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**10 YEARS AGO**  
May 17, 1950 (Wednesday)  
Mrs. Elizabeth Dunn Van Sant, 94, the first white girl born in Jackson county, was buried in Ashland today following her death in Portland last week.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
May 17, 1940 (Friday)  
Douglas Eden, Medford High school junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Eden, fell out of the second story window at the high school yesterday and broke his right arm in two places. Despite injury he returned to school later in the afternoon to continue taking final examinations.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
May 17, 1930 (Saturday)  
Washington school site in preference to army site for new courthouse, leads two to one in early election returns. Medford debaters lose out in finals of state oratorical contest.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
May 17, 1920 (Monday)  
Telephone company reports that over 100 telephones have been installed in the city in the last 60 days and views this as a prosperity sign. Union Oil company starts erection of service station at corner of West Main and Fir sts.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
May 17, 1910 (Tuesday)  
The first school to be erected on the east side will be of modern "mission" design and contain 11 classrooms. Work should start next week on it and also remodeling of Washington school.

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

1. What is the floral emblem of the State of California?
  2. Who is the heir-apparent to the British throne?
  3. Was Aaron Burr ever a Vice President of the United States?
  4. In which State are the colleges of Mt. Holyoke and Smith?
  5. Was Henry Wadsworth Longfellow an American, or an English, poet?
  6. Hawaiian wreaths, usually of flowers, are known as 1-7?
  7. While city is farther north - Philadelphia, or Tokyo?
  8. Does the term antarctic refer to the North, or South, polar region?
  9. Raisins are dried what?
  10. What federal government body regulates railroad rates in the United States?
- Answers: 1. The golden poppy. 2. Prince Charles. 3. Yes (with Jefferson as President). 4. Massachusetts. 5. American. 6. Lei. 7. Tokyo. 8. South polar region. 9. Grapes. 10. Interstate Commerce Commission.

### Fatherly Ineptitude

The cold war, which had shown signs of thawing out a little in recent months, is back again—colder than ever. Ostinately this is because Nikita Khrushchev, the Russian premier, is being nasty again. He has, indeed, been cynical, hypocritical and callous to the decent hopes of all mankind. But it must be admitted, in all humility and honesty, that the United States certainly gave him the opportunity to become so. Worse, it practically forced it upon him. Seldom has any nation been so wholly inept in its handling of an embarrassing episode.

THE United States "got caught" when a spy plane was shot down. The timing, just before the "summit," was unfortunate, unnecessary and unforgivable. Then it lied—lied bare-facedly, not only to the world at large, but to its own people. It put out a bunch of poppycock about a "weather reconnaissance" plane, and "lack of oxygen" for the pilot. Russia thereupon disclosed that it knew better, and proved it, with the announcement that the pilot was captured, with photos of the plane, and with the pilot's story.

So the United States then decided to tell the truth. Yes, we have been sending up spy planes. INSTEAD of keeping silent and letting the incident blow over, first we lied; then we admitted the truth when it was shown we lied.

And, worst of all, we piously declared, publicly and righteously, that we were going TO CONTINUE spying, using, among other things, planes like the U2. Then, as the impact of this all sank in, Ike was forced to back up on even THAT announcement and say he'd ordered that no more U2 flights be made.

All this is "made to order" for the sly and unscrupulous Mr. K, who has no compunctions about Russia's own spying activities, but who at least has the good sense to keep his mouth shut about them—particularly when they get caught.

ALL in all, the ineptitude of the administration's handling of the situation could hardly have been worse.

These events have ended any chance for a constructive outcome to the summit conference, have seriously damaged our position in the eyes of the world, and are a threat to the continuation of the disarmament and nuclear ban talks.

We wonder what it's going to do to the image of Eisenhower as the fatherly figure who knows more about everything than anybody? —E. A.

### Mr. Sprague's View

It is a bit surprising, in this last week before Friday's primary election, that the wire services haven't picked up the comments of Charles A. Sprague on the presidential race in Oregon.

Mr. Sprague's voice carries weight in this state. He is a former Republican governor, but he is independent in his thinking. He is the editor and publisher of one of the state's most respected newspapers, the Oregon Statesman of Salem.

In discussing the presidential candidates on the ballot, he confesses to "long-standing hostility" to Richard M. Nixon, because of his campaign methods, going back as far as 1950 when he ran for the Senate against Helen Gahagan Douglas.

MR. Sprague also cites the well-known Waterhouse poll, which recently indicated Nixon would not carry Oregon in November. He goes on to say:

"On the Republican ballot, I intend to write in the name of Nelson Rockefeller. I suggest that Democrats write in the name of Adlai Stevenson, who is the ablest of those prominently mentioned for the highest office. Next choice would be John Kennedy, though to me he still seems 'too young' for the job. Lyndon Johnson is a great American who would make a good President in these difficult times, but he seems an improbable choice for Democrats this year. "Morse, for all of his ability, has made himself too much of a political Ishmael to be a real factor at the Los Angeles convention."

It is interesting to see how much national attention is focussed on Oregon's primary. It is one of the few primaries which will have a chance of giving significant indication of voter sentiment.

If the two "non-candidates" who do not appear on the ballot—Governor Rockefeller and Governor Stevenson—get anything over 3 or 4 per cent of the vote, and purely on write-ins, it will be well noted throughout the nation.

Senator Morse's "seriousness" as a Presidential candidate was a late-blooming flower, after he had filed a sworn affidavit of non-candidacy, and after many of his usual political friends had committed themselves to other candidates. His being in the Democratic race only serves to muddy the already confusing waters.

IF, however, Morse fails to lead in the Democratic race, it will be a significant tribute to the realism of Democratic voters.

If Stevenson is a strong write-in choice it is entirely possible that it will alter the entire prospects of the Democratic convention, particularly if it remains undecided past the first few ballots. We feel that thoughtful Oregonians, of both political parties, would do well to consider seriously the advice of Governor Sprague.—E. A.

### Dennis the Menace



"I BROUGHT YA SOME FUNNY BOOKS, MISTER WILSON, YOU COULD USE A LAUGH!"

### 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.

**Diapers, Too**  
To the Editor: Regarding your article, Page 2, in Sunday's paper, concerning dog-control - it states that should the measure pass all dogs will be required to wear a muzzle when off their owner's premises. May I suggest they also be required to wear diapers or rubber pants?

Why do dogs need to run at large at all - even with muzzles on? Biting people is only one of their several sins. I like dogs and have owned one most of my life, but they were never allowed outside my own yard, which was fenced.

A dog will never attend to his duties in his own yard unless fenced in, but will always go to the neighbors for such purposes. It is an imposition - and a dirty one at that - for those who never allow their own dogs to offend others to have to clean up after strange dogs.

I can never water my lawn until I first go over it with a shovel. I am all for complete dog control within the city limits. Let all people who own dogs fence their yards - then they can clean up after their pets, themselves.

And that is as it should be. Of course the dogs living today who have never been controlled will be unhappy, and some will howl. Let them. The next generation, if brought up with in an enclosure, will never know the difference.

I hope all those opposed to dogs running at large will go to the polls next Friday and vote "No" on the dog-control measure. (Name on file) Medford.

**Floyd's "Candidate"**  
To the Editor: In case any of the voters of Jackson county are dissatisfied with the present crop of candidates for county commissioner they can write in the name of Floyd R. McCabe, Republican, for county commissioner.

I know I'm not much, but why vote for less? I'm only 38 years young and have very little experience to qualify me for the job. But you could do worse - infinitely worse. Besides I think \$5,000 per year is enough for anyone in the position of county commissioner. Instead raise the wages of the road crews.

Floyd R. McCabe  
Mt. Pitt Star Route  
Butte Falls, Ore.

**The Fighting Russians**  
To the Editor: In the early logging days in Michigan, the postmaster had a store in connection with the post office. He sold shoes, wolen socks, red flannel underwear and a bottle of moonshine whiskey for 50 cents.

The Russians would go up to the postmaster and say, "Any mail for me?" The postmaster would ask him what is your name and this was the answer: "My name is on the letter" and that was all he could get out of them.

The boss was known as the "Bull of the Woods." If you wanted his job you challenged him to fight and if you won, you were the boss from then on.

Never heard of a Russian being as much as a straw-boss. One Irishman or a Swede lumberjack could whip the whole Russian army before breakfast. They're dumber than that horse that swims the river two times every morning to get a drink.

A. C. White  
523 North Riverside ave.  
Medford.

### Stevenson's Aptitude for 'Not-Running' Highly Developed, Dick West Discovers

Washington—If my old English teachers will forgive me, I would like to offer for your inspection a new political term—the "not-runner." This is a word I have just invented to describe the status of Adlai E. Stevenson in the current presidential campaign I admit it tortures the language but I couldn't think of a grammatical term that would fit. Wherever he goes, Stevenson is forced to not-run for president. He is far and away the most active not-runner, having overtaken Gov. Nelson Rockefeller some weeks ago. For most non-candidates, not-running is a minimal chore. Some have not even been asked if they were running and hence have done no not-running at all. For Stevenson, however, not-running comes close to being a full-time avocation. Even while visiting in South America recently, he did a lot

of not-running. It has, in fact, been suggested that not-running was the main purpose of his trip. **Overflow Crowd** There obviously is still a sizeable body of Democrats who feel that Stevenson is not-running in the right direction. As evidence of this, I refer you to Monday's meeting of a Senate commerce subcommittee. Stevenson was scheduled to testify on a bill requiring television networks to make free time available to presidential candidates, and an overflow crowd was on hand. Since legislation of this sort does not ordinarily arouse the populace, I cleverly deduce that the spectators came to see Stevenson. My deduction was confirmed by the fact that his arrival was greeted with cheers. In the course of his testimony, Stevenson recalled that during the 1956 campaign he made a speech which used up part of the air time occupied by a popular TV program. As a result, he received a telegram which said "I like Ike and I love Lucy. Drop dead."

### K's Intransigence at Summit Injected into U.S. Politics

Washington—Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev boldly has told American voters to choose a new president. To that extent, at least, Mr. K and his blustering personality have become enmeshed in the presidential politics of 1960. President Eisenhower's personal and political prestige seems to be taking a beating

will be the impact of all this on the 1960 presidential election. For one thing, this week's events in Paris have invited the attention of all Americans to the importance and the burdens and responsibilities of the U.S. presidency. American voters this year will be looking over the candidates with several questions in their minds. For example: -Can he cope with Khrushchev? Is he tough? -Does he have a solid plan to maintain peace? -Does he measure up to the

but didn't get the things that he realizes will be needed this summer and years to come.

But all this didn't make my blood boil as much as the last paragraph of that story which I quote: "So far the county has received \$4,000 in allocations from boat license fees. County Judge Earl Miller said this money is placed in the general fund and is not earmarked for the boat patrol or water recreation development as suggested in the new state marine law."

Many of us believe an explanation is in order. Money that comes in to the county from boat license fees should be used by the sheriff's office for that purpose and not be put in a "General Fund." There is entirely too much public business transacted behind closed doors that is not always to the people's benefit. One such incident was the National Guard Armory. Even our Medford Mail Tribune didn't receive all the facts because of the secrecy of some of our "closed door" officials. Let's not have any more of this. Just give us the facts. (Name on file) Medford.

**Plug for Shirley**  
To the Editor: The state treasurer's race in the primary has one major issue: The question of full-time service to the job. The office, paying \$12,500 a year, the same as the secretary of state, has responsibility not only for managing state funds and administering the inheritance tax laws, but equally important, consists of sitting on the board of control with the governor and secretary of state. This board is responsible for some 10,000 people in state institutions. In such an important position, it seems only logical to me that we should have a person who is not only well qualified for the job, but one who has the time and interest for full-time service. Shirley Field, a prominent Portland attorney and legislator, is one of two Republican candidates for the office of state treasurer. Shirley has pledged full-time attention to this responsible office and has publicly challenged Mr. Belton and Mr. Cook to tell the people of Oregon how much time they are willing to spare from their numerous business

interests for the job. Neither has told the people of the state if the job would be full time for them.

Let's elect a capable person with a progressive program who will give the office of state treasurer the attention it deserves. Vote for Shirley Field, Republican, for state treasurer! James M. Ragland, 3182 Pacific Highway South, Medford.

**Scourge of Cards**  
To the Editor: I appreciate Mr. Bulman's indignation at the immorality and thoughtlessness that exists in the world today. Not just in the Y.M.C.A. though. There are many organizations and millions of people who profess to be Christians whose conduct is anything but Christlike.

As for the Sabbath, the word literally means to rest, desist. Now we could take those people who do not observe it out and stone them to death. There wouldn't be many people left, but that's what the Israelites did. Of course they were under the Mosaic law which was God's law to the nation of Israel. This law was to serve only until Jesus' coming. Jesus was born under the law and was obligated to observe the Sabbath. Preaching and doing good works on this day were not forbidden and Jesus never used force to gain followers. We are not under the Mosaic law, but under the law of undeserved mercy. (Romans 6:14-16.)

Hebrews (8:6-13) tells us that we have been given a new covenant. Col 2:16 says, Let no man judge you in eating or drinking or in respect to a feast day or the observance of a new moon or of a Sabbath. Mark 2:27 says that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath, so let each person observe his Sabbath according to the dictates of his own conscience. Whether it be filled with good or evil, we all answer to just one judge, (Romans 14:10-12.)

(I recall Jesus became angry with the money changers and the sellers of doves, but a scourge of small cords???) B. Wyatt, 1122 West Eighth st., Medford.

### A Dog Saved Her

To the Editor: A little girl was saved by a dog that was not tied. This happened to a friend's little 6-year-old girl. They used to live here, and she went to the Roosevelt school. One of the children's dogs came there sometimes and knew all the kiddies. This little girl had been playing at a friend's house and started home at dusk as she was told to be home before dark.

On the way home a man stopped her and tried to get her into his car. As she told it later "he said he wouldn't hurt me—but Mommie he did—he hurt my arm." She was

### Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

LOTS OF PEOPLE try to explain the fundamental difference between an optimist and a pessimist. Here's Dr. Norman Peale's thought on the subject: "An optimist is a man who sees a glowing light that is not there; a pessimist is the fool who tries to blow it out."

"It is reported of Margaret Fuller," wrote John Burroughs, the naturalist, "that she said she accepted the universe. 'Gad, she'd better,' retorted Thomas Carlyle, who himself didn't accept the universe in a very wholehearted manner. Looking up at the midnight stars, he exclaimed, 'A sad spectacle! If they be inhabited, what a scope for misery and folly; if they be not inhabited, what a waste of space!'"

They've got a new quiz program in Moscow for which the rating must be phenomenal. First prize is a list of unguarded points along the border. © 1960, by Bennett Cerf. Distributed by King Features Syndicate

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