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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 22, 1950 (Wednesday)
City council last night passed ordinance approving daylight savings time; will go into effect here April 30.

20 YEARS AGO
March 22, 1940 (Friday)
Prominent 68-year-old Table Rock resident is missing and presumed drowned in the Rogue river; police drag river after hat found near bank.

30 YEARS AGO
March 22, 1930 (Saturday)
Sportsmen plan to close Rogue river to fish canneries. Ashland defeated Baker 39-26 in state basketball consolation game at Salem.

40 YEARS AGO
March 22, 1920 (Monday)
Trigonion oil well in Fern valley is now down 60 feet. Chamber of Commerce starts new drive for members.

50 YEARS AGO
March 22, 1910 (Tuesday)
Poor voter turnout at election here yesterday to amend charter so gas plant franchise can be issued by city. Measure approved 112-4.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. Is a lizard a mammal, a reptile, or an amphibian?
2. Complete the title of this well-known motion picture: "How Green Was -- --?"

Fairness Guaranteed
By Jurors' Names
Cleveland - After rejecting many prospective jurors, the two lawyers trying a case in common pleas court, finally selected a panel. Two of the jurors were naturals.

Responsibility

Think about the word "responsibility." We believe it is one of the most important words in the English language. As a word, it is only a symbol, of course, but what it symbolizes is the answer to a lot of problems.

Looking it up in the Oxford Universal English Dictionary we found, to our surprise, that it's a relatively new word in English. But many ancient civilizations must have had comparable words, for "responsibility" is the crux of good government and good citizenship.

An APPOINTED official is responsible for his job performance and his conduct to the appointing authority.

An elected official is responsible to his constituents.

An individual citizen is responsible to his fellow-citizens for his peaceable conduct.

And each human being is responsible to himself, to his conscience, to his God, for his own performance of those duties which he knows are right, and avoidance of actions which he knows are wrong.

WHEN responsibility is ignored, the results is, at best, confusion; at worst, chaos. When responsibility is exercised, nothing can go too far wrong.

The concept of responsibility is ancient. Lack of it is epitomized in Genesis, when Cain asks "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The message is a double one. Not only is each man his brother's keeper; more importantly he is his OWN "keeper," responsible for his own actions, and answerable for them.

No man who fails in that responsibility is worthy of respect.—E.A.

It Is Many Things

Responsibility is many things. It is, for instance, an orchardist spending considerable sums of money to purchase less-smoky orchard heaters to replace the old, reliable, but smudgy ones he's used so long.

Lack of responsibility is, for instance, an orchardist continuing to burn rubber tires—and the rest of the public be damned.

RESPONSIBILITY shows up in little things, and in big ones.

It is involved in care when driving a car, and in paying taxes without cheating, and in acknowledging that another citizen of the United States has as much right to live here as he wants to as you do, no matter what his ancestry.

Responsibility is informing oneself on the needs of the community and state and nation, and then voting as conscience dictates, to obtain the best government possible.

It lies, too, in supporting and paying for the schools and colleges, to educate the students, citizens of the coming generations.

RESPONSIBILITY is honesty, and integrity, and trustworthiness.

It is a willingness to assume one's fair share of the burdens of self-government—both in time and in treasure.

It is a sense of participation in the affairs of men, in our neighborhoods and the world.

It is all of these, and more, and no nation, no people, no race, can hope to escape its own responsibility—its own accountability for its own conduct—and still remain intact and successful.—E.A.

A Higher Education

When he comes to think of college this spring, a high school senior is liable to think first of his own career.

That is normal. But an occupation is only one key on a grand piano. A lifetime tune played on one note is a dull song indeed.

A college education is a four year ride on an observation car. A student is asked not so much to participate in as to have a good look at the world.

Education is a process of becoming conscious that "... the world is so full of a number of things."

THROUGH books and lectures the student begins to see the geographical reaches of his planet. No longer can he feel that Medford or Central Point or Portland is the only place on earth, although he may retain an affection for his home town above all others.

The student moves in thought through years of human experience. He comes to realize that what is here did not drop from heaven in its present form.

He begins to understand that the arrangement of things today is not necessarily the best simply because it exists.

The history of ideas opens wide. Through the window of books the student learns of philosophy, religion, ethics, economics — a multitude of theories and beliefs, built upon each other, changing each other.

IN FOUR years a student is able to do little more than grow aware that the world is wide, that time is long, and that ideas are restless.

Of what value is the awareness? It teaches that all things are related to and involved in things past. And it teaches that understanding must precede judgment in the world of men, institutions and thoughts.—(By a recent university graduate.)

Dennis the Menace



*HE'S NOT A MUTT! AN' HE SOUNDS AS GOOD AS THAT LADY IN THERE!

Sieve-Brained Reporter Finds Census-Taker Exam Is a Snap

By DICK WEST
Washington—(UPI)—I never won \$264,000, or even a five-year supply of floor wax, on a television quiz show.

But I have a brain that soaks up information like a sieve. She didn't say whether the questions came from the locked vaults of the Treasury Department and I didn't ask.

We were given an hour to complete the test with no interruptions for commercials. The first part had 30 questions dealing with reading comprehension and word definition.

The second part had 16 questions requiring us to identify a word. It was the second part that way-laid Nadler, census official, said he apparently got mixed up on the difference between East and West.

Explains Directions
That can happen to anyone and I might have made the same mistake except that my group was—I hate to say it—coached. The young woman who conducted the test told us in advance that the top of the map was north, the right side east and the left side west.

She didn't say where south was and this caused me some trouble. Luckily, only one question required that knowledge and I got it with a wild guess.

When I handed in my paper, I was told I had reached one of the highest plateaus—only two wrong answers, both in the first part. Fifty per cent is passing.

Let this be a lesson to Nadler and any other interested parties: If you want to work for the government, don't clutter up your brain with a lot of knowledge.

REPORTER TAKES TEST
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Military Strategy Mixed Up With Latin American Nationalism in Caribbean Area

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

Beginning with the westward tip of Cuba and extending eastward and southward in a 2,000-mile arc to Trinidad is a string of islands which separates the Atlantic Ocean from the Caribbean Sea.

Lying close to the center, at Cuba's eastern tip, is the great U.S. naval base of Guantanamo.

Eight hundred miles to the south of Guantanamo is the Panama Canal.

Five hundred miles to the east is the commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Each of the three looms large in U.S. defense strategy, both at home and for the Western Hemisphere. In each of the three, the United States has its difficulties.

Granted Base in 1901
Of most immediate concern is Guantanamo. The constitution providing Cuba Republic form of government granted the United States a naval base in Guantanamo in 1901, shortly after the Paris treaty in which Spain gave up both Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Guantanamo Bay is a sharp indentation on Cuba's southeast coast. The base lies at the bottom of a saucer-like formation of hills which roll steeply back into the mountains of Oriente Province. It was from these hills in Oriente Province that Raul Castro, brother of Fidel, made the raids in 1958 in which he kidnapped U. S. sailors and marines as a show of strength against the United States.

It also was from these hills that the Cuban rebels, before their victory over Batista, cut off fresh water supplies to the U.S. base.

Charges Discrimination
Recently, the semi-official Cuban newspaper Revolution published claims of discrimination against the ill-treatment of Cuban labor at the base.

Just how far the Cuban government intends to go in its harassing attacks against the United States now cannot be foretold.

The Revolution attack might be just one more instance of pin-pricking or it might be a hint of things to come.

There have been reports for months that a decree lies on Castro's desk awaiting only his signature to take over Guantanamo. Since the U.S. Navy already has served notice it has no intention of

giving up the base, it would be the straw that broke the back of U.S.-Cuban relations.

Nationalism Is Cause
Just as anti-U.S. events in Cuba demonstrate a Castro type of Nationalism, so Nationalism also is at the root of difficulties in Panama and Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rican Nationalists once plotted to assassinate President Truman. But, while they are violent, they are a

small minority with no real voice. Panama nationalism is deep and growing, and centers its wrath upon the United States' perpetual hold on the canal.

Panama Nationalists charge the United States gives unequal opportunity to Panamanians, takes a disproportionate share of revenue from the canal and say that some day the U. S. must turn the canal over to Panama.

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. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Communications

Capitalism and Prejudice
To the Editor: The May, 1954 anti-segregation decision of the United States supreme court is not the cause of the violent racism now spreading throughout the south. By ordering an end to segregation in the schools, the court merely brought to a head a condition that has long been festering.

This condition is rooted in economics. Racism survives in this country because some people derive an economic benefit from it — because it pays.

Whom does it pay? Does it pay the white workers of the south? The Socialist Labor party has the answers to these key questions. To answer the second question first, segregation and racism do not benefit the southern white workers although at first glance they may seem to do so. It is true that racism tends to keep Negroes in the least desirable jobs, reserving the better jobs for the whites. But the general level of white workers' wages in the south, well below the national average, reveals how dearly this "advantage" is bought.

The only beneficiaries of low wages are the capitalists, and it is the capitalists who have a material interest in keeping the working class divided on racial lines, hence in keeping segregation alive.

Northern corporate interests are spending money in an effort to keep prejudice alive. They have invested capital in the South, in part at least, to take advantage of the low wage scales brought about largely by the racial division among the workers.

Therefore, race prejudice has its roots in the capitalist economic system. Capitalism and race prejudice are inextricably bound together.

What is to be done? The Socialist Labor party maintains that this is a question that must be dealt with by all enlightened workers, not by Negroes alone. For it is plain that for prejudice to be wiped out in America, capitalism must be supplanted by a social system whose emphasis is on human beings rather than on corporate profits.

Some day—in the day beyond superstition—there will be no such ridiculous and malicious ways as race prejudice. That day awaits the advent of Socialism, the next logical development in the evolution of human society.

Henry R. Korman
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Longview, Wash.

On Throwing Rocks
To the Editor: I have been reading with interest the letters concerning our new neighbors, the Smiths.

Strange, the different attitudes concerning this small incident. The majority of people accept the Smiths with no change in their daily sched-

ule, while a few remind me of a boy I once knew who, while waking in the dark, used to fear what he couldn't see and would throw rocks in all directions.

J. O. Rector would have the editor move to another area, for the editorial he has written. Mr. Wilson would have people of different races live only where he designates.

What would happen if the Indians decided to take back the land that once belonged to them? Where would everyone go?

John 15:17, "These things I command you, that ye love one another." The Bible doesn't mention only those with white skin, and the command applies even if they had green or blue skin, as the editor so aptly has written.

Mrs. Delbert Casey,
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Central Point, Ore.

A Square Shake
To the Editor: A flood of communications to the Editor of the Mail Tribune leaves me with a strange feeling that we have somehow lost a bit of our face, and, with incalculable chagrin, are trying to brazen it out, come what may.

The recent "black plague," scare which shouldn't even have merited passing notice in a healthy community, was received as delicately as an imbecile eating hot potatoes.

How many of us are big enough to admit our guilt? How many of us were first line prosecutors, judges, and jurymen, trying an innocent human being whose only "sin" is having a little more melanin per square inch in his skin than the average Medfordite or a citizen of Nijni Novgorod?

Of course, the problem is not solved. And kicking it around serves no purpose but to rub salt into the wounds of our better-than-thouism.

Let us walk in the sunlight! Do we blame God for creating a "Nigger"? Do we hate our next door neighbor's kids because they are red-headed? The answer to both questions must be the same. Either yes or no.

My friends, fervent souls are working overtime to remedy some of the vestigial indelicacies of the human soul. Fervid disciples of man's ultimate destiny have shed their blood for less.

The down-trodden minorities of mankind are not asking for blood — just for a square shake. How about it?
George Distell
156 Vashli Way
Medford.

OFF KEY
London — (UPI) — A Chinese actor named Wong Keye has been hired to play the part of a piano tuner in the makers of the movie "Song Without End." The Sunday Express reported Sunday.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

BUTLER AND KENNEDY
Washington — The only politician around who can put both feet into other men's mouths, Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler is doing far more harm than good to his favorite for the presidential nomination, Sen. John F. Kennedy.

Indeed, the biggest single potential check to the rolling Kennedy bandwagon is Paul M. Butler and his excessive partiality toward the young Massachusetts senator. It is Butler's future significance—not his past—that is really important here.

His ill-concealed violation of all semblance of a proper neutrality in pushing Kennedy over the rest of the Democratic aspirants was always bad form. It is now also bad news to Kennedy himself. For Kennedy's greatest strength as a candidate has lain in the fact that no large party faction—including the south—has up to now really wished him ill.

WORSE yet, Kennedy needs Butler's overly-eager "backing" about as much as a successful field general whose troops are moving forward on all fronts needs a psychological warfare "expert" to show him how to do it.

He has, of course, stirred all the other Democratic presidential hopefuls. But far more damaging, Butler has now managed to give the Republicans the opportunity they wanted to try to alienate Kennedy's very considerable southern and other conservative party support.

Kennedy's whole stance has been that of a reasonably and calmly liberal politician who nevertheless had no wish to read the conservatives out of the party or to promote any kind of party division. Butler's whole course as national chairman has been to present himself as a good, very liberal guy constantly attacked by bad, old-fashioned "politicians" who didn't want the party to be "forward-looking." His clear and constant

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Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

"CALIFORNIA CASTS 60 VOTES"
Washington — In appearance, the Democratic pre-convention campaign is growing hotter by the moment. Before long, Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri will announce his candidacy. In reality, the timing is the most interesting aspect of this formal revelation of a flagrantly ill-kept secret.

Over the week end, one branch of the Symington high command was still insisting that the timing of the grand announcement remained uncertain. The other branch was equally insistent that the announcement would have been made last week, if certain little organizational details did not need straightening out first. In fact, however, the announcement is evidently impending; and it is also being made a substantially sooner than was originally planned.

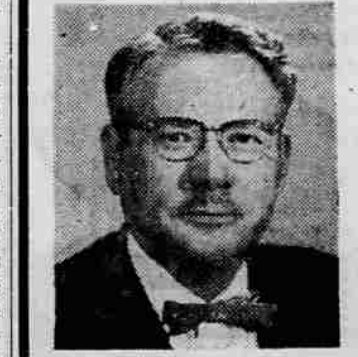
A Symington announcement at this time has some obvious disadvantages. For instance, it leaves the Missouri Senator with no good answer to inconvenient questions about the Indiana primary. Here, after all, is a big mid-western state where Symington has important organization support, and just the sort of state, too, which the Symington backers say Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts can never carry. Then why does the Symington announcement so emphatically not mean that Symington will fight the Indiana primary against Kennedy?

THESE disadvantages are apparently outweighed by the need to raise a Symington standard to which all good men can repair. Until now, being "everybody's second choice" and planning for a convention deadlock, has been the Symington strategy. But this semi-dark horse strategy is not worth much, if another candidate is the first choice of too many delegates. The possibility that Senator Kennedy may attain this enviable position has obviously spurred Senator Symington to announce now.

This motive is of course denied by the Symington managers, who claim to have a "list of 900 delegates who will never vote for Kennedy no matter what." But the denial is unconvincing; and it is therefore necessary to look for some hidden feature of the political scene which has alarmed the Symington high command. California is one likely place to look.

The list of California delegates has already been drawn up by the state's Democratic leaders. The 81-man delegation, the convention's second largest, is committed to give a favorite son vote to Gov. Pat Brown. And Brown and the Californians have always been just about the most vital elements in all the other candidates' plan to stop the front-running Senator Kennedy dead in his tracks.

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Bill Fish

Dog Bite Problems Solved by Mailman

Hattiesburg, Miss.—Mailman Clement Sauter has developed his own method of preventing trouble from dogs along his route.

He is accompanied daily by a big German shepherd dog which commands the respect of all the dogs he encounters.