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**Flight of 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 14, 1950 (Tuesday)  
Jackson County Grange Agriculture committee and county 4-H leaders association go on record opposing reestablishment of county fair.  
Fred E. Robinson, Medford clothier, withdraws from race for Republican nomination to Senate.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
March 14, 1940 (Thursday)  
Judge asks both sides to file briefs after hearing testimony in restraining order suit to halt construction of diversion dam near Gold Hill.  
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Col. Touvelle of Jville yesterday celebrated his arrival in Ohio 70 years ago."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
March 14, 1930 (Friday)  
Southern Pacific is largest taxpayer in county with California Oregon Power company second.  
Fire destroys Grange hall at Eagle Point.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
March 14, 1920 (Sunday)  
Over 500 people see "spudding in" of Trigonina oil well at Fern valley yesterday; formal opening to be Sunday.  
A foot of snow has fallen at Prospect and still snowing; heavy rains and strong winds hit valley.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
March 14, 1910 (Monday)  
Second greatest opera company in country, Lombardi Grand Opera, will perform in Medford April 5.  
Dampener on smoke furnace at local smokehouse sticks and fire department is called.

**What's Your I.Q.?**  
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.  
1. Alexander Hamilton died as a result of a wound; how did he receive it?  
2. How many grains are in the usual aspirin tablets sold in drug stores?  
3. What is the business of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation?  
4. Misappropriation of funds entrusted to one's care is known as e.....?  
5. If Johnny lost five marbles to Jimmy and Jimmy lost three marbles to Bill, and Bill lost four to Johnny, how many did Johnny lose altogether?  
6. Four Governors of New York State later served as President of the U. S.; name them.  
7. In Spanish countries, what is a siesta?  
8. If you were in London and received a Christmas present of a pair of braces, what would they be?  
9. What type of U. S. naval vessels bear the names of fish?  
10. In Spanish countries, what is a fiesta?  
Answers: 1. In duel with Aaron Burr. 2. Five. 3. Insurance of Bank deposits. 4. Embezzlement. 5. One. 6. Theodore Roosevelt. 7. D. Roosevelt. 8. Suspenders. 9. Submarines. 10. A holiday or festivity.

## Opposition Not Enough

The Forand bill has been in the news of late. Recently, Sen. John S. Kennedy of Massachusetts introduced a piece of legislation which has become known as the Kennedy bill. Both have the same general purpose. Both have been greeted with cries of anguish from some groups.  
The Forand and Kennedy proposals are designed to provide additional protection under health-care plans for persons over 65. Blue Cross, Blue Shield and the various commercial insurance companies have been loath to cover this age bracket in the past.

Insurance companies which have carried plans for older persons have—in many cases—done so only with restricted policies at considerably higher rates than those paid by the rest of us.

ONE can't particularly blame insurance companies. As persons get older they are more susceptible to some diseases. They recover from illnesses less quickly. In other words, their medical expenses are likely to be high. Insurers traditionally have charged higher rates for higher risks.

At the same time, one must sympathize with the oldesters involved. At a time when their incomes are being reduced through inadequate retirement plans and provisions, they are asked to increase the amount of those incomes which they spend for medicine, doctors, and hospitals.

Both the Forand and Kennedy bills would have the federal government help pick up the difference. Rep. Forand, first on the scene with his bill, would handle the problem through amendments to the basic Social Security Act.

FORAND would set up a program whereby some 16 million persons eligible for social security payments would be entitled to receive a limited amount of hospital, surgical, and nursing home treatment under a government-managed program.

Opposition to the proposal is led by the American Medical Association, which traditionally sees that old bugaboo "socialized medicine" behind every bush. Other opposition comes from insurance companies—no hard to figure that one out—and various farm and business groups.

Yet the Forand bill—and the later Kennedy proposal—remain attractive to many persons, particularly those who are over 65.

THE AMA and other groups opposing the legislation do so as a traditional position to all such proposals. They have followed the same line for many years.

This is no longer enough. A serious problem exists—serious for the senior citizen whose income has been reduced—and some solution must be found for it. Blind opposition to proposed solutions is not enough. —Bend Bulletin.

## Campaigning in Song

According to a news story recently, the song writers are busily at work writing singing commercials for the political campaign. Nothing livens up an activity that threatens to be dull as much as a catchy song or two, which is why more than a few meetings of various kinds get underway with group singing.

What bothers the song writers, trying to compose catchy ditties, is finding words that rhyme with candidate's names, or with campaign issues. Perhaps the carefully worded TV commercial would provide some clues. For example, if the GOP were to emphasize the "he who governs least governs best," the party quartet could harmonize on:

"Oh the Country runs best,  
With Congress recessed,  
Vote Republican."

AS FOR the presidential candidates, we can think of several little couplets that might come in handy, if not to the candidates, then to their opponents. For example:

If you have anything that needs fixin'  
Then vote for Richard Nixon.  
Supporters of the liberal Minnesotan could chant:  
Government aid, want to get some free?  
Then get behind Hubert H. Humphrey.  
Symington's backers might sing this:  
If you're from Missouri, let us show you,  
The estimable gentleman known as "Stu".

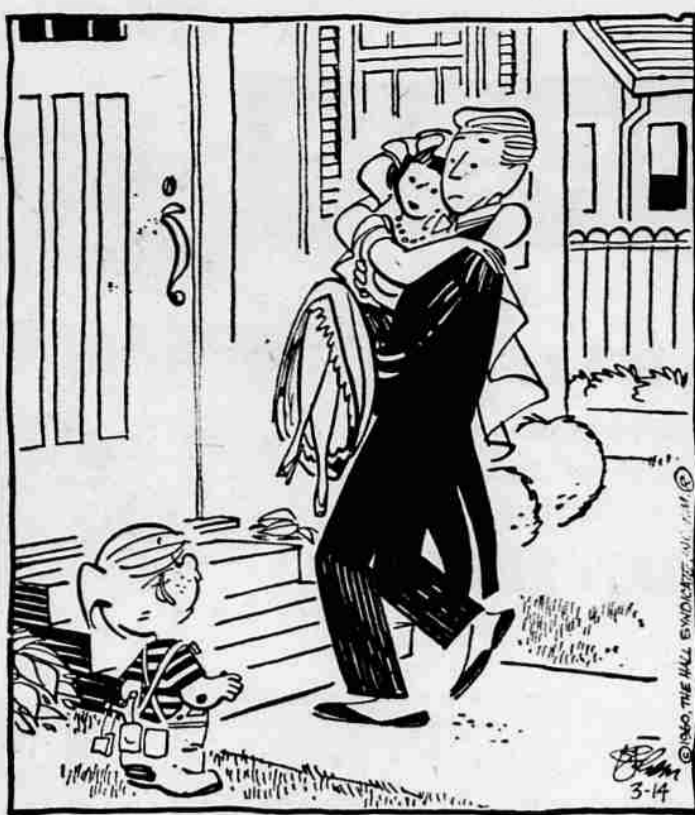
SOUTHERNERS could fit this to music:  
For the man with appeal to both the sexes  
Support Lyndon Johnson; he's from Texas.  
Massachusetts wouldn't want anything undignified. Perhaps this:  
If you want a man of means with a  
youthful face,  
Put John Kennedy in the race.  
In Oregon we could yodel this:  
If you want to try sense as kicked by a horse,  
You'll put your bets on Senator Morse.

—La Grande Observer.

## Somewhat Better

The Travel Information Division of the highway department has a new slogan: "Relax in a State of Excitement—Oregon." Maybe it can go on license plates. It isn't much, but it sure beats that "Pacific Wonderland" line we're using now. —Eugene Register-Guard.

## Dennis the Menace



"GOT ANY BREAD CAKE LEFT?"

## Communications

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**Music and Character**  
To the Editor: Credit for the following goes to J. O. Iverson, a friend of mine in Glendale, California. I thought it quite interesting as it relates closely to the recent music controversy appearing in these columns.  
"Not many months ago, a sad but wiser radio station in Erie, Pennsylvania, led out in a funeral procession. It's lead car, appropriately draped for the occasion, was filled with its total library of rock-and-roll records. Destination? The bottom of Lake Erie.  
"Many other stations, perhaps not so demonstrative, have come to the conclusion that rock and roll is not what thinking teen-agers want or need.  
"On the contrary, rock-and-roll flame has often accompanied if not incited violence and vandalism, and set the stage for other forms of delinquency. Someone has said that rock-and-roll is a nervous breakdown set to music.  
"Without doubt music—or its counterfeit—has a direct influence on character; and character on music. Song and music form a strategic part of life's plans. Real music started in heaven. Moses and Miriam led the Children of Israel to sing the song of victory after the grand march through the Red Sea.  
"Through song David gave expression to many of his daily experiences. But always, the words and the music, rhythm or beat, was in harmony with the experience.  
"The 'top ten' are said to be determined through accurate polls. But the honesty of the polling has been seriously challenged in recent months.  
"Here are ways for you to decide whether any given song should be in your top ten:  
"(1) Does the lyric make sense? or nonsense?  
"(2) Do the words reflect your character ideals? If they reflect a lower level of thought or action, it's not for you.  
"(3) Rhythm can lead a conquering army, or a mob in acts of violence. How does the rhythm of this song affect you?  
"(4) Music, like many other things has its counterfeits. Much of the rock-and-roll beat is compatible to the devil dances among heathen tribes. If the beat of the witch drums can drive a tribesman to a frenzy of Satanic behavior, what can't the same beat do to sophisticated circles?  
"(5) Does listening to the music make you feel better satisfied with yourself? Or ashamed and guilty?  
"Music influences you and your ideals, and out of the heart the mouth sings."  
Henry Johnson Jr.,  
2400 Hiway 66,  
Ashland, Ore.

**No Parasols**  
To the Editor: The morning news says: "Some Foreigners ain't got no parasols."  
Vot bad news ve get in der headlines. Ve don't vant der golfers to get der feet vet.  
Vy den, don't ve send der monkeys vun billion parasols? Ve don't need parasols, ve need vun billion oxygen tanks to filter der sawdust from der strat-os-phere.  
Everett Acklin,  
Ashland, Ore.

**Common Law of Justice**  
To the Editor: A man's writing invariably reflects himself, and your editorial of Sunday, March 13, "There's a Choice To Be Made", reflects a loyal Medford citizen in the act of smothering an evil capability of destroying his community. . . . reflected too, is a dedicated citizen of the state of Oregon, moving with the experience and inherent knowledge that the concerted activity of all the people is necessary for human progress.  
Reflected further, is a citizen of these United States whose wisdom reveals it is only because all the people of these United States must answer to a common law of justice, that we may be called the United States of America, a wholly wealthy nation, which for nearly two centuries has proven to an otherwise destitute world that only through the practice of the virtue of Christian charity, may all people avoid the contempt of poverty of the body, and the eternal despair of poverty of the soul!  
These reflections do not blur the picture of a man advocating and living up to the highest ideals of the art of journalism.  
Robert J. Howard  
825B West 14th st.  
Medford

**Dog Law Facts**  
To the Editor: Just a few facts in regard to the dog situation. On Oct. 29, 1959, the city council of Portland passed a dog control ordinance, realizing it was of considerable public interest. In order that the public might have a voice in the matter, it has been placed on the ballot to be voted on in the May primary, in Portland.  
Four years ago this same control law was voted on in Medford. A few days before election one of our local attorneys gave a talk at the courthouse in opposition to the proposed law. At the close of his talk he was asked if he would be willing to head a sanitary committee to go out each morning with a bucket and shovel to make our yards a fit place for our children to play. He gave no answer.  
The day before election our paper came out with a blind display advertisement in opposition to the proposed law.  
There have been some changes since that time. The law was defeated by 160 votes out of 8,000 cast. A law has been passed in Salem making it mandatory that, every political advertisement must be so labeled and with the author's name attached.  
For the last three years out of our county pound there have been 200 dogs killed

## In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS  
From Cape Canaveral:  
A near perfect space shot sent a 90-pound American satellite toward an orbit around the sun. . . . The beach ball sized aluminum sphere is designed to radio back to earth a wealth of information on radiation, cosmic dust and magnetic fields to be found in deep space. . . . The satellite is expected to remain in its orbit for roughly 100,000 years.

NOTE the word EXPECTED. It's a safe expectation. Who's going to be around 100,000 years from now to check up on it?

HERE'S a random guess:  
As between saving the millions it will cost (including all the overhead) to send an aluminum ball whirling around the sun for 100,000 years or so and cutting out such stuff and saving some money for the taxpayers, you'd probably rather have the tax saving.  
Wait a minute.  
Suppose, back in the 1490's Queen Isabella of Spain had been unwilling to pawn her jewels in order to finance Columbus' venture into the weird and fearful Western sea, in the course of which he discovered the Western Hemisphere.  
If we're to go on LEARNING THINGS, somebody just has to gamble.

**PROM Havana:**  
Premier Fidel Castro summoned thousands of his civilian soldiers to this capital city for a meeting on Sunday that is expected to provide another mass forum for denouncing the United States.  
About 100,000 members of the student, worker and farmer militia in the Havana area are expected to converge on this city. Most of them will be armed. The official reason for the assembly is to commemorate the third anniversary of a student assault on the presidential palace in which more than 50 youths were killed in an unsuccessful attempt to overthrow FORMER DICTATOR Fulgencio Batista.

**WHAT is he up to?**  
Here's a guess:  
He's going the typical dictator route—the first step of which is to get into power. The next step will be to line his pockets. The eventual third step will be the revolution that throws HIM out—by which time he will have accumulated enough in foreign banks and such to keep him happy and carefree for the rest of his life.  
The dictator racket is quite a racket.  
each month. How many people in Medford are proud of having a part in that kind of a record? When a dog owner allows his dog to trespass on his neighbor's property and become a nuisance, it does not look too conducive to a good neighbor policy. It is now up to the voters.  
Frank Howell  
205 Laurel st.  
Medford.

**Racial Designation**  
To the Editor: As a whole, Medford citizens will approve of your editorial of Sunday, March 13.  
The welcome to the new member of our Weather Bureau staff was most timely and confirms the resolution adopted by our Ministerial association.  
There is, however, a phase of Medford's metamorphosis from Caucasian provincialism that the Mail Tribune will also have to undergo.  
I refer to your reference to the Negro race whenever you publish news articles concerning persons who have been suspect of law violation.  
About two weeks ago, in your newspaper, a news item covering some local alleged law violations carried the reference of Negro after the names of the suspected persons.  
The reference to race of a suspect is definitely a pre-indictment slur. Metropolitan newspapers dropped racial designation several years ago.  
To really welcome our new people, it would be most appropriate that racial designation be dropped from your news articles.  
Henry F. Padgham Jr.,  
1309 Court st.  
Medford.

Editor's note: The Mail Tribune usually follows the practice of identifying individuals by race only when there is reason to do so; when, for instance, the story would make no sense without such designation. The story referred to by Mr. Padgham was an inadvertent violation of that policy. Incidentally, not all metropolitan papers follow this policy.

## Foreign Notebook: Determined Khrushchev; More Travelers

By PHIL NEWSOM  
UPI Foreign Editor  
From the foreign editor's notebook:

**Tough Nikita**  
Communist diplomats in East Berlin say that President Eisenhower will meet a determined Nikita Khrushchev at the Paris summit meeting in May. They say the Soviet Premier is not kidding when he threatens to sign a separate peace treaty with

East Germany if the West rejects his Berlin and Germany plans. Communist diplomats also say Khrushchev may demand a Four-Power Allied council to run West Berlin. This would give the Soviets a voice—and a veto—in West Berlin affairs but East Berlin would remain under Communist control only.

**Fellow Traveler**  
With Khrushchev and Eisenhower traveling from one end of the globe to the other predictions in Tokyo are that the Chinese Communists will begin sending out emissaries of their own. The word there is that Liu Shao-chi, Commu-

nist head of state, has accepted invitations to visit several east European nations. Liu recently replaced Mao Tse-tung as government head.

**Still Feuding**  
The temporary plaster over a feud in the Arab world has cracked wide open. Jordan and the United Arab Republic are (verbally) at each other's throats after a period of sweetness and light. Jordan blocked the U.A.R.'s pet plan for Palestinian refugees in the recent Arab league meeting in Cairo. Now Cairo's propaganda attacks on King Hussein are as noisy as they were last summer.

## Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

Jerusalem—A small wind of small danger and small aggression blows forever across Israel.  
The people live in a twilight zone that is not quite danger and not quite safety. The most basic fact here is the constant, biting pressure from hostile Arab neighbors. This country is like a stockade in the old American west—except that the Redskins do not come often or in force.  
It is also like the Baronnial settlement of Medieval England where men were on watch always against the marauding forces that came in the night.  
This is no land of terror. But it is a land that never has absolute "peace." Men speak here of "security" as though it were a word like bread or meat. And because of their necessities the Israelis have developed one of the most curious forms of defense in all the story of cold-lukewarm warfare.

**AROUND Israel stand four lines of defense.**  
The first line is made up of two kinds of farms. In the one set are the small, individual plots of independent farmers. In the other set are the collective farms, called Kibbutzim, which are as efficient in appearance as they are in fact. On these places live young men and women, apart from their children in a kind of brave, new world which they like.  
A second line of defense is made up of intelligence agents who have the most difficult job in all the world in their trade. What they do is keep endless tabs on the Arab minorities who live on the frontier areas.  
This is intelligence work of a kind that no one really knew in the last war. Israel's agents must know not merely what the other fellow is doing, but what the other fellow—the Arab fellow here in Israel—is thinking and hoping in this land which is both his home and not his home. Not in all the history of military struggle has so much been known by so few-Israel's intelligence people—about so many. These agents must be aware of the most intimate things about the minority Arabs, who are not precisely trusted by this government but who are not entirely trusted.  
The third line of defense is in the civilian border police, which is not quite military but which is uniformed.  
Back of them stands the Israel army.

**THE Kibbutzim** (plural for Kibbutz) are located in every strategic frontier area of this country.  
These are extraordinary places—dreadfully intellectual. The women always wear slacks. The men are ferocious, earnest and full of the best and proper modern notions. The children are kept aside in their own small areas, and mama may come in the evening to kiss the little chap good-night.  
These Kibbutzim are like fortresses of long ago. Every night a few from the Kibbutz must do sentry duty while searchlight gleam and chained watchdogs bark. As lonely as sentinels in a military company they stand through the darkness.  
And wherever they stand, in whatever number, they stand as net losses in man-hours to Israel's productivity. There are thoughtful men here who believe that the necessity to maintain this pioneer watch is the most-bleeding wound in Israel's side.

**HERE, as elsewhere in the cold war, is perhaps the best nonsecret weapon of the communist bloc.** For whatever is taken from Israel's potential is, of course, water lost forever.

**Propaganda Offensive**  
The West will try to gain a propaganda jump over the Russians in the 10-nation disarmament conference opening Tuesday in Geneva. The Soviets are expected to make their major play with a re-run of the Khrushchev plan for "total" worldwide disarmament in four years. The West hopes to outdo this with proposals for a new international disarmament organization and perhaps a world police force.

## New Game Confuses West Household, As Good Friends Part

By DICK WEST  
Washington—(UPI)—I was woolgathering along F street one recent afternoon when my attention was

harpounded by a sign in the window of Brentano's Book Store.  
The poster proclaimed the advent of a new game called "Diplomacy," touting it as "the greatest innovation in games since the invention of chess."  
"Highly recommended for the politician, the diplomat, the military enthusiast and anybody at all who likes to think," the poster said.  
Now I don't fall into any of these categories, particularly the last one, so it was not flattery that tempted me to snap at the \$6.95 bait.

**Deception Legitimate**  
What stopped me in my tracks were the lines which said "any tactic based on deception is legitimate in diplomacy" and which promised to supply the players with "the essential instructions on how to cheat."  
I knew that parlor games had been getting progressively more realistic but I never dreamed they had reached the point of legalized cheating. It seemed to me this would take all the fun out of the game.  
Nevertheless, with the cold war still going on and the summit meetings coming up, I could see how a diplomatic game might be popular in Washington. So before you could say "Andrei Gromyko," I was inside the store engaging in some deceptive negotiations with the manager.  
By pretending to be a politician, diplomat and military enthusiast who likes to think, I was able to persuade him to let me try the game without buying it.  
**Suggests Friendly Game**  
Encouraged by this coup in "freeloadmanship," I called

up my wife and suggested that she invite some neighbors in that night for a friendly game. This was my first mistake.  
My second mistake was reading the rule book, an eight-page volume only slightly less complicated than the instructions for do-it-yourself television repair.  
I won't attempt to summarize "Diplomacy" other than to say that the object of the game is to annihilate the other players by outwitting your enemies and double-crossing your friends, who then—as I learned the hard way—become your enemies.

These schemes are plotted before each move during a "diplomacy period." The game ends—at least it did at my house—when the husbands and wives quit speaking to each other.

**Final Examinations Begin at College**  
Ashland—Final examinations at Southern Oregon college begin today and will run through Friday, March 18, with spring vacation beginning Saturday.  
Winter term 1959-60 was highlighted by a championship basketball team, Dad's day, Religious Emphasis Week, and the 11th annual high school invitational speech conference. During the term students and faculty attended concerts and plays, and heard distinguished speakers. King Ugly was crowned, and the King and Queen of Hearts were presented at the Sweetheart's Ball.  
A record number of 1213 students were enrolled for winter term at Southern Oregon college, it was announced by Mrs. Mabel Winston, Registrar.  
Registration for spring term at SOC will begin Monday, March 28.

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