

The M-T's New Press

Everyone in Southern Oregon reads The Mail Tribune. Published daily except Saturday by MEDFORD PRINTING CO., 21 North First St., Ph. 5F-2-0101.

There wasn't an employee of the Mail Tribune who didn't feel a little thrill of excitement Friday afternoon. That was when the big new press was first used to print a full issue of the Mail Tribune. It was the fulfillment of a long-time dream for many of us.

As usual, when a highly complex piece of machinery is first placed in service, there were a few minor "bugs" to be ironed out. But in the main the big unit performed smoothly and beautifully—"Like a clock," as Press Foreman Dick Greene said.

PICTURES of the press and of the new building which houses it will be found elsewhere.

An "open house," to which our readers will be invited, is planned in the near future, after we are all a bit more familiar with the operation. Meanwhile, spectators are welcome to watch the press in operation through the big windows of the new building.

We are, to put it bluntly, proud of the new equipment—as fine as that of any newspaper.

THE decision to make the investment (and it is a considerable one, in the neighborhood of a half-million dollars, all told), was predicated on the Mail Tribune's faith in the future of southern Oregon and northern California.

We know that the growth of the area (and of the Mail Tribune) has been solid and soundly-based. We know that this growth will continue, and we intend to grow right along with the area.

The new press is only one step, although a big one, in our continuing program of growth, improvement and service. This has included such things as additional staff members, the addition of UPI telephoto "pictures by wire," establishment of a regional news page, expanded coverage, and many top-grade features.

We confidently hope and plan to continue serving a growing area with an ever-improving product for many years to come.—E. A.

Try It, Bob

We have just finished reading an editorial in the Coos Bay World by a man named Robert L. Leedom, an editorial writer we admire. He is not happy with the state of American morality, and he cites an appalling list of examples to make his point—the Van Doren TV Quiz scandal, the Dick Clark payola scandal, the lies of the administration to the people of this nation and the world about the U-2.

He could have added a lot of others, too, if he'd wanted to. Such things as shoddy leadership in unions, the spreading cancer of juvenile crime and delinquency, cheating in schools and colleges, government agencies which don't do the job they are responsible for doing.

BOB must have been feeling a bit depressed when he wrote that piece, and we can sympathize, for there are times when we, too, get down in the mouth, and wonder where in the world we are going.

Is this America of ours turning rotten, decadent, and depraved? Are we going the way of Sodom and Gomorrah? Or Rome? These are questions which sometimes arise as one scans the headlines, and thinks of the virtues to which we all pay lip service—honesty, integrity, rectitude, chastity, sobriety.

WELL, perhaps. But the sun is shining as we write these words. And the depressing thoughts die down as we step to think that there is another side to this many-faceted America of ours.

There are, we affirm, more honest men than dishonest ones. There are, we affirm, more decent young people than there are "delinquents."

There are, we affirm, fewer people who cheat on their income tax than there are those who fill it out, laboriously, to the last cent.

There are more people who earn their living, and pay their bills, and raise up their children with ideals of honor, than there are of the poor souls who seek the fast buck, duck the bill collector, and let their kids run wild.

AND we affirm this even after watching four young teen-age girls make absolute nuisances and fools of themselves in a motion picture theater the other night.

We affirm it even after hearing an insolent, fuzzy-chinned youth demand that his name be kept out of the paper for his arrest for excessive noise—because, he said, if his folks found out they'd really crack down on him.

We affirm it because we have seen too many fine young people; too many honest citizens; too many hard-working and dedicated public servants in city, county, school district, state and federal government.

WE know they are in the vast majority. It is they who constitute the strength of America; they who keep in their hearts the ideals of America; they who practice self-discipline; they who carry in their hearts the courage it takes to do a job and keep upright and live a blameless, wholesome, helpful life.

When things look gloomy, when the Russians bluster and bluff and threaten, when our leadership looks shaky and dowdy and ineffectual and inept, when we worry over crime and traffic deaths and payola and general stupidity, it is the thought of such people that brings us back to an even keel.

Try it, Bob.—E. A.

Dennis the Menace



"I'M TAKIN' ALONG A BOTTLE OF CATSUP! YOU NEVER GET MY SANDWICHES RED ENOUGH!"

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.

It's a National Problem
To the Editor: I have read, with a great deal of interest, Mrs. Nye's article on the school finance problem.

This is a real problem as those who pay the taxes on our schools so well know. At the present time there is a terrific turmoil over education and the taxes necessary to supply the money for educational purposes.

Each parent desires for his children a broad education; but many are unwilling or unable to pay the terrific tax load. This tax load is heavier in some areas than others, emphasizing the statewide nature of our problem, yet many are too wrapped up in their own petty problems to see the broad aspects of local, state and nationwide problems with relation to their children's education.

Some areas are able to give their children exceptional educational facilities, while others must make-do with either inadequate, or at best, minimum standards. With our present fluid population and increasing density, this inequality of education is of concern to the entire country.

The penalties to society which accompany these inadequate educational products follow these walking production examples wherever they go and become a burden to the local taxpayer. Until the basic FACT is accepted, that each child's education affects everybody in the country, and as is now, in the world, we will never have equal educational opportunities for our children.

I do not like to see the government take over business which should be handled by the states. However, in this instance, this problem is a NATIONAL problem and NOT a local one and should be financed by the government so that each pupil will have equal educational facilities.

The weight of the unequalized tax burden and the widespread consequences of inadequate education, both dictate that some relief must be extended to the local taxpayer. Robert H. Worrall, E.E. Route 1 Box 265-A, Rogue River, Ore.

Thanks for Rescue
To the Editor: On behalf of Pete Schoening and ourselves, all members of the Mt. McKinley climbing party, we want to express our heartfelt thanks for the tremendous effort made by so many people from Anchorage and the Pacific Northwest in our rescue from the upper area of Mt. McKinley.

Our party fell 400 to 500 feet down an icy slope. Jim Whittaker and Pete Schoening were knocked unconscious for a day and a half. John Day had a broken leg. Serious frostbite followed in the next few hours.

Fortunately another party on the mountain saw our fall and helped, and could radio for rescue. We are completely overwhelmed by the scope of the rescue effort that developed on our behalf. We are grieved by the death of two great men. We find it impossible to express sufficient thanks to the great number of people and merchants who sacrificed their time, money and special skills, and the families of these men and their employees, who all contributed to this rescue. So to you all we give thanks for our lives.

John Day
Jim Whittaker
Louis Whittaker
Seattle, Wash.

Annexation Objection
To the Editor: I get so burned up when I read in the paper about the City Council of Medford pulling "booby traps" on the suburban people by annexing their property to the City of Medford without their consent.

If that is a state law, then it is time it was changed. The city people of Medford have no business voting on something that does not concern them and they know nothing about it.

Those 179 people in those two districts should have the right to vote alone whether they wanted to be annexed or not.

When people go suburban

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

On the political front, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller joins Adlai Stevenson as a Barkis who is "willin'". He tells reporters in Albany (capital of the state of New York, of which he is governor) that he would ACCEPT A DRAFT for the Republican nomination for President.

But— He added— "I want to make one point certain. I will accept the Presidential designation but I WILL NOT RUN FOR VICE-PRESIDENT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES."

THE New York state Republican organization immediately rallied behind Governor Rockefeller and agreed that its 96-vote delegation would go to the Republican convention uncommitted to Vice-President Nixon.

Rockefeller supporters pointed out that while his announcement was not surprising it made certain his availability in the event that Mr. Nixon should shut his toe or that there was a drastic change in Republican thinking before the convention delegates meet in July.

HMMMMMMMM

Mr. Rockefeller is a good man. No one denies that. This is a free country, and Mr. Rockefeller has a perfect right to do exactly as he pleases in the way of being a candidate or not being a candidate. If his decision is that he must be top man or nothing, it is his right to make that decision.

But here's a thought: Our attitude toward the vice-presidency is changing. There was a time in our history . . . rather long time . . . when just ANYBODY who could swing a lot of votes would go down to be a candidate for vice-president.

THOSE days are gone. No longer can we afford that attitude toward the man who in the event of death or disability of the nation's Chief Executive will BECOME PRESIDENT by constitutional succession.

THE Presidency of the United States is the biggest job in the world. It is so big and vast and so complicated that the man who is to fill it competently needs to SERVE AN APPRENTICESHIP. The vice-presidency is a natural apprenticeship.

I think most of us stand ready to concede that Mr. Rockefeller is a good man. But I think a lot of us will feel a sense of disappointment as a result of his flat announcement that he must be top dog or no dog at all.

He is young enough to serve an apprenticeship as vice-president, and the experience of the past few years indicates rather clearly that EXPERIENCE comes in mighty handy in the Presidency.

Mr. Eisenhower is a great President. But he himself is probably ready to admit that he could have been an even more successful President if when he came into the office he had had back of him a term in the vice-presidency.

Walter Gabriel Howells, Neb. P.S.—There is yet a way out, of course!

Screwy World

To the Editor: A news item in the Mail Tribune of May 25 says, "Living costs soar to record height, Portland consumer index hits 127.5."

We are living in a screwy world. God has given us the Sunshine and the Rains in their seasons. And our storehouses are filled to overflowing.

But still the price of food is soaring from month to month. At any rate it would be very hard for the low income people of Medford if it were not for the thrifty trading stamps we get, and the many advertisements that end with the figure 9. That way we save the dollars. Also the full page ad's, circus size letters of the bargains, so there is no excuse for us to overlook them.

No doubt Mr. Everett Acklin's screwy letters will soon make sense to us also. John F. Peterson 1113 South Oakdale ave. Medford.

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Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE SENATE INQUIRY
By joining the Democrats in voting for the kind of inquiry which Senator Fulbright has proposed, the Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee have shown great good sense. They have brushed aside those who in their innocence and their ignorance have hoped they could silence the critics and shout down the opposition.

In doing this the Republican Senators have acted in the best American tradition of public life. They have acted according to the principles described by Governor Rockefeller.

Had they failed to provide for a responsible and intelligent inquiry, the causes and the consequences of the fiasco would inevitably have become the subject of ruthless political demagoguery. Not to inquire and not to debate the issues soberly and responsibly could mean only that the alley fighters would take charge of them. National unity and the public interest will be better served by the example of Governor Rockefeller than by the example of Senator Dirksen.

WITH Senator Fulbright's chairman, the inquiry is in very good hands. It is a most difficult inquiry in that the big issues are unique. They have never before been posed publicly in this country, so far as I know, in any other. To understand them clearly and to judge them accurately calls for a degree of sophistication and of worldliness which must seem cynical and immoral to those who are inexperienced in the dark and seamy side of international life.

All governments, at any rate all great powers, live a double life. In the one, which is avowed and public, they are the respectable husbands and fathers in the midst of a proud family. In the other, which is the various intelligence operations, they have a variety of mistresses and their illegitimate offspring which they support but do not acknowledge. In the open life they practice monogamy and in their hidden life they practice adultery. And the assumption and the hope is that the hidden life will never have to be discussed in the open life.

THIS was our situation, and indeed the situation of the Soviet Union, Great Britain, and France, until the week before the summit meeting. Then the U2 was unexpectedly brought down, substantial parts of the plane were unexpectedly recovered, and the pilot survived. There was no doubt that an American plane had been caught in the act of spying.

This posed a very embarrassing problem for the President and his advisors. Should they take the conventional way out, which Mr. Khrushchev offered them, which the State Department in its first thought wanted to take? This was to say that the flight of Powers had not been ordered in Washington. This would have been a half-truth. But it was the kind of conventional half-truth which all governments employ when they find themselves in such a jam. Conventionally, too, such a way out would be accompanied, as Senator Kennedy has quite properly suggested, by a formal and perfunctory expression of regret.

In view of the fact that the President had made the initial error of not suspending such flights before the summit meeting, it was a fatal error to reject the conventional way out, to let the President avow that he had full responsibility and to argue that the flight was righteous and necessary, that by implication such flights would continue. This was an irreparable mistake. To be sure the half-truth would not have been flattering to the President, particularly because it would have fitted too neatly the world's picture of him as not attending wholly to his job. But there was no good way out of the consequences of this unlucky accident, and the way we did take was the most damaging of all.

THE damage done by the policy of avowal was not confined to the effect on the summit conference. It is arguable that Mr. K would have broken up the summit meeting, even without the U2, over Berlin.

But what seems to me clear is that if the President had followed the conventions of the spy business, he would not find himself where he is today. He would not find himself committing this country solemnly and publicly before the world to the doctrine that it will not do any more aerial reconnaissance over any other nation's territory. Having avowed too much, the President has had to renounce much too much, more than was necessary.

UNAVOIDABLY the affair raises a question which is political, although not necessarily partisan. I say this because if Governor Rockefeller were the Republican candidate, the question would not arise.

The question is this. The U2 is a brilliant achievement in modern technology, and it has proved itself to be a marvelous instrument of intelligence. The question is whether the ultimate administration of this delicate and dangerous and most useful instrument is in competent hands, and whether in even graver matters which may have to be decided, the country can have confidence that it is wisely and shrewdly and competently led.

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POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

Spring scene, during the rare and welcome sunshine Friday.

The Sears store, with lawn furniture played out of doors, and with weary high school students, en route home, sprawled all over it in various degrees of relaxation.

At a recent meeting of the Jackson county employees' association, one member remarked that one big fault of some employees is procrastination. "Yes," said another member, "and another fault is always putting things off."

CONVENTION ODE
The politicians, kempt and slick,
Are optimistic. But the joke is,
They cannot breathe, the air's too thick
In the room where all the smoke is.

One of our young men saw a television program called "Open End" for the first time the other day. Before he found out that it's sort of a protracted interview show, he was under the impression that it was a sort of soap box opera — or at least a women's conversational program.

We had sort of hoped that we'd hear from that Man In Phoenix last week, but he passed us by. The reason that we hoped he'd write us with his usual clipping and usual caustic comment is that because we're ready for him this time. The following (taken from the Capitol Christian of Sacramento, and brought to us with TMIP in mind by a thoughtful reader) is for his benefit:

"If you find a mistake in this paper, please consider it was put there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes."

There, Fletcher!

The county employees association newsletter the other day quoted a weekly editor as writing, "Our greatest difficulty in gathering and reporting news lies in the fact that every item is either a matter of common knowledge, or has not progressed sufficiently to comment upon at the time we go to press."

And do you know what our courthouse reporter said when he read this?
He said "Amen."

It also reminds us of the weekly editor that we heard about once from a fellow that used to work here. This editor's paper came out a day or so after everyone finished digging out from the darndest snowfall in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. And not a word did his paper say about the storm. "Why should I?" he replied when asked why not. "Everyone knew about it any way."

Our farm editor attended a recent banquet for a Future Farmers of America chapter, and he swears that he overheard the following:

A local farmer was the guest speaker, and was telling about the proper practices for spreading fertilizer.

"Now, when you spread manure . . ." he started out. Whereupon, his 8 m l 1 daughter, sitting in the audience, turned to her mother and said, "But mother, he's supposed to say 'fertilizer,' not 'manure!'"

"Hush, dear," the mother replied. "It took me 15 years just to get him to say 'manure.'"

Nothing improves your driving like being followed by a police car.

Horse sense is what keeps horses from betting on people.

IT IS not hard to foresee the moment when American policy will shift far enough to put France and Britain on a footing of complete equality. Unless both Nikita S. Khrushchev and Mao Tse-Tung are as placid as dead mutton all summer, President Eisenhower is quite obviously going to need President De Gaulle's moral and political support at some time in the near future. Everything, including the support of a loyal ally, may carry a price tag on occasion.

But it also easy to foresee that mere equality of footing with Britain will not satisfy De Gaulle. Nothing will satisfy him, short of a complete and profound American reappraisal of the problem of the deterrent.

Significantly, many of the wisest American strategists are already beginning to think that sharing the moral burden of the deterrent may not be altogether unwise.

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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 29, 1950 (Monday)
Cave Junction Mayor Elwood Hussey narrowly escaped death yesterday when he picked up a hitchhiker who tried to set off a bomb in his car; the hitchhiker later committed suicide.

20 YEARS AGO
May 29, 1940 (Wednesday)
Earl B. Day, Jackson county judge, yesterday mailed his letter of resignation to Gov. Charles A. Sprague, who accepted the resignation, and appointed J. B. Coleman to fill the post.

30 YEARS AGO
May 29, 1930 (Thursday)
Main street was enlivened last night by four noisy charivari; two groups invaded residential districts and police were flooded with complaints.

40 YEARS AGO
May 29, 1920 (Saturday)
A new Central Point public library opened here today. A new foreman has been selected to take charge of drilling at the Trigonina oil well in Fern valley.

50 YEARS AGO
May 29, 1910 (Sunday)
County court planning to split the city of Medford into six voting precincts instead of the existing two.

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

- 1. What country is called "Land of the Rising Sun"?
- 2. Name the Mohawk Indian chief's daughter who rescued Capt. John Smith?
- 3. What famous writing originated at Mt. Sinai?
- 4. Mrs. Clara Booth Luce served as American ambassador to what country?
- 5. Who "emceed" the recent Oscar Academy Awards event?
- 6. Name the queen who had the longest reign in English history?
- 7. What happened to Lot's wife when she looked back on the city of Sodom and was escorted by two angels, she was escaping from its destruction with her husband and two unmarried daughters?
- 8. How long did the Hebrew patriarch Methuselah live?
- 9. Name the three sons of Adam and Eve?
- 10. The Protestant Reformation was started by whom?

- Answers: 1. Japan, 2. Pocahontas (daughter of Powhatan), 3. The Ten Commandments, 4. Italy, 5. Bob Hope, 6. Queen Victoria (1837-1901), 7. She was turned into a pillar of salt, 8. 969 years, 9. Cain, Abel, Seth, 10. Martin Luther.