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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 (Wednesday)
May 31, 1950
Edward Canose, assistant fire chief since 1939, has been promoted to chief of the Medford fire department.
A Naval Reserve electronics unit is being organized here.

20 YEARS AGO
May 31, 1940 (Friday)
No postal money orders for delivery in Belgium, The Netherlands or Luxembourg are being sold at U.S. post offices because of the Nazi take-over in those countries, Medford Postmaster Frank DeSouza has announced.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Laid end to end, Eugene's cracked, uneven sidewalks would impede even Hitler's blitzkriegers." (Eugene News)

30 YEARS AGO
May 31, 1930 (Saturday)
A 100-year-old fifty cent piece was found yesterday in a Medford hotel cigar stand till.
Petitions for closing Rogue river to commercial fishing are widely signed.

40 YEARS AGO
May 31, 1920 (Monday)
More than 150 persons attend Elks picnic on Rogue river yesterday.
Frank Clark, Medford, named member of Oregon board of architects.

50 YEARS AGO
May 31, 1910 (Tuesday)
The flood which damaged the Amant dam on the Rogue river last winter destroyed the fish way and literally millions of salmon are dying in futile attempts to make their way up the river.
The secretary of the second annual Land and Irrigation exposition to be held in Chicago next November, arrived in Medford today to try and convince local orchardists and farmers that Rogue valley must be represented.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. From which direction is the wind when the arrow on a weather vane points north?
2. Is the common food of a garter or ribbon snake animal or vegetable?
3. From whom did Joe Louis win the world's heavy-weight boxing championship?
4. What famous document begins "When in the course of human events it is become necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands, etc?"
5. What body of water encircles the North Pole?
6. Is the Panama Canal longer than 60 miles?
7. Where is Woodrow Wilson buried?
8. Who was the first woman to swim the English Channel?
9. Is an adjective expressing some quality called an epithet or an epithet?
10. What is the name of the island from which Paul escaped after he was shipwrecked?
Answers: 1. North. 2. Animal. 3. Jim Braddock. 4. The Declaration of Independence. 5. Arctic Ocean. 6. No. 7. Washington, D. C. 8. Gertrude Ederle. 9. Epithet. 10. Melita (A.M.S.).

Dams and Recreation

When the corps of Army engineers sets about planning a project, it is limited in the sorts of benefits it can use in determining whether the project is justifiable.

Flood control is the corps' chief business in building river projects, but water supply, electric power, and reclamation also can be figured in. Now it is proposed that recreational benefits be named as a specific consideration which the corps can use in planning projects. And it's high time.

THE new wildlife and recreation committee of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress has called for just such action.

Congressman Ed Edmondson, chairman of the committee, noted that the engineers have not developed, or been given, any "yardstick" by which the dollar value of recreation can be determined.

Several bills pending in Congress fix \$1 per person per visit as the annual value of such benefits. "This is an arbitrary figure," Edmondson is quoted in the Washington Post as saying, "but so is the engineers' estimate of flood damages avoided by an approved project."

THE Washington Post story continues: "Edmondson said that when a reservoir floods out part of a town . . . the engineers located new town-sites and help the displaced persons move. "He argued that the same responsibility exists 'when a reservoir covers up a lot of land formerly available for recreation . . . Otherwise the sportsmen and other recreation seekers are short-changed.' "The Oklahoman said it was inevitable that federal appropriations for water resources development would soon have to be doubled . . .

"In another resolution, the committee urged that it be federal policy to buy enough adjacent acreage to guarantee access and use of the recreational benefits by the public. "The committee also urged continuation of the federal anti-pollution control program, with its provisions for matching funds, so as to preserve and protect the recreational and wildlife facilities we now enjoy."

ANYONE with half an eye these days knows the extent of use which recreation-seekers give to federal river development projects.

Shasta lake, for instance, was designed primarily as a reclamation project, with power generation a secondary benefit. But its principal value to thousands upon thousands of people in northern California and southern Oregon is its recreational potential—boating, water-skiing, camping, fishing, swimming, skin-diving.

The big dams along the Columbia river, primarily built for power generation, created reservoirs—and these have in turn resulted in a revolution in recreation in the mid-Columbia area, where yacht clubs are now as frequent as they are along the ocean coast.

EVERYONE, of course, is affected by the flood control, power and irrigation aspects of river development.

But they are not affected as personally, nor are they as conscious of it, as they are by the recreational potential. As the amount of leisure time Americans enjoy increases, and as the living standard continues to mount, pressures for more recreational facilities also will mount.

Recognizing this in the laws governing planning of new river projects would simply be recognizing the needs and desires of a majority of the people.—E. A.

Write-Ins

Human beings are perverse creatures. After each election, counting boards and county clerk's deputies put in long hours not only counting votes, but also recording written-in votes for Matt Dillon, Donald Duck, and other non-candidates, actual and fictional.

This costs money, it delays the compilation of results, and is a practice deplored by sober-sided citizens who view the franchise as a sacred responsibility.

But there's another side of the coin, too. It indicates that the citizen-voter in America, while exercising his franchise responsibility, is not above a touch of humor now and then.

A vote for Donald Duck for, say, president, can be construed as a voter's wry comment on the number, or quality, of the candidate or candidates whose name or names appear on the ballot.

Other write-ins, serious ones, oftentimes can effect the outcome of an election. At other times, they can have a considerable psychological effect. (It will, for instance, be interesting to see the number of write-ins, when they are all finally tallied, for Rockefeller and Stevenson—neither of them candidates on the Oregon ballots. If the number is considerable, it could be used to some effect at the two party conventions.)

In any event, the write-in affords one way to blow off a little steam, and is the right of any sceptical American voter.—E. A.

Ex-Medford Man Gets Fellowship

Donald M. Bowers, a graduate of Medford High school in 1943. He is now a sixth grade teacher at Antioch, Calif., where his wife also teaches. The Graduate Fellowship includes a stipend sufficient to cover all expenses for the summer of study in the most recent methods of teaching science and mathematics in the elementary school. Following the institute, Mr. and Mrs. Dana W. Bowers, 48 Rose ave., Medford, was graduated from Medford High school in 1943. He is now a sixth grade teacher at Antioch, Calif., where his wife also teaches. The Graduate Fellowship includes a stipend sufficient to cover all expenses for the summer of study in the most recent methods of teaching science and mathematics in the elementary school. Following the institute, Mr. and Mrs. Dana W. Bowers, 48 Rose ave., Medford, was graduated

Dennis the Menace



"I THINK I GOT SOMETHIN' ON MY SHOE . . ."

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.

Sunday and Sabbath

To the Editor: One thing that I have come to learn is not to argue religion and politics. In fact it doesn't pay to argue about any matter. That doesn't prohibit free discussion of matters where differences arise. I once had a preacher friend who entered into a public debate with a group opposed to his views. "I'll hang their hide on a fence rail," he had said. There was hide on the fence rail, all right, before it was over, but I believe part of it was his. I don't believe our Blessed Lord went around with any such views in mind. And His followers are to imitate His example. The following is not being brought up for the sake of argument or debate. In the May 1 issue of "This Week" under "Words to Live By" appeared a one-page spread entitled "Isn't Sunday Wonderful?"

Under this heading appeared the following lines: "Sunday in America is a day of rest, worship, relaxation, a day of sociability. It is a round of golden hours that form a kind of halo for a week of busyness and care. It is the time to stop, to reflect, to refresh and to regain our perspective. It is a day apart—both an end and a beginning. What more is there to say about Sunday? Here in the words of the Bible, writers, thinkers, poets, are some answers."

Perhaps now some of your Tribune readers could throw some light on what the author of the above lines meant in what he put as answers. He was plainly speaking of Sunday, the general day of worship for most people. His first Bible text was Exodus 20, 8-10. I read it and it said the Sabbath, referring to the seventh day, was to be kept holy. Then his next text was Mark 2, 27. Here it says the Sabbath was made for man.

These were the only two Bible texts given and the confusing part for me, they did not prove the position he was taking. Part of the poet's quotations referred to Sunday, but not any Bible texts. Now I know that surely among its 18,000 subscribers the Tribune will have some good Bible students who can help classify the position of the writer of the article in "This Week." I appreciate their views.

Henry Johnson Jr. 2400 Highway 66 Ashland, Ore.

Climbers Criticized
To the Editor: Since I am an ex-Medford citizen, I am sending you a copy of the editorial that appeared in our paper pertaining to your Mr. John Day. I can truthfully say that this is the unanimous sentiment of all of us who live here and have observed this foolhardy climb. I trust that your newspaper will reflect some of this sentiment rather than make a hero of him. The real heroes are those men who died and those who risked death to get these men off the mountain.

Mrs. D. J. Bailey Anchorage, Alaska (formerly 2603 Cottonwood st., Medford)

The editorial from The Anchorage Daily Times follows: WHAT PRICE GLORY FOR THESE CLIMBERS? The tragedy on Mount McKinley last week resulted from the antics of men motivated by vanity, immature

courage or some other frivolous self-purpose. A trail of death and loss of property has been left behind. All because a small group of men sought fame and glory by attempting the fastest climb up and down the highest peak in North America. The tragedy is a permanent blotch on the record of the men involved. They should have known better. The members of the party had much experience with mountain climbing. They had participated in rescue work on lesser peaks in other parts of the nation. They had seen the bloody and often fatal results that come from miscalculations. Yet they brazenly came to Alaska and for their own vain purposes tried to make the fastest climb to the top of Mount McKinley and down again.

Many heroes were made as mankind responded to save them. The story of the rescue was, indeed, a thrilling one. But it should not be overlooked that the entire episode was the result of the small and selfish thinking of the group of high-speed artists who caused it. It is always gratifying when man demonstrates that human values are still held high, and that one is ready and willing to risk his life and his property to help his fellow man. More than 60 persons joined the volunteer groups that braved the hazards of climbing the mountain for the rescue.

There was no thought in their minds of the needlessness of the incident in the first place. There was no motivation such as vanity or publicity or some other small purpose that prompted them to participate. They acted in behalf of those in trouble without regard to themselves. The rescuers were symbols of the highest qualities of humanity. They earned the admiration and esteem of all who followed their exploits. The villains of this story were the hot-footed climbers who thought they would make themselves great by setting a speed record for climbing the highest peak of North America.

These foolhardy climbers should blush with shame every time it is mentioned they were the ones who figured in the mountain tragedy. They cannot possibly compensate their rescuers monetarily for their efforts. But worst of all, they have caused two good men to sacrifice the right to live on this earth. The climbers are entitled to get home from this expedition. Instead of being heroes they should be viewed as curiosities. Fortunately, the world has few such characters who will pull such a stunt. They would be more desirable citizens of today's society if they were to sit on flagpoles seeking publicity and fame, rather than create a situation where others must pay for their frivolities.

Matter of Fact by Joseph Alsop

THE LONDON VIEWPOINT
London - As usual after a fairly harrowing experience, the Western leaders are making a great deal about their past solidarity and present identity of views. The protestations are loudest in London, perhaps because the views of Joseph Alsop London are the furthest from being identical with the views of the other allies.

There is a single basic reason why Prime Minister Macmillan's views differ from those of President Eisenhower, and differ even more widely with the views of Gen. De Gaulle. Macmillan's calculations of the risks of the cold war is decidedly more somber than Eisenhower's calculation, and very much more somber than De Gaulle's.

The difference was neatly expressed by the contrasting French, American and British reactions in the period of uncertainty just prior to Nikita Khrushchev's Berlin speech announcing that he would do nothing for six to eight months, when another summit conference might be convened.

IN this brief moment after the explosion at the summit the French were blandly unconcerned, because they were

for rural fire districts; 16.8 per cent for cities; 81.6 per cent for schools. Please note that four-fifths of the tax dollar is required for the support of schools, and yet, would you vote to close public schools in order to cut taxes? The proposed Federal Aid to Education program could cut your taxes approximately 40 per cent, and under this plan, schools would be supported in a manner similar to the Public Welfare Program. States where per capita income is low, as it is now in Oregon, would be supplemented through federal funds acquired from taxation in all states and paid on a basis of ability of that state to pay. Such a program would not only aid our tax problem in Oregon, but it would aid many other states, and it would serve to stabilize education across our nation, guaranteeing that all children in all areas would have the same opportunities for public schooling.

Opponents of this plan label it "socialistic." It is no more socialistic than the Public Welfare Program, the Social Security Act, compulsory military training and armaments programs, or other similar federal agencies. As a candidate, I would like to announce publicly that I am in favor of Federal Aid to schools and I plan to do everything in my power to see that such aid is assured, not only for the building of schools and the hiring of teachers, but for the training of more teachers of better qualifications, and the provision of implements of learning necessary to the child in school. To go further, I will also work to bring about the facilities for continued education for adults on the basis of my belief that a better educated America will, in the future, be able to solve its problems and avoid such undesirable situations as we are now in, a minor example of which is this tax burden which we have acquired without due consideration to ways and means of paying for services we vote for.

I welcome letters to me presenting readers' suggestions and any reasonable plan which they feel might offer a solution to this inequitable property tax.

Inez Holcomb P.O. Box 145 Medford

Foresighted Men
To the Editor: It was in 1906 when I invested in a small ranch near Medford, and for over 35 years I have been a reader of the Medford Mail Tribune.

I believe it would be good if in the Mail Tribune could be found once in a while to remind people God created those mountain springs of water that now supply Medford, in every home and building, for every need, and thanks to the far-sighted, progressive people of Medford in the early days.

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Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

RESPONSIBLE INQUIRY
Washington - A man named William Fulbright is perched now on a high and swaying wire as the Senate inquires into the collapse of the summit conference.

As chairman of the investigating group, the Senate Foreign Relations committee, Fulbright carries responsibilities of a weight not carried by any other senator within a decade. The last parallel case to the job he confronts was in 1950 when another senate committee headed by Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia conducted an inquiry on President Truman's recall of Gen. Douglas MacArthur from command in the Korean war.

Fulbright himself sees his mission as to bring out the facts about the abortive summit but not to bring them out in such a way as further to divide the country or to inflame an already harsh partisan argument.

HIS committee's investigation will, however, test more than whether he can prevail in this hope. It will also test whether the right to know can be upheld without serious injury to national interest and without making the committee now a launching pad for rival Presidential candidacies.

It is not altogether a coincidence that this investigation, like the one in the MacArthur issue, is headed by a Southerner. Rightly or wrongly, the Southerners control all the Senate's inner processes—and set all its inner tone.

There may be many occasions when this circumstance is a bad thing. In the present case of facts it can only be described as a very good thing. The country's purposes would surely not be served by a slashing, headline-happy inquiry into this affair.

AND Southerner Fulbright like Southerner Russell before him—can be depended

by events. But the future really depends on calculations of risk made in the recesses of the Kremlin; and in these circumstances, it is only prudent to take the cold war very seriously indeed.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE HEADMASTER of a Connecticut school had one student on his rolls who was a hopeless addict of murder stories and whodunits. This kid knew all about Mickey Spillane and Raymond Chandler, but precious little about Shelley and Keats.

The exasperated headmaster yanked a wild and woolly paperback out of the kid's hands one day and handed him a dictionary. "Study this for the remainder of the period," he suggested dryly. At the hour's end the unabashed boy handed the dictionary back and remarked cheerfully, "This is pretty corny stuff, Professor. I glanced at the last page, and as I suspected, the zebra did it!"

A very fat, very noisy, very objectionable woman took it upon herself to heckle night club comedian Jack E. Leonard from a ringside table. Leonard squelched her beautifully to the delight of the entire audience by having the spotlight turned on her and asking her tenderly, "Didn't I wrestle you in Toledo last Tuesday?"

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