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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 June 8, 1949 (Wednesday) Planting of trees on Medford street rights of way is forbidden by legislation passed by the city council.

20 YEARS AGO June 8, 1939 (Thursday) Mrs. Lora M. Pernoll is named Applegate postmaster, succeeding her late husband.

30 YEARS AGO June 8, 1929 (Saturday) A cannon is to boom tonight as Sixth st.'s next lighting system is turned on.

40 YEARS AGO June 8, 1919 (Sunday) The arrival of six Army planes thrills Medford, the entire populace turning out for the spectacle.

50 YEARS AGO June 8, 1909 (Tuesday) Ladies of the Greater Medford club undertake development of a new park on the vacant square west of the present city park on which the old water tower now stands.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Who ate "curds and whey"? 2. In what agricultural commodity did colonial Virginia pay the salaries of public officials and clergymen?

3. With what sport is the Walker Cup associated? 4. Correct the following: "Has either you or your sister eaten?"

5. What is the principal ore from which aluminum is obtained? 6. What is the price per plate which Democrats pay at the annual Jefferson-Jackson dinner in Washington?

7. Which is the Hoosier state? 8. Which elected President of the U.S. held that office for the shortest length of time?

9. Who invented the pendulum? What organ of the human body consists of a four-chambered, conical flattened, muscular bag, located in the cavity of the thorax?

Answers: 1. Little Miss Muffet. 2. Tobacco. 3. Golf. 4. "Have either you..." 5. Bauxite. 6. \$100 per plate. 7. Indiana. 8. William Henry Harrison. 9. Galileo. 10. Heart.

Their Own Worst Enemies

Alabama segregationists have forced the removal of "The Rabbits' Wedding," a harmless little fantasy written for pre-school youngsters, from open library shelves in Montgomery. The book is, they claim, propaganda for integrationists.

The reason? Because the book shows that the romance is between a white rabbit and—horrors—a black rabbit.

GARTH WILLIAMS, the author and illustrator of the little book, says he made the rabbits different colors for pictorial reasons.

Williams said the book "was written for children from two to five who will understand it perfectly. It was not written for adults who will not understand it because it is only about a soft, furry love and has no hidden messages of hate."

STUPID complaints of this nature do more to hurt the segregationist cause than all the high-sounding phrases which can be put together by all the writers and speakers on the subject.

(This is as bad as the complaints of the super-super-anti-Communists that "Robin Hood" should be removed from library shelves because it was Communist in that Robin took from the rich and gave to the poor.)

These people are their own worst enemies.—Bend Bulletin.

Good Reappointment

Gov. Mark Hatfield is to be commended for reappointing H. G. Maison to another four-year term as superintendent of state police. In expressing his confidence in this distinguished public servant, the governor is also demonstrating that he will not be swayed by the pique of some legislators who apparently want a police chief who grants special favors to politicians.

In the recent legislative session the superintendent took the kind of a beating no public official should have to put up with—a beating from those who themselves had had their fingers pinched in the machinery of the law. But reappointing him in the face of opposition, Governor Hatfield shows that he understands that cops, especially boss cops, aren't hired to be everybody's friend.—Eugene Register-Guard.

No Forest Merger

At least for another year the Bureau of Land Management will administer the O&C lands. An executive order to make the change as of July 1st next should have been entered before this time, and it wasn't. The Budget Bureau which was studying the question and poised to recommend the order of transfer has kept its silence, but the objectors to the change seem to have prevailed, for the Budget office has stayed its hand.

The Bend Bulletin thinks it makes no sense to have two agencies administering federal forest lands some of which are intermingled. It comments that most people prefer to have the Forest Service "win" in this duel and asserts:

"On the whole, although it has not been perfect, Forest Service direction of timber and range resources has been far superior to that of the Bureau of Land Management."

WE deplore such invidious comparison. As to range land management we aren't in position to comment, but have an idea that part of BLM's failure to accelerate range improvement is due in part to the laws under which it must operate.

As far as forest management goes, the problems of each agency are somewhat different. Most of the national forest lands are in a big bulk, while the O&C lands are in checkerboard pattern, intermingled chiefly with private lands. O&C management has been directed toward solving its own problems, chief of which have been reciprocal rights to use of access roads, sales in smaller operations, sales on a cruise rather than scale basis made more practical because of the scattered ownership and sales, and speeding up reforestation of its cutover lands.

IT IS not necessary to claim one is better than the other—we have great respect for each agency. Each has worked out its own solutions for its special problems.

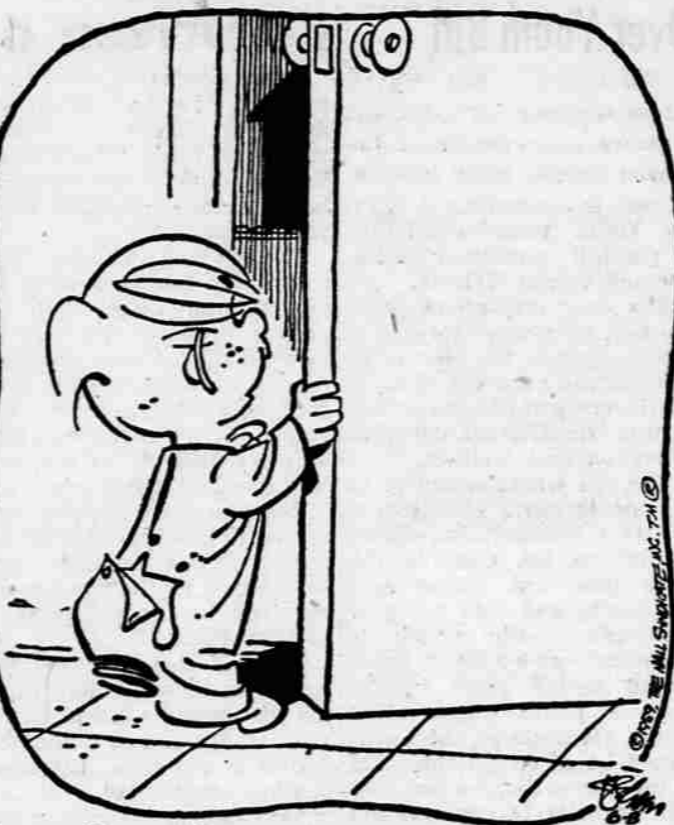
Finally there is something to be said in favor of a division so there is not a monopoly agency in the form of a federal bureau managing the most of the remaining stands of timber. That is one reason why logging and lumbering interests prefer to keep the division.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Tycoons in June?

The New York Stock Exchange suggests sending securities to June brides and is supplying its member firms with sales kits to promote such giving. The aim of course is to broaden the shareholding base, but the Exchange says also, altruistically, that it wants to "rescue young brides from a mass of pickle forks." Well, the program doesn't seem likely to create any June tycoons—after all, how many shares of A. T. & T. can you buy for the price of a pickle fork?

Incidentally, if the trend keeps up, the traditional month of marriage will see more brides marching to the altar this year than last June's 184,000. Marriages were more frequent in the first three months of 1959 than last year, and with good times returning, the trend should continue.—E.R.R.

Dennis the Menace



"PSSST! MAKE THAT CHOCOLATE MILK INSTEAD OF WHITE."

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.

New Mouse Trap

To the Editor: What do you think of our new mouse trap? We used to chase mice around the kitchen with a broom. Now, we don't have to. Send your mice to Cape Canaveral, let the Army put them in a satellite and shoot them to the moon.

Everett Acklin, P.O. Box 233, Ashland

Poll Watchers

To the Editor: Let's have some poll watchers at the next school district election. It was evident at the Phoenix-Talent consolidation election that since there was no political party involved, there was no authorization needed to validate the presence of the poll watcher.

So pull your chairs up to the election board table, folks, let's all be self-styled poll watchers and share, under the protection of the sheriff's office.

Pauline Baker, 1526 Camp Baker rd., Medford.

You Be The Judge

To the Editor: We people who have worked for and supported the Phoenix-Talent Consolidation, in the sincere belief that it was the best way of perpetuating an independent school system in our areas, concede the recent election to the wishes of the majority of our people.

We feel that many people have made us a promise in statements, verbal, signed and by way of T.V., that we can "stand alone" or "stay as we are." Such statements include all of the district from Barnett rd. to Wagner Creek.

Can we hope that all of these people will continue to exert every effort to attain this end?

There are several matters that need consideration. You be the judge as to whether these things are coincidence, or a deliberate plan to deceive the voters of the Phoenix school district.

1. Many people who earlier favored a Medford consolidation, voiced the opinion that we could stay alone. Yes, this is legally possible, but informed sources emphasize that it would be very improbable for more than 2 or 3 years. During that time our boundaries could be petitioned into other districts and a great deal of our more valuable property transferred, then financial difficulties would force us to join with Medford.

2. Before and during the election, some who were insisting that we could "stay alone" were circulating a petition to the reorganization committee to take part of the Phoenix district into Medford. This petition was presented to the committee just one week after the consolidation vote.

3. Was it a coincidence that on the evening before election day, a man by the name of "Mr. James" was seen on T.V. urging us to "Think it over, and stay alone"? Many voters did not realize that this was not our Superintendent James. Also did Mr. Prentice and Mrs. Nye make definite statements that we could "stay alone" or were those statements merely attributed to them?

To some these might seem like acts of better citizens, but others are wondering, is it possible that this is political deceit?

You be the judge. Mrs. Oscar Gysin, Route 3, Box 198, Medford, Ore. Mrs. J. Lester Harris, Route 3, Box 192B, Medford, Ore.

Miss Webster Praised

To the Editor: The news of Miss Webster's leaving occasions me to consider some of the achievements of her administration as librarian of the Jackson County Library.

One of her outstanding efforts was in the area of weeding, discarding and generally revamping a collection that had become outdated and cluttered. This task alone was herculean. With her knowledge and experience she developed an attractive, useful collection of books on a modest budget.

Several innovations such as the charging machines, the McNaughton rental plan and the increased use of professional binding of worthy material, have appreciably added to the efficiency of the library.

The hiring and use of part-time and full-time professional librarians and the analysis of clerical jobs has also increased the library's effectiveness. The introduction of standard library purchasing methods in buying supplies, equipment and books is another example of her organizational ability.

The results of Miss Webster's foresight and professional excellence are a more coordinated, better balanced, efficient and useful library. Miss Webster is an excellent librarian and has done the people of Jackson county a real service. We wish her the best of luck for the future.

Mrs. Harry Fuller, 909 Stevens st., Medford.

From Cancer Unit

To the Editor: On behalf of the American Cancer Society, I wish to thank you for the space and time allotted to the American Cancer Society during the recent crusade.

You gave us an opportunity to reach thousands of people, making the campaign a success educationally as well as financially. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.

Robert H. Buck, M. D., President, Jackson County Unit, American Cancer Society.

Vandal Mars Masterpieces

San Francisco—(UPI)—Eight paintings with an estimated total value of more than \$250,000 were marred by a vandal at the M. H. de Young museum Friday.

Police speculated the vandal was mentally deranged. Only the faces of the subjects in the paintings were marked. Jan McAlpine, secretary of the museum's board of trustees, said no price could be placed on the paintings. However, an art expert estimated the eight were valued at more than \$250,000.

Included among the damaged paintings was one of the best known works of the Flemish master, Peter Paul Rubens. It depicted a religious scene of Christ and Mary Magdalene. A long scar was drawn across the face of Christ.

McAlpine said the vandal apparently used a blunt instrument, possibly a key, to deface the paintings. He said the canvases were not slashed and all could be restored.

London—(UPI)—American entertainer Liberace today sued the mass-circulation Daily Mirror and columnist Bill Connor for calling him, among other things, "the biggest sentimental vomit of all time."

Foreign Assignment Book: Chilean Plan; French Parliament's Resentment; Tunnel

By PHIL NEWSOM, UPI Foreign Editor

From the foreign editor's assignment book: Shot in the economic arm: The Chilean government is putting the finishing touches on a plan which it hopes will help to revitalize Chile's stagnant economy. The plan, heretofore unpublished, involves construction of 45,000 new homes each year. Banks will

be asked to provide loans for the project. Chile's construction industry has been semi-paralyzed for the last four years.

On Chile's political front, observers see the possibility of a split between Socialists and Communists now joined in a "popular front." The Socialists oppose the Moscow-organized peace conferences and voted to prohibit members in Congress from attending any

of them. Infuriated Communists now threaten to sabotage Socialist hopes for creation of a Latin American common market.

Broken to harness: The French Parliament is chafing under the rules of the 5th Republic's new constitution and for more than a month has been waging a bitter behind-the-scenes battle to win greater powers. De Gaulle—appointed Premier Michael Lebre—ruled flatly against assembly demands for permission to vote on government policies, arguing that such votes merely would re-establish past "harassments" of the cabinet by political groups. Resulting bitterness may be long in fading away. Many groups complain the new regime wants the assembly to be a figurehead body only.

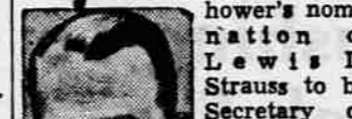
engineering standpoint, the tunnel is practical. Those most actively opposed are Britons who fear the tunnel would end Britain's traditional and historic aloofness from the continent.

So far, all talk: Asian observers expect no open military attempt by Communist China to aid the hard-pressed Communist Pathet Lao forces in the tiny Southeast Asia nation of Laos. The Peiping regime is still wincing from adverse reaction over most of Asia to its suppression of the Tibetan revolt. Red China will, however, continue its propaganda campaign, accusing the United States of setting up a "base of aggression" in Laos.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

SOLEMN ROLE Washington—The Senate, in its great debate on whether to confirm President Eisenhower's nomination of Lewis L. Strauss to be Secretary of Commerce, is sitting in the most solemn of all its roles as a high tribunal of this republic.



It is putting a man's public career on trial. It is a career reaching across more than 40 years of service in nearly every national administration beginning with that of Woodrow Wilson.

When the vote is cast, it will determine whether this career is now to end in repudiation and in wreckage.

This is no light task. The verdict, if unfavorable, will not take away Lewis Strauss' life or liberty. But it will cloud the reputation of an American citizen in his 65th year.

The blocs that are forming are mainly partisan blocs, with the Democrats generally against confirmation and

THE TRADITION itself is absolutely clear: Historically, the Senate will not refuse to ratify a Cabinet appointment without overpowering reason. Heretofore, the appointee has not been turned back unless shown to be unfit beyond all reasonable doubt. Only seven times in a century and three-quarters, indeed, has the Senate said "No" to a presidential choice for such an office.

So, the scene here on the Senate floor is very grave, though the drama is for the most part dry and underplayed. The Old Guard Republicans—Strauss himself is one, and this is at the heart of his trouble now—are moving with stolidly hidden passion to his defense. Beyond their leader in this matter, the bear-like Senator Andrew Schoepel of Kansas, they are making ready to go with Strauss "clear across the bridge," meaning to the end.

The modern-liberal Republicans do not greatly like Strauss or his ideas. They are standing with him mainly in defense of the President's right to have a Cabinet of his own choosing.

The Democrats are more nearly divided on the inside than they appear on the outside. It is they, generally, who like Strauss least of all.

For to them, of all men, his policies and ideas are the most unpleasing. But many of them know, too, that to dislike a man's viewpoint is no justification for convicting that man in a lofty court such as this.

Strauss' public personality has been endlessly described—a right-wing Republican, a very rich big-business type, and so on. But what of Strauss simply as a human person?

Here he is, warts and all, as seen by one correspondent who has rarely agreed with him but believes justice ought to be done in any trial:

This is a spare, fit, tanned man of quick, nervous movements—sometimes harshly impatient movements. His gray, semi-bald head darts about angrily when he is annoyed. And this is not infrequently; he is not a patient man, and in this long contest he has not hidden his disdain for some of his Senate prosecutors.

Does that forecast a time when you and I will climb into our puddle-jumpers and take off for the other side of the world for a week and outing?

I'm afraid not. There are TOO MANY of us. If we all took off at once, we'd clog the highways. If one has a fender-bashing incident up in the air, one has so far to fall.

The air COULD get just as congested as the highways.

From Washington: A four-nation committee representing the Organization of American States (OAS in alphabets) began an investigation to determine whether the armed conflict in Nicaragua threatens the peace of the Western Hemisphere.

Hmmmmmm. What VISIONS that opens up.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if whenever trouble brews ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD a committee composed of intelligent and enlightened people representing intelligent and enlightened nations could get together and SETTLE the trouble in an enlightened and intelligent manner?

That COULD happen, too, if there were enough intelligent and enlightened people in the world—and if NO NATION EVER ITCHED FOR TOO MUCH POWER.

The itch for power lies at the root of most of our troubles.

Hollywood—(UPI)—Comedian Jerry Lewis has signed a seven-year contract with Paramount Pictures for a "minimum sum in excess of \$10 million," it was announced today.

Transmission belt: The 100-year-old dream of a tunnel under the English Channel linking Britain and France is the closest to reality it ever has been. With money from the old Suez Canal Company now being pumped into the project, there are forecasts the tunnel may be ready in another six years. President Charles de Gaulle of France has taken an active interest in the idea and so have British leaders. From an

Simon pure: A battle royal already has started between two groups over source of funds to finance the 1964 Olympic games in Tokyo. One group wants to accept donations from professional Japanese sports, the other group is opposed to it. It was pointed out that Japan's large delegation to the Melbourne games in 1956 was financed partly by \$225,000 received from professional cycling, sumo and horse racing associations. After the smoke clears, the same arrangement is expected again.

Enjoys Revival of Esteem He currently is enjoying, however, along with Truman, John L. Lewis and possibly others, a great revival of public esteem. People lately have been so nice to Acheson, in fact, I suspect he's beginning to worry. But his health so far seems to be good.

Still, he's 66, and claims he's no longer up to the kind of fishing—for trout—that he used to like. That's probably why he has turned to story telling in print, in this case about the wait-and-see kind of fishing he never did care for.

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Anyway, to get back to the story, Acheson's angler is found standing on a jetty at the edge of an Italian lake noted more its sunshine and solace than for its catches. He latches onto what could be an old auto tire but proves to be a fish of some several pounds. Naturally, landing a fish is something he isn't prepared for. He finally attempts this feat with an upended umbrella.

This fails to work, leaving both Acheson and me, I thought, without very much of a kicker.

Frank E. Leazer, secretary of state, is in print with his first piece of fiction. What every body wants to know, he complains, is who wrote it for him.

Well, he wrote it himself, while resting of an evening from his labors before the Supreme Court and other lofty tribunals. It runs about 1,650 words and you can read it under the title, "The Great Fish of Com," in the current Harper's magazine.

For those in a hurry, there was this fisherman, and he hooked a big one, but lost it. And I gather that anybody who tries to make more than that out of this piece is wasting his time.

Critics Differ "It's just a light little story, based on an incident which I happened to witness," Acheson said. "There is no deep hidden meaning."

Mary McGrory, who ponders such literary efforts for the Washington Star, in Sunday's paper announced it a charming story, and expressed a desire to see more of the same. Tom Donnelly, literary critic for the Washington Daily News, advised that Acheson said more indeed are in prospect, commented, "I think I can wait."

This is not the first time Acheson's public endeavors have prompted certain differences of opinion. He was Harry Truman's secretary of state from 1949 on, and criticism leveled at the late John

Foster Dulles prior to his fatal illness was mild compared to some of the comments made about Acheson in his day.

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