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10 YEARS AGO
Feb. 12, 1950 (Sunday)
The Jacksonville museum opened yesterday and drew 500 visitors; opening climaxed two months of renovation on the old courthouse.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 12, 1940 (Monday)
Thomas E. Dewey, potential Republican presidential candidate, spoke in Portland last night and blasted New Deal and lack of national unity.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 12, 1930 (Wednesday)
Plea of local growers that freight rates be placed on parity with California rates is denied.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 12, 1920 (Friday)
Local "Hoover for President" organization is being planned.

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 12, 1910 (Saturday)
Medford Printing Company purchases new power presses and machinery, increasing press capacity tenfold; most modern and completely equipped newspaper between Sacramento and Portland.

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

- 1. How many arms has an octopus?
2. One of the Central American Republics does not border on the Caribbean Sea; name it.
3. The moon has four phases; name them.
4. For what purpose was the learning tower of Pisa built?
5. From where did the Moors emigrate into Spain?
6. What cabinet position did Jesse Jones of Texas once hold in a Democratic administration?
7. Does hair on the human body grow from the ends, or from the roots?
8. In Greek mythology, who was the husband of Penelope?
9. Does Halley's Comet reappear about every 65, 85, or 85 years?
10. In what State is Teapot Dome?
Answers: 1. Eight. 2. El Salvador. 3. New Moon. First Quarter, Full Moon, Last Quarter. 4. As a campanile or bell tower. 5. From North Africa. 6. Secretary of Commerce. 7. From the roots. 8. Ulysses. 9. 75 to 10. Wyoming.

Lincoln "Appreciation"

Through the thoughtful courtesy of H. W. Steelman, of 107 Lozier Lane, Medford, we have been provided with a clipping of "Abraham Lincoln, An Appreciation," written by Mr. Steelman's father, the late J. W. Steelman, who at that time (early in World War I) was a resident of Galls Creek, and a veteran of the 110th Ohio Infantry in the Civil War.

Inasmuch as today is Lincoln's birthday, we present the elder Mr. Steelman's account, as published in a Medford newspaper (apparently not the Mail Tribune) in 1915. The "Appreciation" follows.

WORDS are signs of ideas; therefore, we must understand the words, in order to arrive at the true ideas contained in the words used. One hundred and six years ago Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky. In commemoration of the life he lived, and the services he rendered his country, the whole nation, on February 12th, paid a fitting tribute to the Martyred President.

I was in Washington the day of his death. I shall never forget the clear notes of the bugle blast, that sounded "lights out" when the Patriot was left "where the dead reign alone." There was a solemn stillness in the air, and, out upon the heights, the clouds bended low and wept icy tears. "Lights out" is the closing epitome of all that tread the earth. I cannot tell what was in the mind of the author of "Lights Out," when he set it to martial music, but in it there is more, to me, than its title indicates.

WHEN will the deeds of Washington die? How can time efface the record of that valor which gave, and preserved us a nation? Will the thunders of the Declaration of Independence cease amid the roll of ages, and while the earth stands, will freedmen forget Freedom's Proclamation? No friend of Lincoln need, with pen or speech, paint an ideal man and call it Lincoln. His name and fame will stand the test of searching scrutiny in the light of truth. He has written his History in deeds which will live so long as pens are dipped in ink, so long as men read, and so long as History is written. The history is worth something; it is valuable, it is not a history of glittering generalities, but is a history of great deeds, and great things accomplished for this country. Small wonder is it that among those numberless thousands who, in that great time of trouble, gazed upon the tall, gaunt form of Abraham Lincoln, and heard his clear, sad voice, were some who almost imagined they saw the form and heard the voice of one of the great prophets and leaders of Israel.

But not one soul of the Grand Army that followed him with love, dreamed for a moment that all too soon the light of those brave and kindly eyes was faded to go out in darkness, that sad voice to be hushed forever, that form to lie bleeding and dead; a martyred sacrifice, indeed, upon the altar of his country.

LINCOLN was born poor, and died poor. He well knew the grinding of poverty. He had to make his own way in the world and earn his own bread. He was not much versed in the learning of schools, but learned readily with his eyes and ears, and few men in the country today know how to use the English language more correctly or effectively. Had he been born rich, had he been trained in the universities, he could never have been Lincoln. Not down from the heights, but up through tribulations, toil, and suffering, come the leaders of a free people, the founders, the guardians, the saviors of free institutions.

Wealth is a good thing — we all want it. Education is better — all should have it. But wealth and education in these days have their dangers. The gilded youths who dawdle out their little lives in clubs and streets of the city, either die unknown and unseen, or are rudely jostled when they come in contact with the actualities of life. Let them take thought lest they be handicapped by what ought to help. Only hard work of hand and head will make a Lincoln. Unless a halt is soon called in wasteful extravagance, in servile imitation of foreign customs, in selfish living, the time will soon come when it will be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to find a seat in the high places of popular confidence and truth.

LINCOLN is dead. Yes, dead. Has this man utterly passed away? Stands he no longer a tower of strength for refuge and defense? No; so; it cannot be. The call shall not sound "lights out." His light is not out; though invisible to us, it still shines. Friends, this noble man's work needs no monument, no written scroll in order that it may be perpetuated. It is higher than the dome of St. Peter; loftier than St. Paul's; it rears itself above the Pyramids; it soars beyond the highest mountain tops; and it is written in letters of the sun-beam across the blue arch that forever looks down upon the busy tribes of men.

Ends and Means

Quote: "A President's success is determined by his results rather than how he did it." This is an interesting version of the old saying about the ends justifying the means, and it makes one wonder if the speaker is qualified for our highest office. The speaker? Vice President Richard M. Nixon.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



It's called a uke, Joey. It's like a guitar that didn't grow up.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

JACK AND THE PACK
Washington — It is now Jack against the pack. This is an inelegant but exact way to describe the race for the Democratic Presidential nomination some five months before the show-down national convention.

In the Days News
By FRANK JENKINS
This week is the golden anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. In Britain, the Boy Scout organization is two years older.

BOY SCOUTING is more than a youth movement. During its half century of existence in America, it has commanded the interest of countless thousands of mature men who have seen in it an ideal instrument for citizenship training.

THE WHOLE Kennedy policy for months has built up Wisconsin as an arena of decision and crisis. It has been a policy of deliberate dramatization, of squeezing out the last possible drop of suspense. It has been good theater.

IN ONE of the years in which he held this post, the annual Court of Honor session was scheduled for a week in which Mr. Booth, a prominent Oregon lumberman, was attending an important meeting in Chicago.

HE DID SO because he felt the work of the Boy Scouts to be just that important. Tens of thousands of mature men, all over America, have felt that way about the Boy Scouts. I think it should be added here that the Boy Scout organization has justified that faith.

California Democratic 'Pros' Surprise Themselves by Support for Symington

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By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington—The word from California supports a belief widely held elsewhere that Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) is the likely choice for the Democratic presidential nomination.



Lyle C. Wilson reports from Sacramento that California legislators were astonished by Symington's showing in a presidential poll among themselves.

Symington was named by 25 persons, followed in the polling by: Sen. John F. Kennedy, 19; Adlai E. Stevenson, 17; Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, 4; Rep. Chester Bowles, 2; California's Gov. Edmond G. (Pat) Brown, 1; split opinion, Kennedy or Stevenson, 1; Symington, 1; no choice, 5. There were no votes for Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.)

Another question: "Who is your personal choice for the Democratic presidential nomination?" Stevenson led this one with 23 votes, followed by Symington, 17; Kennedy, 13; Brown, 11; Johnson, 3; Humphrey, 1; Michigan's Gov. G. Mennen Williams, 1; no choice, 6.

Hoo-Boy! Dick West Talks Sense About Tonsil Torture

By DICK WEST
Washington—Show me one of those tone-deaf teenagers exercising his adenoids over the airwaves and I will show you a groaning grown-up turning it off.

introduced through a peculiarity of my car radio. While driving to and from work, I travel one stretch of road where the radio will only bring in one station. This makes me a captive audience of what I judge is one of the nation's principal outlets for unrequited puppy love. It also makes driving unduly hazardous.

U Nu Returns To Premiership of Democratic Burma

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
The man-of-the-week: U Nu, next premier of Burma. The place: Rangoon. The quote: "On this day of days, our thoughts turn to the land we live in, a beautiful land rich in the resources which bounteous nature has provided, and full of sunshine and the laughter of happy people."

U Nu, a man who describes himself as a dreamer, anxious to spend his time in study, writing and religious devotions, uttered the above quote on Jan. 4, 1948. But he could just as well have said it this week.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF
MOX LINDQUIST in "My Manasota Pals" cites the case of a tough old lumberjack cutting a few capers on the fourteenth floor of a Minneapolis hotel. He lost his balance leaning out of a window, and fell all the way to the ground. Miraculously enough, he wasn't killed. In fact, he arose gingerly and rubbed his head.



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

Can't Trust Them
To the Editor: I wish to commend you on your editorial on disarmament. It touched the core of the matter.

Only Wednesday Mr. K. told the Indians, "We are ready to give free and disinterested help to any oppressed people, including Cuba." If it were not so tragic it would be highly amusing.

Bouquet
To the Editor: It does my heart good to see your newspaper choose significant items for first place coverage such as you did with the radar contact with the sun in your Friday, Feb. 5, issue. It is especially pleasing since this is only a sample of many of its kind. Your wide coverage of science throughout the paper is unusual in newspapers, I like it.

Wants New Factory
To the Editor: I am writing about the letter which was written a week ago concerning a new factory which is needed in Medford to make work for the unemployed.

What-No Cosmetics?
To the Editor: I am able to sit placidly by while most of the great controversies rage in the letters to the editor, and it bothers me not one whit. But now, they have invaded our privacy. Not use cosmetics? Heaven forbid!

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