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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. 24, 1949 (Wednesday)  
"The Taming of the Shrew"  
closes this year's Oregon  
Shakespeare festival season  
in Ashland tonight.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Aug. 24, 1939 (Thursday)  
An electric storm crossing  
southern Oregon sets nearly  
100 forest fires and drenches  
Ashland in rain.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Aug. 24, 1929 (Saturday)  
An orchardist-reformer  
here renews Mediterranean  
fruit fly agitation.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
Aug. 24, 1919 (Sunday)  
The shortage of boats at  
Crater Lake is to be corrected  
by next season.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Aug. 24, 1909 (Tuesday)  
Extension of the Pacific  
and Eastern railroad is assur-  
ed as John Roberts Allen  
purchases bonds to help clear  
a legal tangle.

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

- 1. Is the Suez Canal a sea-level or lock canal?
- 2. What is the most famous statue of a female figure?
- 3. Biologically, what have bats and hales in common?
- 4. What is another name for the white of an egg?
- 5. In which State is the Willamette River?
- 6. Casein is an ingredient of what animal secretion?
- 7. Which President of the United States lived to the greatest age?
- 8. Is paraffin of animal, vegetable, or mineral origin?
- 9. Would an innocuous remark be harmful, harmless, caustic, or derogatory?
- 10. Who discovered the Pacific Ocean?

Answers: 1. Sea-level. 2. The Venus de Milo. 3. Both are mammals. 4. Albumen. 5. Oregon. 6. Milk. 7. John Adams (died at 90). 8. Mineral. 9. Harmless. 10. Balboa.

**FILM PRODUCER DIES**  
Van Nuys, Calif. — (AP) — Rosary was recited Sunday night for film producer Cliff Reid whose career spanned successfully the transition from silent movies to "talkies." Reid, 60, died Saturday at the motion picture country home in Hollywood.

### It's A Great Story

When the news came in of that horrible disaster at Roseburg most of us asked ourselves, "What if it had happened in my town?" Now, as we read of the efforts of the citizens of Roseburg to rebuild their business district, to rehabilitate those who do not have the means to do it on their own, we wonder whether our town would shake itself loose from the shock as rapidly and with as great determination.

IT SHOULD be pointed out that the task of rebuilding is more difficult for Roseburg than it would have been for many Oregon cities, and thus the more remarkable. Few communities in Oregon were harder hit by the recession. Roseburg depends almost entirely upon wood products manufacturing and no other segment of Oregon's economy was harder hit by the recession. That was hard on Roseburg. But it wasn't to be the last of Roseburg's troubles.

As the community was coming out of the recession it was revealed that the city's fiscal position was not at all what most of its citizens had thought. They were told that in order to hold the line on taxes for municipal government reserves had been tapped and tapped extensively. It was decided that a municipal government program of austerity must be undertaken immediately. The cinching up of belts has been going on in almost every department of municipal government.

WE CITE this background because we think it is an important part of the Roseburg story. The results of that explosion would have been the same in any city. But most cities would have been in a healthier condition to prepare to rebuild from the shambles.

We trust the story of the indomitable spirit of Roseburg as she digs herself out of a disaster unequalled in the history of Oregon will be well recorded. It is a great story. —Pendleton East Oregonian.

### The Plots In Cuba

While waiting for the excitement in Cuba to die down it is worth while considering the forces that make such upsets almost predictable. Cuba can expect lots of things to happen in the next few years, but what it cannot expect is a calm, peaceful existence.

The basic fact of Cuban life today is revolution in the most profound sense of the word. This is a complete overturn of the political, economic and social structure of Cuba as it has existed. In the process, Premier Fidel Castro and his young followers inevitably create enemies.

FIRST, there are those who were connected with the Batista regime—the politicians, business men allied to the government, soldiers and police. To these should be added the families of the "war criminals" executed by the Castro regime or who are now in jail. The blood feud is a strong tradition in Hispanic nations.

Secondly, revolutions hurt certain classes of society and these become enemies—big landowners, property holders whose rents have been cut, business men who suffer from the dislocation of the economy and all those who fear and oppose revolution as such. This last element would identify revolution with communism.

OF THESE enemies, only the former soldiers and police would be armed and trained to fight. They could win only by a military coup d'etat or by assassination. The situation today is completely different from that in General Batista's time. He had an overwhelming majority of the people against him, whereas Fidel Castro has an overwhelming majority with him and in favor of the revolution.

Nothing that has come out of Cuba indicates that the young leader, who is just 33 years old, has lost any strength. At the same time it is quite disturbing to a nation to have an upset of this sort. Evidently Premier Castro realizes this, for he seems to be trying to make as complete a haul of his enemies in one swoop as he possibly can. —New York Times.

### Loss Of Life

The Roseburg explosion and the Montana earthquake and slide were sensational events, attended by some loss of life and large damage to property.

But as of Wednesday Oregon's traffic death toll numbered 294 persons for the year to date, 41 names having been added during August. Presumably nearly all of these could have been averted by greater caution on the part of driver or pedestrian.

The dramatic and unusual events like the two listed receive prominence, but the motor vehicle remains the greatest peacetime menace to life, aside from illness. Pity is, we could do something about it.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

### Highest Pass

The Klamath Falls Herald and News reports that Quartz Mountain pass, at 5,308 feet, is the highest mountain pass on the Oregon highway system. Nope. The Diamond Lake cut-off pass, at 5,920 feet, is highest. If the state takes over the so-called Winnemucca-to-the-Sea road, though, the 6,200 feet at Doherty slide will be the highest.—E.A.

### Dennis the Menace



"RUFF MUST REALLY LIKE YA, MR. WILSON! HE DON'T KISS EVERYBODY!"

### Matter of Fact

THE REAL ROCKEFELLER STORY  
Washington — A member of Vice-President Richard M. Nixon's political high command has admirably said that the marriage of young Steven Rockefeller and pretty Ann Marie Rasmussen marks the beginning of the great contest for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Although the charming spectacle in Norway will certainly not hurt Governor Rockefeller's chances, the remark was off the point for a special reason. The marriage in fact has the distinction of being the only, the single, solitary and unique unplanned episode in the Rockefeller candidacy.

For the real Rockefeller story is the story of the massive, meticulous, continuous surveying, studying, and pre-planning that is Governor Rockefeller's special behind-the-scenes political technique. From the moment Rockefeller began to consider making the New York against Averell Harriman, until election day, the Governor ordered — and paid for — the incredible total of 134 general and special public opinion polls and expert studies of other types.

A SIMILAR effort is now on foot, in preparation for the struggle for the Republican nomination. Officially, this effort is still in the first stage, like the stage in New York when Rockefeller was merely trying to determine whether he had a chance to win against Harriman. But he decided to make that race on evidence showing the odds were 60-40 against him. He further quite obviously longs to make the race against Nixon. So one can conclude he will do so, barring the most unlikely accidents.

In reality, then, all the polling and sounding out of delegates and surveying of local situations are not mainly directed, any longer, towards finding out whether the race should be made. The main purpose now, one can say with confidence, is to find out how the race can best be made and when it is wisest to begin running in earnest.

On this crucial point of timing, a significant change of tendency is detectable in the Rockefeller camp. Only a few weeks ago it seemed highly likely that Gov. Rockefeller would begin in October to make speeches outside New York state — which is his equivalent of crossing the Rubicon. Now he has definitely decided not to do so because a person rents should not have the pride and consideration for his neighbors to do his share in making a more attractive neighborhood?

If I had rental property I would put in the contract that the care of the parking strip was included in the care of the yard and they were expected to keep it up.

It is a foregone conclusion that if they did not take care of one part of the property they would not take proper care of the rest.

The residential district is not the only one remis in the care of the parking strips. Take a look at the service stations and small business within two or three blocks of the main part of town. They are among the worst offenders.

The parking strip belongs to the city. It can, and should, demand that this strip be kept green and mowed or else cemented over.

It is these little things that make the difference between an outstanding city and an ordinary one.

Think of the towns that have a scarcity of water and can't keep them pretty and green! Which would you rather do-step out of your car onto a nice green strip or on to a dried up one with weeds to scratch your legs and ruin your silk hose?

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### Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

TWO PANTS manufacturers found themselves, by means that defy description, in darkest Africa. The more nervous of the two clutched his friend's arm and quavered, "Don't look now, Morris, but isn't that a tiger following me?" "Tiger shmiger," shrugged the other. "How would I know? Am I a fur importer?"

When Teddy Roosevelt was campaigning in the West, a delegation of pram ladies urged him to come out openly against a senatorial candidate from Utah who was a power in the Mormon Church. "Ladies," asserted T.R., "I prefer a polygamist who does not poly to a monogamist who does not monog."

T.R. never let a typed letter go out from his office during a presidential campaign without making a correction or adding a postscript by hand. When his typist asked if she was doing something wrong, Roosevelt assured her, "Not at all. But I've discovered people treasure a letter from the President more when he's added something in his own handwriting."

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## Foreign Notebook: Trouble in Formosa; Ike's Discussions; British Missile Site

By WILLIAM J. FOX  
From the foreign editor's notebook:

**Chinese Trade:**  
Nature may have done to Nationalist China what Communist guns could not do: cause it grievous economic trouble. Financial experts fear that the recent spate of rain, floods and earthquakes that hit Formosa, will have done enough damage to cause Nationalist China's trade to drop sharply.

**Ike's Trip:**  
British officials in London are looking forward to pleasant talks between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan in the coming days. But they predict heavy going for the President when he meets in Paris with French President Charles de Gaulle. The British feel that France's NATO "big power" ambitions, her atomic bomb test plans, the question of Algeria and de Gaulle's speaking for France when he meets with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev all are likely to cause difficulties.

**Missile Site:**  
Intelligence sources in Jakarta say the British have carved out a huge missile launching site in the jungles of North Borneo. They point out that the area is just a few miles north of the Equator and one of the best spots available for launching earth satellites.

**Reds in San Marino:**  
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By FRANK ELEAZER  
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(D-Pa.) announced that Congress, through the House Appropriations committee, has reaffirmed its faith in government operation of the Panama Canal. The line runs cruise ships between the Panama Canal Zone and New York. Flood

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
Cost of living note: The government reports that the cost of living rose fractionally in July to reach an ALL TIME HIGH. It was the fourth straight monthly increase in the consumer price index, which now stands at 124.9 per cent of the 1947-1949 average at the end of July. That is to say: It now costs \$12.49 to buy what \$10 would buy in the 1947-1949 period. HIGHER prices are reported by the government in NEARLY ALL AREAS of consumer spending. "The increase, plus a decline in spendable earnings, reduced consumer buying power by approximately 1 1/2 per cent."

QUESTION: What are "spendable" earnings? THE ANSWER: Spendable earnings are what you have left after paying all your necessary and unavoidable bills — INCLUDING TAXES. If you don't pay your taxes, you'll find yourself in DEEP trouble. A TAXES are higher than they were in the 1947-1949 period. That bites still deeper into your buying power. ANOTHER thought: What government takes out of your pocket in the form of taxes YOU DON'T HAVE LEFT TO SPEND. We hear a lot of talk (especially in political circles) about the beneficial effect of government spending on our national prosperity. Did you ever stop to think that what government reaches into your pocket and takes out in the form of taxes you don't have left to spend for yourself? It's all a question, you see, of WHO DOES THE SPENDING. Which do you prefer — to spend it yourself, or to have the government spend it for you?

AFTER telling about the rising cost of living, this morning's government report adds: "HOWEVER, more than a million workers with contracts tied to the cost of living

will receive automatic WAGE INCREASES. Generally, these increases will amount to about two cents an hour. One more question: Will these automatic wage increases be gravy that the worker who gets them can eat? Or will they be eaten up by the rising cost of living before the worker gets them?"

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