that even the ill-famed Nightcrawler was being deliberately murdered, Willamette Valley editors verbally beat us over the head for persecuting the poor railroad.

**Competitors Boosted**  
The San Francisco hearing indicated quite clearly that the "Friendly" Southern Pacific is doing its utmost to kill passenger trains by making railroad tickets hard to get, while selling airplane and bus tickets at its own expense. Ferguson even introduced photographs to that effect as evidence. Yet Robert M. Gilmore, S.P. vice-president, said people are not "responding" to railroad promotion.

While there is a good argument that travelers should be able to pick up tickets for the means of transportation they most desire, it is rather peculiar the "Friendly" Southern Pacific would cry that it can't make its passenger lines pay because of airlines and buses, then sell its competitors' tickets while making its own service as rotten as possible.

Down here in Southern Oregon we can have deep sympathy for our good friends in the Willamette Valley. We've been through the mill! It is a safe bet that the "Friendly" Southern Pacific will win in the end. At least we took a licking.

Reduction of schedule on the Shasta Daylight will be followed by complete elimination, unless something is done by the I.C.C. The "Friendly" Southern Pacific then, I predict, will begin to kill off its night train, the Cascade. It won't be long until all passenger trains will be gone.

As I said, we have deep sympathy for our friends in the northern part of the state, but, after all, misery loves company.

At both the north and south poles there are about six months of midnight daylight and darkness at noon.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

**C**HINESE FABLE: An ancient and revered emperor, awakening to the realization one morning that he was henpecked, decided to find out whether this shameful condition also was prevalent among his subjects. He called every V.I.P. in the capital into solemn conference and ordered, "Every husband who knows in his heart he is henpecked is to stand over at the south wall."

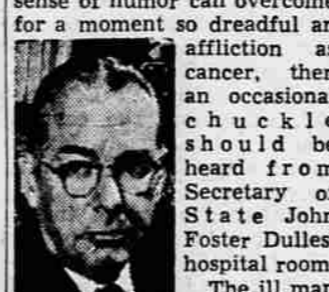
The entire assemblage, with one lone exception, sheepishly shuffled over to the south wall. The emperor looked at the exception with obvious respect. "You are a lion amongst a flock of sheep," he declared. "Is it possible that you are not henpecked?"

"Well, sire," hedged the exception, "if I knew what was good for me I'd be over with the others, but just before I left home this morning my wife warned, 'If you don't remember your allergy and stay away from crowds, I positively am going to knock your block off!'"

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## Kind Words Shower on Dulles; Many Now Find His Attitudes, Qualities, Needed

By LYLE C. WILSON  
Washington—(UPI)—If a sense of humor can overcome for a moment so dreadful an affliction as cancer, then an occasional chuckle should be heard from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' hospital room.



The ill man would be chuckling at the new image of John Foster Dulles which is shaping up in the published and word-of-mouth comment on his illness. Flowers for the living, these friendly bouquets might be called.

Dulles has been a whipping boy for the Eisenhower administration. Editorial and other criticism of Dulles has not been prolonged, severe and satirical. The trend, now, is toward a gee-whiz-what-a-man line of comment.

The new image of Dulles—the new perspective—seems to come from realization all around that here is a man tempered by habit and experience to deal with the difficult problems of these explosive times. He was most often adversely criticized for being inflexible—too rigid in approach to questions of foreign relations.

**Inflexible in Character**  
It is being recognized rather suddenly that Dulles' most inflexible rigid characteristics were integrity and unshakable confidence in the moral rightness of policies in behalf of free men. Such characteristics tend to balance off mistakes, even grave ones.

The new image of John Foster Dulles gains form and substance, also, by realizing that no one, including President Eisenhower, himself, can come up with a successor who

ideally fits the job. The impending problems in foreign affairs are staggering.

No. 1 on a list which includes several problems bearing directly on the future life and happiness of every family in the United States is this:—What specific proposals should be made to the Soviet Union with respect to the future of Berlin and of Germany, itself? This question is tied tightly to the overall problem of European security and world peace. Part of this problem is how to obtain

allied agreement to proposals which may seem to the United States to be desirable.

**Iraq Poses Problem**  
—The Middle East: What action, if any, should the United States propose to its allies if the government of Iraq continues to veer away from the free world until it is about to plump into Communist control?

That one is further away than Berlin, but quite as tough.

—Far from the borderline of armed conflict, but vital to

United States welfare, is the problem of improving U.S. relations with South American nations. Eisenhower and his brother, Milton, will help on that one shortly by visiting Mexico.

—Still unfixed are the ultimate policies by which the United States shall solve its numerous problems in Asia.

—The offshore island, Quemoy, is a smoldering time bomb which the Chinese Communists undoubtedly will set off the next time they need a diversionary issue.

as if to cool them, while he thinks. It is a memento of his days of torture under the Japanese occupiers of Korea, and a symbol of his unceasing hatred for the Japanese.

## Syngman Rhee Again Places U.S. in Uncomfortable Spot

By PHIL NEWSOM  
UPI Foreign News Editor

That old friend of the United States, President Syngman Rhee of the Republic of Korea, has put the United States in the middle again. The latest action of the firm-minded Dr. Rhee has to do with a Japanese plan to ship some thousands of Koreans from Japan to Communist-controlled North Korea. Rhee has said he will use any means, including force, to prevent the repatriation.

**Has Tiny Navy**  
It is unlikely that Rhee can carry out his threats of direct action.

His tiny navy, with nothing in it bigger than a destroyer escort, is under direct orders of the United Nations Command.

But Rhee can continue to stir the international waters, as he has before.

Rhee is accustomed to high-handed tactics. Toward the end of the Korean armistice negotiations, he almost upset the Allied appeal by arbitrarily releasing some 25,000 anti-Communist prisoners of war. The result was many more weeks of negotiations which frequently threatened to break down altogether.

Rhee has a lifelong habit of blowing on his fingernails.

Not only on the battlefield, but in diplomatic and financial areas as well, the United States has been chief defender of the Rhee government. In the last four years, the United States has contributed more than one billion dollars to the Korean economy.

In international eyes, the United States is held responsible for Rhee's and the Republic of South Korea's actions.

Japan's position in the present controversy is that only those Koreans specifically requesting repatriation will be sent to North Korea. The numbers of those wanting to go range upward from 100,000 and downward to around 1,000.

Japan says it will ask the International Red Cross to oversee the operation and thus vouch for its fairness.

For more than 10 years the United States has been trying to get Rhee to patch up diplomatic relations with Japan. Negotiations have gone on by fits and starts, never with any very definite results. Now they are at a standstill again.

Japan wants to rid itself of the Koreans because in general they are a poverty-stricken group whose fathers or

allowing them to rise and be dissipated. Available studies show the needs of plant and fish life for oxygen and the level of pollution at which they begin to suffer. It is necessary for their normal metabolism. Humans also need air with a certain oxygen content. Anything less causes upper respiratory disease, lack of oxygenation, particularly of fats and acids, and general confusion, nervousness and half efficiency.

Therefore, I propose we deal with the abatement of present pollution before we add more by the way of new industries.

The economy need not suffer by the lack of new industry. Citizen support and understanding a and legislative action can do a better job of making agriculture our number one industry.

If you agree with me that the number one and number two duties of good government are to feed its citizens and to provide the best possible conditions to promote health, we can bring about some revolutionary changes in our economy. Of course the agricultural industry will have to have as its primary purpose the promotion of maximum health, not merely producing dollars.

Thus, agriculture can become a health service, which can make sickness victims diminish taking less portion of our money.

I shall be very glad to hear of any legislation that is proposed in these fields.

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## TODAY In Oregon History (A Centennial Feature)

FEBRUARY 18, 1910

Willamette University defeated the University of Oregon tonight in a high scoring basketball game played at Eugene. The score was 20 to 9. The game was rough and many fouls were called on both teams. The Capitol City team excelled in team work, and time after time passed the ball the length of the floor despite Oregon's efforts. Oregon only showed superiority in dribble. For Willamette, McIntyre played a great game and his basket throwing was a feature.

Editor's note: Sports Editor Dick Jewett points out that the McIntyre mentioned above later became Adm. Ross McIntyre, personal physician to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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"Well, I guess that is so," replied Bailey.

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By 10:18 Barden counted a quorum. He started the session by announcing he had nothing to say.

"Does that mean no business is pending?" asked Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.). Barden said that's what it meant.

Hoffman, who is 83 and likes action, got up and drifted away.

Rep. Adam C. Powell (D-N.Y.), who ranks next to Barden among the committee's Democrats, wasn't present.

Rep. Cleveland M. Bailey (D-W. Va.), who at a committee meeting three years ago belted Powell right out of his chair, was he had a problem. He said the school bill en-

acted by Congress last year, carrying student loans and fellowships, hadn't amounted to much. He said the reason was money, and he will ask Congress this year to provide some.

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