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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: Sept. 12, 1950 (Tuesday) Boyd E. Birdson, 505 Alice st., Talent, was chosen the first "Safe Driver of the Day"

20 YEARS AGO: Sept. 12, 1940 (Thursday) Lee M. Bown, state police captain at Medford since 1931, has been appointed deputy superintendent of state police.

30 YEARS AGO: Sept. 12, 1930 (Friday) It is believed that the Jackson county fair, despite poor attendance, will pay for itself this year.

40 YEARS AGO: Sept. 12, 1920 (Sunday) A visiting Marine officer favors changing the name of Table Rock to Castle mountains.

50 YEARS AGO: Sept. 12, 1910 (Monday) Saturday, Sept. 24, will be a big day for Medford. On that day the state-wide primaries will be held and Buffalo Bill will bring his circus to town.

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

- 1. Is the tortoise, elephant, or eagle reputed to have the longest life span? 2. In addition to its use as a disinfectant, what is the other principal use of hydrogen peroxide? 3. "Rocky Mountain Canaries" is a slang term for birds, donkeys, or fish?

Christianity Is Strained

A Bay Area woman went to church last week and after listening to the visiting minister's sermon emerged an angered and disgusted citizen.

SHE thought, and hoped, that the sermon "disgusted" everyone in attendance as much as it did herself.

"I thought our country was founded for the purpose of freedom and the right to vote for whom he believes," she added.

SHE added she felt the use of her pulpit as a political sounding board "cheapens our church."

"I'm sure," she said, "our Lord isn't smiling when he hears brother scorn his brother for what he believes. The only one that gains is the Devil."

Editorially speaking, one can only add: Amen. —The World, Coos Bay.

Silly Things

As in professional wrestling, almost anything goes in politics. You can say anything about a professional wrestler without fear of being sued for slander.

IF YOU agree with the Nixon Committee, has it occurred to you what a terrible fix the United States is in if Richard Nixon is the one man in the United States who is qualified to be President of the United States?

Landmarks

A man must pause now and then, when the storms of human passion have filled the sky with the dust of emotions, pause and wonder if the old landmarks are still there.

A MAN listens, and the scratchy stridulation of a katydid rasps at the dusk. There is an answer, then another, and soon there is a chorus.

They Were Not Colored: One frequently mentioned Southern fear in this integration situation is the spectre of "race riots" precipitated by "Northern" agitation among the happy, docile colored population of the South.

In Jacksonville, Fla., last week occurred what had every appearance of a race riot. It began after a number of Negro students quietly "sat in" at White-only lunch counters.

Answers: 1. Tortoise, 2. Bleaching agent, 3. Donkeys, 4. Codicil, 5. All three are, 6. Nervous disease, 7. Eagle, 8. Pennsylvania, 9. The study of precious stones, 10. Of meeting persons.

Dennis the Menace



"I'M NOT GONNA CALL YOU 'MISS WADE!' AN' STOP CALLIN' ME 'SONNY!'"

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

KENNEDY IN TROUBLE

Washington—John F. Kennedy's Democratic presidential campaign is in trouble. It must—and probably will—shortly take on a more conservative tone if an accelerated further decline is to be averted.

AND in purely political terms he needs, as a Catholic, a grand issue of this kind to try to drown the "religious issue" now proclaimed against him by a large group of Protestant ministers which has openly declared war on him on religious grounds.

IN the days news: From Leopoldville - In Africa: A reported invasion of Katanga province by Premier Patrice Lumumba's troops confronted the United Nations with ITS BIGGEST CHALLENGE SINCE IT BEGAN POLICING THE CONGO.

WHAT is the challenge? It is this: The United Nations is going to have to choose whether it will permit Lumumba, as communism's stooge, to take over all of Central Africa or whether it will say to Russia (and maybe Communist China) YOU CAN'T DO THAT.

IN OTHER words: The United Nations is facing another Korea. It's just that flat.

WHO is Lumumba? The London Times described him the other day in these words: "Mr. Lumumba's final accession to power (in the Congo) would not only face the world with one more unpredictable and virtually MANIACAL national leader but also with one who is clearly becoming a communist puppet."

LET'S do some more supposing. Suppose Castro gets brasher and brasher. Suppose he invites in Russian troops and Russian missiles and Russian warplanes. Or attacks the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo in Cuba. Or does something else that will com-

Foreign Notebook: Laotian Takeover: Trouble in Berlin; Huks On Move Again

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor From the foreign editor's notebook: Backfire: A well informed source just arrived in Tokyo from Southeast Asia gives this interesting-if-true version of events behind the recent military take-over of the government of Laos.

Trouble in Berlin: Communist border restrictions against West Berlin caught American officials there by surprise. The Americans had declared firmly that nothing serious would happen. Now, there seems to be no doubt that the Communists have started a campaign to get the Western allies out of Berlin. It may be expected to include every sort of interference with traffic to the city, and perhaps Communist-inspired disorders within it.

Trouble in Philippines: The Communist Huks are on the move again in the Philippines and it could spell trouble for the United States. Manila sources say not to be too surprised if the Huks try to create a situation in the Philippines similar to that created in Cuba by Fidel Castro's revolutionaries. The targets are students, labor, U.S.-owned oil refineries, plantations and American military bases.

Labor Pains: Great Britain's Trades Union Congress has gone on record again against nuclear weapons and for increased nationalization of industry, posing a severe problem for Labor party leader Hugh Gaitskell and other party officers who will meet at Scarborough next month.

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.

Pseudo-Science: To the Editor: Your quotations from Dr. Goldhamer's survey tell us almost nothing. If we don't know what these achievement tests are, the questions submitted to sixth graders might better be submitted to fourth graders. These tests were undoubtedly compiled by professional educators to test their own theory of education.

Nothing More Precious: To the Editor: It is almost midnight, Sunday, and every tick of the clock brings closer the moment when the eldest of my three children will go to school for the first time. How eagerly he awaits the morning!

As to the Founding Fathers' effort to keep the Government out of "our private lives," they could not be expected to foresee the changes that have taken place since they wrote the Constitution.

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