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10 YEARS AGO
Oct. 17, 1940 (Tuesday)
A total of 28,500 persons are registered to vote in Jackson county, compared to 27,536 last spring.

20 YEARS AGO
Oct. 17, 1930 (Friday)
The city of Medford yesterday hauled away 30 trucks of leaves swept up on streets and warned residents they must cease the practice of sweeping leaves into gutters.

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 17, 1920 (Saturday)
A tourist shelter has been proposed for construction in Ashland's Lillith park.

40 YEARS AGO
Oct. 17, 1910 (Monday)
The Mail Tribune will not be published tomorrow because the power plant at Gold Ray will be shut down for installation of new machinery.

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

STORMS HIT ITALY
Rome—(UPI)—Snow up to 30 inches deep, torrential rains and landslides caused widespread damage and disrupted communications in northern Italy Sunday.

Conant on Junior Highs

Interscholastic athletics and marching bands are to be condemned in junior high schools. There is no sound educational reason for them and too often they serve merely as public entertainment.

ONE way to improve morale and to stop the exodus of good teachers from grades 7 to 8 is to equalize the teaching load of all teachers in grades 7-12.

I wish to emphasize... the importance of the local school board. The task that confronts citizens everywhere is to choose the best people available for membership on school boards.

The recommendations in this report... are purposely conservative; they represent established practices in a number of schools. There are many new and interesting developments that may revolutionize instruction in grades 7 and 8 in years to come.

(The above are highlights from the report on America's Junior High schools by James Bryant Conant, former president of Harvard, former High Commissioner to Germany, and author of the Report on American High School.)

The Medford System

The opposing teams were mystified. The coaches were puzzled. The "Black Tornado" teams had rolled up a real king-sized twister during the 59-60 season that was sweeping the state in one major sport victory after another.

FIRST it was football. One by one they downed their opponents and went all the way in the eight-district playoff to take the Oregon state championship.

NOW about the system. These strong teams were not merely a batch of finely coordinated bodies. Every one of these players were in there to win on the scholastic score board as well.

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 initial for publication is permissible.

Record is Cited
To the Editor: A recent letter signed by a Mrs. Morrow referred to me in unflattering terms. I believe that none of my friends in Jackson county will take these accusations seriously, but perhaps I can clear up any resulting misconceptions.

Bury the Issue
To the Editor: The most important issue of the campaign is Kennedy's religion. If anyone thinks that it can be silenced by Nixon's decision not to mention it, he need only get as much anti-Catholic literature as I have received to be convinced of its existence.

What Are the Issues?
To the Editor: In your issue of Oct. 11, Howell Appling Jr. "charged his Democratic opponent, Monroe Sweetland, with 'stalling on the issues of this campaign' and demanded that Sweetland answer some important questions for the people of Oregon about your record."

Dear Proposal
To the Editor: May I have a word with you in regard to the hunting season? As all sportsmen know, when the deer season opens you can see strings of cars lining our highways on their way to get a deer.

Dodd's Objective
To the Editor: Senator Thomas J. Dodd has stated in effect, that the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee is interested in only this: did the Communist Party participate in organization of Dr. Pauling's petition? Was it used, and if so by whom, to further Communist and Soviet policy?

Anti-Porter
To the Editor: Some persons defend Congressman Porter's behavior on the grounds that he wants peace and democracy throughout the world. I believe this to be true. But Senator Durno and the rest of us have these same worthy aspirations for the world.

Winter in the Desert?
To the Editor: Is not mid-winter an excellent time to read up on desert lore and plan a vacation there? There is always the possibility of one of those matchless floral color displays. These may come but once or twice in a lifetime. They depend upon the desert's sparse rainfall.

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Foreign Notebook: New SHAPE Commander; Philippine Politics

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
From the foreign editor's notebook:
New SHAPE Commander
American military brass-hats in Europe now predict that Gen. Lauris Norstad's successor as commander of NATO forces will be Adm. Arleigh Burke.

Philippines negotiations with the United States over the status of American bases in the Philippines and with Nationalist Chinese over the overseas Chinese problems. The reason: Foreign Secretary Felixberto Serrano is in the race for the ruling Nationalist Party's vice presidential nomination for the 1960 elections and would like to accomplish some dramatic diplomatic coup.

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Do Unto Others...
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Try and Stop Me
By BENNETT CERF
A NEW SINGING STAR—popular with teen-agers at any rate—sang the same song three times running in Miami recently. An agent finally asked him, "Is that the only number you know?"