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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
March 8, 1950 (Tuesday)
Jackson County Chamber of
Commerce will move head-
quarters from Medford hotel
to 5 South Riverside ave., at
end of month.
City council goes on record
favoring daylight savings
time last night, and city may
adopt it at end of April.

20 YEARS AGO
March 8, 1940 (Friday)
The war department today
called for bids for construc-
tion of Army's proposed radio
operations building at the
Medford municipal airport.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye
Smudge Pot" column: "The
Astoria boxing commission
has suspended a wrestler for
'unbecoming conduct.' What
in the world could it be?"

30 YEARS AGO
March 8, 1930 (Saturday)
A state frost expert will
arrive in Medford and take up
duties on March 17.
Phoenix defeats Talent 25
to 16 to win county basket-
ball title.

40 YEARS AGO
March 8, 1920 (Monday)
Superintendent of city
school is verbally attacked by
parents who are meeting to
consider wholesale firing of
school teachers.
A campaign will be launch-
ed against violators of Jack-
son county game laws.

50 YEARS AGO
March 8, 1910 (Tuesday)
Local boosters form Crater
Lake Highway commission
and plan to start soliciting
\$100,000 in donations from 1,000
persons tomorrow to build
highway which state refuses
to do.
Wagon load of lime and
sulphur spray for trees ac-
cidentally falls in Little Butte
creek and it is feared it will
kill all the fish.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior;
seven or eight is excellent; five or
six is good.

1. What quadruped is re-
garded to be the "King of
Beasts"?
 2. Invention of the cotton
gin is usually credited to
whom?
 3. Saintpaulia is another
name for which one of these:
Geranium, Pansy, or African
Violet?
 4. Who succeeded Winston
Churchill as Prime Minister
of Britain?
 5. The second stomach of
birds, in which the food is
ground, is called the gizzard.
 6. "Green Mountain State"
is the nickname for which
New England State?
 7. According to the pro-
verb, "Rome was not built -
- - -"
 8. The oath of office of
President of the U.S. is usu-
ally administered by what
high government official?
 9. Which bird has the ability
to fly backward?
 10. Which of these is used
to measure wind velocity:
barometer, hydrometer, or
anemometer?
- Answers: 1. The lion. 2. Eli
Whitney. 3. African Violet. 4.
First. Clement Attlee, second,
Anthony Eden. 5. Gizzard. 6.
Vermont. 7. "In one day." 8.
Chief Justice of Supreme
Court. 9. Hummingbird. 10.
Anemometer.

The ADC Welfare Program

All the discussion, much of it heated, about the "sterilization of unwed mothers" resulting from Governor Hatfield's letter, has tended to obscure a couple of important facts.
The first is that the Aid to Dependent Children program is admittedly an expensive one.
The second is that it does a great amount of good, and those who abuse it are in a small minority.

ELSEWHERE on this page today is a letter which serves to substantiate the second point made above. It is from a woman whose husband became disabled, and only ADC aid has enabled her to keep her family together, to raise her child to be a self-respecting, useful tax-paying citizen.
The example which she furnishes is far more typical of the ADC program than is the lazy, undisciplined, promiscuous unwed mother - although this type undoubtedly is represented, too.
The state has estimated that about a million dollars a year is paid out to support unwed mothers and their children. But it makes no attempt to show how much of this goes to true unfortunates, and how much to those who may be inclined to take advantage of the program.

GOVERNOR Hatfield's concern with the costs of public welfare is understandable. He was elected, after all, on promises of saving tax money.
But nowhere in his letter did he propose a step which has been demonstrated to be the surest way to save money in welfare administration. This is to increase the number and caliber of social case workers.

This may sound paradoxical, and in some ways it is.
But when a good caseworker can handle only 50 cases, rather than the usual 150, he can often reduce costs markedly.
In Richmond, Va., recently, a special ADC unit was set up with five caseworkers, each of them handling not more than 50 families at a time. Of 850 cases handled during the period, 53 per cent were enabled to leave ADC; another 42 per cent made enough progress to have their grants reduced. And about a half million dollars was saved thereby.

THIS is one of the facets of the ADC program reported in an article in the March issue of Redbook magazine, by Norman M. Lobsenz, entitled "The Campaign Against Helpless Children."

Lobsenz documents his charge that the ADC program is under attack, and adds:
"In itself that is nothing new. ADC has been attacked almost from the day it was set up in 1935. What is new is the vehemence of the attacks and the prominence of the attackers. Recently two United States Senators charged, in effect, that ADC was subsidizing immorality.
"Unwed mothers and irresponsible fathers are the chief targets of ADC's attackers. But critics of the program also cite its ever-growing caseload and cost of operation. They point to cases of fraud - a father who takes a desertion so that his family can get aid, a mother who uses an ADC check to buy liquor instead of food. They claim that many families 'make a career' of living off ADC."

LOBSENZ goes on to knock most of these allegations in the head. While in a few cases they are true, he declared these are the exception, not the rule. He says:

"In the course of a three-month investigation into workings of ADC I found evidence that most ADC families are honest, reluctant to accept aid, and eager to return to self-sufficiency. The program has helped thousands of families like these over critical periods of real need . . ."

While ADC has grown rapidly in recent years, it is less a case of people finding it easy to mulet the government for their living than it is the increase in population, and a breakdown in families - divorce, desertion and illegitimacy rates - BEFORE government help is sought.

In other words, ADC is not a cause of increased moral decay, but the increased use of ADC is a symptom of it. And he makes the point that, often, ADC becomes the "bridge" that helps a family back to self-sufficiency and self-respect.

THE author makes another point, too:

"But even from an entirely selfish point of view, the only alternative to helping people in trouble is a dangerous one. The people on public assistance are not dwellers in another world. They live in our cities and towns; their children will live in the same cities and towns as our children. By helping to improve their lives, we are insuring the safety of our own."
"The average ADC family remains on the rolls for slightly more than two years - not exactly a 'career,' as some critics have charged, and hardly an indication that it is a pleasant way of life . . ."

His article is an interesting one, and we commend it to all who, like Governor Hatfield, are concerned about the proper use of tax money.

THE ADC program, like other welfare programs, such as Old Age Assistance, aid to the Blind, and the others, probably never will "pay for itself" in the usually-understood meaning of that term.

Mrs. Esther C. Brunton, who was supervisor of the special ADC unit which saved \$500,000, is conscious of that aspect, of course, but to her there is something more. Lobsenz quotes her this way:

"But while monetary savings are important, the savings in human values cannot be stressed too much. Clients and children have been seen as human beings . . . They have been helped physically and emotionally to become more responsible members of the community, and to lead more purposeful lives."

That sounds like a pretty good use for tax money to us. - E. A.

Dennis the Menace



"GEE, DID YA EVER SEE SUCH SKINNY GRAY?"

Communications

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On Human Frailty

To the Editor: I am one of the mothers who are receiving assistance under the Aid to Dependent Children program.
My husband became too disabled to support our child.
Rather than shift the child around from one sitter or foster home after another and deprive her of both parents, I applied for welfare aid.
I understood that the A.D.C. was to help keep families together and to aid mothers in raising their children themselves while they were young.
Believe me, it is a blessing to find such help in time of need.

The social security will only allow benefits to dependants of disabled men over the age of 50.
To thoughtlessly term children on welfare as "undesirables" is unfair. Why not present, along with the bad side, the good aspects of this program? There must be many mothers who are trying to do the best they can to raise good children under difficult circumstances.

As to the unwed mothers (no unwed fathers, eh?) the chronic offenders certainly should be dealt with some way. But it would be difficult to determine which ones would be beyond rehabilitation. How many illegitimate children would be considered "too many"? An already desperate girl would turn to abortion or the black market baby racket rather than assistance and an operation.

The writers of some of these letters surely can't be sure that perhaps their desirable children might become unwed mothers - or fathers - some day.
Sterilization might save the taxpayer's money, but it won't solve the moral problem.

After all, we are bombarded with erotic books, movies and other forms of entertainment. No one fesses much about it all. Most of our highly advertised books seem to be about shady people and the seamy side of life. The readers must get a vicarious thrill out of these best sellers.
The whole problem should be carefully considered by clergy and legislature and not be merely an ordinance to be passed on like any bill.

Mankind may solve the secrets of outer space, but we are still plagued by the fine balance between good and evil and the frailty of human emotions.
(Name on file)
Medford

The Man, Also
To the Editor: The woman taken in adultery (John 8:3 to 11), according to the law of Moses, she and the man taken with her were to be stoned to death. But the scribes and Pharisees were loath to bring the man, because he might be some high Roman official.
So if you are going to go back and use the old Moses law, bring in the man also. You might be greatly surprised who you find these fathers are. But regardless of who they are they should be made to support these babies and their mothers. If you sterilize the women, also sterilize the man. You just might find the same man responsible for several of these girls' plights.

It would be good if these people would read Lev. 20:10 verse to 20 verse, also Deut. 22: verses 20 to the 30. Notice the 25th verse.
Mrs. H. R. Randleman
P. O. Box 108
Rogue River, Ore.

The American Tragedy

To the Editor: You say Senator Wayne Morse is a renegade. If true, it is a grievous fault, and grievously you would have him answer for it. Those with whom he disagrees are all honorable men, men well versed in the art of compromise on means, all, all honorable men skilled in how not to cut themselves off from effective channels of influence and persuasion.
Our country never faced more perilous times; this our people learn more clearly with the explosion of every bomb and the launching of every satellite. Such times call for men with the courage of their convictions, men of the stature of Wayne Morse.
You did care for him once, not without cause. Now you are fearful that he lacks humility. If he is right, as you say he is most of the time, and he has the courage to stand by that right, what more do you want?
The American tragedy is that we do not have more men with the courage of Senator Wayne Morse.
Bruce J. Manley
212 Levelette Bldg.
Medford

What is "Shocking"?

To the Editor: Several of Mr. Hatfield's supporters seem to have been upset by the remarks of George Rode in his poem.
I feel that any vulgarity which arose was from the subject matter itself, which was Mr. Hatfield's own choosing, and not from Rode's own choosing, as to the choice of words.
To those who were disturbed, let me ask:
Is not the act itself, a compulsory major operation upon an unwilling woman, infinitely more upsetting to the sense of decency, than any words that could be written about it?
Anyone who was upset by the poem cannot help being profoundly shocked by considering the act itself.
"Compulsory sterilization" is a high sounding phrase that doesn't make sense and the reality of the deed itself not a whit less revolting.
It seems a governor should be more careful in his statements and in his actions.
Arthur C. Lewis
P. O. Box 1442
Medford.

On Babies

To the Editor: Those who were horrified, repulsed, disgusted, revolted, nauseated or slightly chagrined with Mr. Rode's poem would have avoided all these feelings had they followed Mr. Rode's suggested direction and beat a slob backpack or bongo drum as accompaniment.
The humor of the ditty would have shone through. I liken Mr. Rode's poem to the Golden Trash of Ogden Nash and feel that he has missed his calling entirely.
Were it not for illegitimacy we would have been without Abraham Lincoln (Nancy Hanks was supposedly so) and the Smithsonian Institute. Let's keep care for all dear, sweet, innocent, lovable babies - think of all the 10 pound "preemies" who just made it under the line.
As for sterilization of second offenders - show me a man or woman who has never made the same mistake twice and I'll show you an Angel - or a liar.
Jesus said to forgive 70 times 70 (that's a lot of 70 ones) - can we lowly mortals do less? Of course there are mothers who couldn't care less about the product of their

"love." I would wish that in cases like these the babies could be given to the thousands of couples whose arms ache for a baby to love and care for and support.
J. M. Peters
549 Oak St.,
Central Point, Ore.

On Welfare 'Chiselers'

To the Editor: I agree with Mrs. Doran 100 per cent but how about the fathers that let the welfare take care of their children?
I've known several of my renters that got relief and wouldn't even raise a garden. One woman said: "Why should I work when the county will take care of me?" Others say if they work they won't get help. So they stay home and watch the kids demolish the furniture.
One young woman had a room here for about four months. Of course her husband wasn't at all like she claimed, so when her mother got tired of babysitting, she went on relief.
They only allowed her \$35 for rent, and she wasn't able to work, but could go out until 4 in the morning on a date while a baby sitter kept the children.
I know there are those who need help and they should have it. But these chiselers should be made to work.
What we need is a rock pile, or some other work and make them work.
Paul said, "If any will not work neither should he eat."
As for Governor Hatfield, he says he did not support this proposal, but was merely at a meeting where it was brought up. Of course he is a Republican, makes it worse!
As far as unfortunate girls are concerned, there is a good home for them and the babies could be adopted.
There is no excuse for a second mistake.
Mrs. F. H. Dressler,
1107 East Main St.,
Medford.

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Fort Dix, New Jersey:
Elvis Presley leaves this army post for civilian life, apparently ready, willing and able to resume his show business activities. He heard 5 a.m. reveille for the last time. With his separation papers and his final pay of \$109.54, he will be on his own.
As he passed through the gates on his way out, the army prepared to heave a collective sigh of relief. His tour of duty presented problems. One of the big problems was PROTECTING him from screaming fans and milling newsmen every time and everywhere he appeared.

But, HIS superiors say, he made a FINE soldier. He came in as a raw recruit and rose to the rank of sergeant. These fan demonstrations never upset him. He stuck to his knitting, and learned his trade as a soldier, earning his promotions the hard way.
PERSONALLY, I think Elvis' hitch in the army did him a lot of good.
If so, WHY?
Well, it's like this:
He became a celebrity very young. Being a celebrity is dangerous business. It is UP-SETTING business. It upsets all the normal standards. It leads those who achieve it to think they are something special and wonderful - that they don't need to live by the stan-

dards that govern average people. Nothing can be more dangerous than that.
IN HIS hitch in the army, Elvis Presley faced a routine of hard work and discipline. Nearly everybody despises hard work and discipline. But they are good for nearly everybody. Especially a certain amount of hard work. The primrose path seldom develops character. More often than not, hard work and discipline DO develop character.
It may turn out that Elvis Presley's army service was the best thing that ever happened to him.

Some Adults Play
In the following weeks I was to learn that bongo "playing" is not restricted to children. Some of my adult friends have taken it up, with uniformly disastrous results.
Convinced that we are facing a new menace to our nation's sanity, I stopped by a local music store to investigate. This confirmed my darkest suspicions.
The bongo clerk told me that he alone sold more than 300 sets during the Christmas season at prices ranging from \$8.95 to \$33.50. "It shouldn't be long before every American home has bongos," he said.
Little Talent Needed
Shuddering I asked if he could account for their current popularity. It accompanied, he said, the recent rise of calypso music. Amateurs took to them, he added, "because they don't require any formidable amount of talent."
I don't know what the bongo binge is going to lead to, but I recently heard a story which indicated the direction. It was told to me by a colleague with whom I was discussing the problem.
He swears that while visiting a neighbor he saw bongos being played by a French pooler.

Dick West Discovers Bongo Drums Much To His Own Dismay

By DICK WEST

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Not only that, for the past two or three years we have been importing bongos in large numbers. Not only that, several U.S. firms are mass-producing domesticated bongos.
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Not only that, for the past two or three years we have been importing bongos in large numbers. Not only that, several U.S. firms are mass-producing domesticated bongos.
I was blissfully unaware of the bongo boom until last Christmas when the yuletide peace was shattered by what I thought was one of the children emptying a sack of marbles into the bathtub.
I regret to say I was mistaken. The disturbance came from a set of bongo drums which some misguided Santa Claus had deposited down the chimney.

Ike's Trip Said Personal and Diplomatic Success for U.S.

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
"The United States is coming to occupy a seat in the American family."

It was Chilean Foreign Minister German Vergara Donoso's summation of President Eisenhower's four-nation South American tour.

Parallels Tours
This emergence as hemispheric spokesman provided

reassurance that not all of Latin America regards the United States as a grasping nation of scoundrels.
The impact of the tour will extend all the way to next May's summit meeting in Paris.
For in promoting his campaign for hemispheric solidarity, Eisenhower also promised his Latin American hosts that their views would be carried with him when he and other Western leaders meet with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop
THE PROBLEM OF PONTIUS PILATE
Havana, Cuba - Anyone engaged in exploring the troubled present does well to remember the troubled past. The look backward, so to speak, corrects and amplifies the look at what is happening now and what may lie ahead.

For these reasons, this reporter brought along to troubleshoot Cuba the Jewish War of Flavius Josephus. The old translation of this bloodstained, terrible yet wonderful chronicle was inordinately hard to read; but now Josephus has been put into modern English.
Across the gulf of 18 centuries, Josephus therefore tells his hideous but moving story as though he were reporting current events. Here he describes the second massacre of the Jews that was ordered by the most frequently remembered colonial governor in the whole history of the West.

"After this Pontius Pilate stirred up further trouble by expending the sacred treasure known as Corban on this requested populace to fury, and when Pilate visited Jerusalem they surrounded the tribunal and shouted him down.
"But he had foreseen this disturbance, and had made the soldiers mix with the mob, wearing civilian clothing over their armor and with orders not to draw their swords but to use clubs. He now gave signal from the tribunal and the Jews were cudgelled, so that many died from the blows, and many as they fled were trampled to death by their friends. The fate of those who perished horrified the crowd into silence."

There is a good reason why the problem of Pontius Pilate - a very real problem indeed, if you think about it - is worth a moment's reflection here in Cuba. It suggests two points of cardinal importance to anyone who seeks to understand the grave Cuban situation.
The first point is simple. Governments and leaders of governments, like aqueducts and events, can present altogether different images to different eyes.
The other night, for instance, I went to hear Fidel Castro's extremist boss of the Cuban economy, Major Ernesto "Che" Guevara, speaking at the University of Havana. My eyes could discern nothing inspiring in this pasty faced, violent, long-haired man who wanted so viciously against the wicked North Americans. But the student militia and all the student crowd saw something different. They roared and rolled for Guevara, even when he hinted that the Castro government might soon take control of their free university,

whose freedom had been so long and so stoutly defended against other governments.
As for the second point, it is simpler still, and it bears directly on the explosion of the ammunition ship here. There are times in human affairs when it is fruitless to argue about what is reasonable, or efficient, or practically advantageous or factually true. At these times, great numbers of men are caught up, wholly and willingly caught up, in strong tides of unreasoning passion. And at such times, the passion itself is the fact that has to be faced and handled, without regard to its rationality or its inspiration.
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