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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 Aug. 5, 1949 (Friday) Residents and visitors look forward to a week end of fun at the Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee.

20 YEARS AGO Aug. 5, 1939 (Saturday) Aviation's latest amazing advances are to be on display at the air show this month at Medford's airport.

30 YEARS AGO Aug. 5, 1929 (Monday) The Mail Tribune cooking school is expected to open soon.

40 YEARS AGO Aug. 5, 1919 (Tuesday) Five cars of Bartlett's are shipped to eastern markets. A full week without any arrests for bootlegging surprises the local constabulary.

50 YEARS AGO Aug. 5, 1909 (Thursday) M. C. Hanley floods his meadows to keep out workers constructing Medford's water system gravity line across his land.

Woodville (now Rogue River) is expanding and described as being "on the tip top of expectancy."

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

1. The United States paid \$5 million for the purchase of Florida; from what country was it purchased? 2. How many teeth constitute a full set in an adult human being?

3. Which, President of the United States was taught to read and write by his wife? 4. Should pork be served rare or well done? 5. In what country is Copenhagen?

6. Senator Dirksen represents which State in the U.S. Senate? 7. In what country was the first edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica published?

8. If the same quantity of metal is used to make a solid bar and a hollow tube of the same lengths, which will be stronger? 9. With what sport do you associate the name Isaac Walton?

10. What body levies taxes on the citizens of the District of Columbia? Answer: 1. Spain. 2. Thirty-two. 3. Andrew Johnson. 4. Well done. 5. Denmark. 6. Illinois. 7. Scotland. 8. The tube. 9. Fishing. 10. U.S. Congress.

About 77 million acres of forest need to be replanted over a period of years if production is to be maintained along with forest cover.

The 'Open' and the 'Closed'

Does the forthcoming exchange of visits between Eisenhower and Khrushchev foreshadow a thaw in the cold war?

It's too soon to say, of course. And the cold war itself has had so many zigs and zags, so many ups and downs, that even if there is a "thaw," it could be only temporary.

It is difficult to forget the suspicions of Russia which have built up, solidly and deeply, throughout this nation over the past decade. Many of them have been based on demonstrable facts.

FRANK Jenkins, elsewhere in today's paper, asks "what do we have to lose?" in the exchange of visits.

Well, quite a bit, really, if things turn out badly — such things as the respect of neutral nations and allies, an advantageous bargaining position, and other important intangibles.

But, also, there is much to be gained if the visits go well. An easing of tensions, a growing of mutual understanding, a tacit agreement that, however much the two nations may compete they will not do so in the nuclear battle — these are potential gains. If they materialize they will be well worth any risk involved.

IF THERE is one thing about the United States of America which makes it great, it is the fact that we have an "open" society, a civilization in which the entire citizenry knows, more or less, what is going on, can think about it, talk about it, and come to conclusions based on knowledge.

This is, perhaps, the greatest contrast between us and the "closed" societies of the Iron Curtain, where the "information" the people receive is spoon-fed them by a Big Brother government.

In the short run, perhaps, the "closed" society makes for quick decision and effective action. But in the long run, the "open" society has far greater strength, for its people act from conviction, rather than by rote and order.

IF KHRUSHCHEV learns this fact, it could lead to all sorts of interesting and exciting things. The mere fact that Vice President Nixon was enabled to speak to millions of Russians on a television broadcast, and to criticize their government in a way the audience had never heard before, is remarkable.

How much more this breach in the curtain may be widened by the visit of our president, following the Soviet Premier's tour of this country. There is evidence that a new social revolution is quietly under way in the U.S.S.R., a revolution which is, in effect, creating a new literate "middle class" of scientists, educators and public servants, a sine qua non for an "open" society.

Anything which can be done to give the "closed" society a shove toward "openness" cannot but be of long-range benefit to the free world — and to hopes for eventual peace. — E.A.

On Safety and Luxury

The manufacturer of one of the luxurious "middle price" automobiles recently, in conducting a survey of consumer likes and dislikes, "loaned" us one of their new models to try out.

There were no strings attached, no commitments, but we were asked to drop a note to the company, letting them know what we liked and what we didn't about the new car.

It was, for us, quite an experience. The contrast between the big, powerful car, and the rather down-at-heels station wagon we are used to, was considerable.

THE experience came to mind the other day in reading an editorial in the Eugene Register-Guard which was dedicated to the proposition that new cars are perhaps "too" perfect. It said:

"Automobiles are designed to 'feel safe.' The driver, cushioned by springs and shock absorbers, does not 'feel the road.' Power steering renders him insensitive to bumps. He buzzes along, encased in a couple of tons of steel and glass, without the feeling that he's in mortal danger. His machine runs itself, shifting its own gears, following the contour of the country, all without much help from him. All he has to do is to keep his foot on the gas. A driver with any intelligence gets bored by this process. So he thinks of something else, engaged in that practice known as 'woolgathering'..."

THAT'S part of it. Driving IS perhaps made too easy for safety. But we do not foresee the day when automobile manufacturers deliberately will make it more difficult to drive. Americans like luxury, and they like ease, and other things being equal, the easy way to do things.

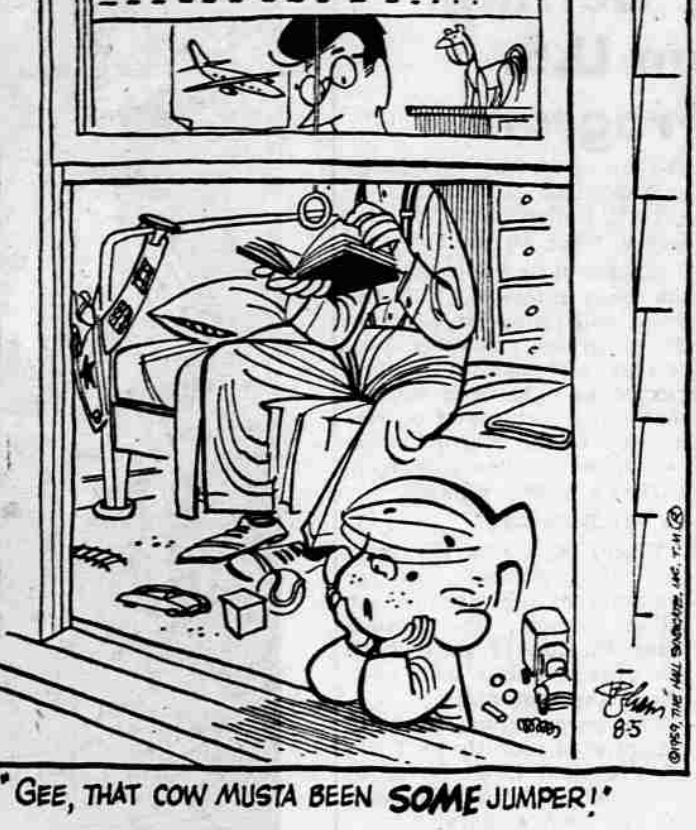
From a purely economic standpoint, we wonder if one reason for the marked trend away from the bigger, more expensive cars is not because of some of the things that go to make that expense.

FOR instance, in the car we drove, there must have been more than a dozen electric motors to power the windows, steering, brakes, starter, seat and ventilators.

Now it's nice to have all these things done at the flick of a finger. But on the other hand, electric motors, and the associated mechanisms, cost money. And whether the extra amount can be justified in the mind of a payment-conscious purchaser is something he alone can decide.

This, we suspect, is one of the major reasons that the small European cars have had such fabulous success in American markets in recent years — not to mention the success of the Rambler, the Studebaker Lark, and the fact that all of the "Big Three" auto manufacturers plan to bring out their own "economy" cars this fall. — E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"GEE, THAT COW MUSTA BEEN SOME JUMPER!"

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 in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Reminiscences To the Editor: Well, it's somewhat of a let-down the mornin' after to get back to the hum-drum of ways and work for survival after all the fun and flourish at Jacksonville's reincarnation of frontier days of long ago, especially to some of us old-timers, who got some of it first-hand, sometimes too much so that we'd rather forget it. But the warmth of the big-fisted handshake still lingers as we discussed the fixings of a Bears Unanimous to help each other resist the jeers, jabs and jibes of the often envious who lacked the courage to keep their God-given whiskers where they order be. For we must remember that it was our bearded fore-bears (and some looked the part) who laid the enduring foundations that made this country great and we of the bearded tribe intend to keep it just that way.

But the big credit must go to the Jacksonville Lions club and all those who joined in to make it the enjoyable success it was, so free of rowdy drunks, the concessions well conducted that had to be there for those with a yen to risk their money for big ideas as some sort of profit to help restore the old U. S. hotel, to have and to hold the lived memories of it and the other historic buildings that by some miracle are still there, mute evidence of the roaring gold-rush days. And the sight of be-whiskered M.C. Jamieson straddling his staff as he warned a ping bystanders away from squaring off gun-down from the nearby Dead-wood saloon, so reminiscent of Dangerous Dan McGrew times, that was so well-done he had many of us up on our hind legs with craning necks for a few excitedly fleeting moments.

It chanced our memories back high a half century to the all-too-real tragic happenings of the old "cow country" in the Okanogan of Washington's last horse stagecoach days. And farther back to the opening of the Rosebud (South Dakota) Indian reservation to settlers, the shooting down of squawman outlaw Jack Sully that all of us welcomed, but his gun-toting half-breed sons were of worried concern to us workers and settlers who could not decide if best to pack a holstered six-gun or go unarmed. And farther to the swift ivory handled 44s stemming from the killing of a Texas deputy by one from New Mexico that found the writer in the ignoble position on hands and knees in the last few feet to safety. Aye, then were the days and it's still a mystery how we survived, even to keeping free of the jail-house.

F. J. Clifford, Route 2, Box 200-F, Central Point.

Aids Homeless Children To the Editor: Since I have many interested friends and some customers in Medford, I feel it might be wise to explain a little about my project in making a home for children who need my help. Of the 36 children I have had a part in raising, besides my own six, only seven or eight have had any support, other than what I could give them. So I have sold, or otherwise earned money off and on, through the years, to fill in the extra need.

"Mom" Lee's Shop, on the Plaza, in Ashland, is my present way of earning a living, and providing a home for the orphans God has given me to support, as well as my own two remaining girls.

Let's Do Something To the Editor: Your recent series of articles and editorials on air pollution have been very interesting to me. We people who live on Table Rock road in the vicinity

of Lu Arant, 3687 Table Rock rd., Medford.

Monkeys Et Al To the Editor: Well, well, well, what do you know? Monkeys and Casey, round they go. I've heard of Mighty Casey at Bat, But he was not knocking monkeys, at that. Betwixt you and me and the old gate post, I can't tell which is kwazy the most. But one thing sure, there'll ne'er be a time When a monkey will sit down and type out a rhyme. Please, Mr. Editor, you must know best. Let's give the whole shebang a rest. Yours inclusively, L. G. Weaver, 301 Haven st., Medford.

Monkey's Revenge To the Editor: There once were a couple of fuddies, Who persisted in writing on monkeys. One pro and one con, they raved on and on, And fain would have driven us buggy.

But one fateful day, in an insidious way, Our poets were sent to nirvana. And found at the scene of the

crime, so they say, Was a cocoanut and a banana. B. L. J. Medford.

Share the Good Things To the Editor: I am writing to thank you for your coverage of the Shakespearean Festival and especially for Sunday's picture page. I am sending an envelope full of clippings to a friend in Newberg because I believe in sharing the good thing of southern Oregon with others. It was a pleasure to see the Carpenter family—they are associated with so many worthwhile causes. Veldon J. Diment, 213 Portland ave., Medford.

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Electorate Seen Aroused, But Confused, About Pending Labor Bill and Kennedy's

By FRANK ELEAZER Washington—UPI—One thing is sure. The electorate is aroused about the pending labor reform bill. This is not to say that it is informed.

Robert F. Kennedy, counsel for the Senate Rackets committee, went on the Jack Parr TV show recently and told late night viewers the bill ought to be passed and to write their congressmen about it.

That's what they've been doing, too. But members of the Senate, which passed the bill long ago by a vote of 90 to 1, are beginning to wish Kennedy had been more specific.

It's the House of Representatives that hasn't yet voted aye. Even Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), Bob's brother and cosponsor of the Senate bill, has been flooded with mail. Some of it commands him sternly to vote for his bill.

The senator feels that some of the letter writers might have been a little more tactful. These are the ones who are demanding a vote for Sen.

Bob Kennedy's bill." Other senators have been hearing about it, too, counting their mixed-up mail in the thousands.

House members, of course, are getting their share of letters. And everybody says they're going to do something about it.

The House Labor committee, which approved a modified version of the bill two weeks ago, finally has got out its formal report to the House. This of course is where the House members learn what's in the bill.

The question, though, is which part of the report should they read? Although the committee voted for the bill 16 to 14, only 5 of the 30 members now come right out and admit that they like it.

In addition to a non-partisan, non-controversial and reasonably enlightening analysis of the measure prepared by a staff member, the report includes a "statement," an "additional statement," and "additional, dissenting, and separate" views, with some members signing more than one of the total of 10. The whole thing is so perplexing committee clerks felt it wise to index the 106-page volume.

After approving the bill at a closed session, committee members jostled each other hurrying to the press gallery to explain why they weren't for it. Chairman Graham A. Barden (D-N.C.) who voted aye, said the bill was no good and refused to give it his name.

Rep. James Roosevelt (D-Calif.) voted against it because it was anti-union. Rep. Carroll D. Karns (R-Pa.) voted against it because it was pro-union.

Scenes from "Twelfth Night" and musical numbers from "The Masque" will be featured in the NBC program. It will be released from New York City Thursday, Aug. 13, and may be heard in this area at 6:05 p.m. on KMED.

A 60-minute version of "Antony and Cleopatra" will be produced at the same session. It will be distributed privately by the Festival company, via multiple recordings. Orders for it are reported arriving from stations all over the United States.

Love, together with Mrs. Love is spending the week in Ashland. The winner of two Peabody awards for excellence in radio production, Love has supervised innumerable top shows in network radio. This year the Loves have combined a Northwest vacation trip with their annual Festival assignment.

Contract negotiations for Kennecott Copper Corp. and United Teel-orkers of America were ready for a full membership meeting here today to discuss a new work contract.

The two negotiating teams met Tuesday and studied details of "costing" methods utilized by both sides. They also discussed mechanics to be followed in today's discussions.

A top steelworker official was pessimistic or a company proposal made earlier. The package offered 18 cents an hour pay increase and other considerations over a two-year contract.

"We do not feel there is enough money in it at this stage of negotiations for our people," George W. Haycock, USW district director, said.

Haycock said he was hopeful that a settlement could be reached by Aug. 10.

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Rep. Carl D. Perkins (D-Ky.) said the bill "has many good provisions." He voted against it.

Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen Jr. (R-N.J.) called it "woefully inadequate." He voted for it.

So if Jack Paar's public is confused, who is to blame them? Certainly not Sen. Kennedy. He's getting inured to confusion.

On a plane trip the other day a lady passenger eyed him awhile, simpered a little, and finally got up courage to say, "Aren't you Mr. Kennedy?" He admitted modestly that he was.

Mixed-Up Lady "I'm so delighted to meet you," said the lady. "I watch you on TV at those labor hearings. I wanted to tell you what a wonderful job you are doing, trying to get Jimmy Hoffa!"

"Thank you ma'am," Kennedy said, "but that's not me. That's my brother, Bobby." Embarrassed silence. Then, "I'm sorry," she said. "I realize now. But I've seen you too, in the papers and magazines. And I know how happy you must be with your wife and those lovely children out on the farm in Virginia."

"Thanks again," Kennedy said. "That's Bobby, too."

"Well, I'm awfully sorry to have mistaken you," she said as the plane drew up to the ramp. "But will you be seeing your brother?"

"Yes, I will," the senator said.

"Well, take him a message for me. Tell him I'm for him, and I said hope he gets the Democratic nomination for president."

"That," Kennedy said, "isn't my brother. That's me!"

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Big news: President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev will exchange visits this fall. Mr. K will come here first. He will remain about 10 days. Ike will go to Russia later. His visit to the Soviet Union will probably be shorter than Mr. K's visit to the United States.

Our President indicates that he may accompany Mr. Khrushchev during a small part of his visit here.

IKE tells the Washington reporters at a press conference that the exchange of visits was his idea. He adds that written correspondence between himself and Mr. K was started a month ago.

He says he suggested to our state department some time ago that an exchange of visits would be useful in order to "melt a little bit of the ice that seems to have frozen U.S. relations with the Soviet Union."

That leaves it clear that the exchanges of visits is diplomacy at the highest level.

Is it good? Or is it bad? WELL, what have we got to lose? On the secrecy side, Mr. K's spies have probably told him more than he can possibly hope to see here with his own eyes. What they may not have told him is that Americans are weaklings... That when the chips are down, they play the game through to the end... That playing the game through to the end could mean the destruction of BOTH nations.

WHAT one sees with his own eyes is apt to be impressive. As Mr. Nixon remarked the other day: "Better one look than to be told 100 times." Mr. K is RUSSIA. What he sees in his ten-day visit here might change the face of history.

SPEAKING of history—Let's go back some two thousand years and take a look at a situation that is not

dissimilar to that which the world faces today. IN the third century, B.C., Rome and Carthage stood where the Soviet Union and the United States of America stand today. They were the world's most powerful nations. They were enemies to the death. For long years, old Marcus Porcius Cato ended his every speech in the Roman senate by croaking: "Carthage MUST be destroyed."

In a series of three wars lasting nearly 120 years, Rome destroyed Carthage—UTTERLY. Carthage was obliterated from the earth. Not a stone was left standing on another. The earth was sown with salt to destroy its productivity.

Rome then reigned supreme in the world. WHAT happened? Too much power fell into Rome's hands. As a result of too much power, the ruling classes of Rome became corrupt and dishonest. The fiber of the citizen soldiers who had been the bulwark of the Roman Republic began to deteriorate.

Out of the seeds thus sown grew the Fall of Rome and the beginning of the Dark Ages. The moral: It would have been better if Rome and Carthage had learned how to live together in the same world.

California Woman Fatally Injured Salem—UPI—A 70-year-old California woman, Hazel Filifit of Shell Beach, was fatally injured in a two-car collision Tuesday on the Salem-Dallas highway just west of Burt's Hill. She died in Salem General hospital. Two other persons were injured. Katherine Filifit of Dallas, Ore., was listed in fair condition at the hospital and Elvy Cecil, Salem, also was reported in fair condition.

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