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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 25, 1950 (Saturday)
Boy Scout trained in artificial respiration is credited with saving life of 13-year-old youth who was drowning in YMCA pool here.
Chamber of commerce endorses proposal to build a supplemental pipeline from Big Butte springs to bring additional water to Medford.

20 YEARS AGO
March 25, 1940 (Sunday)
Huber Meat Packing company will open new plant here later this week, company officials announce, and open house will be held for public.
From Arthur Perry's "The Smudge Pot" column: "The tug-and-tussle at the armory last night attracted a number of sopranos, who enjoyed a good squirm and squeal."

30 YEARS AGO
March 25, 1930 (Tuesday)
Under new city milk law, all milk must be in bottles when served to customers.
Residents of Berrydale ask county court for bridge across Bear creek at McAndrews rd. ford.

40 YEARS AGO
March 25, 1920 (Thursday)
Vandals break into local high school and daub paint on floors and desks.
Oil shale struck at Trigonilla oil well in Fern valley.

50 YEARS AGO
March 25, 1910 (Friday)
J. R. Anderson of Pasadena was granted a 35-year franchise by city council to erect a \$100,000 gas plant here.
Petition containing 37 signatures is filed with county seeking the incorporation of town of Woodville which has a population of 200.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. Blindfolded individual is who attempt to walk straight ahead in an open space invariably make a path forming a clock-spring spiral; true or false?
2. Who were the respective heads of governments of the U. S. and France when the Louisiana Purchase was negotiated?
3. In what State is the Tamimi Trail?
4. Which of these States is larger in area; Washington or Oklahoma?
5. What federal agency prints U. S. Bonds?
6. The next Presidential inauguration ceremony will take place Jan. 20 of what year?
7. Night air is harmful to health; true or false?
8. Does the Yukon River flow from Alaska into Canadian territory, or vice versa?
9. How many children constitute a pair of twins?
10. At a church wedding, are the groom's relatives and friends seated on the left, or the right, side of the church?
Answers: 1. True. 2. Thomas Jefferson and Napoleon Bonaparte. 3. Florida. 4. Oklahoma. 5. Bureau of Engraving and Printing. 6. 1961. 7. False. 8. Canada into Alaska. 9. Two children. 10. Right side.

On Understanding Zoning

During the course of a year, a smoker can spend anywhere from \$50 to \$150 for cigarettes, and not think twice about it.

But let his taxes increase by \$20 or \$50 or \$70 a year, and listen to the howls.

The difference, of course, is that smoking (all considerations of lung cancer, etc., aside), is something immediate and personal, and from which he gets pleasure.

On the other hand, taxes seem to be nothing but money out-of-pocket, with the benefits received far off and unknown.

IT IS A problem of long-range understanding. Our friend, the cigarette smoker and taxpayer, knows that his taxes go for SOMETHING, and he hopes it's beneficial. But he's still somewhat resentful.

It is unusual (although not unheard-of) for a taxpayer to be fully cognizant that what he is buying with his money is police protection, fire protection, schools for his kids, highways, roads, streets, sewers, and all the rest of the services which government provides, because no one else can do it, or do it as well and as economically.

SO—as in many other areas of public concern—it is a matter of understanding. Take zoning, for instance.

A county zoning law has been twice defeated in Jackson County. Those voters who cast their ballots against it believed that it gave too much power to some mistrusted unit of county government; that it meant a decrease in their own freedom of action.

Yes, like every other law, from traffic regulations to those against murder, zoning laws DO decrease freedom just a bit.

But, while decreasing a man's freedom (like preventing him from driving recklessly, or from committing murder), it ENLARGES the freedom of the majority (by decreasing the incidence of traffic accidents and murders).

THERE is evidence which leads us to believe that basic understanding of what zoning ordinances are designed to do is increasing in Jackson County.

For the first time, in recent months, the communities of the county, and their responsible officials, are becoming aware that zoning would be "good business" for them as towns, and for their residents, citizens and taxpayers.

And, for the first time, they are doing something about it; something intelligent and constructive, meriting the praise and commendation of all thinking citizens.

THERE was a meeting the other night of city and county officials at which planning and zoning was discussed in realistic terms.

County Judge Earl Miller, a leader in this movement, made no bones about the fact that this advisory organization ultimately would lead to another county election on zoning.

And it was felt that through the studies of the advisory committee, and an adequate program leading to wider understanding of the objectives, this time Jackson county will approve a zoning ordinance.

A FRIENDLY rival editor who puts out a paper down the pike a way has this to say:

"For the first time in local history the farmers seem to realize that they, too, need some protection against willy-nilly growth in the county.

"As the situation stands right now, there are certain promoters in the county sending mailing pieces to California urging people from there to come on up to Jackson county where there are no zoning ordinances."

"And if you take a drive around the country you will see that a lot of people have already moved in on that premise. In several sections of this beautiful valley we are seeing the construction of some mighty fine potential stumps . . ."

THE county court, on its own motion, has the authority to put a zoning measure on the November election ballot.

We believe it honestly would like to do so, and would in a moment if it was convinced that any substantial number of people would like to see one there.

Well, we happen to know that a substantial number of people WOULD. And we'd like to suggest they communicate their thoughts to the court.

The time is past, long past, when we can afford to let a few people spoil the valley for the rest of us by building shacks where there should be houses, hot dog stands where there should be parks, or junk-yards where there should be attractive businesses.—E.A.

Sure Signs of Age

Now we know that old age is creeping up on us. We walked out in the middle of a Brigitte Bardot movie the other night.

A colleague, who stayed on, also showed symptoms of the same ailment when he confessed that he liked the looks of the actress who played Jean Gabin's wife better than he did those of BB.

And a photographer we know was telling us that, when he used to photograph weddings, he always watched the brides with aesthetic appreciation. Now, he admits ruefully, he finds more enjoyment in watching their mothers.

Tempus, alas, fugit.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"I DON'T SEE WHAT FUN YOU GET OUTA DROWNING WORMS!"

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

How About Baseball?
To the Editor: We are all proud, I know, of the fine football and basketball teams Medford produced in 1959. Very seldom does a city attain the championship in these two sports during the same season of play. The teams are to be highly commended.

I cannot, however, understand why Medford does not support the high school baseball team in the same manner as they do football and basketball teams. The baseball team is good and would play superior ball if fairly supported.

If I had a boy of high school age, athletically inclined, I would encourage him to play baseball in preference to the two other mentioned sports. If he became talented enough for professional competition, his job would be far more lucrative than that of a football or basketball player. Also his chances of being severely injured during play would be a great deal less.

I believe we should all turn out and watch the forthcoming baseball games Medford High will soon be playing. They, too, deserve a pat on the back.
Gerald von Ting,
854 East Ninth st.,
Medford.

All Kinds
To the Editor: Rarely does a communication prompt me to take the time to answer. But M. J. of Ashland, and any others who might agree, should be "enlightened." Her abuse of the south is not justified. Having been born and raised in Little Rock, but having traveled extensively, I know that in the white, yellow and black races, there are all types of personalities, and yes, classes.

There are many educated persons of all races and creeds that deplore the actions and words of some of the South, but who realize that the South is not the only guilty section of our country. Think of the slum areas of Chicago, New York City, and San Francisco, that are far overcrowded with sub-standard living for Negro and foreign elements.

Soon after America entered World War II, many thousands of northern Negro troops came to Camp Robinson, Little Rock. As in all groups, no matter what race, creed or color, there are always a few "bad apples." Like many another teenage girl of that time, I suddenly found myself in a most unpleasant situation. It was to a native Negro Little Rockian that I owed my rescue. We should never judge Negroes by any unpleasant situation, and neither can we judge all whites by the actions of a few.

Throughout America, I have several friends who are non-whites. Never would I consider trading our earlier years of companionship or our present correspondences for many of the so-called "friends" of some of the whites I have had in the past, or now have.

Mr. Allen's editorials have certainly been "food for thought," as have many of the communications. The Negro race has progressed further than the Indian in the last 100 years, but what about the white man who condemns other whites without knowing the full situation or circumstances?

The eyes of the world are judging America; and, Dear God, let us have no more incidents like Little Rock. For Mr. J.'s information, the entire clergy and educators, Negro and white, were aghast at the

actions of the white man, Faubus. It is certainly time for us all to let the subject of our new Medfordites "drop." Whether our name is Allen, Brown, Wilson or M. J., each of us must prove his worth to a community.

Mary Ann Wilson,
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Medford.

Israel and the Arabs
To the Editor: During his recent visit to the United States, Mr. David Ben Gurion spoke of peace and Arab animosities. Surely, the Arabs are strongly opposed to Zionism and Israel, just as the Americans would be if a separate sovereign Jewish State was created in America against the will of the American people.

If the Americans could ever accept the creation of a sovereign Jewish state in America, against their will, even if we assume that the Jews had lived in America 2,000 years ago, and that the United Nations had given them a portion of American deserts, and could establish the highest democratic society—if the Americans could ever accept such a Jewish state, then and only then, they should expect the Arabs to accept the injustices inflicted upon them as the result of the creation of Israel on Arab land.

America would be opposed to such a Jewish state because its creation against the will of the people of America would be an encroachment on American rights. It is for this very reason that the Arabs are opposed to Zionism and Israel.

Mr. Ben Gurion, having left his native country, Poland, and conquered Palestine against the will of its people, is ready to talk of peace, even as Hitler, having occupied Europe, was desirous to maintain his hold and to establish peace and amity. Von Clausewitz's remarks concerning such offers for peace by an intruder and conqueror is to the point: "The conqueror is always a lover of peace. He would like to enter our territory unopposed."

The American people are noted for their sense of justice and fair play. Yet the United States Government has supported injustice by helping Zionist intrusion into the Arab land. President Truman justified his support of Zionism on the basis that "in America there are no Arabs to vote for me."

The Arab side of the Palestine tragedy has not been heard in this country. Should you be interested in that issue and in the question of what the Arabs think of America, please write to the address below.

Mohammad T. Mehdi,
Director, Arab Information Center,
World Trade Center,
San Francisco 11, Calif.

Writer Collects First Lines; He Can Now Tell Whether to Continue Listening

By DICK WEST
Washington (UPI)—I trust no one would be offended if I comment that the pack rat instinct runs deep in the homo Americanus.

We are all of us collectors by nature. I up in court as evidence of mental stability. But I don't think they can come after me with a butterfly net as long as a lot of my fellow citizens are collecting butterflies.

Should He Listen?
My new hobby grew out of my line of work, which requires that I spend considerable time listening to speeches in the House and Senate. In self-defense, I developed a knack of telling from just the first words whether I should continue to listen.

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Myron A. Warren,
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