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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 22, 1949 (Friday)
Bob Bosworth, 2325 East Main st., wins first prize in the "best painting by an artist under 17 years of age" class at the second annual South Oregon Art exhibition.

20 YEARS AGO
July 22, 1939 (Saturday)
Mail Tribune circulation department shows population trend in county has been definitely away from city to the rural districts.

30 YEARS AGO
July 22, 1929 (Monday)
Horseshoe tournament sponsored by American Legion begins.

40 YEARS AGO
July 22, 1919 (Tuesday)
The strike at the Home and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph companies end.

50 YEARS AGO
July 22, 1909 (Wednesday)
No injuries reported when Eagle Point Limited express train is derailed north of the Pacific and Eastern junction.

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

1. Would a miter box most likely be used by a butterfly collector, carpenter, druggist or church?
2. How many sheets are in a quire of paper?
3. Is it the Atlantic, or the Gulf, coast of Florida that offers winter resort facilities?
4. Who was the last President of the U. S. to be inaugurated on March 4?
5. Which branch of Congress is called the upper, and which is called the lower?
6. Which has the greater tensile strength: nylon fabric, or wool fabric?
7. When a measure is submitted to a popular vote for approval or disapproval, that is said to be a...?
8. How many stomachs has a cow?
9. Persons 65 years or older receive extra exemption credit on Federal income tax assessments; true or false?
10. Which is nearer to the United States, Brazil or Argentina?
Answers: 1. Carpenter. 2. 25 sheets. (sometimes 24). 3. Both. 4. F. D. Roosevelt. 5. Senate, upper; House of Representatives, lower. 6. Nylon. 7. Referendum. 8. Four. 9. True. 10. Brazil.

### The Human "Jungle"

Are we, as President O. Meredith Wilson of the University of Oregon told the graduating class there recently, living in a "jungle of moral, political and diplomatic confusion"?

Yes, we are. The moral confusion is seen every day — in the police records and courts (including divorce courts) of the nation, among many other places. Moral confusion is a confusion of values. It is an inability — or an unwillingness — to tell right from wrong, or to choose right rather than wrong.

AS TO political and diplomatic confusion, any literate person is fully aware of this, and, perhaps unhappily, has made his own compromises in order to be able to live with the confusion. Confusion will be with us as long as human beings remain the fallible and imperfect things they are today.

Every human being, to a greater or lesser degree, has his own prejudices, his own biases, his own "blind spots" in learning or humility or understanding.

But, just because this is so, is no reason why we should not continue the eternal striving for a better, more orderly, more humane world.

UTOPIA isn't just around the corner. There is, in fact, no Utopia.

But despite this, mankind will do itself an injustice if it gives up the struggle to find it.

Each step forward, each small improvement in the human condition, is something to be hailed and cherished.

And, imperfect and confused as is the "jungle" in which we live, still the "jungle" is not quite so personally menacing, quite so starkly brutal, quite so unthinkingly inhumane as it once was.

Our progress has been achingly slow. But it has been progress. It is up to each individual, in his own way, to contribute to that progress if he has in him the stuff to do so.—E.A.

### Clubs Grow Rapidly

One of the fastest-growing phenomena in the financial world these days is the so-called "investment club."

Throughout the nation there are thousands. In the Medford-Ashland area alone it is estimated there are about twenty or so.

The clubs are a way in which a wage-earner can invest in the stock market, or in bonds, or in real estate, without the painful necessity of socking away a substantial sum in advance. And their popularity shows they have great appeal.

SUCH a club is an association of men (or, as in several cases, of women) who meet regularly, operate under a well-defined set of rules, and who contribute a stated amount each, each week or month. This sum is pooled and used to purchase whatever shares or other securities the membership decides upon.

Thus, a group of ten has ten times the investment potential of a single person. If the group meets each month, and each puts up \$10 each meeting, the club has some \$100 to invest each month — a not inconsiderable amount.

The members then have a feeling of participating in the nation's financial life, without having to scrape and scrimp to do it.

USUALLY the club is designed to operate on a long-term basis, with no expectation of immediate financial "killings." Investment in solid, growth stocks is the aim, and reinvestment of dividends, plus a diversity in holdings, is the usual practice.

Some of the groups are more speculative, and will "play the market" in attempts to obtain a fast return on stocks which have a tendency to fluctuate in price.

Almost all of the clubs, however, at least ostensibly, have "education" as a chief objective, and in this they are largely successful, for they do make the members pay more attention to the economic picture than they would without a personal stake in it, however small.

A NEWS release the other day from the National Association of Investment Clubs reports that, for what is believed to be the first time, one club has amassed a clear profit of \$100,000.

The club, in Detroit, Mich., has twelve members. It meets monthly, and each member puts in \$10 each month. Except for a few years during the war, it has been meeting regularly for more than 19 years.

Total deposits have been \$37,145. The profit has come from dividends reinvested, from the sale of securities at a higher price than when purchased, and from the present value of stocks held over their purchase price. The club's assets now total \$146,283.75.

IF OUR arithmetic is right, each member has deposited around \$3,000 in the club's treasury, and now, after 19 years, has an accumulated share interest of a little over \$12,000 — or about four times the amount he put in.

And at no time, at \$10 per month, has any member put himself into a precarious financial position, or subjected himself to a loss he can't afford to sustain. All-in-all, the investment clubs' growth constitute an interesting, and increasingly important, factor in the American economic picture.—E.A.

### Dennis the Menace



'I'LL GET IT! I THINK IT'S ABOUT ME!'

### 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.

Swimming Pool Site
To the Editor: I think a swimming pool in Central Point would be a very welcome addition to the community. It would offer both a means of recreation and be of educational value if instruction in swimming and life saving were offered. We need only read the daily papers to see how many tragedies could be prevented by such instruction.

As to location, I feel we would be overlooking an additional value by not considering the possibility of locating it at Crater High school. With the addition of a "plastic bubble," it could be used as part of the physical education facilities during the nine months that ordinarily it would stand unused. This too might be a solution to some of the financial problems, to share them between school and community. It would offer every student in high school the opportunity to learn to swim. The Crater staff already has a man who is doing an outstanding job in just this activity.

I feel strongly that we need to encourage activities and sports in which every student can participate, rather than become spectators watching a chosen few. No wonder the new Opera House to be constructed in New York is going to have wider seats due to the fact that our American males are larger than their grandfathers!

As a second choice I feel that the ball park area has more to offer as a sight than the others mentioned. Mrs. Eileen Schmidt, Route 1, Box 292B, Central Point.

Her Sentiments
To the Editor: Excellent! Your editorial of Friday, July 17, re: Rogue River controversy and the request for some intelligent thinking and answers, was splendid, and it is good to see one of your influence take this position. First line, paragraph three, contains my sentiments exactly!

For though I fish with a vengeance, I get nothing but 3-inch ones which are difficult to remove and replace in the stream, and that only until about time for the big ones to bite and the swimmers take over my hole. And I cast aside fishing gear and join them in disgust and envy.

If that 8 per cent was being caught it would be understandable—this furor over "preservation of our fish," but not

8 per cent of Jackson county is catching 1 per cent of the fish. Reasonable thinking of average intelligence, it does appear, would see the only alternative is Rogue River development, with more recreation for the evening bathers, and leaving room for the fisherman; with a pool large enough to contain the fingerlings which will grow into legal size fish; with fish ladders, the success of which has not been questioned since it was questioned if the auto would replace the horse and buggy successfully and with safety provided for the thousands of families downstream who yearly stand a chance of drowning.

Shasta Dam has proven much to those who have left the valley and gone far enough to learn how others live. Their recreation area is unsurpassed in swimming, boating, fishing, but yet there is power for the industry that is coming—must come because there is no other available land in the U.S. left for placement of those industries.

Each year as I fill in and return my salmon card with nary a hole punched out, I wonder what in blue blazes makes anyone think they have any fishing to protect in the Rogue River the way it is at present, and frankly, a fishing license is just not worth \$4 to anyone who lives in the Rogue Valley at this time!

Virginia D. Card, Jacksonville, Ore.

Deplores Selfish Attitude
To the Editor: We wish to take this opportunity of showing our appreciation for the splendid editorial regarding the attitude of the Fish and Wild Life Service toward a dam on the main stem of the Rogue. Some of the undersigned have fished the Rogue for nearly 50 years, and knew this stream as one of the best steelhead and salmon streams in the world. It is now rapidly becoming the worst. It was stated at the meeting on July 12 in the Court House that if 8 per cent of the salmon were forced to spawn below the proposed dam at Lost Creek, the riffles would be overcrowded. We have, conservatively speaking, seen as many as 100 times as many salmon on the riffles as there are now, and there was room for all. We believe it is a selfish attitude to deprive the people of this valley of the right of

### NLRB Examiner Finds Bloomer Vanishing As Articles of Apparel for Today's Girls

By FRANK ELEAZER
Washington—(UP)—When the news broke that the National Labor Relations Board had held up ladies bloomers as a declining style I could hardly believe it. I always figured NLRB as dealing more with labor relations.

Union suits, yes. But women's unmentionables, never. Here was their finding, though, all about the rise and fall of the bloomer.

According to these august gentlemen they soon will be forgotten. Bloomers Are Out. In short, they divulge that the girls now aren't wearing bloomers. They are wearing something called panties, with which the bloomer must not be confused. The bloomer, we learn from the agency's 78-page finding, is a longish kind of thing, loose, and gathered in at the knees. The panty apparently is not, although the board did not see fit to go into that.

All of this came out in an NLRB story about seven bloomer girls and, some of their friends and cutting and fitting at the Marion Mills, in Guin, Ala. A trial examiner, James A. Shaw, who wrote it, said some parts might have been better told by Balzac than by a mere NLRB trial attorney.

I don't know about that. Author Shaw obviously labored long and hard over his manuscript, and I guess the board members liked it. Anyway, they included it all in their final report, including Shaw's passing respects, in a footnote, to the late Amelia Jenks Bloomer (1818-1894), the dress reformer and women's rights leader for whom

the soon-to-be outmoded garment was named.

Girls Join Union
The plot briefly was that the girls, and their friends, joined a union and shortly thereafter the bloomer line was shut down. What with one thing and another, including conflicting reports about an alleged amorous maintenance man who also was fired, the whole thing wound up before NLRB as a case of alleged unfair labor practices.

Evelyn Sandlin was a graduate of the Mill's party line. She transferred to the bloomer line a year or so before it was halted. Evelyn not only joined the union but displayed such enthusiasm for its organizing campaign that the other girls named her as spokesman to break the news to the boss.

The news the boss broke to her, Evelyn said, was that if he ever caught her talking union she would be fired. When the bloomer line was closed down, she said, he told her that's the way it would stay until "the union mess" was all over.

But Howard Sembla, a company official, said economics, not union trouble, prompted the decision to quit making bloomers at Guin.

A Declining Market
"It is what you might call a declining market," he said. "The people who like to wear bloomers are ones who were bloomers ever since 1900."

Sembla's testimony impressed Shaw as so reasonable he was moved to some comments on his own. "What is past is prologue," he observed. "To the undersigned, at least, bloomers as articles of feminine apparel will soon rest in the hallowed quiet of the past, alongside other fancied foibles of yesteryear, such as the bustle, high button shoes, and the hobble skirt."

On the strength of this and other literary flights by the trial examiner, the board found that it was indeed the harsh dictates of changing fashion, not anti-union bias on the part of the company, that put Guin's bloomer girls out looking for work.

As for the rest of the story, including the part about the allegedly amorous maintenance man, you'll have to get your own copy for that. I feel reasonably sure the postmaster general will let this document go through the mails.

### Caribbean Area Unrest Said Worst in the Past 20 Years

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Editor
Just as Cuba's Fidel Castro served to dramatize the revolutionary spirit existing in the Caribbean, so it has become the fashion of Caribbean nations where unrest breaks out to blame it all on Castro.

Castro is the avowed enemy of the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua, both of which have been the scenes of abortive uprising attempts within the last few months.

But unrest in Latin America is as many-colored as the rainbow and has as many different causes.

In some instances the hand of Moscow is apparent. But the seeds of unrest lie also in these statistics: Little Land Cultivated. Half of the inhabitants of Latin America are illiterate. Though two out of three make their living from the land, only 5 per cent of the land is cultivated.

Average food consumption is about one fifth less than in the U. S., and in some countries, 1 per cent of the population control 20 per cent of the wealth.

The 1950 census for Honduras showed that only about 30 per cent of the population had shoes.

In April of this year, some 80 men made an invasion attempt on the coast of Panama. Their leader reportedly was Dr. Roberto Arias, former Panamanian ambassador to Britain.

Later, the Panamanian government quoted some of the captured invaders as saying they had set sail from Cuba. Accused Castro.

The "invasion" later was dismissed as a quarrel among Panama's traditionally ruling families, and Cuba largely was absolved.

In mid-June a 112-man airborne force attempted an uprising in Nicaragua.

This month, the second attempt in the last six months was made against the government of Honduras.

Whatever the cause, whether uprisings are born from within or without, the Caribbean is seething with unrest as it has not for more than 20 years.

Next month, in Santiago, Chile, foreign ministers of the 21 American states will meet to study the broad problems of "unrest in the Caribbean."

It will be the most important meeting of the OAS in its 11 years, and its problems the most delicate.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Foreign affairs: Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev abruptly cancels a scheduled tour of four Scandinavian nations.

A formal Soviet note said the surprise decision was due to a bitter Scandinavian press campaign against the visit and threats of anti-Soviet demonstrations if it is made.

The proposed visit was less than three weeks away from the date when Mr. K was to have begun a grand swing through Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland. The trip had been planned down to the final details. Top-level Soviet officials, including chiefs of security and protocol, had gone over the ground, and presumably the final OK had been stamped on it.

The move is described in the dispatches as a "diplomatic shocker." It threw the Big Four talks at Geneva into turmoil. Western diplomats had no way of knowing whether it indicated the Soviet chief might be ill (which, of course, would be startling news) or whether some important new cold war move might be in the making.

WHAT does it mean? Nobody knows. Mr. K is an unpredictable character. But—

Anti-Soviet feeling has been growing in Scandinavia. Anti-Russian groups have been forming in Sweden. Included in these groups are refugees from the Baltic countries that were forcibly taken into the Soviet structure. The four Scandinavian countries have been leaning much farther of late toward the West. They have reached virtual agreement on joining with Britain and other Western nations in a trade alliance.

All this is significant. It is particularly significant because of the long-established neutralist policies of these countries—especially Sweden.

A NATURAL guess is that the foulness of the communist system has been coming home so forcibly to the freedom-loving people of Scandinavia that they find it impossible to be wholly neutral toward Russia—and its practices is overcoming their desire to play it safe.

That may be wishful thinking. But at least the change in Sweden's attitude is significant.

Excuses
To the Editor: I was a traveling salesman for many years but I never was able to get away with excuses for not wanting the Mrs. along with me on certain occasions.

I may have a peculiar sense of humor, but I got a real hearty "belly laugh," while reading this quote from a Dallas, Texas paper: "The Dallas, Texas, chamber of commerce announced that the winner of its membership drive would receive a week end in Monterey, Mexico. The SECOND prize winner would receive a week end in Monterey . . . with HIS WIFE."

At least the chamber of commerce was honest about the prizes given to the winners of their contest. I'm laughing yet. Owen C. Gearhart, Camp White, Ore.

Wonderful People
To the Editor: We wish to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful people of Prospect who assisting in getting Paul out of the canyon and to the hospital. Also all the well wishes and prayers. We also thank our friends in Medford for all their kindnesses toward us. May the Lord richly repay each one. Mr. and Mrs. Uther Rogers and Paul Box 298 Prospect, Ore.

### Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

BERGEN EVANS, word expert, frowns on the use of "pass on" in place of "die." "Pass on," observes Evans, "is, of course, a euphemism of 'die.' And the trouble with all euphemisms is the unpleasant fact cannot be brushed aside. It will, in fact, infect the euphemism in time. Take the word 'cemetery,' now frequently replaced by 'memorial park.' 'Cemetery,' which means 'sleeping place,' originally was a euphemism itself for 'graveyard'—but the grinning face showed through."

The great Montaigne, four centuries ago, wrote: "I guard myself now against temperance as I used to against pleasure. For it holds me back too much, to the point of stupidity . . . Prudence has its own excesses, and it has no less need of moderation than folly."

Joe E. Lewis (an admirer of Montaigne) had a tough crossing aboard the United States. The third day out the sea kicked up so he had to be lashed to the bar. © 1959, by Bennett Cerf. Distributed by King Features Syndicate.



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