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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
May 8, 1930 (Monday)
Medford's civil air patrol squadron won the Oregon wing CAP drill championship in a contest on the Medford High school football field yesterday.

20 YEARS AGO
May 8, 1920 (Wednesday)
The fourth annual national catfish derby will be held next Sunday at the Bybee Beach park.

30 YEARS AGO
May 8, 1910 (Wednesday)
Earwig poison is now available for use on local lawns. State convention of laundrymen will open here tomorrow.

40 YEARS AGO
May 8, 1900 (Saturday)
Medford banks started closing on Saturday noons today and many persons, despite repeated notices, forgot.

50 YEARS AGO
May 8, 1890 (Sunday)
Walter Damrosch and the New York Symphony orchestra of 56 men and four metropolitan vocalists will perform in Medford within next few months; will be the smallest city they have ever performed in.

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

1. Anaconda, Montana, is famous for what product?
2. Is antimony an animal, vegetable, or mineral?
3. Does sound travel faster in warm or cold weather?
4. If a boy is given the same name as his Uncle is he designated as Junior or second?
5. Is a Nipponese a citizen of China, Japan or India?
6. In "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" a bunch of boys were whipping it up in the M...
7. What portrait is on the reverse side of a Buffalo nickel?
8. Have the words abdication and resignation the same meaning?
9. Was the peak of unemployment in the United States reached in 1882, 1891, 1931?
10. Does cow's milk contain iron?
Answers: 1. Copper. 2. Mineral. 3. Warm weather. 4. Second. 5. Japan. 6. Malemuc. 7. An American. 8. No. 9. 1932. 10. Yes.

Dogs and the City Club

The Portland City Club is a sober-sided organization which meets periodically for lunch to hear distinguished speakers. It also has a committee system, which is assigned the chore of making investigations of certain public questions, and issuing reports.

Its reports and their conclusions carry considerable weight in Portland, for they are comprehensive and factual, based on the best expert opinion and advice obtainable.

The most recent committee report concerns the problem of dog control, for Portland, in common with other cities including Medford and Rogue River, as well as all of Jackson county, will vote on the question May 20.

THE committee report declares as a fact (which any editor in the state can attest is true) that "people are highly emotional about their pets, possibly even more so than about their children."

The Journal's report of the committee findings says, in part:

"It is hard to find validity in the statement that dogs should be allowed to roam freely as that is their nature. Such is also the nature of other animals, but they don't enjoy any immunity on this point.

"It must be noted that the prepared ordinance has many shortcomings. It will not satisfy those who are interested in putting all dogs on leash when away from the premises of their owner. However, we believe it will improve the climate for dogs in Portland, and will allow efforts for even greater restrictions.

"Some emotional individual referred to 'man's best friend,' and stated this ordinance was poor reward for such devotion. It would be more accurate to state, 'Man is dog's best friend.'

"We believe the proponents of this measure have produced an ordinance which is fair, places no undue burden on dogs and their owners, and protects the majority who tolerate the pets of their friends and neighbors."

MAYOR JOHN SNIDER, after his journeyings through the state to 22 meetings of city and county officials, reported that dog control is one of the most universal, and difficult, problems facing Oregon's cities.

There is no reconciling the views of the dog-freedom and dog-restraint elements. It is simply a case where the majority will have to rule, and the minority accept it.

There was a time when we opposed any dog control ordinance. But we have become convinced that, in a city, it has now become a necessity for the protection of lawns, gardens and shrubs, to say nothing of children, and the safety and well-being of the dogs themselves.

SO, COME May 20, we plan to vote for the dog control proposal in the city of Medford.

As for the proposed county-wide measure, there are some good arguments against it, arguments which do not apply within a city.

On that particular question we plan to leave the ballot blank, feeling that for city folk to dictate what their rural neighbors should do about their dogs is not quite fair.

Farmers, ranchers and stockmen use dogs as working partners, and a control ordinance might work an undue hardship on them.—E.A.

United Fund Changes

A caller asked us the other day about the Cancer Crusade, now under way, and about other fund drives.

"Aren't these supposed to be part of the United Medford Crusade?" she asked. "We thought the UMC was supposed to take care of all these things, with one donation covering everything."

About the only answer we could make is that it's a free country, that no one can force any organization to join the UMC, and that all that recipients of UMC funds do is promise not to conduct separate drives.

THE agencies which still conduct their own fund-raising campaigns do so, of course, because they believe they can obtain more money that way than through a United Fund.

And who is to say they are wrong? The principle of "united" giving is a good one, in theory, but it does have its drawbacks—one of which is, there is no way of insuring that the United Fund drive will actually eliminate a number of competing fund campaigns.

UNITED FUND drives have, over the past decade or so, lost some of their appeal to some people. Time was when they (or the Community Chests which preceded most of them) collected a good percentage of the funds going to charitable purposes.

But, with the rise of the public welfare agencies, which take care of the minimal needs of many people without other incomes, the need for private charities (in that one sense of the word) diminished.

So the UF's now raise money largely for health, welfare and character-building activities, which, worthy as they may be, do not have quite the same appeal as drives to feed the hungry and clothe the unclothed.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"I'll GO TO BED WHEN I GET GOOD AN..." "JOKE! THAT'S A JOKE, MOM!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

OFF CHANCE FOR KENNEDY
Charleston, W. Va. — The West Virginia outlook for Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts is now a little better though still far from good.

He may yet be beaten badly, but he also has a narrow chance to defeat Sen. Humphrey of Minnesota in the important Presidential primary here.

The fact that such an upset is possible has to be inferred from the results of one of the longest, most intensive sessions of pavement-pounding and door-bell-ringing this reporter has ever attempted.

The total sample of ballots from 184 registered voters here in Charleston was substantially more massive than any sample previously collected in the city, by any of the pollsters who have lately infested this state.

OVER all, if Kennedy really is picking up in larger cities, as our Charleston sample seems to suggest, then he has some chance to win off West Virginia in spite of the floodtide of religious prejudice in the small towns and remote country districts. But

THE places polled were chosen by the Charleston "Mail's" able City Hall reporter, Charlie Connor, who also shared the work. The largest individual samples were taken in the 1st and 13th Wards. These are "C and D areas" in the pollsters' jargon, meaning that the people who live in the small houses and walk-up apartments on Sixth Avenue and Dixie Street and the many other streets we visited, are in the lower-middle to lower income groups.

A smaller sample was also taken to see if corrections were needed, in the more middle income 17th Ward. It showed little variation in the pattern, which was consistent.

In summary, the 184 persons polled broke down into 48 for Kennedy; 34 for Humphrey; 20 undecided; 63 unable to vote in the Democratic primary because they were Republicans; and one other man blocked from primary voting because he was one of Kanawha County's tiny handful of voters who have registered as independents.

Slightly under half the Humphrey voters—15 to be exact—specifically stated that the main factor in their choice was religious prejudice against Sen. Kennedy's Catholic faith. Among the 20 undecided Democratic voters, moreover, no less than nine said they would have made up their minds to vote for Kennedy long ago, "if it weren't for his religion."

THE work of collecting the sample produced the usual dividend of human comedy. There was one old gentleman who was an enemy of progress. He indignantly explained that he had "just decided he'd never vote again when they put in those pesky voting machines." There was also the languidly vicious brunette, surrounded by a perfect swarm of young, somewhat surprisingly announced that she was an unmarried housewife, and added, as an afterthought, "Not all the six children are mine; little Venise over there is a friend's."

LET us consider the Soviet Union. Mr. K. and his colleagues may hope, they may even believe, that all of Germany will become Communist. But they know also that they cannot use force to impose Communism on Western Germany or on West Berlin without precipitating the war which they, just as we in the West, must avoid.

On the other hand, the Russians know that they cannot take China for granted, and if they are to protect their interests and their security in Asia, they must not use up their resources in a race of

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.

Clean-Up Wanted
To the Editor: What do we pay our county officials a salary for?

What happened to the slogan, "Keep Oregon Clean," or does that just include a few? Does this just pertain to the highways, or does it mean our county as a whole?

A certain shack and surroundings have been reported to the county health department under Dr. C. I. Drummond, also to the sanitation department under Mr. Moore. They either don't want to take the time to investigate this matter or they just can't see or don't care.

We saw all of these people, including the district attorney. They told us they could do nothing about this. I thought we had a county courthouse for just such matters. But all they do is pass the buck. We are tired of all this mess.

Judge Miller was the only one who was nice enough to talk to us and come and see what we were complaining about. A city dump would be a credit to what we see every

two factors remain which make Kennedy's chance only an off-chance. On the one hand, the tide of prejudice is still running very heavily indeed, as the results we got in urban Charleston too plainly indicate. On the other hand, the number of undecided voters is still large—20 per cent of the Democrats in our sample.

Here, seated in an ancient rawhide-bottomed rocker of our home corner, was a man who has spent much of his life in and around schools. "It is my experience and carefully considered opinion," he told us, "that boys and girls completing the R's of early days, were much better fitted to get out and make their unaided way: I'm than the finished high-schooler is today.

As a boy at home, I was taught to obey, work and respect the rights of others. Today that is considered fuddy-duddy and outmoded, even to some extent by school authorities, even though a growing number of schoolrooms are broken into and made a shambles by undisciplined school-kids, who appear to get their moral training in high-cost gyms for basketball practice and football on fields as big as cow-pastures. All this takes a whacking lot of tax-dollars, far more than the little old red schoolhouse could ever

"Boiled down and well-seasoned with other people I meet, I'm of the opinion that too many taxpayers are not satisfied with the product of our present day schools. So, we find them showing their resentment at the ballot box."

One thing is sure in this very serious situation, as was pointed out in a Mail Tribune

is to be a race of armaments in Europe, and if the cold war is to become increasingly deadly, there will not be the time, the energy, the wisdom, the patience, or the resources to find the path of conciliation.

WE, TOO, had our reasons for seeking a detente in Europe. We cannot any longer turn our attention away from this hemisphere. Moreover, to keep up in the race of armaments we must spend at least as much as the President asks for, and to be safe we probably ought to spend more.

In order to do this we have been faced with a choice. Shall we meet the public needs of our growing population and the rapid concentration of this population in big cities? Or shall we let these needs be inadequately met while we raise the standard of private consumption?

In the Eisenhower Administration we have sacrificed public needs and taken military risks in order to increase private consumption. In the days to come we shall have to reverse the Eisenhower priorities.

Like all other powers, we have an acute interest in a detente. (c) 1940 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

Indians May Fish At Cascade Locks

Portland (UP)—Army engineers said Friday Warm Springs, Yakima and Umatilla Indian tribe members have been given permission to fish exclusively from a small section of the old Cascade Locks without interference from others during the present spring run.

The arrangement was made after Indians asked for permanent fishing rights in the area. Engineers said they could not grant permanent permission.

POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)

Dick Moody, Dick Moody. Dick Moody. There.

If this little outburst rattles anyone, it is simply a response to the poor man's complaint that he'd never had his name in the Mail Tribune. He did it over the air, too, on a radio station which has its headquarters on a rural lane outside of town to the west.) You're welcome, Dick.

From the New York Times (a clipping we swiped from the women's editor, who was planning to use it in her column): "William F. Quinn, Governor of Hawaii, was in town last week, telling a story about a member of Congress (name mercifully withheld) who wrote to the State Department to say that one of his prominent constituents was planning a trip to Hawaii and could the department arrange to have our Ambassador there extend him the usual courtesies. It would also be appreciated, the Congressman went on, if the Embassy would provide an interpreter since his constituent spoke no Hawaiian."

Any comment seems superfluous. Oh, gosh. Oh, gosh. Oh, gosh.

In this column we try (not always successfully) to be light and amusing and inconsequential, and to hurt no one's feelings. But we did, the other day, and herewith apologize. It was when we started out the column by saying, "Let's put an end to all this sports car nonsense... etc."

What we were referring to, of course, was the chit-chat in various M-T columns (including this one) about the new sports cars acquired by our women's editor and our regional editor.

And you know what? The editor of the "Checkpoint," editorial rather between lines, that a more objective and cooperative approach must be made by the deeply-involved taxpayer. It might also be mentioned that had the old-time debating meetings been the custom of the day, rather than the new opinion-forming TV, radio and movies, it is most unlikely that this school financing crisis would be the problem it is today.

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Scorner's Seat
To the Editor: It was with concern and regret that the letter of the atheist was read. For it may have the wrong influence upon innocent people. Especially upon the young and inexperienced. It seems he did not stop to consider that there are TWO classes of people in the world, the children of God and the children of Satan.

How can we tell them apart? By their fruits ye shall know them. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

How? He that is of God heareth God's words. Ye therefore hear them not. Why? Because ye are not of God. So it is not difficult to tell the class others belong to.

Jesus called the disciples fools and slow of heart when they failed to believe the prophets. So that is another class of fools. Peter calls us natural brute beasts when we speak evilly of things we understand not. Also that such are made to be taken and destroyed. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Since it is a fool who says there is no God, we will see more things fools will do. Likewise the fool and the brutish person perish. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Fools make a mock at sin. Fools walk in darkness and know not where they go.

God's ways are as much higher than ours as the heavens are above the earth. The Lord's words are pure. Mockers and scoffers who are willingly ignorant will come. They walk after their ungodly lusts. Such will not enter heaven but will have God's judgment rest upon them.

Hell was made for the devil and his angels, not for men, so men willfully go there. God does not send them. Who are the atheists to question God? Historians and the average person recognize the fact that the Son of God came to earth. And history is based upon that. Time is reckoned by that. God gives a sound mind, fools lack it, and stand in the way of others, and sit in the scorner's seat.

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publication of the Siskiyou Sports Car Club, thought we were talking about sports cars in general, and disapprovingly, too.

"Some consternation," he said, "has been expressed by various members about the above, and rightly so." But he doesn't feel "any slight to our club or our interests was intended, but was merely overlooked. However, the writers will be visited, and it is hoped, the error publicly corrected. The Mail Tribune has previously been very cooperative in helping SSCC publicize its functions." Well, aside from not knowing precisely what "error" he is talking about, we're glad to assure him that no slight was intended, and we're sorry he took it that way.

We LOVE sports cars. Which naturally leads us into one more (and we hope the last) sports car story emanating from our own staff. A reporter was a passenger in BB (the regional editor's blue Sprite) last week, when a minion of the law pulled up behind and sounded his siren. BB was accused of VBR (violation of the basic rule) for the second time within a month. After the officer did his duty and left, the regional editor (an emotional type) started muttering about the "blankety-blank police state we're living in," and how he is "the goat for every ticket-happy officer in the county." The passenger-reporter relayed to the city police station the regional editor's opinion of the county law enforcement agencies, and his feelings that they were all on the lookout for him. Came the reply, "After that stuff he wrote about us in his column, you're darn right we're watching out for him." And the passenger-reporter said to us, "All the little old ladies pushing baby buggies across busy highways in the county should be relieved to hear that our lead-footed friend has taken a solemn oath to obey the speed limits—but we must nevertheless wish them luck."

The scene is the music room at the Medford high school. The time was a few days after the return of the choir from a concert trip to Salem and Portland. The occasion was the opening of a large shipment from the Senator hotel, where the group stayed. Lynn Sjolund, choir director, presided, and as he called out the room numbers and the articles which had been left behind, the owners claimed them.

There was, among other things, a pair of black high heels, a hair brush, an electric razor cord, a shirt and dirty handkerchief, and one dirty sock.

The Haven Herald, we are sorry to report, has suspended publication, and when, or even if, it will resume is uncertain. We quote from that estimable publication: "This is the last issue of the Haven Herald. It has been issued every Saturday since November 14, 1939. The Herald has helped develop the neighborhood of the 300 block of Haven Street. Some of the events that have been held since the paper was started are two model car shows, two different drawing contests, staff parties, and the Haven Club Frolic.

"Some of the clubs which were active during the time of the Haven Herald were: The Science Club, Art Club, and the Seven Aces Car Club. The Haven has about 20 subscribers.

"The paper has had various articles in the Medford Mail Tribune in the past month.

"The Haven Herald plans a skating party or a swimming party sometime this summer. All staff members will be invited.

"On behalf of the Haven Herald staff I would like to thank you, The Subscribers, for your cooperation in making our paper a big success."

Thank you, Bob Bennett, and the Herald staff. It's been one of the most enjoyable subscriptions we've ever had. And we think you earned your journalism merit badge.

To close, let us once more quote the Herald—probably for the last time. A poem by Bobbie Kellerman: I had a lamb and I had a cat and the lamb was the best one.