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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 21, 1950 (Tuesday)
Heads of Medford, Rogue River and Talent Irrigation districts urge water users in this area to vote in favor of soil conservation district at election tomorrow.
A four-year-old Medford boy died in a Portland hospital yesterday from a brain hemorrhage.
20 YEARS AGO
March 21, 1940 (Thursday)
Fifteen CCC enrollees of Camp Gasquet were injured yesterday, several critically, in a truck accident near Gold Hill.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "It is reported a higher type of candidate is running for Congress this year. It appears qualifications other than the strength to grab and hang onto the presidential coat-tails and feel sorry for the poor, are now necessary."
30 YEARS AGO
March 21, 1930 (Friday)
Publisher of local weekly here is acquitted of two criminal libel charges, but jury recommends he "tone down" his writing.
Local fruitment lighted smudgepots last night for first time this season.
40 YEARS AGO
March 21, 1920 (Sunday)
Logging has reopened in the Butte Falls district.
Nine inches of snow are reported on the ground near Prospect.
50 YEARS AGO
March 21, 1910 (Monday)
One result of popularity of auto here is sale yesterday of Union Livery and Feed Stable, on Riverside ave. between Eighth and Ninth sts., for \$9,200; will be turned into storehouse.
Only 50 votes cast by noon in today's election to grant gas plant franchise here.
What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. What beloved American humorist said: "I never met a man I didn't like?"
2. In baseball, which base is called the "keystone" sack?
3. In what western state is Zion National park?
4. Besides Noah, what human beings were taken in the ark?
5. Are there more Christians, or more non-Christians, in the world?
6. Who wrote the novel "Gone With the Wind"?
7. Is Dale Carnegie best known for his course in steel technology, public speaking, or dry farming?
8. How did the Carthaginian general Hannibal die?
9. What are the five positions on a man's basketball team?
10. In the Biblical story, what baby was hidden in a basket of rushes?
Answers: 1. Will Rogers. 2. Second base. 3. Utah. 4. Noah's wife, his three sons and their wives. 5. More non-Christians. 6. Margaret Mitchell. 7. Public speaking. 8. By poison. 9. Center, two guards and two forwards. 10. Moses.

The Modern Babylon?

There is an uncomfortable amount of truth in Senator Fulbright's charge that during the Eisenhower Administration the United States has become "a Twentieth Century Babylon, headless and heartless, a big fat target for the ably-led Communist world and the clamoring poverty-ridden underdeveloped nations."

It is humiliating, as he further observes, that the United States, with an income nearly double that of any other country, should be "debating the extent to which our armed forces may be inferior to those of the Soviet Union."

WHAT is the cause? Senator Fulbright complains that because of President Eisenhower's attitude toward national problems "few men of ideas come to Washington." This is a point that may well be marked down by history as the great debt against the Eisenhower era.

Mr. Eisenhower personally prefers to associate with successful business men and his approach, as, in indeed, he promised in 1952, is that of a business man. This is not to disparage business, but the art and the science of leadership in the latter half of the twentieth century require the best and most imaginative brains in the country, wherever they may be found, and the will to use them.

THOSE whose memories go back to the depression have noted the contrast between the daring schemes President Roosevelt employed to pull the country out of a desperate domestic crisis and the tepid budget-minded measures of today. And yet many wise men who see through the current fog of complacency believe that the United States now faces an international crisis of the greatest moment.

Bold plans are needed. Such men as Wallace, Ickes, Frankfurter, Hopkins, Tugwell and Corcoran and Cohen were bitterly criticized in the 1930s, but they had ideas and enthusiasm. Where are today's counterparts?

IT IS too late for this administration to take action.

But the next President, whether Democrat or Republican, will inherit the formidable task of reinvigorating American leadership. He will need idea men, and to attract them to Washington he will have to establish the atmosphere of dynamic forward motion that has been absent in recent years.

This is something for the voters to ponder.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

For Best Results

It won't be long before Lane county's board of commissioners and its legislative delegates have selected a committee to study and, perhaps, propose local usage of the "home rule" powers granted county governments by the 1959 Oregon Legislature.

Under the home rule law, the commissioners are to select four committeemen. The incumbent legislators also will select four. These eight will choose a ninth member.

It goes without saying that all nine members should be top-flight. All should be keenly interested in the problems of our county government and sufficiently well-informed to evaluate Lane County's needs for governmental changes via a new charter.

IT GOES without saying, too, that partisanship should play no part in the committee's selection, nor its operation. There should, for instance, be no arbitrary deadline set on the committee's service simply because candidates of either party might be benefited by a report issued prior to the November elections. There should be no inherent taint upon what the committee is to do, nor should any be inferred. There should be a careful balancing of the political affiliations of the committeemen.

What the charter committee faces is sure to be an arduous and involved task. And a highly important one. It is impossible to believe there is no room for improvement in our present form of county government. At the same time, it is impossible to believe that anyone connected with the charter study processes will view their responsibilities as any less than those of providing future residents of Lane county with a governmental form as sound as men can now conceive.—Eugene Register-Guard.

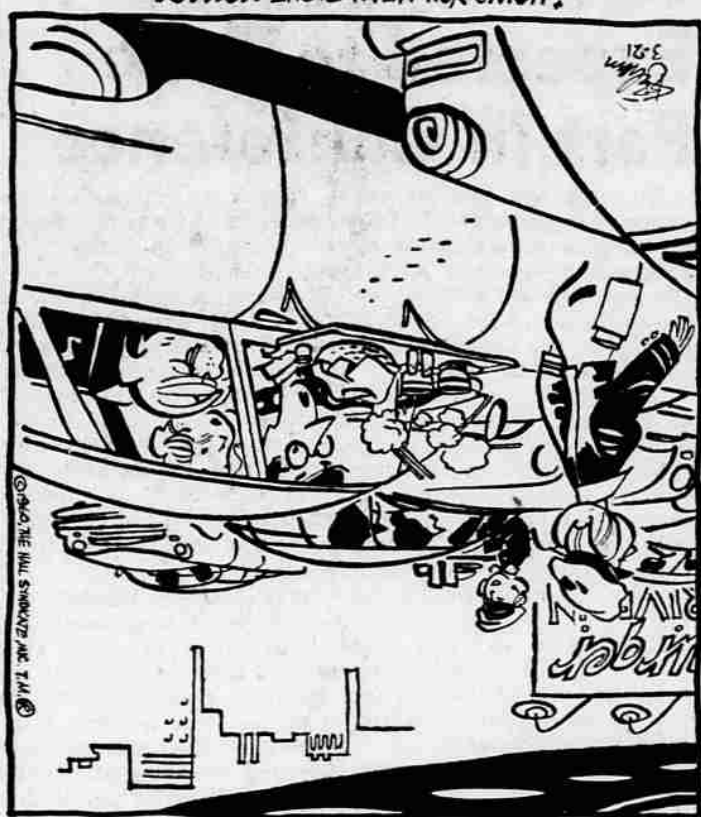
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On reading of the murder of three wives of Chicago business leaders who had gone hiking in a state park not far from Chicago and of the murder of a woman living near Ashland who had been shot nine times, one wonders if the human race has progressed very far from its animal origins.

Such brutality is quite incomprehensible to normal minds. It is crimes like these which keep so many persons convinced of the need to retain capital punishment, not that it accomplishes much by way of deterrence, but it satisfies the instinct of punishment, an "eye for an eye," itself an inheritance from the law of the jungle.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Dennis the Menace

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Space Visitors
To the Editor: After 13 years of reading the pros and cons of admittedly unidentified objects seen in space, I have never ruled out the possibility "the things" have been identified as being real, or only some mechanical invention of an inhabitant of the modern age.

On returning from the Siskiyou summit, from work on Highway 99 around 4:30 p.m. on July 6, 1947, in company of four other persons, we all sighted an unusual object that was opaque in color, being round in shape, traveling north at a moderate rate of speed, apparently a mile high, looking to be the size of a polo ball in diameter. At that particular moment there was a rather long lone white cloud hovering over Emigrant lake east of Ashland. The whirling object heading straight into the lone cloud went out of sight.

Afterward the cloud turned a dark color. On reaching Ashland we all decided to report the unusual sighting of the object to the manager and editor of the Ashland Daily Tidings who gave it a story in the issue next day. After returning home the same evening I kept on a look-out for the slowly, ever-lengthening dark cloud drifting leisurely in a northwesterly direction. The next morning rather early the same cloud was visible yet, apparently right over Medford.

That same evening of the second day, looking in the editorial column of the Medford Mail Tribune, I read a letter to the editor, some Medford resident had reported having seen the same unidentified object moving alongside the cloud in a northwesterly direction. I asked one of the weather station observers then employed at the top of the Siskiyou if anyone unleashed a weather balloon that day, and he replied no, so that part of the probable theory was dismissed as a clue of the unexplained mystery.

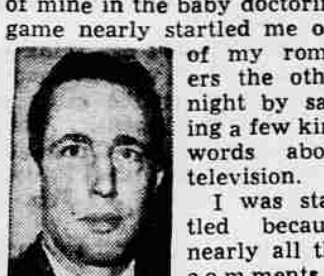
The lone dark cloud was a most unusual coincidence that made a screen for the space visitor.
Bert Kissinger,
520 Boardman st.,
Medford.

From Athletic Club
To the Editor: We, of the Medford Athletic Club, have followed with interest the newspaper articles and letters pertaining to the Pal Club.
We received the definite impression the Police Department is most anxious to reactivate the Pal Club.
As a result, we offered, free of any charge, to allow them to place their equipment in the Medford Athletic Club building located at 843 South Riverside. As a matter of fact, we of the Medford Athletic Club were willing to physically transport all of the Pal Club's equipment to our building and set it up. We further had an agreement drawn where we would take out a fire insurance policy in the name of the Pal Club and permit and welcome any boy under the age of 21 years, to have full use of our facilities without charge or restriction of any kind.
This offer was rejected by the officials of the Pal Club.
Why, we do not know. We regret that Pal Club officials apparently did not feel they should take advantage of our offer since it would mean the almost immediate re-opening of the Pal Club for the boys of the community, without cost of any kind to Pal or its sponsors.
The Medford Athletic Club

Times Change
To the Editor: Has it come to the point where a United States citizen has to get a passport to travel from one state to another, or to accept employment?
Why should there be tensions in a land supposed to be of "liberty and justice for all"?
Mr. Wilson writes of the New York professor's daughter wanting to marry a Negro ball player. Well, it hasn't taken place, and the incident is so unique that the story has been told and retold "From Dan even to Beer-sheba." Intermarriage has never been a problem in the U.S. or any country, it isn't intermarriage but intercourse which is the problem.
A speaker once said, "The white man has been a very bad boy when he gets away from home." He has not taken wife, but has left his progeny throughout the world, wherever he went. Everywhere is a "Melting pot," races have and always will mix. Some scientists claim there are few pure blooded negroes in U.S., and sociologists, anthropologists and psychologists have proven there is no difference in races; the members of any race can take on the culture

TV Violence Seen As Easing Juvenile Frustrations, Bachelor Doctor Opines

By DICK WEST
Washington (UPI)—A friend of mine in the baby doctoring game nearly startled me out of my rumpers the other night by saying a few kind words about television.



I was startled because nearly all the comments I have heard or read about TV shows recently have been critical. Much of it was directed at the steady stream of shoot-em-ups and whodunits flowing from the tiny screen.

There seems to be a strong body of opinion which holds that the cowboys and the private eyes are corrupting our young by glorifying violence.

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John Adams should have pondered his wife Abigail's letter, asking him and associates to the convention, "To do something for the ladies," instead of laughing it off, as the "Founding Mothers," (including my grandmothers) endured everything the Founding Fathers endured, then they endured the Founding Fathers.

I am still indignant when I think of being disenfranchised when I went to Nevada from Wyoming, the first place in the world to give women the franchise.

No, you can't sweep the ocean tide back with a brook. The colored races, which are far in the majority, are on the march all over the world. We can't even condemn their violence in some countries. "We weren't so gentle when we kicked the behinds of our oppressors out of Yorktown to the time of Yankee Doodle."
(Mrs.) Charity R. Sander
408 Oak Grove rd.
Medford.

Swallows
To the Editor: Well, as usual the Los Angeles Times and other California publicity promotes bannered the return of the swallows to the old San Juan Capistrano mission, and well they might, as is their custom, but unlikely to be on March 19th or another man-specified day. No more possible than Medford Pear Blossom Festival officials who try so hard to have it come when the pear trees are in full bloom, the same as the Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festival attempts that way.

Both are dependent on the weather the same as the swallows, who can only feed in flight on insects that hatch out with warming days.

The California publicity lads at first reported how St. Joseph some 160 years ago fed starving swallows on March 19th, and in grateful appreciation they have since been coming on that day. But when it was pointed out to them that this was utterly impossible, they announced a year ago that old St. Joseph found the swallows driven from old nesting places and that he (St. Joseph) told the fluttering tribe they could nest at the old mission, and so they did and are still doing.

Now, as the pesky sparrows have taken all my first-planting of peas, and we have scolded, threatened and begged the little feathered raiders in English and Chinook Jargon to desist forthwith, and they have paid not the least heed, would a massive upbraiding in Old Spanish or Portuguese be understood and heeded?

This is of high importance to us old-ones, considering our limited income and rising price of eatables from the markets; would our good and kindly neighbors down California Way let us know pronto, afore the second planting is all it?

F. J. Clifford
Route 2, Box 200F
Central Point, Ore.

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