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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 15, 1949 (Tuesday)

Ground-breaking for a new
drive-in theatre south of Med-
ford is scheduled this week.

California Oregon Power
company embarks on a five-
year building program to
meet new demands for elec-
tric service.

20 YEARS AGO
March 15, 1939 (Wednesday)

Cyrenius Combest, Talent,
is signed up as Jackson coun-
ty's dog catcher.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye
Smudge Pot" column: "One of
the Older Girls has completed
the first of 36 spring house-
cleanings, and is tucked out
from telephoning all her
friends about it."

30 YEARS AGO
March 15, 1929 (Friday)

Scores of valley residents
journey to Salem to see Med-
ford's very own in the finals
of the state basketball tourna-
ment.

Sams Valley Grange mem-
bers plan a birthday supper.

40 YEARS AGO
March 15, 1919 (Saturday)

The public is urged to rally
to the support of the Commer-
cial club in developing and
boosting southern Oregon.

Sam Leonard, last of the
Leonard boys to return from
the war, is reported en route
home.

50 YEARS AGO
March 15, 1909 (Monday)

Little hope is seen for per-
petuation of the state's nor-
mal schools.

Ashland and Grants Pass
get free mail carrier service.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Prior to President Truman,
who was the last vice presi-
dent to succeed to the office
of President of the U.S.?

2. Which state of the Union
borders only one other state?

3. Do the arteries carry blood
to the heart, from the heart
or both?

4. Is riposte a term used in
music, bridge, fencing, or polo?

5. Sovereignty over southern
Sakhalin and the Kuriles
was promised to Russia at
what famous W.W. II conference
in the Crimea?

6. How many red, and how many
white stripes, are there on
a U.S. flag?

7. If a cattle boat carries
cattle, what does a pig boat
carry?

8. Two train, on parallel
tracks, leave at the same time,
travel the same speed and ar-
rive at the same destination.
One takes 90 minutes and the
other 1 hour 20 minutes. Why
the difference?

9. In boxing, which of these
is the lightest weight: light-
weight, bantam weight, fly-
weight, featherweight?

10. Which state covers the
largest area?

1. Coolidge. 2. Maine. 3.
From the heart. 4. Fencing. 5.
Yalta. 6. 7 red, 5 white. 7. Men
(submarine). 8. No difference.
9. Flyweight. 10. Alaska.

A Case of Semantics

College: A society of scholars incorporated for study or instruction, esp. in the higher branches of knowledge; a university or one of its schools; also a building or group of buildings used by a university or one of its schools; an institution for special or professional instruction.

University: An institution organized for teaching and study in the higher branches of learning, and empowered to confer degrees in special departments, as theology, law, medicine, and the arts; in U.S. typically a college and one or more graduate or professional schools.

—Webster's Collegiate Dictionary.

Oregon State College is smarting because it wants to be known as Oregon State University, and no one seems to be taking this proposal a bit seriously.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times, for instance, is fuming over the fact that the Oregon legislature shows no immediate interest in legislating a new name for OSC (which was OAC—Oregon Agricultural College—until some 20 years ago).

The G-T says:

"Oregon State meets every requirement of a university, in fact considerably more so than some of the schools which have already had their titles changed. The school is already a university in fact if not in name, so why not recognize it as such officially and with little to-do about it? This stalling is ridiculous."

WE FAIL to see the rush.

"College" is an entirely honorable and descriptive name.

The University of Oregon, with its schools of law, medicine and liberal arts, and with its extensive graduate program, fully merits the name of university.

The patrons of Oregon State argue that it does too, and perhaps with some justice. They have their schools of forestry and engineering and agriculture, for instance, which offer graduate programs. It also has a well-rounded program of study at the undergraduate level.

BUT WHAT difference does it make? The definition of "college" (see above) still fits OSC admirably, and at no cost to local pride.

Perhaps the word "university" does carry with it just a bit more prestige than "college," but hardly enough to get into a sweat about.

If OSC becomes OSU, we foresee considerable confusion in prospect. And we also foresee the day when Portland State College begins making noises about becoming Portland State University. It might even want to drop the "State," and become PU.

Then Eastern Oregon College, Oregon College of Education, and possibly even Southern Oregon College, as "societies of scholars," would presumably get on the bandwagon. We wouldn't want six universities in Oregon, would we, Elmo? —E.A.

Policy Reviewed

We have, in recent weeks, given renewed attention to this newspaper's policy regarding the publication of names of juveniles who get into trouble, in stories reporting the events.

Our policy has been, generally, that young people aged 17 and under, and who are arrested or detained by authorities, will not be named. Exceptions are made in the case of exceptionally serious felonies, and also in the case of traffic offenses.

(The latter is based on the belief that if a youth is old enough to drive, and is licensed by the state to do so, he is old enough to take responsibility for his actions behind the wheel. Some may argue that this distinction is an academic one, but it doesn't appear so to us.)

EVERY SO OFTEN we review this policy, consulting with those people we believe to have the best knowledge of the field, and studying the policy, and the reasons therefor, of other newspapers.

After we did so again recently, we again came to the conclusion that the policy should remain unchanged—at least for the time being.

Most Oregon newspapers in the past have operated with generally similar policies, but in recent months a few of them have modified their policy to permit the publication of juveniles' names more frequently, on the theory that publicizing of the names of youthful offenders is a deterrent to juvenile crime.

THIS THEORY is questionable, at best.

And it doesn't jibe with the Oregon law, which considers crimes committed by juveniles in a class apart, to be handled in most instances in special juvenile courts. The objective is not punishment; it is rehabilitation.

The authorities we consulted are virtually unanimous in declaring that publicizing the names of youngsters in trouble would, in most cases, seriously hinder their chances for rehabilitation.

We make no claim that this policy is perfect, for we know it is not. There are undoubtedly cases where the use of a name in a story would have a salutary effect on the youngster involved, or his parents.

But some policy is necessary, and we consider this one to be the best, in light of all circumstances, and upon the best expert advice obtainable—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"WELL, G'MON! IT'S SOMEBODY'S TURN TO DO ME!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

The Protocol of Humphrey

Washington—Until recently, the protocols of Zion held their rank as history's most influential fraud in case anyone has forgotten about them, the protocols were a gross anti-Semitic forgery that helped to warp the mind of Adolf Hitler, and then Hitler to warp the mind of the German people.

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Multi-Purpose Bills

To the Editor: The Oregon Senate's recent refusal to allow industries any use of water whatever on the middle Rogue river was inconsistent with its other recent acts in the field of water use policy. The Oregon Water Resources board was set up in 1955 and told by the Legislature to recognize the multi-purpose principle of water use, and encourage coordinated, integrated developments to get the maximum beneficial use of it without waste.

When on Jan. 21 the Board here at Medford made its report on Rogue river, it said that the several Legislative restrictions on the use of Rogue river water were at variance with the multi-purpose concept and were causing confusion and waste of water. It advised that all these restrictions be removed and Rogue river as other rivers be brought completely under the jurisdiction of the Board. Senate Bills 182 and 183 were steps in that direction.

If the Legislature refuses to allow any industrial use of water on the middle Rogue even for so small a thing as a log pond or a steam engine it will set at naught this fine talk about the maximum use and multi-purpose character of water.

The objections to the industrial use of Rogue river water come mostly from those who fear it will open the door to such things as paper mills with their large amounts of air and water pollution. The State Sanitary Board and the Water Resources Board both have responsibilities in preventing water pollution. Some long established industries continue to be pollution offenders but they are older than the control boards and can't be brought under regulation. New ones using water will be.

It is claimed that as much as several hundred tons of wood wastes are run off into this area daily. The destruction of so much wood is a big loss and should be causing some concern. If this material were taken to Grants Pass where water for processing is most available and these numerous incinerators around here were shut down, there couldn't help but be a net gain for the Medford area so far as air pollution is concerned.

Why have an Oregon Water Resources Board and a Jackson County Water Resources Committee if their well thought out recommendations are to be ignored