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10 YEARS AGO March 16, 1950 (Thursday). Couple gives 11-year-old Duane Denny a small toy terrier to replace the one killed in a drowning accident here last week.

20 YEARS AGO March 16, 1940 (Saturday). The Medford Wooden Box Committee from Timber Products and Medford corporation met yesterday to formulate plans for wooden box promotion.

30 YEARS AGO March 16, 1930 (Monday). Local women organize committee to push for "reform" of prohibition.

40 YEARS AGO March 16, 1920 (Wednesday). Trigon oil well drill hits first rock strata in Fern valley.

50 YEARS AGO March 16, 1910 (Thursday). More than 50 members show up at meeting of Jackson County Bankers' association conference here.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good. 1. What ex-President of the U.S. later became Chief Justice of the U.S.?

Mark's Way Out

Gov. Mark Hatfield extracted himself from a difficult situation with a maximum of dignity and a minimum of political fol-de-rol. He was under extreme pressures on the Senatorial appointment which yesterday went to Hall S. Lusk, distinguished Oregon jurist.

If he had appointed a Republican, he would have been open to severe criticism for violating a law, which, while of doubtful constitutionality, he himself voted for. Yet he was under pressure—some of it from outside Oregon—to do just that.

One after another, other leading Democrats were ruled out for one reason or another. And, in selecting Justice Lusk, it seems to us Hatfield has hit upon as happy a compromise as he could have found.

OUR own personal preference would have been for him to name Mrs. Neuberger, as a logical successor to her husband, as one who would take up no time in adjusting to the job, as one who knows the ropes and has, already, the unanimous respect of other members of the Senate.

And Mrs. Neuberger herself, with her usual good sense, remarked: "The governor had an obligation to his party... My husband would have been the first to appreciate this aspect of practical politics."

All in all, it's a good appointment.—E.A.

Few Candidates

"What a scramble for the office of county commissioner, not only here but in a number of other counties. Must be because the pay is good, the work light—and no special qualifications are required."

Jackson county, apparently, doesn't attract candidates as some other counties do, or did this year, anyway.

And we're inclined to disagree with the Statesman that "the pay is good, the work light." From what we've seen of county government, the pay isn't of the best, and the work, while it isn't onerous, does involve making a lot of rather difficult decisions, and ideally should require a considerable background knowledge about the county.

There is one commissioner's post coming vacant at the end of the year, and only three candidates for it—one Republican and two Democrats.

WHAT is true in this race is also true in others. As a matter of fact, in only three of the non-judicial races is there a primary contest—for the Republican nomination for state representative; for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner, and for the Republican nomination for county surveyor.

In all other nine ballot spots, there is no contest for nomination. (The two justice of the peace positions coming up, in Ashland and Gold Hill, each have two seeking election.)

Why are there so few candidates this year? Is it lack of interest in local and state government? Is it because of the time required for campaigning, and the relatively low financial rewards (particularly in the legislature)?

Or is it the ancient habit of Americans to "let George do it" in government and politics? Fortunately for the democratic process, there will be a contest for all offices at the general election in November.—E.A.

Winter's Last Week

This, friends, is the last week of winter. Spring begins early next Sunday morning.

We've had a few spring-like days, but it hasn't hit us with its full impact yet. The grass is growing, and will need mowing soon.

A few early flowers are blooming. And a few trees are beginning to show buds. Pussy willows have been in bloom for some time now.

According to the old legend, believed by some but discredited by others, the swallows will return to San Juan Capistrano mission next Saturday, St. Joseph's day.

BUT, presumably because of another old legend (again believed by some, not by others), we seem to have had the full winter treatment for the six weeks since Groundhog day.

And, as a result, we haven't felt the vernal lethargy which some call spring fever.

However, it is making itself known among those who catch the malady earliest, have it worst, and shake it off last—high school students.

Our authority for this is the newspaper, Crater Comments, published at Crater High school in Central Point.

AND editorialist on that paper declares: "This little devil (spring fever) plays all kinds of tricks. One of his favorites is 'drowsiness' in class, with the urge to be outside in the sunshine and fresh air."

The time is coming, and soon, when even the "grown-ups" will feel this same vernal urge. The malady is universal, though seldom fatal. And, as the Crater Comments editorial reminds us, "Spring comes once a year, and EVERY year."—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"IT WASN'T OUR FAULT! HE STOPPED WHEN WE WERE LOOKIN' AT A LADY WITH A CRAZY HAT!"

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.

Duty Assignment: To the Editor: While reading your editorial about our new black neighbors, we glimpsed your latent talent for solving racial problems. We feel that it is your moral and patriotic duty to move to an area in which this talent can be put to better use.

Human Rights Council: To the Editor: The Medford Human Rights Council was formed several years ago to serve a dual purpose: first, to assist in the application of Oregon's civil rights laws; and second, to help to make our community more truly democratic.

It's the Owners: To the Editor: As to Mr. Howell's article on dog control, I'm all for it but I do think the owners instead of the dogs should be punished.

Children of God: To the Editor: The advocates of sterilization of unwed mothers in recent letters to the editor ignore completely the supreme dominion of God over His creatures and the inherent dignity of a human being.

Not Just "Nordics": To the Editor: Since my name and church were not mentioned in connection with your article on racial prejudice in Sunday's edition of the Mail Tribune, please be advised that our local stand is the same as that of our denomination, "The Church of the Lutheran Hour."

He's a Loser: To the Editor: Re "Common Law Justice" communication March 14, no recognized common law, and if there were, one's writing, nor any other single medium could reflect man in such a way that all viewers would be impressed in a like manner.

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Summit Season Here; Nations Jockeying for Best Position

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Officially unrelated but having an impact upon the summit are other events. The 10-nation disarmament meeting in Geneva will signal in advance Khrushchev's attitude toward disarmament—whether he will go along with Western insistence on adequate inspection controls before the nuclear warheads are dismantled or will insist on his own less-well defined proposal for world disarmament in four years.

For this is the summit season which on May 16 will reach its climax when President Charles de Gaulle of France, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Great Britain and President Eisenhower met in Paris with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Jockeying for position began last fall when Eisenhower finally gave the go-ahead for summit plans after his famous "Camp David" meeting with Khrushchev.

Now the pace has quickened. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany is in the United States hoping for unqualified backing of his hard line against the Communists in Berlin.

De Gaulle and Macmillan have had one meeting outside Paris and will have another in London. De Gaulle will visit Washington after playing host to Khrushchev on a pre-summit visit to Paris.

ish owners instead of dogs, who cannot reason as man can and do not know laws. I know many more people must feel as I do.

We live in the country where dogs do have more freedom but we have lived in town also, with just as many dogs as we have now and had no trouble with them. It just takes a little care and perhaps a little love to have a place for a dog to run, even if it's only a long leash snagged over a clothesline wire so the dog can run and exercise in the back yard.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

KAY FRASER, Toronto socialite and beauty queen, tells of a Canadian prep school whose band failed to satisfy the trustees. So they hired a formidable band master from London, whose military bearing and bristling mustache promptly scared the bejaysus out of the thirty-four lads in the band.

Came the day of the first home football game, and the bandmaster was still totally dissatisfied with the progress—or lack of same—his charges had made. Before they marched out on the field, he gave them a final admonition. "Men," he barked, "remember there are thirty-four of you. So when I give the signal, if you're not sure you can play the piece, fake it. The others will cover you."

The band struggled onto the field. Thirty-four musicians raised their instruments. The band leader blew his whistle—and not one sound was heard!

Irish playwright Brendan Behan was asked what reform he'd institute first if he found himself president of the world. Unhesitatingly, he replied, "I'd reduce the price of good liquor!" © 1960, by Bennett Cerf. Distributed by King Features Syndicate



Ping Pong Tourney Finds Writer West Plain Unenthusiastic

By DICK WEST. Washington—UPI—If someone had asked me to name the last place I wanted to go, the first place I would have named would have been a ping-pong tournament.

I mean I have always felt about ping-pong tournaments the way I feel about mandolin recitals. It's okay if they want to do it as long as they don't do it around me.

But there is this lady publicity agent I know who can make a ping-pong tournament sound like the World Series, the Kentucky Derby and the Army-Navy game all rolled into one.

I wouldn't want to leave the impression that I am an easy mark for lady publicity agents. But if I were forced to identify a certain sheepish-looking reporter who turned up at the U.S. Table Tennis Tournament here, I would have to admit that he bore a striking resemblance to your humble correspondent.

Attending a ping-pong tournament is something like being inside a kettle drum during a performance of the "1812 Overture." Twelve tables were set up in a big hotel exhibition hall and the air was full of little white balls, clicking like castanets.

When my eyeballs quit oscillating and my ears became accustomed to the din, I sought out Bob Guskoff of New York, defending men's singles champ, and asked him to fill me in on the fine points.

More than 300 players, ranging in age from 8 to 78, had assembled from 30 states to have a go at the 1960 championships. I thought this was a remarkable turnout and asked Guskoff if the winners received anything besides glory—such as money.

"Now," he said, "Nobody knows we're alive." Ping-pong speaking, the United States is a have-not nation. Japan, with 400,000 registered players, holds most of the international titles. But Red China is coming up fast.

Take Game Seriously. Even though the game is not overwhelmingly popular here, I could see that dedicated U.S. ping-pongists take it, and themselves, seriously. This year they were having a big flap over the use of sponge rubber rackets.

Guskoff, a singer and drum player by profession, was all in favor of this innovation. He said the sponge racket permits better ball control and

puts more spin on the ball. Then I had a talk with Marty Reisman, a former champion from New York, who said it was "destroying the game." He said he had reluctantly switched to sponge only three days before in self-defense.

As it turned out, Guskoff and Reisman met in the finals later and Reisman won. I don't know how they feel about sponge rackets now.

Neither do I know exactly how I feel about ping-pong now, but of this I am sure: I will continue to draw the line at attending mandolin recitals.

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Probers Accused of Misrepresentation. Washington—UPI—Senate investigators inquiring into allegedly excessive high drug prices and profits have been accused of "gross misrepresentation of the truth."

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: The United States moves a large military force into the Caribbean area in a training exercise. The Air Force and Army joined forces in hauling 18,000 troops from throughout the U.S. to Puerto Rico in a few hours.

The defense department says the exercise was designed to test the mobility of the Strategic Army Corps, our combat force maintained "at the ready" for sudden need. It was also a test of our military service to airlift troops and equipment on a large scale to an overseas area.

ALSO—It just could be a demonstration of the power of the United States to STRIKE QUICKLY anywhere in the world if it HAS to.

In the rough, wild days of the Old Wild West, the man who was known to be able to get in the FIRST SHOT in the pinches was pretty generally respected.

In these rough, wild days of cold war throughout the world, that same principle could hold good for nations.

FROM Moscow: The Kremlin announces that Premier Nikita Khrushchev (generally touted as an iron man) is ILL WITH THE FLU—or "grippe," as the Russians call it. The brief announcement said only that he is under the care of doctors and will be "laid up" for seven to ten days.

Most diplomats in the Soviet capital saw it as a case of a seemingly tireless leader finally being felled, like any other 65-year-old, by the fatigue of overwork and travel. That is to say: Mr. K ISN'T a superman.

COMPARISONS are odious, but let's make one: Ike has been traveling over the world, making friends and influencing people. He has been doing such a good job that Mr. K decided he'd better hit the trail also, so he packed his grip and took off. After traveling about half as far and seeing less than half as many people, Mr. Kroosh, the highly touted iron man, had to take to his bed. Ike is still going strong.

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ASCAP made the estimate Tuesday in asking the Federal Communications commission to outlaw payola—a slang term for under the table payments to broadcasters. It proposed a federal law to provide criminal penalties of up to a year in prison and \$1,000 fine for giving or taking payola.

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