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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
Dec. 31, 1949 (Saturday)
Court decision gives two
Medford businessmen full
rights to develop rich gold
deposits near Nome, Alaska.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 31, 1939 (Sunday)
Copco plans one million
dollar construction program
in coming year.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 31, 1929 (Tuesday)
Larry Schade wins prize
for best Christmas lighting
decorations.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 31, 1919 (Thursday)
Oregon-Harvard Rose Bowl
game tomorrow is considered
a toss-up.

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 31, 1909 (Friday)
Pacific and Eastern rail-
road has joined forces with
Southern Pacific, and two are
conducting operations as one.

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

1. In the Bible, who was
Solomon's mother?
2. How did Mohandas K.
Gandhi, Hindu spiritual leader,
meet his death?
3. If you travel on the sur-
face of the earth until your
watch registers two hours fast,
have you been traveling east
or west?
4. What Greek mythologi-
cal personage fell in love with
his own reflection in a pool?
5. What is an intaglio?
6. Is the Continental Divide
in the area of the Rocky
Mountains or the Appalachian
Mountains?
7. In what field of art is
James Melton well known?
8. How many ounces are in
a troy pound?
9. What majority of both
houses of Congress is required
to override a Presidential
veto?
10. Arrange in order from
west to east: British Colum-
bia, Alberta, Saskatchewan,
Manitoba.

Answers: 1. Bathsheba. 2.
He was assassinated. 3. West.
4. Narcissus. 5. An inset en-
graving. 6. Rocky Mountains.
7. Music. (Opera singer.) 8.
Twelve. 9. Two-thirds. 10.
That is the correct order.

RE-BURY WAR VICTIMS
Warsaw—UPI—The bodies of
143 Polish and Hungarian
women shot by the Nazis dur-
ing World War II have been
disinterred from a mass grave
in a forest near Uesew and re-
buried in Rynbo cemetery, it
was reported Tuesday.

Cuba's Year of Castro

Fidel Castro Ruz, premier of Cuba and leader of its revolutionary regime, seems still to command the enthusiastic support of the broad masses of his people. Most of the citizens of Cuba appear to feel that the benefits of the social revolution outweigh the excesses condemned outside the country. Others cling to the hope that the revolutionary government will swing back to the earlier course of the July Movement.

But a growing number of moderates—intellectuals, professionals and businessmen—complain that the revolution is being perverted, stolen from them.

IN THE United States the disillusion has gone farther. During the civil war against Dictator Batista the people of this country had been impressed with the apparent sincerity of Castro and his followers and by the professed purposes of the revolutionists. Washington recognized the Cuban government last Jan. 7, only six days after Castro had installed Manuel Urrutia Lleo as provisional President.

But Secretary of State Christian A. Herter on Dec. 10 voiced the alarm now felt in the United States when he said: "We have tried to discuss with the Cuban government a number of problems that have caused that deterioration (in relationships) and have found that the present Cuban government is not anxious to talk with us, so that we have had great difficulty in communication, and very great difficulty in doing what we would like to be able to do in alleviating that situation." In countries of Central and South America, however, Castro's anti-gringoism and "independence" of the Colossus of the North have won considerable sympathy.

PRESIDENT Urrutia, who publicly rejected the support of Communists, lasted a scant six months, resigning last July 17. Castro had resigned as premier on the same day, giving as his reason his "moral differences" with Urrutia, whose actions, he said, had bordered on treason. But in six days Castro was back in office; the new President, Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado, announced that the Council of Ministers had refused to accept Fidel's resignation.

In his year in command Castro has instituted, suspended and restored trial by military tribunal. Some 550 "war criminals" have died before firing squads. Castro's extremist opponents, like Emilio Nunez Portuondo, former president of the United Nations Security Council, estimated that as many as 15,000 Cubans may have forfeited their lives. The recent chants of Cuban mobs—"The Wall, the Wall"—may presage violence on a grander scale.

CASTRO'S followers have been implicated in uprisings in Haiti, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic. Meanwhile, Cuba itself has been the target of a small airborne invasion from the Dominican Republic and an air "raid" from the United States.

Within Cuba, Castro's political and economic problems mount, and his close advisers continue to be drawn from leftist elements. His appointment, Nov. 26, of Maj. Ernesto (Che) Guevara, Jr., as president of the National Bank of Cuba—a position which makes him virtually an economic czar—was looked upon as ominous. Guevara, an Argentine-born physician, is described by candid U.S. observers as "by his own words an enemy of U.S. imperialism" and a "devoted Marxist."—E.R.R.

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Dennis the Menace



"SEE? THAT'S HOW A HORN SHOULD SOUND!"

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

ROCKEFELLER AND THE REPUBLICANS
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It was in those elections, when there was a landslide to the Democrats, that Nelson Rockefeller emerged as a national figure. He was shown in a spectacular way to be able to reunite the Republicans in New York and to cut deeply into the Democratic strength.

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Nature Causes Failure of Agricultural Schemes Among Communist Nations

Chinese peasants into vast agricultural combines, the government has been forced to encourage peasants to resume growing their own food. In some instances, individual plots of land have been restored.

By PHIL NEWSON
UPI Foreign Editor
Twin forms of nature—human and acts of God—have combined to write an amazing story of failure for grandiose agricultural schemes among the Communist nations.

China's ancient enemies of flood and drought have combined with earlier failures to the point where millions of its rapidly expanding population face a real threat of starvation. Red China admitted it grossly over-estimated its 1958 farm production and has paved the way for further such admissions in 1959. To help take the load of communal kitchens set up when the Reds herded millions of

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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Holiday Thoughts
To the Editor: I am glad that all those who got intoxicated while celebrating in remembrance of Christ's birth are sobering up for a better year to come, and that the stacks of Christmas cards, gifts and letters are listed and shelved.

"Only God can make a tree." Man can cut the tree down, trim it for the season's big showpiece, then drag it away to be burned as rubbish. Jack Frost could have done a better job.

My youngsters are grown and gone, so I just spent Christmas quietly and safely. Unlike many others—I'm alive and figuring out resolutions to make so I can have fun breaking 'em later on.

There's one good resolution I made years ago; that was, to never waste a tree uselessly. As one Nature Lover to the rest of you, I've kept that resolution.

I bought our Christmas trees from good nurseries, roots on and packed. I enjoyed them for a week then planted them. I have lovely blue spruce trees growing in several states. Three years ago I saw four of them in Texas. They were about 30 feet tall and sheltering snow birds and tender memories.

In the Tribune's potluck column, there was a poem that beat them all. If you didn't happen to see it, be at the Fifty Plus club at noon Friday at Fifth and Oakdale and I will read it to you. I gave it the title of "Growing Old" and took the liberty of adding two lines to it.

That potluck column reminds me—the first meeting of each month is "potluck" lunch, so bring something good to eat.

Also, our president, Mary Federick, asks us to help entertain by reciting, singing, telling a joke or story or reading something.

Cemetery Vandalism
To the Editor: It is with saddened hearts that we feel it necessary at this happy holiday season to write this communication.

Sabotage Stories Spread
The story of miscalculation, sabotage and ravages of nature extends from Communist East Berlin, through Moscow to Peiping.

Matter of Fact
By Joseph Alsop
His success in doing so suggests the coolness of the customer behind the hearty hand-shaking Rockefeller facade.

ROCKEFELLER: BACKGROUND STORY
Washington—The background story of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's withdrawal from the Republican Presidential race has not yet been told. It is worth telling, too, because it indicates that what some Nixonites used to call "the Rockefeller problem" has not yet been completely solved.

The simple physical facts are sufficiently astonishing for this decision which had the effect of a bombshell on Dec. 26 had in reality been taken more than a fortnight earlier, before the Governor's departure on his last barnstorming tour on Dec. 12.

Yet it can be stated on undoubted authority that this was just the way it happened. In the first days of December, in brief, the practical hopelessness of a Rockefeller bid for the Presidency had been proven beyond doubt. Polls in New Hampshire and other primary states, soundings of Republican leaders all over the country and many other tests, all gave the same results.

AT THIS point, the Governor called in his three most intimate advisors, his long-time staff member, Frank Jamieson, the cool-headed New York National Committeeman, George Hinman, and the able "Time-Life" contributor and former White House speech-writer, Emmet Hughes. Rockefeller revealed to these three his inclination, to withdraw his candidacy, and all three agreed.

Hughes was thereupon asked to prepare the first draft of a withdrawal statement. The Hughes draft was even stiffer than the final version in its suggestions that all was not absolutely well with Dwight D. Eisenhower's America. Some dilutions and deletions were in the end decided upon. It was further decided not to extend the circle of those in the know beyond New York State Chairman Judson Morehouse, until after Rockefeller's return from his seven-state political tour. And so the Governor departed, his statement written, his mind made up, to go through the exhausting motions of candidacy for the last time.

But it is such a desecration of our love tokens we take there. Perchance they who do this may be reminded that our loved ones are dead only when they are gone from our hearts. Help us keep ours alive.

The Family of The Late L. H. Hughes, and Ernest Lee Beer; I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Average Salary Of Teachers \$5,334
Portland—UPI—The Oregon Education Association says the average salary of Oregon teachers for 1959-60 is \$5,334. This represents an increase of \$281 over last year's average of \$5,053, the OEA reported.

The average salary was determined through a study of 15,920 teachers and 1,344 administrators. Dr. Richard Boyd, OEA research director, said all school districts in the state were represented by the study.

Broken down, the average for elementary teachers was \$5,207; junior high, \$5,320; and senior high, \$5,626.

SET COLLECTION RECORD
Washington—UPI—The Justice Department civil division set a record in collecting money claims on behalf of the federal government in 1959. In a year-end report, the department said Wednesday the government failed 4,157 civil suits claiming \$62,500,000 and settled for \$53 million.

closed that farmers opposed to collectivization of their lands were setting farm property on fire, poisoning cattle, committing other acts of sabotage and assaulting Communist organizers. The situation, he said, had become "alarming."

About half of East Germany's farm land now is included in the collectives. In Moscow, where Premier Nikita Khrushchev took personal charge of the drive to surpass United States agricultural production, Khrushchev himself admitted that this year's harvest was the worst in four years.

Some of it he blamed on the weather, the rest on "leaders who do not understand a thing about agriculture."

Voices Perennial Complaint
He voiced a perennial complaint that farm machinery was allowed to fall into disrepair, and complained again about the growth of bureaucracy.

Similarly, in Poland, the government has admitted that agriculture has not kept pace with industrialization, and there, as in China, a program of austerity has been proclaimed. In Poland, the situation might have been worse, but for emergency shipments of surplus wheat from the United States.

Both Poland and Hungary have launched vigorous campaigns to overcome the farmers' opposition to government-run collectives. The Polish farmer would rather have his own horse than a government tractor.

Hungary, which formerly was able to export food products, now must import. Romania is in the midst of a ruthless campaign to force farm land into collectives over the opposition of peasants who remain stubborn even after nearly 15 years of Communist rule.

In Bulgaria, the government's desperate drive for collectivization has resulted in a campaign whose harshness has been compared to Red China's communal system in breaking up traditional family patterns.

Communist leaders will not accept these setbacks as permanent, nor will hunger among any people be a cause of satisfaction in the West. But they illustrate that the Kremlin's "perfect" society still is unable to collectivize nature, human or otherwise.

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