

MAIL TRIBUNE

Everyone in Southern Oregon Reads The Mail Tribune. Published Daily except Saturday by MEDFORD PRINTING CO. 33 North First St. P.O. Box 2-9142. MEDFORD, OREGON

MEMBER OF AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATION. Advertising Representatives: WEST HOLIDAY CO. INC. Offices in New York, Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland, St. Louis, Atlanta, Vancouver, B.C.

NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION. PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

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. Dec. 16, 1949 (Friday). General Eisenhower denies wanting to be President, but criticizes administration.

20 YEARS AGO. Dec. 16, 1939 (Saturday). Germany demands extension of time for Graf Spee to stay in Montevideo harbor.

30 YEARS AGO. Dec. 16, 1929 (Monday). Scarlet fever epidemic hits Medford and valley towns.

40 YEARS AGO. Dec. 16, 1919 (Wednesday). Public library will be closed a few days to repair broken water pipes.

50 YEARS AGO. Dec. 16, 1909 (Thursday). Local organizations vote in favor of retaining three fruit inspectors in county.

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

- 1. Two of every three ducks produced commercially in the U. S. are raised on an island; name the island.
2. Which state of the U. S. has the greatest area?
3. With what New England town do you associate John Hancock and Samuel Adams?
4. Which amendment to the Constitution provided for direct election of Senators?
5. Are tariff duties imposed on imported goods collected by the Internal Revenue Bureau, or by Collectors of Customs?
6. Which is the highest ranking position in the President's cabinet?
7. Jefferson City is the capital of which state?
8. All varieties of lizards are venomous; true or false?
9. In what country are the Halls of Montezuma?
10. Is it necessary that a Presidential candidate win a majority of the states in order to be elected?

Answers: 1. Long Island. 2. Alaska. 3. Lexington, Mass. 4. The 17th Amendment. 5. Collectors of Customs. 6. Secretary of State. 7. Missouri. 8. False. 9. Mexico. 10. No.

In its 15,944 square miles, Switzerland has 125 modern winter resorts with more than 360 lifts and cableways, 140 ice rinks, 900 licensed ski instructors and some 7,000 hotels.

Tests in Arkansas show that cows will produce more milk if they don't have to switch off flies with their tails all the time.

The Birth Control Debate

In recent weeks, some have said that the subject of birth control is not a proper topic for public discussion.

Some have said it is not a proper topic for political debate.

Some have said it is not a proper subject for government consideration.

These opinions are based chiefly on the premise that birth control is a most intimately personal concern, and that, in addition, it is the subject of certain religious strictures, so that debate on the matter is a debate on religious doctrine, and thus is in an area outside the proper realm of public consideration.

IN DISCUSSING the matter, a few things should be set straight.

The first is that no one is talking about compulsory birth control.

In this nation, voluntary actions and compulsory actions are two vastly different things. The discussion up to this point has been on the issue of providing birth control information to those who want it and ask for it.

No one, it should be emphasized, has even mentioned forcing anything on anybody.

THE second is that, despite its religious overtones, it most certainly is a matter of universal public concern, and thus merits discussion. And, since politics is the art and science of arranging affairs of public concern, it most definitely belongs in the political arena, also.

And, since government is politics in action, sooner or later it will have to be come a concern of government—whether President Eisenhower and Senator Kennedy say so or not.

The facts will force it into the realm of politics and government. And it is just as well that it be publicly discussed now, before the problem is overwhelming, rather than waiting until later when the problem may be insuperable.

THE facts which have forced, and will continue to force, this controversy, are these:

- 1. The population of the world is now "exploding," as the result of a higher birth rate and a longer life-expectancy, mostly brought about by improvements in medical science.
2. The rate of population increase now exceeds the rate of increase of food production.
3. The rate of population increase is largest in those nations least able to cope with it—in nations where food supplies already are at dangerously low levels.

THE arguments against the spreading of birth control information are, basically, these:

- 1. That the rate of food production and distribution can be stepped up tremendously—enough to feed any world population which might ensue from uncontrolled human proliferation.
2. That, since the size of families, and the act of controlling birth, is personally intimate and has religious connotation, it is no business of government.
3. That a redistribution of populations, from overcrowded to under-populated areas, will be a solution.
4. That "something" will happen which will render the problem an academic one.

ARGUMENTS favoring a wider application of birth control techniques are these:

- 1. That food production can be increased, but there is a point beyond which that increase cannot go.
2. That, since overpopulation, with resultant starvation, is most definitely a concern of government, it is a government's duty to consider alternatives.
3. That redistribution of populations is a short-term, stop gap and unsatisfactory solution at best.
4. That maybe "something" will happen, but that we'd better be prepared if it doesn't.
5. That, even if food production can keep up with the increase in population, a civilization and society which has no breathing space, no privacy, no relief from overcrowding, is hardly worth living in.

ONE of Oregon's blunter editorial writers put it bluntly, thus:

It begins to appear as if we have three choices:
1. A war which will kill off millions of people.
2. Starvation or dehydration for millions.
3. Some form of birth control.
"Take your choice."

There are factors which may delay, postpone or ameliorate the coming problem. But, barring "something" which no one can foresee or predict, that seems to be our ultimate choice.—E.A.

Other Side of the Coin

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch points out, relative to birth control, that there is another side to the coin of government remaining aloof.

The United States is committed to a program of assistance to poorer nations. And the P-D says: "If our government . . . said that it will help a country like India in all approaches to the population problem EXCEPT the birth control approach, then it would be mixing into a decision which belongs to that country alone. Intervention which takes the form of withholding funds and information can sometimes be quite as effective as an outright public veto."

"It would be just as wrong for the U. S. to throw its weight against birth control in a certain underdeveloped country as it would be to impose birth control on a country that did not want it."

If nothing else, the bishops who brought the matter up for public discussion have served to dramatize the problem as nothing ever has before.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



JOEY'S WORRIED, HE'S 'FRID THEY'RE GONNA CHEW THE BUTTONS OFF HER VEST!

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 initial 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.

Meaning of Christmas

To the Editor: Someone told me the other day, "Christmas is for the kids." That statement made me do a bit of thinking. Many times we use the abbreviated form, "Xmas." When I took algebra in school (it nearly took me) "X" was the unknown number.

I fear today that we find the real meaning of Christmas unknown. Don't get alarmed, I'm no preacher. Even so, how many of us would rebel, or at least feel put out, if our birthday anniversaries were celebrated as Christmas is today.

Of course no one really knows the exact date of Christ's birth. Yet how would our children feel on their birthday to find most of the presents being to others than themselves. Oh sure, I know it's good to exchange gifts and by bestowing our gifts we give to Christ. But that's not the point. If we feel Christmas is "just for the kids" what about our world's Redeemer?

The offering from the heart that loves, God delights to honor, giving it highest efficiency in service for Him. If we have given our hearts to Jesus, we also shall bring our gifts to Him. Our gold and silver, our most precious earthly possessions, our highest mental and spiritual endowments, will be freely devoted to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

I wonder sometimes if Christmas day, a precious reminder of the sacrifice made in man's behalf, should be kept as it is? Should it be devoted to gluttony and self-indulgence, thus exalting the creature above the Creator?

I'm reminded of the colored lady who was always being chided by her white mistress for spending too much on the church. One night the white lady had a dream. Her guardian angel seemed to be accompanying her around Heaven. As they beheld the glorious sights the lady remarked about the beauty of a certain mansion.

"That belongs to your colored washerwoman," she was told. My how her heart jumped. Her expectations rose to a new plane. She asked to be shown her home. Down in a secluded place she beheld a partly finished house. The studding was partly in place and a few boards were in place. "Whose house is that?" She asked. "That's yours" said the angel. "You didn't send up enough material to finish it."

In Christmas celebrations it would be well to ponder and think of the real meaning of the day. Henry Johnson, Jr. 2400 Highway 66 Ashland, Ore.

Smoke Plus Fog—Smog

To the Editor: Visions of Sugar Plums and such like at this season of the year could not quite crowd out the upwelling of a paraphrase on another famous poem: Particles of Oil Smoke, Filaments of Fog; Make a dirty Landscape, And a mighty Smog. Little exercises of this kind are recommended for relieving the monotony of driving through a changeless Scene in White; that is, if one is not too occupied with trying to find that intersection where one is was supposed to turn.

H. W. Robertson 103 North Central ave. Medford

Threatened Species

To the Editor: The setting up of national and state parks results in creation of sanctuaries for both mammals and birds. Thus on a grand scale is being extended such effort as that of a few of us, a half century ago, in American Bison Society. Americans have succeeded rather well with the wild turkey, also the prong-horn antelope. These two were the first saved-species to win places on U.S.A. postage stamps. On our family's plantation less than a century ago, no turkeys were raised. At Thanksgiving, at Christmas, someone shot a wild one for the dinner. Such results as with the pronghorn mean enjoyment for untold coming generations. Writer can never forget these antelope playfully racing with his automobile on Arizona's Painted Desert. We have however lost USA's ivory-billed woodpecker. Agassiz built up a theoretical fish outline from fossil scale. Finding later an entire fish proved his judgment unerring. Now we have, not a fish scale, but a bird bone. Avian paleontologists christen it "Incredible Bird." The "Terrible Bird" apparently was twice the size of the California Condor. The Incredible Bird was even considerably larger. We know nothing about its birthrate. We do know that Condor lays one egg, often infertile. Biennially National Audubon tries to save Condor as it did Roseate Spoonbill. Perhaps, however, Condor may drift to extinction like Passenger Pigeon, parakeet, and green Carolina parakeet, ("U.S.A.'s only parrot"), Moa, Dodo. We offered National Audubon \$1,000 for publicity campaign to save Ivory-billed woodpecker. Apparently it also is near extinction. Other threatened species worldwide are the Arabian ostrich, Hawaiian goose, New Caledonian kagoo, Indian pink-headed duck, Australian ground parakeet, Laysan duck, Marianas mallard; Cuban ivory-billed woodpecker, Bermuda petrel and Marianas megapode. C. M. Goethe 3731 Tea st. Sacramento 16, Calif.

Good Neighborliness

To the Editor: When I was a youngster this was a large world. We could manage to get out of our neighborhood in a day behind Buck and Bright, if we didn't forget our "Gee" and turn onto the left fork instead of right. Kit and Roxy shook silver-toned bells all winter; not just during holidays. Oxen or horses brought neighbors together to exchange any important work: husking bees, threshing and sorting beans, making candle lighters, boiling sap for maple syrup and sugar, canning, butchering, sewing rags or caring for the sick. We hired no help and knew little of other lands or their people. Now we hear "It's a 'small' world," and it is: If you don't believe it, ask President Eisenhower. We can cross all the states in a jiffy. (Jiffy, jiffy? Oh, well, it must mean something or other.) Now we have more neighbors than one could shake a stick at. Regarding sticks: Let us keep some handy along with prepared means peace. Even neighbors do have misunderstandings at times. We will be good neighbors. It isn't hard to work at. We will be our brothers' keepers if and when, need must; but we will not disarm. In any locality—large or small, there may be those who do not mind the golden rule. If those few start something, we must be ready to protect ourselves. I know some wonderful places to practice good neighborliness. (1) The Senior Activity Center at 601 East Jackson st. Various classes for older people are held there free of charge. Edward Root helped us start our orchestra. (2) The Fifty Plus club meets every Friday at 12:30 at Fifth and Oakdale. Both of the above participate in the activities of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging. We "jes" know for a fact that all God's "chilren" am our neighbors. Mrs. John Spackman, Jacksonville, Oregon.

He Needs Blood

To the Editor: My dad is 79 years old and he has leukemia. He has to have blood transfusions about every two weeks. This is quite expensive and I am on welfare, so I cannot help out on the doctor and hospital bills. They are low on blood and he has had 21 pints so far. He was supposed to have two pints today but they can only give him one pint. I was wondering if anyone would volunteer to donate blood. His name is John Swarts-fager. Mabel Babcock 629 Franquette Medford.

Lake-Not Baseball

To the Editor: We have been reading in the Mail Tribune about a proposed baseball stadium to be built near the fairgrounds. This, no doubt, is a worthy project—but it strikes me as a very large and costly one, considering the relatively few of our people who would use it or benefit by everyone in our city and county. If we are looking for ideas, let's try this one on for size. Oregon is a beautiful state, more than blessed by a generous nature and one of our truly great assets is water—both for its utility and its aesthetic value. But, Medford, while a beautiful, clean little city, reflects none of the abundance of water generally associated with Oregon. So, let's take a page from the planning book of Marysville, Santa Barbara, Oakland in California and of Albany in Oregon and construct a lake for ourselves instead of a baseball stadium. The excavation soil could be sold as with the construction of a stadium; Talent water could be run through the lake; it could be landscaped with lawns and shrubs as a picnic area; row boats could be utilized with a small dock; and it would be a thing of beauty to be enjoyed by all of our people and by the thousands of travellers who compliment us with their visits each year. I'm not against baseball but I am for beauty and progress—when spending the taxpayers' money—that will benefit the MOST, not just the few. (Name on file) Medford

Filtration Debt

To the Editor: I hope everyone in Gold Hill will hear about the coming election on the proposed water filtration plant to be installed. They estimate the cost to be \$120,000 and will require 20 years to pay for, at the estimated rate of \$4.75 per month. That is a ridiculously high price to pay for water when it is so unnecessary. I have a hard enough time paying the present rate of \$2.70 per month and I'm sure a lot of others do too. Come on out, residents of Gold Hill, do you want to be stuck with this proposed \$120,000 debt? Edna M. Tracy (Mrs. M.A.) Gold Hill, Ore.

"Old Woman?"

To the Editor: Old woman with your scraggly look, I watch you through the glass. Your pride you surely have forsook. I know you once had "class." The wrinkled veins are paramount. They show on every limb, So vivid, I can almost count, You once were, oh, so trim. The fallen leaves will grow lush green. By spring, enchanting men—Men will hold you in esteem. Old woman? No, a tree. A.H.P., Phoenix, Ore.

Religious Freedom

To the Editor: I think today we in America have more freedom of religion than ever in history. America is like a great tree which has been grafted with all branches of people, and these all have some kind of faith in a God. If they are legally entered into the U.S.A., they have to admit their belief in a God. We Americans have the right to pray or to give thanks to Jesus, anywhere we are, and not to be ashamed of so doing. It is our duty to see that we are never ashamed of loving our Savior. I think in order to pray it is not necessary to get on a box and shout to the heavens, because God says that you can even go into your closet and shut the door and pray to Christ. Jesus does not think much of house top prayers because He feels that they never get any further than the roof. If we want to confess ourself before man, then by their fruits ye shall know them. When we speak of religion we must always speak in reverence and respect, because there are many kinds of faiths. Many of these people are born of this faith and therefore will die for their faith. If we were all of one faith and denomination, then we would have religion in the public schools of America. America is a place of freedom of the press and of a man's religion. We never want a religious war, and to avoid this we who profess to be followers of God must respect our fellow man's belief. Please put my name of file, not because I am ashamed of my thoughts but because when one may do good he should not be praised but give the praise to Him who instilled it into our hearts. (Name on file) Medford

Faith, Hope, Love

To the Editor: "Abide in Faith, Hope and Love." Isn't that our directive today? Isn't this the answer we seek? The research we need to make? Does mankind cry out for freedom and peace alone or something to have faith in? The soul of man cannot be put in chains. He can feel free even behind prison walls. Peace also is a divine gift to the heart and mind that outside forces cannot destroy. But the soul of man has to have a God or something to believe in to make living real and satisfying, to give him confidence, security, inspiration and the will to endure and succeed. Love is the bread of life which makes him strong, a need of everyone, a balm for every pain, the answer for all

Now Many Wear FALSE TEETH With More Comfort

FASTTEETH, a pleasant alkaline (non-acid) powder, holds false teeth more firmly. To eat and talk in more comfort, just sprinkle a little FASTTEETH on your plates. No gummy, gooey, pasty taste or feeling. Check a plate odor (denture breath) Get FASTTEETH at any drug counter.

New Association Test May Reveal Driving Attitudes

By FRANK ELEAZER. Washington—(AP)—The American Automobile Association expects to come out soon with a wonderful new way to test drivers. I just took the test and am pretty sure it showed I hate work, like girls, and love money.



Frank Eleazer established about my prospects for long life in event I keep driving I'll never know, unless I get up courage to send in the papers for grading.

To take this test, which is not quite ready for general use, you don't even have to get behind the wheel, although goodness knows AAA isn't opposed to qualifying prospective drivers that way. All you do is put check marks on some forms. The test takes 10 minutes and is based on what psychologists call a "semantic differential." That last has nothing whatever to do with the big round thing between the back wheels. The test, devised by Columbia University psychologist James L. Malfetti under a \$100,000 grant from the AAA's Traffic Safety Foundation, is intended to establish your attitude toward the automobile.

Malfetti and others at work on the safety project developed the test after performing a deep psychological study on 400 teen-ager drivers in Cleveland. Half of these were chronic traffic violators. The other half had good driving records. It is built around 12 words, or "concepts" as the psychologists call them. It records your associations or impressions about each of these words. One of the words is car. Others, besides work, women and money, include weapon, transportation, a nd power. Dr. Malfetti is 39 and has been in the psychology business long enough to know that anybody old enough to drive can figure the "right" answers if simply asked to rate his own concept of a car. The new test, though, can't be faked. As applied to each of the 12 words or concepts you are

asked to judge 10 pairs of contradictory adjectives—active or passive, clean or dirty, weak or strong, etc. You do this by putting check marks on a scale, between these extremes. That's how I uncovered my hidden feelings on work, girls, and money. Testers Compare Pictures. Fortunately, the quiz givers won't care much how you rate any one of these items, even car. What they do when you're through is link up your check marks with lines and compare the resulting pictures. The picture most nearly resembling the one you check marks make under "car" shows the psychologists which word you associate with the automobile. The proven bad drivers in Cleveland, for instance, associated cars with weapons or freedom from control of their parents. Even I can see that is bad. Drivers with good records tended to associate autos with transportation or work. I can't say for sure what all the other possible associations might reveal to the experts. But each concept was picked for a purpose. Now that I've disclosed some of Dr. Malfetti's secrets, I don't feel guilty at all. Even when you know all this in advance, it won't help a bit if and when you go in for the test. Because Dr. Malfetti, as a final safeguard, has sneakily rejiggered the order of the 10 pairs of adjectives as related to each of the 12 key words. Sometimes he has also reversed 'em. Before linking up your checkmarks, to make pictures, he restores them to their original order. That's why I don't know yet whether my dentless fenders result from good driving or luck. I'm not sure I want to find out.

FINDS GOODWILL

New York—(AP)—Lewis L. Strauss, former Atomic Energy Commission chairman, said Tuesday night he found a reservoir of goodwill while on a recent tour of the Far East and that this country should make "good use" of it. He addressed a fund raising dinner of the Jewish Congregation Emanu-El.

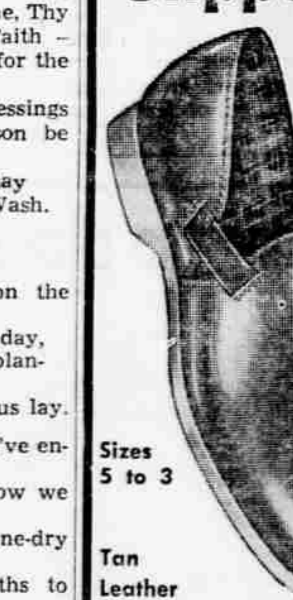
The marriage annulment rate in the U.S. was estimated recently at 23.5 per 1,000 girls between the ages of 15 and 19, compared with 5.3 per 1,000 women in the 25-to-29 group.

the woes in the world. Through hope he may be free and have peace. But faith he needs to have the courage to work, and suffer and strive for that "Kingdom to come." So it is faith that the Free World should demonstrate. Faith in God and His way of love, truth and righteousness. He made the earth for Himself. He alone can and will be ruler over all. Thus in faith our prayer should be, "Thy kingdom will come. Thy will be done." Faith—that is the watchword for the Free World. May the joys and blessings of the Christmas season be yours. Frances Ray Ralston, Wash.

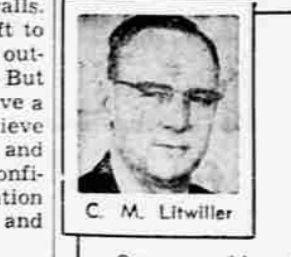
Sing of the Rain

To the Editor: Oh, Sing of rain on the shingles Before the coming of day, As a white snowy blanket On foot-hills around us lay. Summer-like days we've enjoyed But it's rain and snow we need. To soften the bone-dry plow-lands, With so many mouths to feed. So welcome the rain and the snowfall, The misery of slush and of mud For in branch and earthy darkness Is the waiting root and bud. F. J. C. Route 2, Box 200F Medford.

The Christmas Gift That's SURE TO PLEASE Slippers for Boys



Sizes 5 to 3 Tan Leather With Cushion Crepe Sole \$3.45 Buster Brown SHOE STORE



C. M. Litwiler



Mrs. Litwiler

NEW AND MODERN LITWILLER Funeral Home Mountain View Chapel Hwy. 66 at Normal Office 88 N. Main ASHLAND "It is better to know us and not need us than to need us and not know us."