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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**  
March 1, 1949 (Tuesday)  
KYJC is deluged with calls congratulating it on becoming affiliated with the American Broadcasting company.  
A 10-year-old Ashland boy is retrieved from his scouting outing to a cave in the "Big Rocks" west of Ashland.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
March 1, 1939 (Wednesday)  
The WPA approves a \$296,645 project for improvement of Jackson county's roads.  
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "A gentle reader demands something nice be said about the legislature. Okay! They have not yet passed a bill slashing salaries, only to discover the bill raises salaries."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
March 1, 1929 (Friday)  
March comes in like a lamb, with bright sunshine.  
Table Rock cows are given a clean bill of health.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
March 1, 1919 (Saturday)  
SP railroad orders its conductors to eject any Jackson county deputy sheriffs who board trains to search passengers for rum.  
Still more cakes are needed for the returning soldiers' reception.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
March 1, 1909 (Monday)  
The government's suit to recover the O and C railroad lands starts in the U.S. court in Portland.  
Medford's postal receipts showed a 32 per cent increase for the year ending Feb. 28.

**What's Your I.Q.?**  
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.  
1. What shell fish is commonly believed to be fit for human consumption only in months containing the letter "r"?  
2. What is the official Russian news agency called?  
3. Harriet Beecher Stowe is famous as the author of what book?  
4. What was the one word that Poe's raven repeated?  
5. If a pen and ink costs sixty cents, and the pen costs fifty cents more than the ink, what did the ink cost?  
6. What game is sometimes called "barnyard golf"?  
7. Elephants drink through their trunks; true or false?  
8. A contagious disease is the same as an infectious disease; true or false?  
9. Warren G. Harding was president of the U.S.; for what did the initial G stand?  
10. For what crime was Bruno Richard Hauptmann executed?  
Answers: 1. Oysters. 2. Tass. 3. "Uncle Tom's Cabin." 4. "Nevermore." 5. Five cents. 6. Horseshoes. 7. False. 8. False. 9. Gamaliel. 10. Lindbergh kidnapping.

### NEA Points the Finger

The National Education association is not exactly an unbiased outfit. It is composed largely of school teachers and administrators, and is, quite naturally, concerned with the future of the schools in particular and education in general. For this reason its pronouncements can be eyed with the knowledge that they come from a not-disinterested group, although it is a group which generally is characterized by high ideals, and a dedication to their life's work — which is as it should be.

THAT preamble is by way of putting in perspective a release received this week from the national headquarters of the NEA, which had to do with what it called "one of America's national blind spots — paying for good schools." The news release concerns a report from the NEA Journal entitled "Can America Afford Better Schools?" Here is a sample of the "eye-opening" statements of fact contained in the report:  
In 1902 the share of all taxes going to education was about 17 per cent.  
In 1932 the share was 25 per cent.  
In 1958 it was 12 per cent.

THE FIGURES, coming from this source, can be presumed to be accurate. (The only qualification that immediately suggests itself is that in neither 1902 nor 1932 was national defense a major taxer, as it is today.) The report goes on to present other figures of interest.

It points out that the federal government, "with its efficient, streamlined collection system," collects almost three out of every four tax dollars. And it adds:  
"Yet, despite the national implications of our brain-power race with other nations, it (the federal government) pays only 4 per cent of the cost of public schools. Local and state governments pay 96 per cent."

THE NEA says there will be a 100 per cent increase in the cost of education within the next decade. This is based on census figures showing the rising number of school-age children, plus the expanding birth-rate.

And the NEA doubts that local and state governments can handle this 100 per cent increase, pointing out that local and state debt has risen 182 per cent since 1948.

Unless the federal government assumes a larger share of the cost of schools, it forecasts:  
—A 50 to 90 per cent increase in real estate taxes in thousands of communities.  
—A 2 to 4 per cent increase in sales taxes in some states.  
—An income tax jump of 2½ to 5 per cent in some states.  
—An increase of 4 to 8 cents in cigarette taxes in several states.

THIS IS a pretty dismal picture. Can America, then, afford to double its school expenditures, no matter what unit of government pays for them? The NEA says it can. It says:  
"The value of all goods and services produced by the nation in one year is now \$440 billion. That's 70 per cent over what it was in 1948."  
"Our national income is up 63 per cent since 1948, and our personal incomes after taxes and our personal savings have increased drastically. Since 1948, we were able to afford \$110 billion for new and used cars, \$151 billion for alcoholic beverages, tobacco and cosmetics, and \$127 billion for recreation."  
"In the same period, we spent only \$78 billion for public elementary and secondary schools."

WE WOULD like to see some authoritative, unbiased source either corroborate or disprove these figures, for they look highly significant to us.

Are we, really, spending only about half of what we did in the depression year of 1932 (percentage-wise) on schools? Have our incomes AFTER taxes, and personal savings, increased drastically since 1948? Do we really spend only about half as much on schools as we do on liquor, tobacco and cosmetics? If these things are true, then we, as a nation, ought to be thoroughly ashamed of ourselves. Does education really mean so little to us?

IF THE NEA's figures are not correct, then they should be set straight. But if they are correct we can have both guns AND butter — which in this case means schools — with less sacrifice than in 1932 or 1948. Taxes on all levels and of all varieties have risen sharply. But if the NEA's statement is well-founded, they have not risen as sharply as personal income, and as a result a lesser proportion of individual income is going to buy the things that only government can furnish. The most important of these, in the short run, is national defense. The most important in the long run is education.—E.A.

**Life Gets Easier (?)**  
Life, in some ways, gets easier all the time. There are cars now which have seats that swivel to make it easier to get out. Food is frozen, oven-ready. Super-markets are putting in escalators so people won't have to walk from their cars into the store. We read the other day they've even developed a fish fillet without bones so you don't have to spit 'em out when eating. Two problems remain, however. No one has invented an easy-to-put-on tire chain. And the tooth brush has hardly been improved for years and years.—E.A.

### Dennis the Menace



"THERE! SHE'S BEEN WANTIN' A COLORED TELEPHONE! NOW SHE'S GOT ONE!"

### Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann  
MACMILLAN AND MR. K  
We do not as yet know what caused Mr. Khrushchev to interrupt his confidential talks with Mr. Macmillan in order to make a public speech. But if the report is correct that what he said about Germany and European security had been written out in advance, then his speech was a calculated diplomatic move — presumably to let the world know that he is not discussing with Mr. Macmillan any serious change in the Soviet position.

The way Mr. Macmillan has been treated in Moscow is not a good sign. For it is extraordinary that Mr. Khrushchev did not wait until he had finished his talks with Mr. Macmillan. Why he did not wait, he alone knows. It may have been that for one reason or another he did not dare to let the impression grow that he was on the way to a negotiated compromise. This might be due to opposition within the Kremlin, it might be due to opposition within the Communist orbit. Or, Mr. Khrushchev's calculated breach of the confidential talks with Mr. Macmillan may be due to an over-weening confidence that he is dealing from a position of superior strength. We do not know. But Mr. Macmillan is bound to do his best to find out in the talks which are still to come.

In the meantime, it is only prudent to assume that Mr. Khrushchev believes that he is in the superior position, and then to ask ourselves if indeed he is, and if so, what we can do about it.

TO SEIZE the initiative would be to test the Soviet proposals, not by rejecting them but by asking the Soviets searching questions as to how in practice they would carry out their proposals. Thus for example Mr. K. says that German reunification is a problem not for the four Allies but for the two Germans. Does he in fact mean this? Is he willing to let the two Germans deal with each other and is he willing to abide by the results? If Dr. Adenauer could become willing to make a move of this kind, it would in some measure reverse the field and restore the initiative to the West.

MY OWN view, for what it is worth, is that there is in the Soviet attitude a mixture of anxiety and confidence. The ruling oligarchy are, I think, deeply anxious about the position in Eastern Germany and in Eastern Europe, once the West German army is completed and armed with nuclear weapons. It is not because they think that West Germany can or will attack the Soviet Union. It is because they fear, not without reason, that an armed Western Germany will have a magnetic attraction for the underlying rebellion and resistance in Eastern Europe. The Kremlin is, therefore, under great pressure to arrive at some

kind of modus vivendi in the two Germanys within the two years that remain before the West Germans are fully armed. Along with this anxiety there is at the same time great confidence, perhaps over-confidence, that in dealing with the German question the Soviet Union now holds the stronger cards. The Soviets' hand is strong because they have the diplomatic initiative. They can create situations where — if it came to force — the onus of firing the first shot will be on the West and the actual occasion for firing will not be good enough to rally the West for a world war.

### Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF  
THERE'S A NEW BOOK out called "The Rapid Fact Finder," and it's just the thing for contestants on a quiz (beg pardon, information) program. Can you tell offhand, for instance, how many waterfalls are higher than Niagara and which one is the world's highest? Well, there are 56! The highest is Angel Falls in Venezuela — a staggering 3,300 feet. Niagara is only 167 feet!

Question two: What cities are called (A) The City of Lilies; (B) Cream City; and (C) The City of Bells? Answer: Florence, Milwaukee, Strasbourg.  
Finally, what do these all have in common? Steinberger, Trittenheimer, Wiltner, Scharzhofberg and Markobrunn? Answer: They all are names of German dry wines. Class dismissed!

Charged with plagiarism recently, a distinguished Hollywood reporter replied indignantly, "Everything a man makes up can't possibly be original."  
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**Migrant Labor Bills**  
To the Editor: With the migrant bills coming before the legislature at this time, I feel it is the Christian duty of our citizens to urge our legislators to support these bills.  
HB 139 provides a pilot program for migrant children; the children who will be our next generation of adults.  
HB 136 is for safety of transporting vehicles for crews.  
HB 159 deals with sanitary standards for farm labor camps.  
HB 160 deals with licensing farm labor contractors.  
HB 161 provides income tax deduction as business expense to a grower who constructs or improves farm labor camp for his migrant labor.

Any improvement of the migrant problem in Oregon will be of benefit to all residents of our state and I would urge that we write our representatives, Mrs. Evelyn Nye and Robert Duncan, and to our senator, Dr. Edwin Durno, immediately, that they may know our feelings.  
Mrs. Oliver P. Taylor  
3254 Jacksonville Hwy.  
Medford.

**Good Response**  
To the Editor: When we made the decision to withdraw from participation in programs under the National Defense Education Act, because of the disclaimer affidavit that is required, we naturally wondered what the public response would be. Consequently, it was with real pleasure that I read the editorial in the Medford Mail Tribune which expressed so well the fundamental reasons for our action.  
Incidentally, we have received a number of clippings of your editorial, enclosed with letters commenting favorably on both our stand and your statement.

Your public stand against the disclaimer requirement has been of real value to us in helping people understand the basic reasons for Reed's decision and should aid in securing the repeal of the oath provisions which are a hang-over from a past era.  
Richard H. Sullivan,  
President  
Reed College  
Portland 2, Ore.

**Porter Defended**  
To the Editor: A recent story by Robert Smith gave the impression that Congressman Charles O. Porter, in 1957, upon learning that House leader McCormack was to receive a medal from Dictator Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, brazenly wrote Congressman McCormack criticizing him and that McCormack replied to Porter, who was then a freshman congressman, that such a letter was presumptuous on the part of Porter and that McCormack was "short" with Porter.

Mr. Smith was pointing out that this was the reason that Porter did not receive a place on the foreign relations committee of the House of Representatives.  
That article did not treat Congressman Porter fairly. I was in Congressman Porter's office at the time, in February of 1957, when he got a call through to McCormack. He humbly explained to Representative McCormack that he had just learned that Representative McCormack was to receive a medal from Trujillo and that Porter had a speech prepared condemning Trujillo on the Murphy matter, among other things. He wanted Representative McCormack to know that it was a coincidence that the time allotted to Porter for that speech was to be a day or two after the medal was to be presented.

Porter emphasized that he wished to assure McCormack that he in no way wanted to embarrass him and that the speech was not for that purpose, but Porter felt that he must conscientiously give the story of Trujillo on the floor of the House. Porter said, in passing, that if McCormack knew what he knew, he did not think McCormack would accept the medal.  
I could detect nothing presumptuous in the tone of Congressman Porter in his conversation with McCormack, nor from hearing one side of the conversation, was there any intimation that Representative McCormack was "short" with Representative Porter.  
It is one thing to be firm in the position that a man conscientiously takes as a Representative of the people in Congress, and it is another to be brash.

Everyone knows that Congressman Porter contributed much to democracy in the free world in his criticism of the dictators in Latin America. If the telling of the world the cause of the disappearance of Gerald Murphy cost Representative Porter a seat in the forcing affairs committee, he should be praised and not condemned.  
Gene B. Conklin  
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Pendleton, Ore.

**Matter of Fact** By Joseph Alsop  
TROMBONE 33  
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Neb.—A great many hours ago—an age as it now seems — the snow was falling gently but persistently on Western Massachusetts. The big Westover Air Base was muffled in a dense whiteness; but its operations continued without cease.

The miracle of the Strategic Air Command is the continuous recreation of a gigantic, incredible complex, ever-ready machinery of striking power, always using the same men and planes and weapons and communication lines as parts of the machinery, but varying the design from hour to hour. One element in the design's Westover sector this morning was a "cell" of three B-52s, flying a training mission rather oddly called Trombone 33, together with a cell of three KC-135 jet tankers, flying together as Alcibiades II.

The pilot of the second plane in Trombone 33, Lt. Col. Winston Moore, was annoyed at the weather man, who had incautiously predicted no more snow by morning. All the same, Colonel Moore and his seasoned crew and his bewildered guest were all ready to go at the appointed hour. Endlessly, item by item, this plane's readiness was also checked. Then, quite suddenly, the eight jets emitted their dire starting shriek which sounded all the more blood-curdling in the padded silence of the snowfall.

"CLEARED to take off," said Colonel Moore, and the B-52 started down the runway that seemed to stretch to infinity. The far-spreading wings, which actually droop at rest, curved quickly upwards from the pressure of the onrushing air. Gently, imperceptibly, the ground was abandoned. The B-52 was in its natural element at last. "We're starting to climb," said Colonel Moore, when the immense ailerons had been retracted. Up, up, the great plane went, at not much less than a mile a minute, until the sudden breakout into the bright, empty blue of the upper air, with the cloud formations lying below like a relief map done in cotton wool.

### POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

It is veritable, authentic spring weather outdoors as this is written (Friday afternoon). It may not be the same when it appears in print Sunday morning, but sufficient unto the day. . . .  
If you're an early riser, and have looked toward the west on several mornings this week, you will have noticed the bright, bright moon, changing from full on Mon-

day morning to a fat half-moon later in the week. It woke us up about 5 o'clock one morning, shining onto the bed through the window. It had almost the aura and glow of a harvest moon.

It's silly, of course, but we have to confess to a mild attack of spring fever the last week in February. . . .  
We are delighted to report that our Phoenix friend, who so solicitously keeps track of bloopers in the Mail Tribune and lets us know about them, has now broadened his hobby to include television. He reports that Joe Hosick, in giving the weather forecast the other night, announced "cloudy with a slight red scours." Our PF comments that if you've ever seen a calf sick with the scours, you know what a mess that would be. . . .

Obviously, the MT didn't escape wholly unscathed on our friend's sharp eye. He spotted a story about a bill requiring most chickens to be labeled showing "their state or origin."  
Upon which he inquired, "How can a stark naked dead chicken HIDE the state it's in? As to its origin, which came first, the chicken or the egg? I think the bill should be defeated!"

(In case the subtlety of the typographical error passes you by, it was intended to read "state OF origin." Isn't English funny?)  
A Medford housewife was shopping in a downtown variety store the other day, and after she left, she happened to notice that she was carrying a child's purse looped over her arm behind her own purse. This mystified her, but, worse, also embarrassed her, to think that she'd walked out with unpaired merchandise. She walked back to the variety store and, unnoticed despite her nervousness, placed the purse back on the counter from whence it came. Then she walked out quickly, shaky but much relieved. . . .

Someone who signs himself only "Gold Hill Billy" thinks he may have the last word on the dog situation. We're not so sure about that, but are willing to give him a chance, as follows:  
I've read so doggoned much o' dogs.  
I've got to cough up something.  
The subjects' got my brain in fogs  
And doggoned nerves a-jumping.  
I always figure just like this, A-watching dogs and folk.  
That saying ain't just "hit or miss"  
And ain't no empty joke,  
That says that dog and master be  
Like two peas in a pod.  
And you can judge the owners, see,  
By the pooch they keep, by God.  
Each breeding female—wild, at large—  
Why gas her in a chamber?  
Slap on a hundred-dollar charge  
And make her owner tame'er!

There's quite a fad these days about the good old western "fast draw." This may have influenced a city police officer, who issued a citation for failure to yield the right of way, and it came out "failure to yield right away." Better duck, son. . . .  
Last week the county court was being conducted on a field inspection tour of some county road projects.  
En route back to town County Engineer Paul Rynning took them to see a "completed" project of which he was proud, the new bridge across Barnett rd. where it joins the Phoenix-Hillcrest rd. The bridge had been completed less than 48 hours before.

So he was no little chagrined when they arrived and found the bridge had been struck by an automobile that very morning, with a heavy railing knocked off and two supporting posts split off at ground level.  
Rynning was pleased, however, when it was found that it would be possible to have it replaced at no cost to the county. The driver who hit it left after the accident, but there was no trouble finding who it was. The only thing left at the scene of the accident was his car's license plate.