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**10 YEARS AGO**  
May 27, 1950 (Saturday)  
Medford Rogues and the Eugene Larks battle to a 13 to 15 tie at the fairgrounds last night with the game called at the end of 12 innings. The city is compiling information and prices on various kinds of aerial ladder fire fighting apparatus, preparatory to purchasing one.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
May 27, 1940 (Monday)  
The major gasoline companies cut their prices on gasoline today and in Medford the price on ethyl dropped to 23 cents per gallon, regular to 21 cents and lead grade to 19 cents.  
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The Rogue river of song, story and witness now has a shirt named after it. It has a V-shaped front, no buttons, and has pockets in the tail, which are worn outside the trousers, enabling the wearer to appear fashionable instead of downright sloppy."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
May 27, 1930 (Wednesday)  
The Northern California Southern Oregon association starts work for the Crescent city harbor plan.  
County plans improvement to market roads during summer.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
May 27, 1920 (Thursday)  
Elks to hold a big picnic on the Rogue river Sunday.  
All stores of the city will remain closed Monday, Decoration Day.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
May 27, 1910 (Friday)  
A paving plan is being erected in Whitman park in preparation for the paving of a number of Medford's streets.  
An aviation show at Oak park nearly ended in tragedy today when the Curtis airplane, flown by the famed Paul Ely, crashed from a height of 10 feet; little damage was done, and Ely was uninjured.

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

1. Was it the Incas, or the Aztecs, who anciently lived in Mexico?
2. Is bituminous coal a hard, or a soft, coal?
3. Is the cheetah a member of the dog, cat, or ape family?
4. In the card game Pinochle, what is the lowest card?
5. What was the magic password used by Ali Baba to open the robber's cave in the "Arabian Nights' Entertainments"?
6. An unbranded calf is sometimes referred to as a m-----k?
7. How many persons would be engaged in a monologue?
8. Name the legendary Greek who had 100 eyes.
9. How many of the ten headed lepers returned to thank Jesus?
10. A lowest classman at the U. S. Military Academy is called a p-----e?

Answers: 1. Aztec. 2. Soft coal. 3. Cat family. 4. Nine. 5. "Open Sesame!" 6. Mince. 7. One. 8. Argus. 9. One. 10. Plebe.

## To Legislative Candidates

An open letter to candidates for the Oregon legislature:  
**Ladies and Gentlemen:**  
Events of the last week have shown, in a graphic manner, that the people of Oregon are fed up to the teeth with high property taxes.  
The 1960 legislature must, somehow, provide a measure of tax relief for property in this state.  
The property tax, at one time, was in a way an "ability to pay" type of tax, for landowners usually were people of substance who could afford the modest levies of those days.

**NO more.**  
Today the property tax hits hardest at older people, most of them on fixed incomes. It becomes, in effect, a penalty on them for having had the gumption and determination to purchase their own homes over the years.  
It also hits hard at young families, just getting their financial feet on the ground, who are trying to buy a place, send their children through school, and establish their place in the community — and all at a time before their income has grown to a point where these things can be readily done.

**THE** property tax, at its present levels, penalizes those who can least afford it. It is a penalty for becoming a responsible home-owning citizen.  
And, equally serious, the "revolt" against the property tax is threatening our schools, the integrity of city government, and the measures needed to keep local government abreast of its own growth.

The defeat of the Medford district school budget May 2, and the strong negative vote yesterday, were less a protest against the schools' program than they were protests against high property taxes.  
In Eugene, two of four tax measures were defeated last Friday. In Roseburg, voters defeated an "austerity" city budget. Elsewhere in the state, bonding and budget measures — some of them desperately needed — have been beaten down by voters because they all are based on property taxation. In Portland, several measures, including one for control of sewage pollution of the Willamette river, lost.

**YOU** candidates, as responsible and well-informed citizens, know that the services performed by city and county governments, by the schools, and by other local taxing units, are vital to the welfare of Oregon's citizens.  
Yet they are being threatened by over-dependence on the property tax.  
The elderly couple on social security, the young couple making their first home purchase, the couple with a big family of children — these are the hardest hit.  
May we respectfully suggest that a revision of the tax system to a more equitable basis be one of your first considerations when the legislature reconvenes next January. — E. A.

## O & C Reforestation

Last Sunday in this space we commented on the vast deficiency in reforestation, specifically on national forest land.  
We said the situation on O&C lands was "comparable."  
That word was intended to convey the idea that O&C lands, administered by the bureau of land management, also were not being reforested at an optimum rate.  
What we neglected to point out (and we have been gently taken to task for it) is that efforts to reforest O&C lands needing it are far in advance of the reforestation efforts permitted the forest service, even though they may still not be wholly adequate.

**THE** 18 O&C counties of western Oregon have allotted a million dollars from their share of forest receipts for reforestation, and it is being used.  
In the Medford BLM district alone, reforestation of 4,300 acres was undertaken during fiscal year 1959, and for the current fiscal year the total is 3,007.  
This action of the counties is far-sighted, for in no small measure their future stability lies with the forests, which, managed properly, are an eternally renewable resource. It is far more sensible than the tight-fisted policies of the budget bureau and congress when it comes to allowing the forest service to do necessary reforestation.

**AND**, while on the subject, we might comment that the O&C counties have shown other evidences of a forward-looking program on O&C lands.  
Not only have they allocated funds for reforestation, but they have also allocated money for the construction of more access roads, and for a modest beginning on the development of recreation centers on O&C lands.  
These measures, to be sure, are in the counties' own "enlightened self interest," but they are in contrast to some levels of government where penny-pinching today will result in far higher costs tomorrow, or in effects which will cost more than money in the long run. — E. A.

## Dennis the Menace



"MY THROAT WAS KINDA SORE. I THOUGHT I'D GARGLE WITH SOME ROOT BEER."

## Communications

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### He'll Fight Again

To the Editor: I would like to express my sincere thanks to the thousands of people who supported and voted for me in the past election. I wish I could thank each and every one individually.  
To many it seemed incredible that an unknown could pull such a large supporting vote. I believe, however, that it was the principles that made America great, which I expressed, that the people voted for, rather than myself.

To all those who believe in the Constitution and its principles of a limited federal government which gives the individuals the maximum amount of freedom and to fully reap the fruit of such individual energies, I would like to say:  
If we, as a nation, are able to survive this continuing inflation, the ever increasing taxation at all levels, the growing enormous national debt, the increasing regimentation of our lives by the federal government and the resulting threat of an economic disaster for the next two years, I again will come out fighting for that belief.  
Leslie Fleming  
Route 1, Box 183  
Springfield, Ore.

### The "Tramway" Again

To the Editor: Your correspondent, Mr. Doug Thompson, a student at Southern Oregon college, writes in the Mail-Tribune for May 2 that he thinks I have "stepped out of bounds" in attempting "to further commercialize Crater Lake National Park, which is not even in his district."  
He also states that the Mail Tribune poll showed that a majority of the readers are against the proposed aerial tramway to assist visitors from getting between the rim and the surface of the lake. I somehow missed seeing this poll.  
As a United States Representative I am not required to confine my attentions fully to matters geographically located within the bounds of the Fourth District of Oregon. Even if that were the rule, I can point out that the greater share of the visitors to Crater Lake come through Grants Pass and Medford, both of which are within the Fourth District. Moreover, the headquarters of the Crater Lake National Park is located in Medford.  
The idea of an aerial tramway was only presented by me for consideration and discussion by persons interested. I am having a model built so that the discussion can be better based on actual facts with respect to whether or not such an installation would mar the unique scenic beauty of this wonderful area.  
As for polls, the two I've taken and the two I've heard of all show majorities in favor of such an installation. However, it seems to me that such polls will be more meaningful when everyone (including myself) has a more concrete idea about how such an aerial tramway would actually look installed on a scale model and descending diagonally through the trees from the rim to the lake's edge.  
Charles O. Porter  
Member of Congress  
Washington, D.C.

### Report, and Thanks

To the Editor: The Blue Star Mothers of Medford wish to thank the people who bought blue daisies from us on the streets of Medford, May 30 and 31.  
We only have two days a

### year to sell them, and the weather didn't help us much this year, so we are short of the money we need, but very thankful for what we have.

We use this money on veterans' work, and have a group of wheelchair members of the White City domiciliary that we give a games party for each month.  
We give prizes of cigarettes and birthdays are remembered with a card and canteen book.  
Refreshments at these parties are furnished by the Blue Star Mothers themselves.  
We also do other things for White City, such as helping with refreshments at some of their parties.  
An occasional bus ride, watermelon bust, shrubs for the grounds and wool afghans, attend their funerals, and do what we can, as they are mostly so far from their own families.  
We donate to their emergency fund.  
This month we are sending clothing to an orphanage in Korea that is maintained by U. S. servicemen there.  
And we also donate a little toward New Mexico Indians, who live in the desert and have no government pensions.  
Any mother with a son or daughter in the Service (Army, Navy, Airforce or Coast Guard) is invited to join, if she is interested in this kind of work, and as an honor to her children in the armed forces.  
We are called "The Blue Star Mothers" because of the blue stars on our service flags during the war.  
Thanks again to all who bought a daisy. Hope to see you again next year.  
Mrs. E. P. (Grace) Kurz  
President, Chapter 2,  
Oregon District, Blue  
Star Mothers of America,  
360 De Barr ave.,  
Medford.

### 43, Not 62

To the Editor: To whom it may concern, I wish to clear the editor in the letter I wrote about smoking. Where it reads 62 years, the error is all mine. It should have said 43 years.  
Marshall H. Waggoner,  
P.O. Box 753,  
Central Point, Ore.

### Bi-Partisan

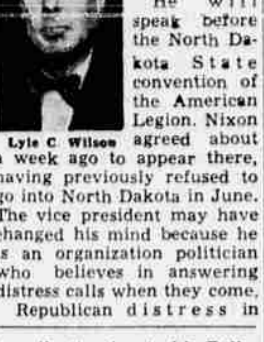
To the Editor: "Foreign affairs to be major issue in the coming election," they say.  
If they bring up that subject in the campaign, there ain't going to be nobody elected.  
Everett Acklin  
Ashland, Ore.

### The Ham in Mr. K

To the Editor: The big picture that seems to disturb the editorial writers and commentators is, "Why did Mr. K wish to delay his confab at the top of diplomacy?" All of which carries us back to that time when comic strips were based on humor. To wit: Adolph asks Oscar: "Why does a crab walk sideways?" Oscar answers: "In the first place he don't, and the second place why should he?"  
There seems to be a difference of opinion as to who shoved who behind the eight ball, because there has been a lot of pushing and shoving since Mr. K began his pilgrimage in search of the holy grail. He is not still the gentle Knight in shining armor that he seemed to be when he started his crusade for "Peace and friendship."  
Although we will not argue with his theory of economic and social evolution, we wish

# Nixon Faces Tough Role in Appearance In North Dakota; Faces Farm Vote Test

By LYLE C. WILSON  
Washington - (UPI) - Vice President Richard M. Nixon's toughest pre-convention chore is a Farm Belt speech booked for June 20.



Lyle C. Wilson agreed about a week ago to appear there, having previously refused to go into North Dakota in June.

The vice president may have changed his mind because he is an organization politician who believes in answering distress calls when they come.  
Republican distress in North Dakota centers around a June 28 special election to name a successor to the late Republican Sen. William Langer. North Dakota is a Republican state with maverick instincts.  
**Farm Vote Test**  
The June 28 special election will be a valid test of farm state voter sentiment just a month before the Republican National Convention meets in Chicago. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson and the price of farm products are the prime North Dakota issues.

That is what makes it tough for Nixon. It is not likely that he can get in and out of North Dakota without taking a firm and public position on farm policy. An American Legion speech can be devoted wholly to national defense and related matters. But there will be news conferences, huddles with political leaders and other occasions when Nixon will be asked to speak out.  
Gov. John E. Davis is the Republican senatorial nominee; Rep. Quentin Burdick the Democrat. If Burdick lacks Davis, the practical politicians in both parties will hold Benson responsible. Republican Farm Belt candidates for House and Senate would judge that result to mean that they must repudiate Benson to survive.  
For Nixon and the Republican Party, the election of a Democrat to fill Langer's seat would be damaging to morale. Nixon would be further hurt by a Democratic victory following his appearance in the state. The vice president may meet this situation by repudiating Benson as, for example, by announcing that Benson would not be in a Nixon cabinet.

### Against Eisenhower Policy

That would be big political news because it would represent a major break with the Eisenhower administration. If Republican Davis is elected, Republican chances of big congressional gains in the November election will improve. Election of Burdick would indicate that the Democrats would hold their own or better in the Farm Belt.  
The vice president's decision to go into North Dakota during the senatorial campaign came some weeks after Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York had accepted a campaign speaking engagement there. That rather put it up to Nixon.  
A side-line campaign issue is Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield's Metro system to improve mail delivery. The Metro system is for mail pick-ups over large areas by

### made up of living spirit cells that have a magnetic contact with our mineral or organic flesh cells as electricity does in mineral or water.

Helen Prevo  
222 West Jackson st.  
Medford.

### Copco's Raise

To the Editor: I for one sick to death of the petty complaints about Copco which have been recently appearing in your column.  
It's time someone spoke up in favor of Copco, which sells the cheapest necessary commodity available today. Power far cheaper than the telephones we all use every day, and yet nobody cares to think of it that way.  
This brings up a letter of May 20. She phoned the Copco office, while thanking heaven that the phone wasn't run on Copco's electricity. Apparently she had paid the phone company, or I am sure that they would have done exactly as Copco had one, and disconnected her phone.  
I know for a fact that Copco waits at least two months before turning off anyone's power, although they would be within their legal right, according to the Public Utilities commission, to do so within ten days of the first billing. The phone company, on the other hand, requires payment a month in advance of its use. Copco has, to my knowledge, when a financial problem was forthrightly stated to them, waited as long as three months to discontinue service, and only then if no part of the bill had been paid.

### Even Copco employees must pay their bills within the required time limits or they, too, find themselves faced with the prospect of cooking over a campfire. Also I'd like to see anyone try to buy gasoline on a credit card if they didn't pay their monthly bills, for any reason!

I hope that Copco gets the raise in rates that they are asking for. It's about time! Facts and figures showing the ratio of Copco's increases to the increases in the cost of living are available to anyone who cares enough to come in and ask for them. They speak for themselves. Nothing else is quite so useful yet so inexpensive as electricity.  
(Name withheld)

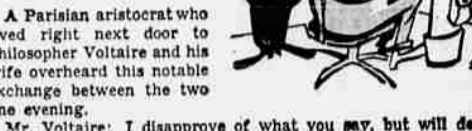
truck for sorting and rerouting from central stations. This hurts the railroads and may hasten the end of considerable rail service in the state.

Farmers, villagers, railway mail clerks do not like the Metro idea. Political pros think it will cost Republicans some votes.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

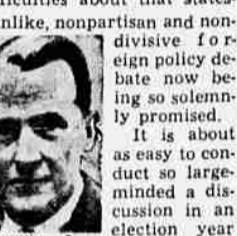
**M**OST UNCANNILY ACCURATE putter at the Rocky Gray Golf club was a character so myopic he couldn't read the top letter on an oculist's chart without a spyglass.  
Asked the secret of his success on the green, he explained, "It's these bifocals I wear. When I get on the green, I see two balls, one big, one small, and two holes, one big, one small. After that it's simply a matter of dropping the small ball in the big hole."



A Parisian aristocrat who lived right next door to philosopher Voltaire and his wife overheard this notable exchange between the two one evening.  
Mr. Voltaire: I disapprove of what you say, but will defend unto death your right to say it.  
Mrs. Voltaire: A-a-ah, shut up!  
A showgirl acquaintance of Jan Murray's saw so many playboys' etchings she quit the chorus and became an art critic.  
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## Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE



William S. White

**THE** ROW Washington—There are two difficulties about that statesmanlike, nonpartisan and non-divisive foreign policy debate now being so solemnly promised.  
It is about as easy to conduct so large a discussion in an election year as it would be to get Vice President Richard Nixon to join the Democratic National committee or Adlai Stevenson to praise the administration.  
And even if such a debate could be carried on in this splendid fashion, it would never really touch the one true issue. Our famous "spy plane" is not an air alert issue. Nor is the air alert issue. Nor is the air alert issue. Nor is the air alert issue.

But this real question won't really be debated. For both parties had long been so deeply committed to "going to the Summit" never mind how or in what power relationship to the Soviet Union—that neither party can now fairly cry out, "I told you so."

Indeed, one reason for the excessive washiness now being shown toward the Eisenhower administration is vested interest in a policy now shown to have been a dangerous illusion. Some devil must be found by the new critics—the "spy plane" or the air alert—simply because the only alternative would be to admit that the whole policy was wrong in the first place.  
**Hatfield Predicts Industrial Expansion**  
Portland - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield predicted Thursday that Oregon would undergo booming industrial expansion and 12-month payrolls through logical and scientific planning.  
Hatfield spoke at the monthly meeting of the Electric club in Oregon. Hatfield emphasized the importance of long-range planning.

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