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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
May 18, 1949 (Wednesday)
Robert A. Duff, Medford water superintendent, receives the George Warren Fuller award for distinguished service in the water supply field.

20 YEARS AGO
May 18, 1939 (Thursday)
From "Side Glances": "Bob Duff taking his new honor as a water association vice chairman lightly, he not letting it go to his head."

30 YEARS AGO
May 18, 1929 (Saturday)
C. E. Gates is elected president of the Jackson county fair board.

40 YEARS AGO
May 18, 1919 (Sunday)
Mayor Gates proclaims next Thursday as "Clean-Up" day.

50 YEARS AGO
May 18, 1909 (Tuesday)
Ashland's park commission acquires 40 acres in Ashland creek canyon for a park.

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 next number in the series: 7,8,6,7,5,6?

2. How often is a population census of the United States taken?

3. Walter Reuther is a well-known official of the U.S. government, a labor leader or a Hollywood star?

4. Correct the following: "Each of the boys did their work well."

5. "Slapsie Maxie" is the nickname applied to what boxer?

6. Is the highest mountain peak in North America located in California, Alaska, Colorado, or Canada?

7. Unscramble the following countries: ROCUEAD, YILTA, TRIBNIA.

8. What is wrong with this sentence: "Betsy Ross is said to have sewn the first U.S. flag on her own sewing machine."

9. Which of the following is the antonym for "depressed": depraved, hopeless, eager, cheerful?
10. Does the Statue of Liberty carry the torch in her right or left hand?
Answers: 1. 4. 2. Every 10 years. 3. Labor leader. 4. "Each of the boys did his work well." 5. Max Baucus. 6. A. Alaska. 7. Ecuador, Italy, Britain. 8. Sewing machine not invented until 1830. 9. Cheerful. 10. Right.

Purge in Little Rock

As if the degradation of the Little Rock school system had not already been carried to pitiful lengths, die-hard segregationists on the school board are pressing it still further through an attempted purge of principals and teachers who have not slavishly toed the prejudice line.

The principal and two vice principals of Central High School, the principal of the Horace Mann School for Negroes and principals of several elementary and junior high schools are among the 44 who are under fire.

THE president of the school board, Ed I. McKinley, says openly that he and the two other segregationists on the board are trying to fire some of the teachers for statements they made on integration.

The three moderates on the board, whom Gov. Faubus calls integrationists, walked out on the meeting at which the discharges were proposed, and are contesting the purge as illegal for lack of a quorum.

One of them, Ted Lamb, says the Faubusites want to strip the school system of teachers so that it cannot be operated, for lack of personnel, if federal courts order it reopened on an integrated basis.

HOW destructive racial prejudice is, and how endlessly its destruction goes on, the tortured children and parents of Little Rock have now had the unenviable occasion to learn at first hand. Not only has a year of schooling for children of both races been wrecked. A Dark Age of dictated thought, of official revenge against dissent, and of willful, methodical destruction of a city's education system has settled down on the Little Rock schools like a miasma.

The plight of Arkansas has long since spread far beyond the boundaries of a purely racial problem, and taken on the dimensions of a fight for its life by education against the forces of ignorance and superstition.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Language and the West

Time was, not very long ago, when all the tools a Western diplomat needed to do his job anywhere in the world were a full dress suit, some acquaintance with the odd customs of the native population, and a working knowledge of French, English, German or maybe Spanish. Almost by definition, anyone who couldn't speak one of the universal languages in addition to his own simply didn't rate.

Evidence of how radically things have changed is the conference of Oriental and African language specialists which convenes in London next week under sponsorship of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Participants will be trying to develop cooperative plans for filling woeful gaps in Western knowledge of non-European tongues. Behind the meeting lies the same sense of impending isolation which inspired the inclusion of language study grant programs in last year's National Defense Education Act.

IN GENERAL, U. S. language teachers have been delighted with the financial support and growing official interest in their specialty. But some professional linguists doubt that the current state of activity can be expected to yield the desired results. The linguists, who may be distinguished from the merely multilingual by their preoccupation with root similarities in language believe that present methods of teaching need a complete overhaul before any real advance can be made.

Although every American who attends college is necessarily exposed to one or more foreign languages, tests have shown that only one in every four recruits to the U.S. foreign service retains a usable knowledge of any alien tongue. Dr. Mortimer Graves, a U.S. delegate to the London conference, believes that multiplication of language courses is therefore wrong.

WHAT Americans need, Graves thinks, is "language sophistication"—a grasp of structure rather than rote learning of words and grammatical forms.

For this, he says, there must be "a new curriculum presented by a body of new teachers trained in new ways and armed with a great new panoply of new tools of teaching, study and research." Otherwise, no matter how numerous and how exotic the languages taught in our schools, Americans will still find the world a Tower of Babel.—E.R.R.

To Sled or Not To Sled

The International Olympic Committee meets at Munich next Saturday in part to determine whether bobsled races will be included in the 1960 Winter Olympics. The rub is, no bobsled track has been built at Squaw Valley, Calif., the scene of next year's winter games, even though the U.S. government is donating the land and some \$4.4 million in funds.

The Olympic rules provide that events must take place "in or as near as possible to the city chosen and preferably at or near the main stadium." Well, it's a long trek from Squaw Valley, Calif., to Lake Placid, N.Y., where the International Bobsled Federation wants the competition held. But the sledding huskies argue that Lake Placid has the nearest suitable run, and hence is "as near as possible." And the I.O.C., which has swallowed many a camel in the past, just might not strain at this gnat.—E.R.R.

Dennis the Menace



"NO, WE'RE NOT GOING TO 'SLEEP ALL DAY.' BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO STAY HERE UNTIL SIX-THIRTY!"

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.

Figures on Consolidation

To the Editor: On May 20 the voters of the Phoenix School District will decide whether or not they wish to consolidate the Phoenix schools with those of Talent. I urge all registered voters to study the facts. I have openly stated my preference either to remain an independent district or to join the Medford school system. I am interested in providing the children of our community with the best possible education. I am convinced that a consolidation with Talent would do little, if anything, to improve the educational facilities of the Phoenix schools now have.

No matter how attractive a consolidation with Talent is made to appear it is my sincere belief that the taxpayers of the Phoenix district will find it quite unpalatable if the consolidation is effected.

I have received in the mail a leaflet which allegedly contains facts concerning the Phoenix-Talent consolidation. Although it stated that the statements, in part, were obtained from the Phoenix school superintendent's office, it did not state who was responsible for distributing the leaflet, nor was it signed. It is, in my opinion, misleading.

Under the section "Ability to Support Schools," the as-

Table with 4 columns: Census, Assessed Valuation, Assessed Valuation per Census Child, Total District Levy. Rows for Phoenix-Talent, Central Point, Ashland, Phoenix.

Talent-Phoenix Consolidation

To the Editor: The Phoenix school district has a total valuation of \$4,753,717.52 compared to a Talent total valuation of \$1,627,007.26, which gives the two districts a total valuation of \$6,380,724. In the Phoenix district one mill of taxes would yield \$4,754 compared to \$1,627 in the Talent district. The combined taxes in the consolidated district of one mill would produce \$6,381. An estimate of the tax millage for the Phoenix district can be placed at 62 mills and at 81 mills for the Talent district for the coming year. If the two districts consolidate the estimated tax would be approximately 70 mills. This means that Phoenix taxes will be from \$30 to \$50 thousand more each year with a consolidated school, varying with the millage rate.

So I ask the question, "What do we now have and what will we get with consolidation?"

1. Phoenix has a standard four-year high school with a growing list of vocational courses.

2. Phoenix is a rich and growing community which in the future will need a better and larger school system. Evidence points to the fact that Barnett road will be our northern boundary which will give us a booming residential district, with a heavy school population.

3. This district owns and operates its own school bus system, and is not in debt outside the bonded indebtedness.

Now look at a Phoenix-Talent consolidated school.

1. We should never accept less than a four year high school. There has been talk of a junior high at Talent.

2. The opinion has been, with a junior high at Talent, it would be necessary to build a gymnasium at a cost of \$70,000. This would not be required with a four year high school at Phoenix.

3. With a four year high

school at Phoenix, students from the Barnett section would not be required to go to Talent for junior high. In the event the consolidated district built a grade school in Barnett section, with a four year high school at Phoenix, and with the present grade schools at Talent and Phoenix, the transportation cost would be at a minimum.

4. Additional school buses will be necessary as Talent does not own, but rents buses.

5. The larger system can operate more efficiently, with more pupils per teacher, one superintendent and one clerk for the entire system.

In the final analysis there would be a few mills difference in the operation of the two systems.

J. Hunter, Route 1, Box 341, Talent, Ore.

Approve Consolidation

To the Editor: In order to clarify misinformation on Phoenix-Talent Consolidation, some questions have been asked of Dr. Mayfield, superintendent of Medford schools. One of these questions is listed below with his answer.

Q. "Are we correct in assuming that in the event of a Medford-Phoenix school district reorganization, that the existing indebtedness of the two districts would be pooled?"

A. "It has been the policy, and the Board feels it will unquestionably continue, that whenever a consolidation between the Medford district and an adjoining district is consummated that assets and liabilities be combined."

If we do not consolidate with Talent, we will be forced into a reorganization as no other plans at present have been considered by the Reorganization committee, other than Phoenix-Talent consolidation and Medford-Phoenix reorganization.

In spite of all the talk of lower taxes should Phoenix-Medford reorganize, Medford

millage has already been raised 13 mills or 27.7 per cent (Medford Mail Tribune, May 3, 1959) since their recent consolidation. This does not include the building program which is inevitable with this large merger. Phoenix has a low bonded indebtedness and is not contemplating any big building program. Phoenix school budget for 1959-60 has about a 6 per cent raise over last year's budget and includes salaries for 4 new teachers plus 3 new classrooms on a pay-as-you-go basis besides the usual operating expenses.

We should realize under reorganization with Medford, we must assume their indebtedness, but in a consolidation with Talent we would only be liable for our own indebtedness as each district agrees to assume their own bonded indebtedness.

With the Phoenix-Talent consolidation vote coming up, we find citizens of Phoenix who staunchly supported the Phoenix-Medford merger, are now trying to convince people that we can stay alone. According to all available information this is impossible as it would defeat the all over plan set up by the Reorganization Committee. The Reorganization Committee considers Phoenix or Talent too small to stand alone under this plan. Unless Phoenix-Talent consolidation is effected, Phoenix would lose the Wagner Creek area to Ashland which would further deplete its school census.

So much misinformation has been given that we feel it is time to collect facts from the most reliable sources. We wish to emphasize that Dr. Mayfield does not support or endorse any faction.

Mrs. W. D. Sommer, Route 1, Box 548, Talent, Ore., (School District No. 4, Phoenix).

Foreign News Desk: Geneva Conference, Pope's Audiences, Argentine Oil Climbs

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

From the foreign editor's assignment book:

Background At Geneva: Western sources are guessing the Geneva foreign ministers conference will last three weeks, but concede it may go longer.

The Russians want to get it over with as quickly as possible. For them it's just a preliminary bout to the main event this summer—a summit conference.

It is a foregone conclusion now that the Russians will reject most or all of the West's "package plan" on Berlin, German reunification and European security. The West hopes, but does not predict, that the Soviets will go for some sort of deal on Berlin in exchange for tacit admission by the West that there's nothing doing on German reunification in the near future.

War of Nerves: Despite threats against West Berlin, the U.S. has not and will not do anything now to

upset the Geneva plebiscite. The Western Allies have approximately 10,000 troops in West Berlin, outnumbered by many times that number of Soviet troops in the immediate vicinity. Of the 10,000 Allied troops in West Berlin, the U.S. has approximately 4,000. There is no disposition now to increase them.

Cutback: Pope John XXIII, already decided to cut down on the number of private and special audiences at Vatican City, is expected to reduce them still further when he goes to his summer villa at Castel Gandolfo later this month or next. While his health is reported excellent, he did lose some weight during the first arduous six months of his reign. The figures are estimated variously at seven to 12 pounds, but he still tops 200.

Gushers: Argentine oil production is outpacing the construction of storage facilities and pipelines. From January 1 through April, production rose 31 per cent over the same period a year ago. Crude production is now running just over 100,000 barrels a day, and target figures are being surpassed every month. It's a bright spot in an otherwise gloomy

picture. The peso continues to lose ground, and president Arturo Frondizi's austerity program is unpopular even with his own party.

Dumping: Light industrial goods from Red China may begin to flood Southeast Asian markets again in the near future. Premier Chou En-lai told the National People's Congress that light industry's job was to supply foreign exchange for the state. This probably means textiles, portable generators and millions of dollars in other attractive—and in-

credibly underpriced—Red Chinese wares will be showing up again. Against them is the report that Red Chinese textiles in the past have proven of little durability and to be shoddy.

Japan believes it has about 90 per cent in the bag the 1964 Olympic Games for Tokyo. If that be so, it is likely to set off a building boom second only to that which followed the end of the war. It will require a doubling of Western-style hotel rooms, new roads and special sports facilities.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

GOP AND WHITE HOUSE

Washington—For the first time in his six years in the White House, President Eisenhower is responding to a purely partisan Republican National Committee.

In Congress last January two far more partisan types took over the party leadership from former Sen. William F. Knowland of California and Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts.

Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois succeeded Knowland as GOP spokesman in the Senate. Rep. Charles Halleck of Indiana replaced Martin in the similar job in the House.

These two Midwesterners from the start were much more aggressive than their predecessors. Slowly they began to put a certain touch of old-fashioned Republicanism over the White House itself.

Then Morton came along to finish the job. One week it was arranged that he should sit in—not as a Senator but as GOP national chairman—with the President and the Congressional leaders in their weekly legislative conferences. The next week, after the first such meeting attended by Morton, the President threw a "must" list of legislation at Congress.

NOW THE Democrats will treat this at best as a "maybe" list, in the end, the legislative program that evolves will certainly be more theirs than the President's. But the big point is this: The GOP pros have at long last scaled the domestic summit and entered the White House as welcomed guests. Their job now—Morton's job specifically—is to stay there. This new association will never enable them to dominate the Democratic Congressional majority, for power is power.

They will, however, be entirely content, this correspondent knows from them, if only the President will continue to show some special interest in the party. For Morton is going to these White House conferences mainly to build morale among the Republican rank and file in the country. What he is saying to the faithful is this: "Sure, the President is interested in the GOP; why else would he invite your chairman to these meetings?"

THE STORY of how they obtained real entree to the

White House begins with the change in the GOP Congressional leadership last January. It ends with the recent appointment of Sen. Thruston Morton of Kentucky as chairman of the Republican National Committee.

One certain consequence will be to make Congressional Republicans much happier than they have been. It is possible, too, that the President's legislative wishes hereafter will carry more weight, and for two reasons.

REASON No. 1 is the country's booming job situation. This has seemed to vindicate Mr. Eisenhower's economic theories. And the old Democratic cries that he was doing too little too late to revive employment have lost their force in the face of this spring's spectacular rise in job-holding. The man who got the blame for the rainfall, Dwight D. Eisenhower, now gets credit for the sunshine.

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south as Monterey. If you find one, study its bill. Compare it with the sparrow's seed-crushing bill, thrasher's worm-catching one, curlew's long curved probe, pelican's fish-basket.

One learns from this that the efficient survive. Nowadays the most efficient are those who persist in obtaining the best possible education.

C. M. Goethe, Sacramento 14, Calif.

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By FRANK JENKINS

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ROGER HARLAN—of Dallas, Texas—is an electronics whiz. Also he is a lazy man. And he likes to keep his garage door closed because he doesn't like to have every Tom, Dick and Harry messing around with the gadgets he keeps there.

But... being lazy... it irked him to have to get out of the car and open the door and then get back in the car and drive into the garage.

So—

He put his active mind to work. The upshot of it was that he fixed his garage door so it would open when he honked his horn or whistled in a certain pattern. So cleverly was this pattern designed that the door refused to be opened by the normal pattern of honks and whistles in his neighborhood.

For weeks, it was wonderful. Then something happened. He began finding the door OPEN when he got home!

WHAT to do? Well, being of a scientific turn, he fell back on RESEARCH—whose job is to FIND OUT FACTS. He put his wife to work. Her job was to watch that door as a cat watches a mouse-hole.

Four days later, she came up with a report. She said that each day a mockingbird came to the garage, perched on a basketball hoop above the door, cocked his head in a discerning way, opened its throat and REPRODUCED THE PATTERN OF SOUNDS that had been designed by the inventive-minded Harlan.

Whereupon the door OPENED!

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