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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 27, 1950 (Tuesday)
Central Point - After being defeated twice at the polls the city budget here was reduced to a \$23,821 figure which is below the six per cent limitation.

20 YEARS AGO
June 27, 1940 (Thursday)
A grass fire caused by a firecracker was extinguished by city firemen yesterday just short of a fireworks stand south of Medford.

30 YEARS AGO
June 27, 1930 (Friday)
Forests will be closed to smokers starting July 1. Ashland will hold a Pioneer celebration in conjunction with the Fourth of July observance.

40 YEARS AGO
June 27, 1920 (Sunday)
Local packers are issuing their first call for box-makers and pear-packers.

50 YEARS AGO
June 27, 1910 (Monday)
President Taft signed a house appropriations bill today which allocated \$110,000 for a federal building in Medford.

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

- 1. Name the political party founded by Theodore Roosevelt.
2. Where is Bedloe's Island?
3. The famous plant breeder who lived in Santa Rosa, Calif., was L... B... K...?
4. What omission does the apostrophe in "o'clock" denote?
5. Did the son or daughter of Edward VIII succeed him to the British throne?
6. Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, and Andrew Johnson were all born in Tenn.; true or false?
7. In which group of islands is Bougainville?
8. In the Arthurian romance who is the son of Launcelot and Elaine?
9. Answer the following in 30 seconds: Are 499 seconds more than 10 minutes?
10. Was the Smithsonian Institute a gift to the U.S. from an Englishman, Frenchman, or American?
Answers: 1. "Bull Moose," (1912). 2. In New York Harbor. 3. Luther Burbank. 4. "of the." 5. No. His brother, George V. 6. True. 7. The Solomons. 8. Galahad. 9. No. 10. Englishman. James Smithson.

Revision at West Point

The United States Military Academy, after a four-year study of its curriculum, will put into effect in the new academic year changes which have been described as the most drastic in its 158-year-old history. The changes are being made within the traditional single prescribed curriculum. The general effect is to liberalize the West Point program, bringing it more in line with those of civilian institutions of higher education and of other service academies.

Lt. Gen. Garrison H. Davidson, who retires as superintendent at the Point on July 1, instituted the curriculum review in September, 1956. Questionnaires were sent to the 13,040 alumni who had graduated since 1900, including President Eisenhower. Then an outside committee of consultants, headed by Dr. Frank H. Bowles, president of the College Entrance Examination Board, studied results of the Academy's own review and made recommendations. The new program thus is based on intelligently guided self-criticism.

A MAJOR change puts the humanities, which previously made up only about 40 per cent of the curriculum, on a par with the sciences. Cadets who enter the Point after attendance at a college or university—and about 30 per cent of them do—will be eligible for credit for work completed and thus will be able to move along to more advanced courses. Through acceleration, a cadet may achieve the credit equivalent of an additional year's study in his four at the Academy. And First Classmen—seniors—will now have the option of "concentrating" on a social science-humanities or a mathematics-engineering-science course.

The new program was conceived, according to Gen. Davidson, in recognition that, "The application of principles learned by the student crosses the boundaries of the traditional engineering and scientific disciplines and requires breadth of knowledge, as well as depth in a variety of technical fields." In addition to broadening and intensifying education in the sciences, the curriculum planners took steps to meet the need for "officers well grounded in the economic-political field."

THE CHANGES are in line with recommendations made to President Eisenhower a year ago by the U.S.M.A. Board of Visitors. The new program also is a concession in part to persistent civilian criticism of the curricula at West Point, and to a lesser degree, at the air and naval academies. Gen. Davidson makes the point that the addition of a course in geography to the Plebe—freshman—schedule brings the content of instruction only to "the level of freshman courses in other colleges and universities" and the other service academies.

Typical of past criticism is an article written several years ago by Charles H. Fenton, then an assistant professor of English at Yale. Fenton found the English taught in senior year at West Point to be of the calibre required of a civilian engineering or pre-med student "very early in his career," the humanities to be "watered-down," and the "over-all complexion" to be "that of an excellent high school." He was equally critical of the proposed curriculum for the new Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs. The critique was caustic and bound to stir up controversy. A typical reply was that of Maj. J. L. Jackson of the air academy faculty: "The Air Force Academy is not intended to be a liberal arts college; its mission is to produce the best possible combat leaders."—E.R.R.

Help For Church Schools?

A report issued by the National Catholic Welfare Conference provided statistical support for legislators who have argued that any federal aid to education should go to sectarian as well as public schools. The report showed that one-ninth of all elementary and high school pupils attend Catholic schools, and two-fifths of all college students are in Catholic colleges and universities. The rapidly growing percentage of students in Catholic schools has been stressed in support of the contention that these institutions have become too important in American education to be ignored when if federal grants are passed out. Significantly, the report noted that Catholic schools saved public treasuries about \$1.1 billion in 1959.

AT THE same time, the report showed that the Catholic system suffers problems endemic to public education—teacher shortages and rising costs. These difficulties obviously will increase if Catholic schools maintain their rate of growth. Parochial high school attendance, for example, rose from 467,000 pupils in 1947 to 828,000 last year.

Some legislators believe the sectarian schools, more than the public schools, need the incentive of public funds to pay for improved educational programs. Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D-Pa.) has said that in his opinion American youth would not be adequately educated until federal aid was extended to church schools and colleges.

But the Senate, in passing a school-aid bill in February, defeated amendments which would have provided loans for private and parochial schools. A similar amendment offered during debate May 26 on a House version of the measure was ruled out of order as not germane.—E.R.R.

Dennis the Menace



"I DON'T SEE NOTHIN'. ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE GROWIN' A MUSTACHE?"

Communications

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Democrats Pleased
To the Editor: On behalf of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee and its outgoing chairman, Mr. Frank Christian, I would like to express to you my appreciation for the fine coverage you have given the local Democratic party; you and the members of your staff have been pleasant and cooperative always and we are sincerely grateful.

I hope you will soon have an opportunity to meet the new county chairman, Harper Edwards, who is a credit to the Democratic party and of whom we are very proud. I am sure you will agree that our choice was a wise one.

I was appointed publicity chairman for the organization and will therefore be sending you news releases and stories from time to time. I will limit these only to items which are newsworthy. Thank you again for the help and co-operation you have given us.

Marjory E. Madden
Phoenix, Ore.

Retrribution
To the Editor:
A day without night—
A heaven without stars.
A woman without lips,
A man with no arms.
No birds, no trees
No fish alive in the brooks:
A lonely toy without a child...
Nothing, nothing left, grim
products of a world gone wild.

Roger Barton Lead
736 Washington Ave.
Apt. 4
St. Paul, Minn.
(A visitor to your beautiful valley.)

Limousine Problems
To the Editor: We wish to thank the Medford city council, citizens of Medford, and all those who have chosen to use our limousine service, during this trying period, for being so very understanding of our numerous problems.

However, I would like to correct a slight misunderstanding. When we were granted permission to have a limousine service, we had no intention of transporting passengers into residential areas. I called our city manager and received permission, before we deviated from our original planned route. Yellow Cab company was not aware of this permission at the time they filed their complaint. We asked permission, not only because of the competition, but also, because passengers found it inconvenient to change from one vehicle to another, to be able to go to a residential address. There was no extra charge for this service.

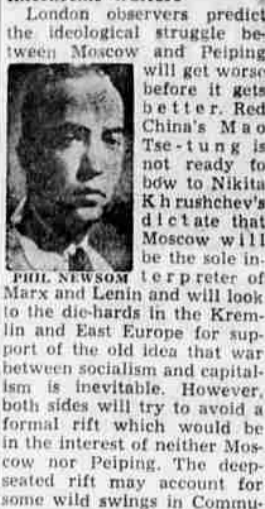
We, too, hope that the new provision to the city code will end the limousine problems.
Mary Jane Jones
Medford Airport
Limousine Service
2070 Kings Highway
Medford

About Slugs
To the Editor: In the column "Small Worlds" by Lynn M. Watkins, I read about those real small acquaintances of his called "slugs."

He tells us that the guy with horns is a slug. Now in my opinion a "guy" is a person of grotesque appearance, so since that little sluggard, slugger or -er - slug, must be something other than a guy - rope or a voice for giving other little satanic rasals and if those horns mean anything—he is a small imp o' Satan. Those slimy stinkers pretend to be gardeners and they demand high wages. Once I found a nest of them at the roots of a young plum tree which they had completely girdled just below the ground. I buried them in a good insect powder and in less than a minute they were slick as buttons. That made me so mad in the face that I attacked 'em bare-handed and checked them where their necks should have been. I had to use scouring powder on my hands for quite some time. Now, they are haunting our strawberry bed. I've learned a better way to get rid of them: A woman moved into a house that needed de-bed-bugging. She answered an advertisement, and enclosed a dollar for a way to do away with them. Soon she received two small blocks of wood. Directions read, "Get each bug onto the larger block and smash him with the other one." I tell yuh, folks, it pays to be well read. I've a number of small blocks scattered around, and there's no patent on them, so I shall murderize a lot of those little guys without getting my hands all slippery. If you want to do the same perhaps we can rid Oregon of slugs entirely. You can find them without a bloodhound, for they have a silver trail where they wander around. I followed one from Nantic st. clear to Penney's store one time. I was going that way anyhow. Mr. W. writes that in that little blob of flesh there is only digestible material. I wonder how he found out? If I get mad again I shall go right out and swallow one instead of eating a little woolly worm as I've so often thought of doing. If I learn any more worthwhile news, I'll be glad to pass it on. Pearl Spackman P. O. Box 33, Jacksonville

Foreign Desk: Russia vs. China in Red Struggle? Algerian Hopes; Congo Fears

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
From the foreign editor's notebook:



Intercine Warfare

London observers predict the ideological struggle between Moscow and Peking will get worse before it gets better. Red China's Mao Tse-tung is not ready to bow to Nikita Khrushchev's dictate that Moscow will be the sole inter-cine ter p r e p r e s e n t a t i v e of Marx and Lenin and will look to the die-hards in the Kremlin and East Europe for support of the old idea that war between socialism and capitalism is inevitable. However, both sides will try to avoid a formal rift, which would be in the interest of neither Moscow nor Peking. The deep-seated rift may account for some wild swings in Commun-

Bitter Ashes

All the hopes raised by the Algerian rebel agreement to come to Paris for talks with President Charles de Gaulle could turn to still more frustration and bitter disappointment. The rebels may break off any talks unless the question of cease-fire is extended to conditions of eventual "self-determination" in Algeria. De Gaulle, so far, is determined that talks with the rebels shall be limited to a cease-fire. Should he agree to an extension into political fields, he will might face another Algerians settlers' uprising backed by former Minister Jacques Soustelle and other "French Algeria" diehards in metropolitan France.

Self-Determination?

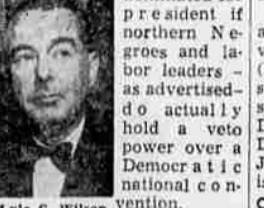
The Belgian Congo will become independent on June 30, but that is no guarantee that the country will remain united. Tribal and other quarrels may emerge more fierce than ever between the 150 or so groups with dozens of languages and customs that make up the Belgian Congo and, with the Belgians pulling out, now will lose the one thing that binds them together. Some of the Congolese are as different as Norwegians and Greeks and some live as far apart from each other, with poor communications. Many

Sober Reflections

Predictions in Japan are that the Japanese Socialists will show little, if any, gains as result of the recent massive anti-government demonstrations. Political observers in Tokyo believe that Japanese will remember with extreme regret that these demonstrations caused cancellation of President Eisenhower's visit and could threaten the loss of Japan's healthy two-way trade with the United States. The result—they will stick with the Liberal-Democratic party now in power.

Labor, Negro Opposition to Johnson May Become Decisive

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington - (UPI) - It is difficult to believe Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) can be nominated for president if northern Negroes and labor leaders—as advertised—do actually hold a veto power over a Democratic nomination.



Johnson's strategists tend to minimize the opposition of Negroes and of labor leaders to their candidate. There is considerable evidence, however, that the opposition is there. Or, anyway, that some of the significant spokesmen for these two powerful pressure groups oppose Johnson.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Along the Feather river, in Butte county, above Oroville, in California, the Western Pacific Railroad is building a series of tunnels as a part of the huge project involved in lifting its tracks above the level of the Feather waters when the Oroville dam is completed and a new lake is created.

perhuman effort to complete was to lay bare the channel of the Feather over these 11 miles between the intake and the outlet of the tunnel SO THE MINERS COULD GET INTO IT WITH SHOVELS AND SCOOP OUT THE GOLD THEY WERE SURE WAS THERE.

ADA awarded Johnson no merit badge for his civil rights performance. It holds the efforts of a Johnson-led Congress to assure civil rights to Negroes to be too little and, maybe, too late.

Two of these tunnels will be cut through a neck of land at Big Bend. At the point where the tunnels are being cut through, this neck is about three miles wide. The point is almost encircled by 11 miles of the river's channel, which bends around in a huge loop.

Now COMES the shock. The miners dammed the river to shut off the last trickles of water, grabbed their shovels and rushed into the canyon to scoop out the nuggets. About all they found in the river's bed were the remnants of the wing dams and other works by means of which the Forty-Niners some three decades earlier had stripped the riffles of the bulk of their golden content.

ADA apparently did not think that argument made much sense. So, anyway, the Negroes and the Democratic left wing must be counted against Johnson until it is proven otherwise.

An interesting fact in connection with these tunnels is that when they are completed they will follow almost exactly the line of another tunnel that was cut through this same neck of land some three-quarters of a century ago. The old tunnel is about 2,000 feet below the level of the new ones. The old tunnel stretched 11,793 feet in one unbroken hole. Because of a gully some 160 feet wide that cuts across the higher elevation, there will be two tunnels on the new route, with an open space between them.

THE EARLIER tunnel was begun in July of 1882. Its purpose was quite different from that of the present bores. It was designed to carry the entire flow of the Feather. It was a huge job for its day, and required a lot of equipment.

Information and applications may be obtained from the Medford post office.

As to freedom, there is not a word in our language that has more appeal, is less understood and more abused. Progress, advance and evolution have so changed its definition and application during the existence of our country that in many respects what was freedom in 1776 has become today liberty, privilege or permit. There is also a great misunderstanding of the original interpretation of the word. It was much more narrow than is generally believed in this day and age, at the time of our severance from England it was unthinkable to grant freedom and equality to any but those of certain religious convictions and wealth, income or property.

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A carriage holding four drills was built. Power to run the drills came from air compressors driven by two machines, one operated by steam and the other by a water wheel eight feet in diameter. The hole was 12 by 16 feet. It took four and a half years to punch it through.

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