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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**  
June 2, 1950 (Friday)  
Hollywood radio personalities and some of states best aquatic talent will take part in dedication of city's new Hawthorne park swimming pool on June 4.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
June 2, 1940 (Sunday)  
Medford police arrested a 45-year-old hobo yesterday after he allegedly took two cases of baby's milk from a Southern Pacific railroad refrigerator car.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
June 2, 1930 (Monday)  
President Herbert Hoover has announced he plans to visit Crater Lake this summer.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
June 2, 1920 (Wednesday)  
Ten tourist families stop at city of Medford's free auto camp.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
June 2, 1910 (Thursday)  
Judge E. E. Kelly accompanied one of aviators here for air show on a flight yesterday and became Medford's first citizen ever to fly in an airplane.

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

1. Who was known as the "Swedish Nightingale"?
2. Which U.S. President first visited a foreign country while in office?
3. By what authority did the U.S. exist before the adoption of the constitution?
4. Is the planet Neptune larger than the earth?
5. Which actor was called "The Great Profile"?
6. Do all bees work to gather honey?
7. Is the island of Guam east or west of the Philippines?
8. What is meant by "per diem"?
9. When President Johnson was impeached was he deprived of his office?
10. How many cards are in a bridge deck?

- Answers: 1. Jenny Lind. 2. Theodore Roosevelt. 3. The Articles of Confederation. 4. Yes. 5. John Barrymore. 6. No. 7. East. 8. By the day. 9. No. he was acquitted. 10. Fifty-two.

### Sensible Basic Rule

A lot of people who should know what they're talking about are working vigorously for a change in Oregon's basic rule speed law. This rule, as phrased by the Portland Traffic Safety Commission the other day, is this:

"Oregon's speed law, the basic rule, makes it a violation to drive at an unsafe speed at any time. Variable conditions of road, weather, physical efficiency of vehicle and driver, make it impossible to legislate set limits that will result in safe speeds at all times.

"The key to proper speed is simple—vehicular control. The law says you must have your car under complete control whenever you drive. As a driver you are charged with full responsibility for safe travel by this law."

IT'S a good law. Those who want it changed recognize that it is a sensible rule, and their efforts are aimed at superimposing a flat maximum speed limit on the basic rule. There are some proposed variations.

What these proposals do not fully take into consideration is that the basic rule covers all traffic situations; a maximum speed limit does not. Seventy miles an hour, in a good car with an alert driver, on a well-engineered highway, in good weather, may be a safe maximum. It certainly isn't, however, on the Crater Lake highway between Trail and Cascade Gorge, for instance.

THE effort for a maximum speed limit, it appears, is more as an assist in law enforcement than it is in actually improving the law itself. The basic rule is, admittedly, not too easy to enforce, for the burden of proof is upon the police officer to show that a speeding car was actually operating at an unsafe speed, taking all conditions into consideration.

(Many police officers will admit that the drive for a speed limit is due, at least in part, to the reluctance of too many judges to find drivers guilty of basic rule violation, or to impose sufficiently stiff penalties when they do.)

The "designated" speeds in Oregon are guides, not flat rules, and going faster than they say is only prima facie evidence of violation of the basic rule, not a violation in itself.

A flat maximum, on the other hand, would only require the officer to show the suspect exceeded a certain stated speed.

BUT (as a glance at the court records will show) the basic rule IS enforced to a degree. We hold the belief that gains in traffic safety lie in the direction of better driver education, a wider application of the selective handling of "repeat" violators, and better engineering.

As roads improve, as consistent violators are removed from the highways, and as the caliber of drivers improves (and it is gradually improving), the highways will not only become safer, but the basic rule will become better understood and better obeyed.

The basic rule, for intelligent and conscientious drivers, makes sense. A flat maximum speed limit, under today's conditions, doesn't.—E.A.

### "Probable Cause"

Another proposed change in the Oregon law designed to improve traffic safety makes more sense, to us, than amendment of the basic rule. This proposal would permit officers to make arrest for "probable cause" when a driver is suspected of driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

At present, officers can arrest on well-grounded suspicion in the case of many serious law violations, but in the case of drunk driving, the officer has to witness it, personally.

THIS results in some ridiculous situations. A driver can have crashed into a tree (or another innocent driver's car), can be dead drunk, and yet the best officer can do is to cite him for drunkenness on a public highway.

We do not see that anyone's rights to a fair trial would be taken away by a "probable cause" provision in the case of drunk driving. It would, in fact, bring the provisions of this law more into conformity with other standard criminal practice. And driving while unable to drive properly, due to alcohol, is a crime.—E.A.

### And "Implied Consent"

A third traffic-safety proposal, the doctrine of "implied consent," is also suggested. This is the proposal which would require drivers, as a condition to receiving a driver's license, to give their consent in advance, by implication, to the taking of a blood-alcohol test if ever arrested on suspicion of drunk driving.

The constitutionality of such a measure has been questioned by some, the proprietors by others.

WELL leave the constitutionality debate to the lawyers and legislators. As to the propriety of the matter, we see no objections.

It is well established in Oregon law that driving is a privilege, not an inherent right. If that is so, one obtaining a permit to take advantage of that privilege is in a position to give up just as much of his own autonomy to secure that privilege.

And, traffic safety authorities tell us, blood tests are about the best way that guilt—OR innocence—of drunk driving charges can be established. QED.—E.A.

### Dennis the Menace



### 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 initials 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.

**I.Q.s Needed**  
To the Editor: Your editorial concerning property taxes is thought provoking, and those with eyes and a bit of education in the social sciences can only conclude the following:

A people which votes for free public schools, roads, civic provisions for law enforcement, sewer, running water, and other such tax-supported services, is a people voting for socialism.

A people which votes against public schools, and all the above "free" tax-supported services is a people voting for capitalism.

A majority, the lower-half in income bracket, voting for free services to be paid for by a minority, those in top-half income bracket, is a people voting for communism in that they, by their request, delegate great powers to the hands of a very few persons (legislators), to determine who must pay, and how much he must pay, ascertaining the majority, or lower salaried person that he will pay the least.

A people who will delegate such great powers to a small group (legislators), and demand free services without a burden to themselves, but who will then refuse to pay these legislators a salary approaching the level of the lowest paid group in the scale, is a people claiming capitalism, leaning toward socialism, living under communism and blindly slipping into a dictatorship where the fellow who can afford it is the fellow who will have the final totalitarian rule by process of eliminating those who are less wealthy than he.

Intelligence enters the affairs of our city, county, state, and government less and less, while money gradually buys support for candidates, policies, platforms, and nations.

I would like to see every candidate for election tested by accepted comprehensive tests for their intelligence quotient, and their results published for every voter to see. With intelligence, an elected official will be too smart to want to be a supreme ruler, but he may have the answers to many questions which face us now which don't begin to represent the problems we have forthcoming.

Virginia D. Card  
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Medford

**World Without End**  
To the Editor: Of all the theories expounded, we have failed to learn of the real cause in the conception of our ever expanding and progressive universe.

Like magnetism, and electricity, nature has many and inevitable laws. Without the three elements—water, fire and gaseous substance—there would be no forms in the void, "all could be at rest."

No wonder early race of humans on earth in the early beginnings had fire gods, water nymphs and celestial angels. Cosmology a great study, and the human race has steadily advanced in terms of thinking. The Divine Trinity was inspired as Infinite Unity, Divine Harmony, Manifested in an Indefinite Variety. Change is all. God is all. Worlds without end!

Bert Kissinger  
520 Boardman st.  
Medford

**Elks and Log Trucks**  
To the Editor: Hi, Everybody. Did you see that Elks parade? I thought it was great, mostly, and I began to feel cheerful, but alas—there's an end to everything.

It made me so sad that I'm still blue, about when those poor bastards—I mean "Elks"—came clear down to Medford only to come down with brights disease.

I do hope the poor souls got home safely. They must have got a whiff of orchard spray, for I am sure Medford water wouldn't have caused that condition.

And that next vehicle, too—Why the very sight of Medford gave him the Oh my goodness, I forgot my main reason for writing! I've a message for some log haulers. Durn your ornery hides, when you come through this way next time, or any time—do NOT pass small cars on curves!

When you tried to keep up with that first load of logs, your tail end took the curve on the wrong side of the road, and the section of your blamed speed almost drew our little Rambler into it.

Our two outside wheels were on the brink of a small ditch, and for a minute it was like being in a whirlwind!

I got your license number alright, but I was in a hurry to get to the Fifty Plus club so I sort of forgot. Next morning my heart had slumped back down outta my throat and I wasn't mad any more, so I didn't turn you in. But I'm doing some wifful thinking. I bet yuh.

I've been wanting a real small car, but somebody just lost sale.

I warn you, though, that if you do any more taking our right-of-way outta the highway's middle, I'll tell Frank Carter on you—passing on curves at high speed! Huh! I can be mean, too, without ever trying. Friday, May 13th

Frances Ray  
Ralston, Wash.

**Slide and Fish**  
To the Editor: I would like to know if our fish biologist is aware of the removal of the land slide on the Diamond lake road? The biggest part of it has been pushed in the north fork of our Rogue river in the past two weeks, and it has been a mass of mud. We sincerely believe this to be detrimental to our fish.

Snook Sporting Goods  
Shady Cove, Ore.

**Up and Doing**  
To the Editor: Are missiles, intercontinental or any kind, the "bonanza" they are presently thought to be? How can the administrative body of a Nation know how the scientific body has aimed those missiles? Suppose the scientific body isn't happy with its enforced environment. Suppose it doesn't approve of the administrative body. Wouldn't it likely aim those missiles to rid the world of the distasteful administration and any Nation it thought might be a future menace? If Khrushchev starts a war he will die by his own bombs made by those he made slaves. Peking will also be destroyed at the same time. Men who have known freedom and justice will not use their knowledge to preserve tyrants. History and the Bible both confirm this.

American families should discuss what they would do in the event of a real alert so all will have some idea how to act intelligently and not panic. Panic could kill more than the bombs which may or not be harmful.

Our big battle with the Communists is on the economic and educational front. They are making faster gains there than we realize for we refuse to see their inroads. We choose to sleep on, while they do their mischief. They are working constantly. We are playing. Let's be up and doing, America. Khrushchev showed us we have a job to do.

## Turkish, Korean Explosions Cause U.S. Some Worries About Viet Nam Stability



PHIL NEWSOM  
UPI Foreign Editor

The explosions of popular unrest which toppled the governments of two valued allies in the last few weeks have led the United States to take another look at its position in South Viet Nam.

South Viet Nam, like Turkey and South Korea, borders on a Communist state. As were Turkey and South Korea it is governed by a strongman head of state whose this-is-for-your-own-good type of rule inevitably has aroused resentment among segments of the population.

**Opposition Not Needed**  
And as was the case with Turkey's ousted Premier Adnan Menderes and South Korea's President Syngman Rhee, Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem, while a believer in eventual democracy for Viet Nam, also believes that now is not the time to permit any real political opposition to his regime.

Neither Turkey nor the Republic of Korea suffered from internal Communist pressures comparable to those in South Viet Nam.

From Communist North Viet Nam and through neutralist Cambodia and Laos, Communist infiltrators seep in a steady stream to South Viet Nam in a terrorist campaign which renders roads and waterways unsafe at night and keeps villages in a constant state of unrest and fear.

These present both a danger to the Diem government and his reason for firmly squashing any opposition.

## West Cocks Eye at Benson's Role as Producer of Movies



DICK WEST

Washington—(UPI)—I have a rather elastic imagination which usually stretches far enough to take in anything that might happen in a long independence Avenue.

But for some reason, the vision of Ezra Taft Benson as a motion picture producer fails to come through to me.

Try as I might, I am unable to connect our good, grey agriculture secretary with anything as frivolous as the cinematographic arts.

Yet I have before me concrete evidence that Benson's department is in the movie business in a big, big way. The indications are that it outproduces most Hollywood studios and that Benson could be ranked as the Cecil B. DeMille, or at least the Walt Disney, of the Cabinet.

The department's activities in this field are set forth in Agriculture Handbook No. 14, a lavender colored document titled "motion pictures." It lists 268 films that the department has produced for the edification and enlightenment of the public.

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

**Big modern problem:** Juvenile delinquency. **Big modern question:** What to do about it?

THIS much-discussed problem came before the Western Governors Conference in Seattle recently and Governor Pat Brown of California offered a solution that is quite interesting in these modern days. He told his fellow governors:

"The best way to keep teenagers out of trouble is to LET THEM HAVE JOBS. Even good boys get into trouble when they do not have anything to do. We should modify our laws so as to make it EASY for children to get jobs instead of making it difficult for them to find employment."

He added: "The trouble is that on one hand we hear the argument that work is hard on children and on the other hand we hear objections from the labor people who argue that if children are permitted to work it will reduce employment opportunities for older people. Personally, I feel that these objections, on both sides, can be met if we will stand firmly together as governors."

**THERE'S your problem.** What to do about it? Well, as Governor Pat says, we shouldn't put obstacles in the way of children who want to work and are willing to work and who, as he suggests, will be far better off in every way if they are permitted to work. Isaac Watts, some two centuries ago, put it flatly and plainly when he wrote in his Divine Songs:

"For Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do."

**IT'S a problem.** There can be no doubt of that. It's a MODERN problem because in this fabulous modern world EVERY HOUSEHOLD HAS ITS FULL QUOTA OF SERVANTS.

In a household full of servants, it has always been difficult to find work enough for the children to do to keep them out of mischief.

HOW'S that, you say? You may add: "I can't afford

servants. Very few people in these days can afford servants. The cost of living is much too high for anything of that sort. Servants in this modern world are only for the filthy rich."

WAIT a minute: When you need water, what do you do? Do you send the children to the well for a bucketful of it? Of course not. You call on a modern servant and turn the tap. When you want a fire to cook a meal, do you send the children out to split kindling and chop wood? Certainly not. You turn a switch, or twist a valve, and a modern servant "electricity or gas" builds the fire and supplies the fuel.

And so on. Our modern servants do most of the work and leave little for the children to do.

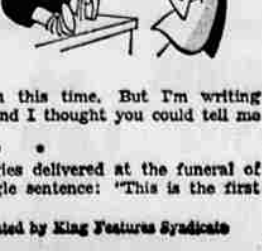
Officers said Chancy struggled and his would-be rescuers lost hold of him. SNA divers and Sheriff's officers were unable to locate the body immediately.

**SPOOKY LOCALE**  
Garden Grove, Calif.—The Garden Grover Writers' Club has announced that a "prominent" mystery writer would speak at the club's Aug. 8 meeting. The mystery writer was not identified. The meeting will be held at the Peek family mortuary in nearby Midway City.

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**Try and Stop Me**  
By BENNETT CERF

A BRAND NEW FATHER was vitally concerned with every minute detail regarding his infant prodigy. One morning his wife called up to report, "Baby's got something in his mouth and I can't see what it is. Would it be okay for me to put my finger in to find out?"

After grave consideration, the new papa answered dubiously, "I guess it won't hurt—but darling, be sure: boil the finger first!"

A columnist describes a rather novel approach made by a notorious grafter to an easy touch at the Lamb's Club. "Bymie," whined the grafter, "I'm not seeking to borrow money from you again this time. But I'm writing home to my poor old mother—and I thought you could tell me how to spell 'malnutrition.'"

Most memorable of the eulogies delivered at the funeral of Mark Twain consisted of a single sentence: "This is the first day you have made us sad."

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