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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
July 19, 1949 (Tuesday)
Waters of the Rogue river above the Bybee bridge area are considered safe for swimming from a sanitation standpoint.

20 YEARS AGO
July 19, 1939 (Wednesday)
Prescott park camp will be occupied again by the CCC this fall, according to letters received from the regional director of the national park service in San Francisco.

30 YEARS AGO
July 19, 1929 (Friday)
J. C. Thompson, division manager for the California Oregon Power company, makes speedy air trip to Klamath Falls in 45 minutes.

40 YEARS AGO
July 19, 1919 (Saturday)
Southern Pacific forbids any person with skin rash that may be smallpox from riding trains.

50 YEARS AGO
July 19, 1909 (Monday)
City water mains are filled with water from Fish Lake ditch at the temporary intake constructed at Bradshaw drop.

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

1. What maiden did Robin Hood marry?
2. "Mum" is a nickname for which popular fall flower?

3. What was the name of Rip van Winkle's dog?
4. The original Ku Klux Klan was organized during what period in American history?

5. To what sport does "blood and sand" refer?
6. If you were a horologist, what articles would you be engaged in making and repairing?

7. In what State is Notre Dame university?
8. Which two nations fought the Punic Wars?
9. Of what State is Tallahassee the capital?

10. What is meant by "killing the fatted calf"?
Answers: 1. Maid Marian; 2. Chrysanthemum; 3. Wolf; 4. Reconstruction period after War between the States; 5. Bull-fighting; 6. Clocks and watches; 7. Indiana; 8. Rome; 9. Florida; 10. Feasting and rejoicing.

Bits and Pieces

The weather of the past 10 days or two weeks is not exactly "unusual," hereabouts. But it is infrequent enough to cause a lot of comment.

The hot days have been accompanied by almost impossibly beautiful nights, with the stars hanging close, and the waxing crescent of the moon shining almost as brightly as an ordinary full moon.

It is mildly surprising that there have been no reports of either meteor showers nor of a showing of the aurora borealis. The latter are more frequent later in the summer, however.

We foresee no possibility of Medford losing its status as fourth-largest city in Oregon. With 26,300 estimated by the city last week, it ranks behind Portland, Eugene and Salem.

This year, for the first time (if the Medford estimate is upheld by the state board of census), Medford will be in a new grouping, the 25,000 to 50,000 classification, along with Eugene and Salem.

Others in the 10,000-25,000 group, in order, last year were Corvallis, 19,100; Pendleton, 15,300; Springfield, 13,800; Albany, 13,000; Bend, 12,450; Roseburg, 12,200; Astoria, 12,000, and The Dalles, 11,560.

Incidentally, the smallest incorporated city in the state last year was Granite, in Grant county, with a population of 4 in 1958.

To our eyes, the little trees in the big concrete pots along Main street, with flowers and shrubs at their base, constitute one of the happiest and most pleasant developments in Medford in many a moon.

There are about a dozen or so people in town, however, who do this on a regular basis, and for more than one organization.

Our office, after to these many years of doing without, has finally received a reference copy of Lewis A. McArthur's "Oregon Geographic Names."

The Dead Indian is another picturesque name, and was bestowed on the creek, mountain and area by some settlers who, in 1854, found two dead Rogue River Indians in some deserted wigwams near the creek.

McArthur's book is highly recommended, both for reference, and for ordinary enjoyable reading.—E.A.

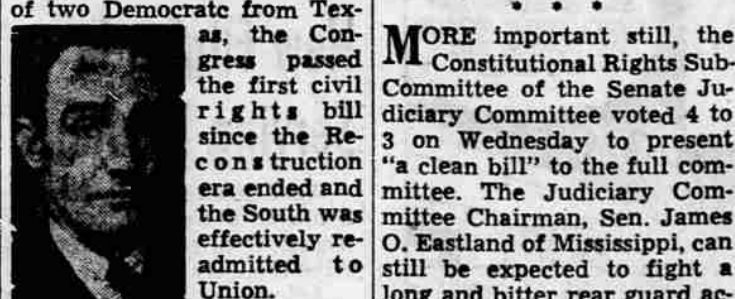
Dennis the Menace



IT'S SURE NICE TO HAVE SOMEBODY TO TALK TO, GRANDPA. MOM 'N DAD GET SORE IF I WAKE THEM UP!

Matter of Fact by Joseph Alsop

ANOTHER CIVIL RIGHTS BILL!
Washington — In August, 1957, at the stern insistence of two Democrats from Texas, the Congress passed the first civil rights bill since the Reconstruction era ended and the South was effectively re-admitted to the Union.



Joseph Alsop
In August, 1959, the Congress can be expected to pass still another civil rights bill, moderate yet substantial like the last one. Once again, the prime movers in the matter, the true authors of the action taken, will be Senator Majority Leader Lyndon Bains Johnson and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn.

Townsend Planners Generate Influence, Not Legislation

One of the hardest nostrums ever urged upon Congress will come in for another round of publicity when the Townsend Clubs of America hold their annual convention at Portland, Ore., starting tomorrow. For a quarter of a century the Townsend movement has been pushing one version or another of its familiar universal pension plan on Capitol Hill.

Today & Tomorrow by Walter Lippmann

ON DEALING WITH MR. K.
In our dealings with Mr. Krushchev the best rule to bear in mind is that he is a hard-bolled and calculating realist playing with sentimentality the game of power politics.

MUCH has been said in connection with the Berlin affair about the need to convince Mr. K. that the Allies are united and are not bluffing. This is certainly desirable. Indeed, it is imperative.

FOR this reason the Western statesman who is most likely to impress Mr. K. and even to do business with him is one who is competent and willing to talk to him in terms of the balance of power.

THE moral of this is I believe, that we shall do better the more concrete and specific and candid we are about what we will and can do and about what we are willing to compromise.

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M. McCulloch, emerged from executive session, to tell the world that they would report a bill by the end of next week.

MORE important still, the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 4 to 3 on Wednesday to present "a clean bill" to the full committee. The Judiciary Committee Chairman, Sen. James O. Eastland of Mississippi, can still be expected to fight a long and bitter rear guard action.

Majority Leader Johnson will further provide ample time for argumentative committee meetings. Providing time to let Senator Eastland talk himself out is the real purpose of the day's recess that the Senate is expected to take next Monday.

It hardly matters what bill is reported. Last week, Senator Johnson sent a messenger to the House side, to beg Rep. Celler to report President Eisenhower's civil rights bill without altering a comma.

THE task of bill-privy will be considerably harder in the House, where the Chairman of the Rules Committee, Howard W. Smith of Virginia, has a close ally in the new House Republican Leader, Rep. Charles Halleck of Indiana.

It is also fairly safe to predict the new civil rights bill's final form. The measure approved by the Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee forecasts the end result.

The first main provision, borrowed by Lyndon Johnson's civil right bill, extends the life of the Civil Rights Commission by another three years. The second main provision is borrowed from the President's bill. It greatly strengthened the Attorney General's existing authority to safeguard Negro voting rights in Federal elections.

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POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)

We know a couple who like to cool off with a glass of beer these hot days, after work and before dinner. The other day the wife went shopping, and when she came home she said, "Dear, I bought a new brand of beer today."

"Near Beer," says she. "What kind?" "Near Beer," says she. "What kind?" "Near Beer," says she. "What kind?"

The heat brings problems to everyone - including some of the gals at the courthouse. Good report has it that they've been padding around in their stockings.

Business and Labor To the Editor: As of now a big steel strike is on, and from it a great loss. Big business does not care what it costs, only to break up our labor unions so they can hire men at low wages.

Let me take anyone back 64 to 72 years ago when the whole east was building most everything by hand. You had to work by the hour, some maybe for \$1 per 10 hours. Then nearly all firms raised their price on their products, then started to cut the price on the piece, which made it hard for workers to live.

Our unions have brought about all this, care must be taken. I was in a carriage shop 65 years ago, learning to build buggies and wagons. Head men there got \$1 per 10 hours. Then when I finished trade, it cost me about \$3.00 for wood working tools, bosses furnishing very little. Piece workers could hardly live.

Unclaimed heroes, that's what they are! Here's the story: "What makes plants die?" the voice on the telephone inquired of the county agent. This rather general question was boiled down to a discussion about the dying plants of a family on vacation, which were being cared for by a high school boy. He was worried.

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Try and Stop Me by BENNETT CERF

A YOUNG ACTOR with a name five syllables long got a big part in a new movie and promptly had his name changed to Flash Upton. The picture was a smash, and the actor won rave notices and a new contract.

Everybody showed up but mamma, and the actor was frantic with worry. Finally he went to the lobby to speak to the doorman. "You didn't see a little old lady come in here at any time?" he asked anxiously. "There was one," recalled the doorman. "She's been sitting patiently over in that corner for about three hours now."

She was his mother all right. "Mamma," he cried, "you've had me in a state! Why didn't you come up to my apartment?" "I wanted to, my son," she told him with tears in her eyes, "but I couldn't remember your new name!"



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