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Flight of Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO Voter registration in county shows 27,536 persons registered - 14,068 Republicans and 12,748 Democrats.

20 YEARS AGO A Carberry creek miner who ran amok with a rifle last week, shooting at, but missing several persons, pleads guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

30 YEARS AGO April 22, 1930 (Tuesday) Closing of Rogue river to commercial fishing urged by fishermen as "salvation of the state."

40 YEARS AGO April 22, 1920 (Thursday) A Curtiss airplane has arrived at the local airstrip and is giving daily flights to persons paying the fee.

50 YEARS AGO April 22, 1910 (Friday) Highest price ever paid in valley for unplanted orchard land was paid Thursday for the John Cox place, one mile southwest of Medford, which sold for \$120,000 or \$428 each for the 280 acres.

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

- 1. Daniel Defoe was the author of a famous novel about a shipwrecked sailor; name the novel. 2. Who was the first man to hold the rank of Lieutenant General in the U. S. Army? 3. What instrument is used for finding in what latitude a ship is? 4. Does the modern, standard typewriter keyboard have printing keys numbering more than 30, more than 40, or more than 50? 5. How many months are there in spring? 6. After beet and cane sugars are refined, is it possible to distinguish one from the other? 7. Senator Margaret Chase Smith represents which State in the U. S. Senate? 8. In our Navy, how many stars are worn by an Admiral of the Fleet? 9. In the same medium, which travels faster - a light beam from the sun, or a light beam from a candle? 10. In what body of water is the island of Malta? Answers 1. "Robinson Crusoe." 2. George Washington (July 3, 1780). 3. Sextant. 4. More than 40. 5. Three months. 6. No. 7. Maine. 8. Five stars. 9. Same speed. 10. Mediterranean.

Call It by Its Right Name

Yesterday in this space, we commented about one form of religious bigotry. Today, let's talk about another kind.

We refer to anti-Catholicism. It has long been a rather strong, though we are convinced a minority, prejudice in the United States. Most of the time it is a latent force, felt or spoken quietly.

But it is coming to the surface, these days, undoubtedly the result of the fact that the leading contender for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, John F. Kennedy, is a Roman Catholic.

THERE are several rationales for anti-Catholicism. There is, for instance, the simple, unthinking prejudice which arises from a difference in religious viewpoint. This is the same bigoted and stupid motivation which is at the root of most anti-Negro bias, as well as that aimed at still other races or religions—at anyone, in short, who is "different."

There is the "defensive minority" viewpoint, arising from having lived among a Protestant minority in a mostly-Catholic community, and based on the understandable resentments which being in a minority can breed.

THERE is, in addition, the sincere concern for a principle of government, the separation of church and state, which may be a matter of legitimate concern, but which is not limited solely to the Catholic church—a fact too many people forget.

And finally there is the prejudice based, at least in part, on theological grounds, on teachings and canons of the church, which some people fear would destroy our democracy if carried to their logical extremes, and were implemented by Catholic office-holders.

These then, as we see it, are the principal sources of anti-Catholic bias, although there are undoubtedly other less prominent ones.

IT IS, we think, possible to disagree, perhaps even violently, with some of the teachings of the Catholic church, and still retain a respect for it as an institution, and for its communicants as fine, patriotic, dedicated Americans; people we can, honestly and sincerely, know as good, close friends.

In our personal relationships with our Catholic friends, we do not let visions of some of their beliefs, which may differ from our own, destroy our friendship and respect.

Why, then, should their religious beliefs be any bar to their holding public office—even the most exalted one?

IT MUST be admitted that some of the actions and positions of the church have aggravated and strengthened the latent forces of anti-Catholicism. This usually occurs where church dogma impinges on matters of government policy, or on the beliefs and rights of others. The position of the church on birth control, for instance, is frozen into law in some of the New England states. The Legion of Decency has offended many by its view of motion picture morality—a view which some consider narrow.

There are other similar instances which can be quoted. But what, essentially, do all these have to do with the qualifications of an individual for public office? We say nothing.

WE FIND it impossible to believe that any man elected President of the United States, who takes a sacred oath to support and defend the constitution, would in any way let any religious organization dictate his actions. History proves the reverse.

One hears of the "influence" the Pope would have on a Catholic president. Well, the Pope has been notably ineffective in influencing the governments of France and Italy for the past century or two—countries which are predominantly Catholic.

Some of America's most distinguished and respected statesmen, short of the Presidency, have been Catholics. A number of governors are of that faith, and hardly anybody is disturbed.

WOULD Senator Kennedy, a man who was wounded in his country's service, and who lost a brother in the same war, be any less patriotic, any less dedicated to honest service, in public office than in military service? We cannot believe it. To answer "yes" is to deny both his sincerity and his patriotism.

If given an opportunity, we will vote for, or against, Senator Kennedy on the basis of what we believe to be his qualifications, and the qualifications of his opponent, not on the basis of what church either attends.

THE Senator himself declares, and we believe with sincerity, that he wants no votes simply because he is a Catholic, any more than he wants any votes cast against him solely on the same basis. A man's religion is his own business. It is probably too much to hope for that it will not be much of an issue in the campaigns to come. It already has been raised, both in Wisconsin and in West Virginia. But at the very least, we should remember that in all elections we are being asked to pass judgment on a man as a man and as a public servant; not as a member of a church. Anything less we can call by its right name—bigotry.—E. A.

Dennis the Menace



'I GOTTA EAT 'N RUN! ME AN TOMMY ARE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A HOLE!'

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.

"Inconvenience" To the Editor: On April 25, 1959, there occurred a debate in the Senate on an amendment offered by Sen. Holland of Florida to give the states specific power to deal with sabotage of electric lines and other facilities during strikes. The state of Florida found itself helpless to deal with sawing of power poles and dynamiting of installations. Among other casualties was a dairyman with 170 cows. In opposition to Sen. Holland's amendment to enable states to protect themselves against such catastrophes, Sen. Kennedy, on page 6043 of Congressional Record No. 64, opined: "Mr. President, I oppose the amendment offered by my friend from Florida. Many of the examples cited cause great inconveniences to the people of the areas involved. If the carriers do not operate, that is an inconvenience, but every strike involves inconveniences. Those 170 cows could have been milked by hand."

Thus Sen. Kennedy, who aspires to be President, thus summarily disposes of an "inconvenience." John Q. Stewart, 933 NE 12th st., Grants Pass, Ore.

Two Kinds of Trim To the Editor: Der Democrats and der Republicans trimmed der budget van dollar and forty cents. You could get much better trim in der barber chair. Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

More About Dogs To the Editor: Regarding the small historic town of Jacksonville, a letter published in the April 21 issue signed "taxpayer" represents the sentiments of a number of people. Especially those traveling through our small town. The object of the dog control law in Jacksonville is apparently to protect the lawns, gardens, etc., of the citizens. Would these citizens who are raising all the fuss take a good look at their neighbors' yards? Old car parts-junk-refrigerators—not to mention various livestock in general from goats to cows—far worse than the old family dog asleep on the front porch.

If you are really interested—just drive slowly into town and it speaks for itself. To enforce the dog law would require a full time dog catcher. If you are really interested—again—just meander around the streets after the 10 o'clock bell has rung and also again in the early morning hours. In my opinion, every dog that is dumped off in the town, or is a stray—and the town is small enough that every dog not belonging to the town is immediately recognizable—should be picked up by the dog catcher, any dog that is not licensed should be picked up, and also any dog that is ill, not fed properly to the point he is living off garbage cans, be also picked up. Many of the so called dog lovers in Jacksonville are guilty of this neglect of their "beloved" family dog. Some of these dogs are even left to fend for themselves while the family goes off on a week end jaunt. These are the dogs that will suffer if the law is put into effect. For if these dogs must fend for themselves while free, what must they suffer when they are tied and have absolutely no defense? Another Taxpayer, Jacksonville, Ore.

Midwest Lumber Markets Improve Portland - UPB - Crow's Lumber Market News Service said trading in parts of the Midwest and East showed signs of improvement during the week end ending today.

However, the California Market remained on the quiet side because of an oversupply situation at the consuming end. Eastern and midwestern markets experienced heavier demand for 2x10 in all species while the rate of demand for other items was unchanged. Pine area mills continued to find a slow market for two grade sheathing boards. Douglas fir plywood mills got prices ranging from \$64 to \$68.

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Venezuela's President Faces Increasing Unrest, Opposition

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor The man-of-the-week: President Romulo Betancourt of Venezuela. The place: Caracas. The quote: "The government will dominate the situation within a few hours."

It was Betancourt's reply to army rebels who had seized control of the garrison in the southwestern capital of San Cristobal del Tachira. But in the minds of many whether the government actually would "dominate" the situation was a question that largely was academic. They believed that if this rebellion did not succeed, there would be another, and if it failed, another after that.

For Betancourt had been nominated as the president least likely to remain long in office. Has Many Rumbles For months the rumbles of political discontent have been coming from Venezuela, with news dispatches from Caracas telling of arrests and political conspiracies almost commonplace. Up to now, the army had been Betancourt's mainstay. Betancourt took office in January, 1959, in an era of reform which saw Venezuela's first free elections in 12 years.

Betancourt, who leans to the left politically, pledged to combat unemployment, to erect schools and public housing and to diversify Venezuela's economy, including agriculture. As a gesture to his political opponents, he included in his government representatives of both major opposition parties - Republican Democratic Union and Socialist Christian. Rift Widens But instead of healing wounds, the rift between the president and his opposition widened and unrest appeared inside his own Democratic Action Party. Betancourt also had failed to cure the nation's economic ills. Unemployment had passed the quarter million mark. Living costs were rising and government spending exceeded income. On the hills surrounding Caracas thousands lived a bare existence in shanties. Adding to his troubles was the growing influence of Venezuela's Communists, especially in the universities.

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IN THESE circumstances a Democratic convention rejection of Kennedy for the presidency might offend great groups of Catholics. An acceptance of him for the presidency might be used by many who are anti-Catholic, or who oppose having a Catholic president, as an argument to go Republican.

But the most dangerous of all would be for the convention to wind up with Kennedy nowhere on the ticket. If he should adamantly refuse the vice-presidency it would be taken to reflect his own belief that he had been unfairly treated because he is a Catholic. But if he should accept it the "religious issue" might be largely neutralized, since there is no evidence of any deep feeling against a Catholic for vice-president.

That, at any rate, will be the argument hurled ceaselessly at Kennedy from every side of his party. It will require the most colossal determination to resist it to the end. Poison Oak? Try a Bottle of ZEMACOL You must be satisfied or your money cheerfully refunded. Get a bottle today at WESTERN THRIFT.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS From Washington: The armed services are conducting research on what happens to dental fillings during space travel, how soldiers react to loss of sleep and whether sunburn can be prevented by a pill. These projects were disclosed in closed-door testimony just published by a House appropriations subcommittee.

THAT is to say: If you applied for a job at a space station, and GOT the job, you would be housed in a room where there was NO GRAVITY. In other words, you would FLOAT AROUND LIKE A BUBBLE. Floating around you in the room would be tables, chairs and any other furniture not tied down. If you were frying an egg for breakfast, for instance, the egg might just float off at any moment. Likewise the coffee, the bacon, the toast, et cetera.

No steps were taken to offset the absence of gravity. The step he recommends would be spinning the room around at about the speed of a merry-go-round. He ignores simple little things like where would you stand while you were installing the machinery to keep your quarters spinning at the proper speed.

COMMENT? Well, I know ONE application that ISN'T GOING TO BE MADE for a job in a space station. I'll take mine out on terra firma. Somebody else can have these space jobs. London - UPB - The National Union of Mineworkers sought a pay raise Thursday for 30,000 Derbyshire miners on the nightshift because they missed evening TV shows.

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