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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
May 20, 1950 (Saturday)
Medford and Jackson County
followed the state trend in
Friday's primary by giving
Sen. Wayne Morse a rousing
majority in his bid for the
Republican nomination for
U. S. Senator.
Ashland mayor and a city
councilman were recalled
from office by Ashland vot-
ers during the primary elec-
tion.

20 YEARS AGO
May 20, 1940 (Monday)
According to the county
clerk's office some 58 per-
cent of the registered voters
in Jackson county cast bal-
lots in the primary—a new
record.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye
Smudge Pot" column: "The
favorite Italian trick these
days continues to be street
demonstrations against the
allies. Though Russia has
shaken a warning finger at
Il Duce, his subjects, as yet,
have no wind to yell: Abba
le Stalin!"

30 YEARS AGO
May 20, 1930 (Tuesday)
Jackson county rates fifth
in state in having largest
number of former residents in
the state prison.
Fire guts the Deuel build-
ing at Main and Bartlett sts.,
with loss estimated at
\$80,000.

40 YEARS AGO
May 20, 1920 (Thursday)
Vote light in local primary
but heavy upstate.
Sheep shearing is in full
swing at Sam's valley this
week.

50 YEARS AGO
May 20, 1910 (Friday)
An aviation meet, the first
of its kind in southern Ore-
gon, will be held here next
week.
Railroad tycoon Louis W.
Hill, arrived in Medford to-
day and will tour the valley;
he will be entertained at a
banquet at the Nash hotel to-
night.

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

1. Did Simple Simon meet a highwayman, race horse, or plem?
2. Are there 128 or 144 cubic feet to a cord of wood?
3. Where in the United States is paper money made?
4. In Dickens' "Christmas Carol" who said "God bless us every one"?
5. Does a bullet travel farther when fired vertically than in any other direction?
6. How many times was Calvin Coolidge elected President of the U. S.?
7. How many picture cards are there in a standard deck of playing cards?
8. Which is the last Book of the New Testament?
9. There are 11 spaces between a 12-plet fence. How many spaces between a wheel with 12 spokes?
10. How long after Easter is Ascension Day?
- Answers: 1. Pieman, 2. 128, 3. U. S. Bureau of Engraving, Washington, D.C., 4. Tiny Tim, 5. Yes, 6. Once, 7. Twelve, 8. Revelation, 9. Twelve, 10. Forty days.

Why, Oh Why...?

Why, oh why won't they let us be?
We've live here so long, happy and free.

People move in and boss our land;
It's time we arise and take our stand.

Don't they ever think of the Golden Rule?
Of the lessons learned in public school?

We're born equal, so we've been told;
And have a right to the land we hold.

What right have they to come in and say:
You can't do this or you'll have to pay?

If we give in we're no longer free;
We'll have to bow to powers that be.

Come on, Friend, let's fight to the end.
If you will help we're sure to win.

This bit of—ah—poetry, which was brought to our desk a few weeks ago by a resident of the west side of the valley where a zoning proposal is under discussion, reveals a lot about the sentiment against zoning.

It talks about "they," who are trying to "ram zoning down our throats." Who are they? "They," in this case, are people living in the area who want to protect their homes and property values from damage caused by unregulated, destructive development.

The poem says: "People move in and boss our land..."

Actually, the zoning measure is not to "boss the land" of the people now living there. They can still use it exactly as before. Zoning will, however, prevent OTHER people from "moving in" with junk-yards, slaughter-houses, or tarpaper shacks, or with other uses which will destroy the pleasant life in that part of the county.

THE poem cites the Golden Rule. This Rule is phrased in many different ways, but the best-known is this "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

In effect, the zoning plan is putting the Golden Rule into a practice through the law-making power of the county.

People now living in a zoned area can still keep their cows and horses, can continue to farm their land—can continue to do everything they do now without any difficulty at all.

None of these good folk would impose upon their neighbors by putting in a garbage dump, for instance. But zoning would protect them from having a garbage dump, for instance, put in their neighborhood.

ZONING protects things as they are. It permits change—yes. But only in an orderly, regulated and intelligent manner.

Jackson county, or at least part of it, is long overdue for the protection which zoning offers. If you don't believe it, go to California where unplanned, helter-skelter growth has made huge areas into suburban slums.

That is what "they" are fighting against. If you are opposed to zoning, think it over. Do we want this pleasant valley to turn into an overgrown slum?—E. A.

Voting "Right"

Today is primary election day. The polls remain open until 8 o'clock this evening.

If you don't vote, you have no right to complain about the outcome of any election contest.—E. A.

Measure To Remember

Although it is only May, and primary election day, one can be permitted to look forward to November, and the decisive choices to be made at that time.

Voters will not be faced then with the long lists of convention delegate candidates, but they will be faced with a long list of measures to be decided. There will be at least a dozen, and very likely more put on the ballot via the initiative by then.

One of the most important measures is one which could be (although it need not be) misunderstood.

It is a simple proposal which would permit the state system of higher education to increase the amount of its bonding authority to build buildings which pay for themselves.

It is not a tax measure. The bonds are retired by income from the dormitories, cafeterias, sports facilities, and others, covered by the measure.

But it is important because, over the years, about half of all the buildings on Oregon's campuses have been built with this pay-for-themselves plan.

It's something to keep in mind. And we'll be reminded. That is one of the purposes of the "Colleges for Oregon's Future" committees recently organized.—E. A.

Why Hurry?

The city council last night voted for the widening of South Riverside ave.

This will involve the removal of a number of big old trees—to be replaced with small, young trees.

Wouldn't it be smarter to wait for the freeway, to see if that relieves the heavy traffic on Riverside? Wouldn't it be wiser to hold on to those old trees, which, once gone, cannot be fully replaced? Maybe spending \$26,000 wouldn't be necessary after all. What's the hurry?—E. A.

Dennis the Menace



"If ya wanna go to the store or somethin', Mrs. Wilson, I'll be glad to baby sit for ya!"

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.

Another Old Editorial

To the Editor, and West Side Residents: I think this editorial expresses the thoughts and opinions of quite a few Jackson County residents. Please print in your communications column and see if I'm not right.

This came from the Aug. 30, 1957, "Times" and it is quite a prediction. I quote:

"Last week we pointed out editorially that if the county court approved the subdivision ordinance as its first law, other laws would follow and freedom little by little would be taken away as the county assumed more police power over our daily lives.

"What we didn't know was that before we had predicted more laws would follow another was in the hopper of the county court and the planning commission.

"You will read on the front page of the court authorizing the planning commission to begin study on a building code (law).

"We, like about half of the people of the county, live in the country. We live in the country by choice. We like it. We would not move. And if we want to build a pig pen, we're going to do it without asking the county court or anyone else if we can. And we are not going to put up with a parade of inspectors coming and going to see if we are living up to the pre-conceived idea of some consultant living in San Francisco on how we should do it.

"We know personally the three members of the county court. Individually, they are nice fellows, but collectively they seem to go haywire. We can only believe that they must be bad company for one another.

"A county building code is even more ridiculous than a county subdivision ordinance."

John D. Koelmel,
1856 Ross Lane,
Medford

Progress (?)

To the Editor: We were rather amused recently to read a caption to a sly yet quite impressive little cartoon in a mid-western magazine showing two cowboys in a hick town of only one building. The one line underneath went like this: "There is not room in this place for both of us."

So, likewise the world continues to "shrink", when autos smash into one another almost as a daily occurrence.

Not so long ago there were the "four great powers", mentioned in the press. Now it seems there are only two "great powers" any more.

Around the turn of the century fire-arms were in the experiment stage to actually shoot around trees. Now 60 years later someone is trying to improve missiles to fly around the world. One authority makes claim that when man reaches a stage where humanity will roam the space age at will, this old earth will be rather useless, and will disintegrate and not remain to clutter up progress any longer.

Bert Klissinger,
520 Boardman st.,
Medford

Calling Marchers

To the Editor, and the citizens of Medford: When your telephone rings, you lift the receiver and answer. A pleasant voice asks, will you give just enough of your time to ring doorbells, collect the offering your neighbors wish to give for the next drive.

I wonder if you know if some of us who work faithfully securing volunteer

marchers for all the drives can't wear your high heels, and go tripping along your street, as you can? We would be so happy; we feel we would gladly walk all over Medford as bell ringers. Not all the captains who telephone to secure marchers are crippled or handicapped, as some of us are.

As we can't be marchers, due to different kinds of handicaps, we are glad we can contribute our time to help with the drive of securing marchers.

June is "City of Hope" month in Oregon. When we volunteer telephone girls call, asking you to volunteer to march as a bell-ringer, Thursday, June 16, for the City of Hope, if you are able to work, won't you please thank God in your heart you are not a cripple; not be so eager to answer, "No, I am not interested. . . You will have to call Mrs. Smith across the street, she is the one who always marches."

Please, when you are called, say, "Yes, I will try."

A volunteer marcher in heart, who will be calling you to march for the City of Hope drive.

(Name on File)
Medford.

Nature of Culture

To the Editor: As jewels are usually encased in small containers, this rule of thumb was illustrated by Dave Redmond in a little gem in a Communication under the heading "Humor in Communications." It is small but brilliantly scintillating.

People in their selfish zeal make any incongruous expositions of prejudice and character. Convictions of some seem absurd to others. Which is due, no doubt, to a disparity in material interest and culture. In our class society, "What is one man's meat is another man's poison," spiritually as well as materially. However if we are ignorant of the discrepancy we swallow the "line" along with the bait.

The communists are not alone in swallowing the party "line." There are many "parties" and many "lines." And directly or indirectly each line extends to a gravy bowl.

On TV the programs were rigged. In Korea the elections were rigged. At the Summit meeting the "rigging" men have been busy on both sides.

The least astute have learned to be extremely clever in diplomacy. The American people are and always have been a "pushover" and our riggers were at a disadvantage being matched with "riggers" that are experts. Then we become a little miffed at being caught in the pantry with our hands and face covered with Russian plum jam.

When our riggers found that prevarication was of no avail they belligerently said: "Yes I done it and I'm glad, I'm glad, I'm glad."

Whether we like it or not the Russians are masters at diplomacy. We could learn a lot from them by asking questions. We should know who Santa Claus is and what he is going to bring us, without peeking into his sack. They have pinpointed the moon and a spot in the South Pacific. They have told us that they want peace and are willing to sacrifice to get it. They have eaten crow for 40 years. Is it good diplomacy to press our luck?

What the Russians have done they have accomplished because they felt that it was urgent. Pulling a "cutie" on the eve of a serious conference is certainly an affront

Both Danger and Some 'Comfort' Seen In Fallout From Explosion of Summit Hopes

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington—There is a threat of war in the fallout from the summit explosion in Paris. There also is a factor of comfort for the American people and their allies.

The factor of comfort is this: If the U. S. airplane U-2 could and frequently did fly far into the interior of the Soviet Union, then the B-52 bombers of the U. S. strategic air command surely can do so. The United States has about 500 B-52s.

If that is the fact of the matter, Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev may not act hereafter as tough as he talks. It will not be news to the SAC pilots that their airplanes with nuclear bombs can penetrate Soviet defenses. Charles Cordry can tell you about that. Cordry covers the Pentagon for United Press International. He made another visit a fortnight ago to SAC headquarters in Omaha, Neb. Can Penetrate

"SAC officers did not need any proof from the U-2," Cordry said, "that their airplanes could penetrate the Soviet Union and return. They had no doubt about that at any time."

The American people have had doubts, however. Dispute about the adequacy of national defense has developed so many conflicting claims that the taxpayers who pay the bill do not know what nor whom to believe.

The people of the Soviet Union probably were less confused. Their government permitted no public arguments about national defense. Khrushchev and his Kremlin associates never varied the party line. They told their people that the Soviet had what was required not only for national defense but for the destruction of any nation which might challenge.

These Soviet citizens must be wondering about that now. Their own premier has proved to them and to the world that a U. S. airplane has overflown Soviet territory from time to time and, on the last flight, was some 1,200 miles inside the U.S.S.R. before it was brought down. How it was brought down is a matter of dispute. But there is no dispute about the fact of deep and repeated high flying penetration of Soviet defenses.

So, this question arises: Will Khrushchev force the issue of peace or war before he has established satisfactory Soviet national defense against an invasion and nuclear attack by SAC airplanes?

Not known then was the fact that as the Western leaders assembled and waited, Khrushchev was luxuriating in a hot bath at the Russian embassy.

Until 4 p.m., the exchange of telephone calls continued, with the Western leaders by this time more amused than angry.

At 5 p.m., it was over and De Gaulle, with the approval of this allies, issued the statement quoted above, sounding the death knell of the first summit meeting in five years.

De Gaulle had been even more right than even he could have anticipated.

Evil and Good
To the Editor: Please put this into your communications on Mr. Khrushchev.

I am not one who likes to say "I told them so." I have never been in favor of dictatorship nor can I see why our greatest men as brains do fall in their open trap. Mr. K, with his boasting and his crude way of expression, we could only pronounce him as the butcher who pulled himself out of the gutter of ignorance by his boot straps. In order to become so prodigious in Russia he must earn it by actions.

The human innocents' blood that is on Mr. K's hands and boots does not give him the right to call the President of our United States a thief. I feel that Ike should be very thankful to have found Mr. K out before he was faced with a real situation. This slimy figure cannot be trusted even if you keep your eyes on his head.

History has proven that the whole Russian history has been based on thievery, distrust and evil propaganda.

We know what they are, and what their aim is, and peace there can never be unless we all become communists. They want to get us off balance and then finish us off. I feel Ike should not lose any sleep because words from the evil does no harm to the good.

Leo A. Rifenshank
1131 Pinecroft ave.
Medford.

You're Welcome
To the Editor: This is to thank you for the generous space you have given to the publicity of the Wednesday Study Club this past year.

Bess R. Watkins
(Mrs. L. V.)
President
1024 Queen Anne ave.
Medford.

"Thank You, Mr. Copco"
To the Editor: Having lived in the Copco area for the past 26 years and being a property owner the past 4 years in the Central Point district, I have experienced a very unpleasant situation with our local monopolized power company, "Copco."

Having financial problems with Copco of \$7.41, I came home from the doctor with my 3-year-old and 2 1/2-month-old baby, finding the heating and cooking facilities discontinued. Seems as though the bookkeeping department is behind as the order was given to discontinue service.

Due to late weather conditions my husband was delayed in employment as a logger, therefore our living and spending was limited to a minimum.

Even then Copco was always one of the first to receive payment or part payment when bills could be paid. Courtesy and friendliness! Neither were displayed. On calling the power company I was informed my husband was a very poor provider and not responsible for his family. Little do they know the hours he worked (13-20 hours) to support his family. Have any doubt? Call me! It would be nice if everyone (husbands) were fortunate to work for a large company such as . . .

On calling their office after arriving home (thank heavens the phone isn't operated by their electricity) I was able to reach them before closing time. I talked to a lady who was very nice. She checked into the matter and returning she stated she had located my payment which was received that a.m. and a serviceman would be out to resume power. I heated my baby's bottle in the car with a bottle warmer.

Despite such problems we have had with our power company we enjoy living in the

Rogue valley and beautiful surroundings, even though the kerosene cook stove and wood fire for heat may have to be put into service.

In closing I'll say "Thank you, Mr. Copco" for being so friendly and courteous to me, while my husband is away at work, depriving his family of wonderful conveniences and living conditions that he cannot enjoy the year around. However campfires certainly do their part.

Mrs. R. S. Simmons
475 Hopkins rd.
Central Point, Ore.

Search Starts for Old Hearing Aids
A nation-wide search to locate the oldest hearing aids still in use is underway by Maico Electronics Inc., Minneapolis.

The hearing research and manufacturing firm is offering \$10,000 in its latest miniature transistorized hearing aids to persons now using obsolete aids, or to persons who help find such instruments.

Henry Myhre of Maico of Medford, 820 East Main st., said "we wouldn't call a 10-year-old car obsolete, and certainly not an antique, but a 1950 model hearing aid can be as out of date as a buggy whip."

He said that a surprisingly large number of hard of hearing persons are still using instruments 10 to 15 years old. The old hearing aid "round up" will last through June 30.

De Gaulle Unavailing in Bid To Keep Summit Talks Alive

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
The man-of-the-week: President Charles de Gaulle of France.

The place: Paris, at the summit.

The quote: "The absence of Premier Khrushchev was noted. President de Gaulle noted that in these circumstances the planned discussions could not take place."

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's vicious attack on President Eisenhower signaled the end of the long-awaited summit conference at its very beginning last Monday.

Of all the Big Four leaders, de Gaulle had been least enthusiastic about the summit meeting and had been the last to agree to it.

But with the meeting finally assembled and with world hopes focused upon it for at least a hint of lessening of world tensions, de Gaulle joined wholeheartedly with Prime Minister Harold Macmillan in an attempt to save it.

Salvage Attempts
In a private meeting Sunday, the day before the meeting opened, he had tried earnestly to get Khrushchev to temper the anger of his remarks over the U2 spy plane incident.

Khrushchev was saving his ammunition and was non-committal.

On Tuesday, with the conference wreckage scattered about him, de Gaulle tried again.

At 11:30 a.m., he invited Khrushchev, Eisenhower and Macmillan to meet with him in a summit conference at 3 p.m.

It was hot and sunny in Paris and Khrushchev, with all the appearance of a man whose conscience is clear, was out for a drive in the country. On receipt of de Gaulle's message, however, he sped back to Paris.

It would be too much to say that Khrushchev may elect the next President of the United States. It is undoubtedly possible, however, that he may help to nominate a President.

How truly it is "one world," all nostalgic denials to the contrary, has never been more decisively proved.

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KENNEDY, for his part, cannot of course be shown as a loser. He has no responsibility for the Eisenhower-Nixon policy. He can, however, be presented as perhaps too young to take over in a great crisis. This impression will be fostered by his rivals if the world scene should look as grim—or grimmer—in July as it does in May.

This, too, will be far from easy. For Kennedy, like Johnson, has avoided the major error into which Stevenson and some other Democrats have fallen. He has rejected the temptation to pick freely at the Eisenhower administration in its hour of grave difficulty.

For if political Washington has little time for a loser, the country itself will have even less time for those who forget that, approve him or not, Dwight Eisenhower is still President of all, repeat all, of the United States. He is the only spokesman we have presently got; and it is not he who is in a jam, it is the United States of America.

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Washington Report
By WILLIAM S. WHITE

SHADOW CONTESTS
Washington—The Republican and Democratic presidential front-runners are running now

not so much against other men as against the shadows which the future may throw across the earth.

They are grappling with the unknown shape of a world that Nikita Khrushchev may have made by November.

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