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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 28, 1950 (Tuesday)  
Ashland - A group of 30 citizens met last night to set in motion a recall movement against the mayor and a city councilman.

Medford High school's star athlete, Jack Morris, will receive the Bill Stern athletic award today.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
March 28, 1940 (Thursday)  
A stag banquet will be held tonight in honor of C. E. (Pop) Gates who is retiring after 27 years as a Medford Ford dealer.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Auto races are scheduled this summer at the fairgrounds. It will give people a change and a chance to wonder who will be ahead at the first turn, instead of the next corner."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
March 28, 1930 (Friday)  
C. E. (Pop) Gates is renamed state highway commissioner. City dance matron hands in resignation to city council with words that "many falsehoods have been told against me."

**40 YEARS AGO**  
March 28, 1920 (Sunday)  
The second crew of the Jacksonville railway is nearly run over by runaway truck at the Laurel st. crossing. Lampost store here is robbed and no clues are left.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
March 28, 1910 (Monday)  
City fathers having difficulty in finding suitable place here for evangelist to erect a temporary building for revival meetings. Sacramento firm is awarded contract to grade and pave nearly 10 miles of Medford streets.

**What's Your I.Q.?**  
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. Mining is one of Mexico's principal industries; true or false?
- 2. Is genuine imported Roquefort cheese made principally from milk of cows, ewes, or goats?
- 3. Name the first four Presidents of the United States.
- 4. Who are the Leathernecks?
- 5. Who founded the original Standard Oil Company?
- 6. On what sea is the city of Danzig?
- 7. When is Pancake Tuesday?
- 8. Are federal taxes on gasoline, cigarettes, liquor, furs, jewelry, etc., known as sales taxes, customs, or excise taxes?
- 9. If you had the Beale Street Blues, for what city would you be homesick?
- 10. What New York baseball stadium has been called "The House that Ruth built"?

Answers: 1. True. 2. Milk of ewes. 3. Washington, John Adams, Jefferson, Madison. 4. Men of U. S. Marine Corps. 5. John D. Rockefeller Jr. 6. The Baltic. 7. Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. 8. Excise taxes. 9. Memphis, Tenn. 10. Yankee stadium.

### It's Essential!

I have great faith in our democratic society, representative form of government, and in our competitive free enterprise economy.

The local tax structure may make for a favorable or unfavorable climate for business. The taxable wealth and the educational load are not necessarily coterminous by school districts, by counties, nor by states. Therefore, in order to have fair and equitable competition, there should not be tax barriers that prevent fair competition.

A federal tax is uniform throughout the United States. This is an aid to fair competition and our free enterprise system of economy. In addition, the federal tax system is a balance wheel to our economy. The cost of collecting federal taxes is about the lowest of any tax revenue source.

**IN RETURN**, Oregon may not receive revenue from the federal government for schools in proportion to taxes paid. However, the money raised for public education will help create a market for Oregon products (Oregon is an exporting state) that will create much greater return in additional business and employment in Oregon. If federal aid to public education for school construction and teachers' salaries expands the market for Oregon's building materials, Oregon would gain great benefit even though no money were returned from the federal government to Oregon schools. Federal participation in the support of public education has an important direct and indirect benefit.

The people of this United States are a mobile people, and our government is based on the vote of all. Therefore each of us will be affected by the education, or lack of education, in every state in the union. I am a firm believer in democracy, representative government, free competitive enterprise, a high standard of living, and equal opportunity.

Therefore, I believe that federal participation in financing public education is essential. (—M. K. Winslow, superintendent of schools at Coos Bay, quoted in Oregon Education.)

### Census Facts

If you haven't already received one at your house, you'll soon be getting a special piece of mail, a basic questionnaire from the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

You should fill it out before March 31, for the following day the census takers will begin making their rounds to pick up the data—and, perhaps, leave you another, more involved questionnaire to work on.

More than 400 census workers will fan out through this congressional district. It will take them three to four weeks to make all their calls, but your house might be one of the first they'll approach.

**EVERY** time the federal census is taken, some citizens grouse about being forced to reveal personal information. Remember, before you are tempted to join the grouseers, that all census answers are confidential.

In taking the census every 10 years, Uncle Sam isn't attempting to pry into your private life. The answers he gets will never be available to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, nor except in certain justifiable instances, even to your close relatives.

It is a federal offense for you to refuse to cooperate in the census—or to lie willfully to the enumerators. But fear of prosecution shouldn't be the basis of your participation. The information that Uncle Sam gains from each census is important for the planning of our nation's future.

**OUR** military defense, school systems, highways, and a hundred other public matters can be handled more intelligently in light of census findings. As a nation, the more we know about ourselves, the better able we are to cope with rising problems and the more costly mistakes we are able to avoid.

So don't cuss. You have nothing to fear from it, and your personal future is wrapped in its success. In a democratic nation, no census can be 100 per cent perfect, but the more nearly that goal can be approached, the greater the benefit to the nation—and to the citizens whose cooperation is the basis of its plans and purpose. —Eugene Register-Guard.

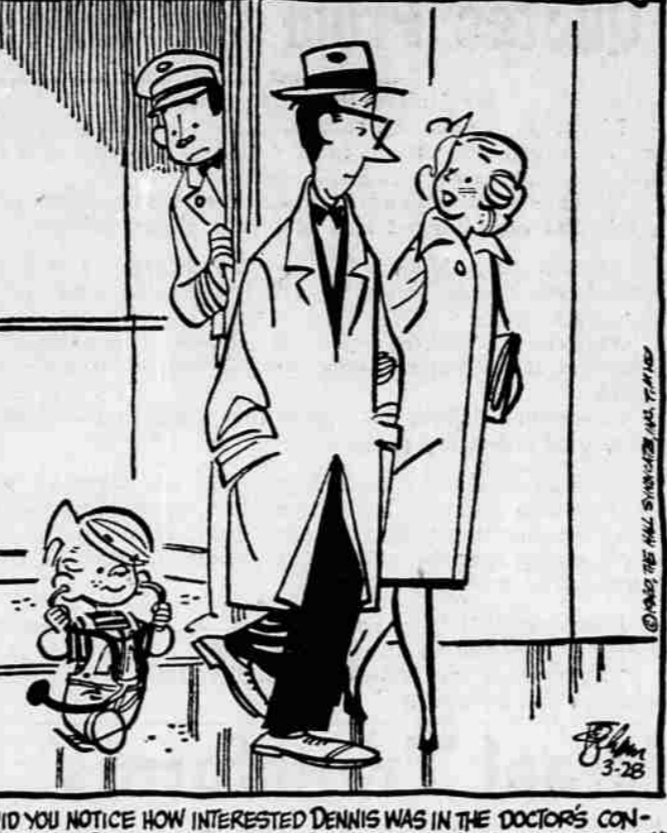
### State Measure

Usually bills referred to the people by the Legislature come up for a vote in November. This year one referred measure will be voted on in May. This is the amendment to the constitution proposed by the 1959 Assembly. It would increase salaries of state legislators from \$600 a year to \$2100.

Just why this measure was submitted for a primary election balloting is not clear. Perhaps the Legislature felt its chance of approval was better then than in November when the number of bills to be voted on is much larger—14 measures were referred by the Legislature for popular action in November.

Whatever the reason the bill is on the ballot, present compensation is very inadequate considering the length of sessions in these times, and the amount of labor expected of legislators between sessions. The increase sought is not excessive if we are to get and retain able legislators. But organization and promotion will be needed to insure a favorable vote. —Oregon Statesman, Salem.

### Dennis the Menace



"DID YOU NOTICE HOW INTERESTED DENNIS WAS IN THE DOCTOR'S CONVERSATION? I ACTUALLY THINK HE WAS PICKING UP A FEW THINGS!"

### 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.

#### Voter Registration

To the Editor: Mr. A. C. Lewis has recently charged in this column that Jackson County Republicans are lagging in the drive for voter registrations.

Speaking for the Young Republican club, I can state that several of our members are registrars. Besides serving in various locations downtown, such as the public library, they helped other Republicans maintain a special registration booth at the well-populated Sportsfair, offering this service 12 hours a day.

Other methods are being employed to reach the unregistered voter in time for the primary election. In fact, our entire membership is working in some way to further the registration drive, even though they are not all official registrars. Naturally, this is only one segment of the county organization, and does not take into account any of the projects being carried out by the Republican County Committee and the Republican Women's Club.

In closing I would like to make one comment on Mr. Lewis' letter. Certainly, in registering 171 residents and in planning to spend more time on this work, he should be commended for helping these residents to claim their right to vote. We do not exercise this privilege, it may be gradually lost. On the other hand, in taking such a lofty view of the "volunteer effort of public service" put forth by the county Democrats in registering more voters, Mr. Lewis neglected to add that this effort was compensated at the rate of 10 per cent per registration, or \$17.10 for the 171 registrations cited.

Mrs. Richard Kyle, President, Jackson County Young Republican club, 42 South Keene Way, Medford

#### Hero Hounded

To the Editor: After reading the Tribune, which appeared in the issue of March 24, Friday, concerning our Number One hero of World War I, I would like to add to the statement of General Pershing, which cited Sgt. Alvin C. York as "the greatest civilian soldier of the war", by saying, using the rule of individual accomplishment, that he was the greatest of any war the U.S. has ever engaged in.

It is my belief that, insofar as the government is able to donate large funds for the benefit of nations, and citizens of nations against which such heroes as Sergeant York did fight, it would not be too far out of order if the Congress would pass a forgiveness act in the case of the claim against him for the \$85,442 of taxes from the life story movie of 1941.

To us, it looks like a life of torment is all the appreciation shown this super hero from the hills, who was already past draft age, but enlisted against the scruples of his religion, and came out of the mountains to fight for and protect this nation, which now hounds him for a tax share of the amount he received for the production of his life story in movies.

Pensions to some of our retired generals, who would have made a sorry mess of trying to accomplish the feats of Sgt. Alvin York, amount to more in one year than the \$85,442 taxes they are after from the greatest individual hero of our nation.

Pat Graham, 175 Jeanette st., Medford.

#### The YMCA's Role

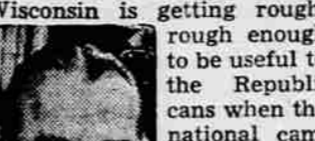
To the Editor: The implications to YMCA physical program of the city recreation department holding a free physical fitness course for women, as outlined in an article of Wednesday the 23rd, raises a question in the minds of some persons who have found this service at the YMCA. Will it cause the YMCA program to fade? Or are the two compatible?

The same questions were asked when the city opened a fine new swimming pool at Hawthorne Park. Will an indoor pool get any use? The fact was that usage doubled at the 'Y' pool that same summer, because of attention to instruction and training which was essential to enjoyable recreations. The YMCA seeks to use its facilities for training persons to have enough skill to enjoy recreational programs wherever they find them, whether they are run by public or private groups.

I understand the expense of the new program is being borne jointly by the city budget and, in use of expensive, facilities of the new program is being borne by the school district budget, and it becomes free to participants. This is probably a wise use of funds, because healthy, happy mothers and working women can have a far-reaching effect on the character and happiness of our homes.

## Humphrey-Kennedy Battle in Wisconsin Gets Rough; Could Aid Republicans

By LYLE C. WILSON  
Washington—(AP)—The Kennedy-Humphrey campaign in Wisconsin is getting rough.



Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) is spelling out for the 1960 Republican presidential candidate some campaign arguments which would be useful if the Democrats nominate Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) for president.

Humphrey challenges Kennedy's good faith as a friend of the farmer. Put another

way, Humphrey challenges Kennedy's good faith as an enemy of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson. This is a serious challenge to any potential Democratic nominee.

**Farmer's Friend Necessary**  
The 1960 Democratic nominee for President, whoever he may be, must seek election on a platform of friendship for the farmer and of enmity to Benson. That is basic in Democratic campaign strategy.

Available evidence indicates that Vice President

Richard M. Nixon is unhappily aware of this and is doing something about it. That something is the preparation of his own farm program to be written into the Republican campaign platform. The purpose is to enable Nixon, also, to run as the farmer's friend.

Nixon, in fact, will be running for President and running away from Benson because the idea grows that the secretary is a liability in the farm states. To run successfully for President while running away from Benson with

whom he has been associated politically for eight years will be a good trick if the vice president can do it.

It will be less difficult for Nixon to do that against Kennedy if Humphrey succeeds in firmly tagging Kennedy as a one-time collaborator in the Benson farm program. Humphrey pulled the record on Kennedy in the Wisconsin campaign. The record showed that Kennedy had cast some early votes for flexible price supports and otherwise was a late comer to the blood brotherhood of politicians committed to the destruction of Benson and of all his works.

The best answer Nixon could have to the charge that he is no friend of the farmer but a friend of Benson would be to quote Humphrey's charge that Kennedy was a friend of Benson's, too. That would be the best answer, assuming that Kennedy were nominated for President.

Humphrey has further charged that Kennedy's voting record is so similar to the vice president's policy positions that the senator from Massachusetts would be "soft on Nixon" in a presidential campaign. Wisconsin's Democratic governor Gaylord Nelson called a foul on Humphrey for that. Humphrey is not backing down, however, although he seems to have abandoned an earlier campaign theme which was to challenge Kennedy on charges of great expenditure of money.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) is thumping the money theme. Morse is a candidate of sorts for the Democratic presidential nomination although his admitted first choice is Adlai E. Stevenson.

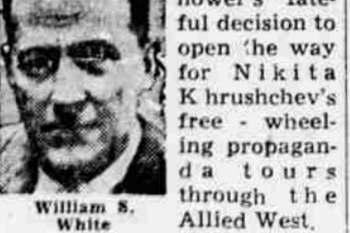
Morse estimated this month that Kennedy was spending \$300,000 in Wisconsin. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was likened to him when she estimated that Kennedy and his family were spending "oodles" of money to obtain the senator's presidential nomination. How much is an oodle?

Kennedy is getting what a front runner must expect: Abuse fro mail sides.

## Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

### MR. K'S BOON



Washington - Some chilling second thoughts are running through Washington now about President Eisenhower's fateful decision to open the way for Nikita Khrushchev's free-wheeling propaganda tours through the Allied West.

Great risks from the start were involved in Mr. Eisenhower's reluctant agreement to follow Britain's lead in negotiating under neon lights with Khrushchev at - and before - the coming May summit meeting. These risks are now becoming plainer and plainer.

For once we abandoned the old careful diplomacy, through which professionals worked in private to reach limited but solid agreements, we gave a great propaganda weapon to Nikita Khrushchev. Having at home or abroad no critic to check him, he is able to appeal above the heads of western governments to all that is uninformed and sentimentally "hopeful" among their peoples.

### HE IS THE BENEFICIARY

Of a priceless boon - he can be as irresponsible and demagogic as he pleases. The western leaders cannot. This - the process of going over the head of the government of this country - is what Khrushchev did in his tour of the United States last fall. It is no good denying that he won a considerable propaganda triumph here.

And this is what he is doing now in his visit to France. He is again scoring victories, this time over the lawful head of France, Charles de Gaulle.

### Retaliatory Tax Discussion Set

Salem - Oregon Insurance Commissioner Dean Musser planned today to meet with representatives of the secretary of state and attorney general to discuss collection of retaliatory taxes from out-of-state insurance firms doing business in the state.

State Rep. Vernon Cook (D-Trousdale) charged that an opinion by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton backed up his claim that insurance commissioners for 13 years have failed to collect enough retaliatory taxes.

Cook said the loss may amount to \$119,000 for that year. Musser said Cook's charges were "not a fair statement." He said that if the retaliatory law, as now interpreted, had been enforced in 1958 the amount collected would have been about \$119,000 for that year.

"I am not convinced the missionaries have been negligent," Musser said. "An opinion Hugh Earle was not the same as the one given this (time) and the whole question hasn't been clarified."

Johannesburg, South Africa - Heavily armed police stood guard in native townships throughout South Africa today to watch the black man mourn his dead.

African leaders labeled this a day of sorrow and called on natives to remain in their homes throughout the nation in a massive demonstration of grief.

the night with us. Esther tied his leash to the chuck box, and we slept soundly; no skunks or snakes.

Most colored people are kind and good Christians. They want and need education and chance to live graciously. Their color won't rub off, and they not only believe in doing as they'd be done by, but they know Christ's rule, "Love thy neighbor."

Mrs. Britan Spickman, Jacksonville, Ore. Correspondent Secretary of Fifty Plus Club.

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