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## Spring - and the Centennial

Spring arrived last week. And the weatherman has certainly cooperated. There have been a few sprinkles of rain (just enough to keep things fresh and green the way they should be in the spring) and a lot of sunshine (just enough to encourage flowers and leaves and shrubbery). The nights have been cool and fresh, and the days just warm enough to be comfortable and cool enough to be refreshing.

SPRING means that summer is coming. And summer, particularly in this Centennial year, means that visitors are coming—coming to enjoy our scenery, our hospitality and our Centennial.

We hope the state, and particularly Jackson county, will be ready for them. One way of getting ready is to know enough about the state to be able to answer intelligently whatever questions are asked by visitors. Another is to get into a hospitable frame of mind. Still another is to support the efforts of the good folk who are working to make the Centennial successful—interesting and productive for Oregonians and visitors alike.

ONE way in which the latter can be accomplished is to purchase (for only one dollar) the "gold nugget" pins being sold in all parts of the county to "59ers."

These designate membership in the Jackson County Centennial association, and the money raised from the sale goes for projects of the association—such things as the Visitors' Welcoming Stockade on the summit of the Siskiyou.

The pins, if nothing else, will be good "ice-breakers when you run across an out-of-state visitor.

"What's that?" he'll say, pointing at your lapel. "Well, that's a gold nugget in a gold pan," you'll answer. "You see, in the early 1850's, over in Jacksonville—you should see it, by the way—they discovered gold . . ."

And there you are, good host, pleasant conversation, satisfied guest.—E.A.

## Little Electrics

Americans have created an automobile-borne civilization.

In recent years, with the growth of leisure time, an increase in suburban living, and with larger take-home pay envelopes, more and more families are becoming the owners of two cars.

The availability of small cars, many of them foreign made, which are generally cheaper than the larger "traditional" American cars, has speeded this trend. Used cars, too, not as prestigious as the "No. 1" family car, but cheaper, have played a part.

BICYCLES and motor-scooters haven't "caught on" in America for adult use as they have in many other countries, particularly in Europe. But now comes news of a new kind of car, which has the potentiality of spurring the second-car trend to new heights.

It is described in the magazine, Electrical World, which reports the "Shopper-Commuter" is operated by electricity, weighs 350 pounds, runs 50 miles a day on one charge, will use only \$3 worth of electricity per month to recharge its batteries, and will retail at an estimated price of \$750.

THE car is now in the design stage, the magazine says, and will be produced if financing can be secured.

We could be wrong, but we have a feeling they would go like hot-cakes if they are ever put on the market at the indicated price and perform according to specifications.

The body, made of reinforced plastic, would come in two models, convertible and conventional, on a low chassis with three or four small wheels using low-pressure tires.

Three or four rechargeable batteries would provide the three to five horsepower for two electric motors at the rear wheels, sufficient to give speeds up to 40 miles per hour. On downhill grades, the motors would generate current which would automatically recharge the batteries.

At night, a cord could be plugged into a household circuit to provide the batteries with enough energy to run the car for 50 miles.

MOST homes built these days come equipped with two-car garages. Most families would like two cars, whether or not they can, right now, afford them.

If a car is offered at \$750 which will do all that anyone usually asks of a second car—that is, to take you to the grocery, or use to go to and from work—we foresee a real boom in the little buggies.

Might be that pop could even borrow it from mom on Sundays and use as a golf cart—from which they have been adapted, anyway.—E.A.

**Standard Time Group Sees Financial Injury**  
Portland—(UPI)—A group called the Oregon Standard Time Committee Monday charged that daylight saving time for a vote in the House at Salem tomorrow or Wednesday would be a financial injury to the Centennial Exposition. Committee-

## Dennis the Menace



"BUT, MOM, I GOTTA!"

## Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

**GOP MONEY WORRIES**  
Washington—The Republican party is suffering the all but novel experience of being badly short on money with which to face the 1960 Presidential and Congressional campaigns.

Worse yet, the ordinarily reliable sources are still showing no sign of being prepared generously to open up. This is perhaps the most significant single political fact of today. It is even more important, though far less dramatic, than the slowly developing personal contest between Vice-President Richard M. Nixon and Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York for the 1960 Presidential nomination.

For it has never been any secret that, by and large, raising adequate money has not been to the Republicans anything like the painful problem it has usually been to the Democrats. This has been particularly true in those periods when Republican administrations have been in power.

NOW, however, though the Republicans do quite undeniably still hold the White House, the plain fact is that contributions to the party are hardly above a trickle. This can be said with total confidence after a good deal of snooping about; naturally, neither party is anxious to discuss its cash register in public except on occasions where special needs overcome all reticence.

The most-striking part of the thing is that checks to the GOP from the so-called Wall Street crowd are now just about as grudging as those from smaller business. This "Wall Street crowd," the very, very rich international industrialists and bankers from the East, formed the financial core of the original pro-Eisenhower movement in the party. The orthodox and predominantly Midwestern Republican small-business men for the most part were never enthusiastic about this Administration.

The fact that these are now sitting on their checkbooks is thus not so upsetting. But it is an unkind cut, indeed, that "the big Eastern fellows," as sometimes they are called, are doing much the same thing.

ALL this presents a truly basic, and possibly a frightening, problem to the GOP.

For the general readiness of business to contribute to the party has been in the historical sense its greatest financial surety just as, more recently, the financial sheet anchors of the Democrats have been the vast labor unions. And while business money refuses these days to move in any impressive sums into the GOP, the Republican pros entertain the most lively and gloomy suspicions that the Democrats will feel no equivalent drought from their labor sources.

It is, of course, far too early to suppose that the GOP will actually be starved out in the 1960 campaigns. Indeed, all history suggests that even the most worry-prone Republican partisan need not have anything like so extreme a fear. All the same, it is a fact that those who must raise the money are feeling the increasing twinge of anxiety.

WHAT, then, has happened within the Grand Old Party to cause so many to

## 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 initials 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.

**God Bless Them Anyway**  
To the Editor: God bless the padres and the swallows. Maybe as Mr. Clifford says the swallows did not return to San Juan Capistrano on St. Joseph's day, or St. Patrick's day either.

Maybe George Washington did not throw a dollar across the Delaware or Teddy Roosevelt lead the charge up San Juan hill, or the whale swallow Jonah or David slay Goliath. So what? For the sake of those good old padres, who struggled and suffered to build the missions along El Camino Real as far north as Sonoma, who tried to bring Christianity to this part of the world, to them I say God bless you and the swallows regardless of when they return to Capistrano. Michele Rossi, 115 Crater Lake ave., Medford

**Not Adverse**  
To the Editor: For your thoughtful, kind and courteous editorial on "versifying" (M-T, March 18) may we thus express appreciation and approval?

Not Adverse to "Versus Verses"  
We view with awe that tooth and claw  
Would be applied—woe's me!—  
If we send in a "versekin"  
Resembling poetry.

Yet note, with pride we cannot hide,  
How—editorially—  
You gave M-T's permission  
For a "rhyme"—occasionally.

Yes! In this life of stress and strife—  
Eternal crisis! Gee!  
We need some sign along the line,  
Of mirth and melody.

So all we bards (?)—and would be "cards"—  
Received it gratefully  
And with your "Versus Verses"  
Do heartily agree!  
"Gold Hill Billy"  
Gold Hill, Ore.

**Officials Inadequate**  
To the Editor: For the benefit of any interested reader may I quote from the editorial page of the Financial World Magazine?  
"Military supplies provided by the United States to other countries have been pilfered and diverted to civilian uses. 'Lack of judgment has been

## Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

**'CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER'**  
Washington—In the language of "Alice," the political situation in the Soviet Union is getting curiouser and curiouser. It could even turn out to have rather more bearing on the Berlin crisis than the ritual consultations between the President and Prime Minister Macmillan.

The latest enigma is the abrupt replacement of the Chairman of the State Planning Commission, Iosif Kuzmin, by his own deputy, Alexei Kosygin. In American terms, this is like the sudden, unexplained replacement of the Secretary of the Treasury plus the Director of the Budget Bureau. The evidence is too conflicting to be made clear who has been doing what to whom: that the Kuzmin-Kosygin shift is certainly linked to inner party politics in some way or other.

What makes the latest enigma so vividly interesting, however, is its place at the end of a considerable list of other enigmas. Taken together, they indicate that all sorts of contradictory forces are still at work within the Kremlin, behind the facade of Nikita Khrushchev's seemingly monolithic control. The proof is plain, if the enigmas are simply listed item by item.

**ITEM:** The party secretaries (i.e., the party bosses) of two provincial districts and the ultra-important Moscow district were recently disciplined and cashiered. These

in the long haul. I can think of no name that will properly fit the bill as published and hope the governor vetoes it.  
Arthur Moore  
608 Terrace st.  
Ashland.

**They Suffer Now**  
To the Editor: In Monday's communications column, it was mentioned that the drive-in theater group would suffer financial loss if Daylight Savings Time were instituted in Oregon.

The broadcasting industry is suffering financial loss, while Oregon remains "behind the times"! No matter what the outcome, it will not please anyone, either socially or financially.

Tom MacLeod,  
Manager,  
Radio Station KJJC

## Twins Separated By Rare Surgery

LONDON—(UPI)—Ten-month-old Siamese twin boys separated by a rare operation struggled for life today in individual hospital cribs. They were joined at the head at birth.

Officials at St. Bartholomew's hospital in suburban St. Alban's said the operation was successful but that the boys were in critical condition.

The twins were Timothy and Jeremy Thackeray, part of triplets born to 37-year-old Mrs. Kathleen Thackeray last May 2. The third child, Peter Martin, was normal. Their father, Hendon bank manager Reginald Thackeray, said neither he nor his wife was told beforehand of the operation performed by the hospital's neuro-surgical unit.

The operation, the first of its kind in a London hospital, was performed by 52-year-old neuro-surgeon J.E.A. O'Connell, who has written many articles for British medical magazines.

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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 24, 1949 (Thursday)  
An estimated 5,000 persons attend the opening of the new Greyhound bus terminal here. Jack Burris flies fresh crabs to Medford from the California coast twice weekly via Southwest airways.

## 20 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1939 (Friday)  
Gov. Sprague cautions against too much stress on partisanship in a luncheon talk here. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Valley heds are now setting, with the usual number getting no results from a white door-knob."

## 30 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1929 (Sunday)  
Five autos, confiscated for transportation of whiskey, are sold by the sheriff. Lyle Fisher's pears bring a high price on the British market.

## 40 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1919 (Monday)  
Elmer T. Foss, former Medford city recorder, suffers a broken leg while riding a horse in Seattle, Wash.

## 50 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1909 (Wednesday)  
The Jackson county court appropriates \$50,000 for construction of the Crater Lake road. Secretary Miller announces he will remain in the service of the Commercial club, with an assistant to lighten his work load.

## What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. What is the steam piano of the circus called?
  2. What classification of mail is parcel post?
  3. "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land," is part of an inscription on what famous object?
  4. In what city is famous Downing Street?
  5. If you saw a MIG-15, would you be looking at a submarine, airplane or Social Security Form?
  6. The Hudson River empties into Hudson Bay; true or false?
  7. Are the Hawaiian Islands near San Francisco, or Yokohama?
  8. Will the mercury in a clinical thermometer go down if the instrument is immersed in ice water?
  9. The type of composition of the original music of "The Beautiful Blue Danube" is mazurka, waltz, or polka?
  10. What sweetening agent is used by diabetics, who cannot use sugar?
- Answers: 1. Calliope. 2. Liberty Bell. 4. London. England. 5. Airplane. 6. False. 7. San Francisco. 8. No. 9. Waltz. 10. Saccharin.

## REDS VISIT JAPAN

Tokyo—(UPI)—For the first time since before World War II Russian tourists began sight-seeing in Japan today. The 21 Soviet visitors, 11 of them women, arrived Monday under a travel agreement signed last year between Japan and Russia.