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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
May 17, 1951 (Thursday)

A long military, civilian, fraternal and civic parade will highlight the local observance of Armed Forces day Saturday.

Medford is one of the few cities in Oregon where Western Union operators are still working; a nation-wide walkout has crippled many offices across the country.

20 YEARS AGO
May 17, 1941 (Saturday)

Medford High school has won its second consecutive Oregon high school track and field championship.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Ten days more of school and school ma'ams and students, and the Maws of the latter, alike are sad."

30 YEARS AGO
May 17, 1931 (Sunday)

A tree specialist has been brought to Medford to attempt to save diseased oak trees in the city parks.

The county court is still considering plans for a new $265,000 courthouse and declares it "will not be rushed into hasty action."

40 YEARS AGO
May 17, 1921 (Tuesday)

The Senate has confirmed the appointment of William J. Warner as Medford Postmaster.

Sixty prominent businessmen and educators have pledged to pay for the Chautauqua here later this month.

50 YEARS AGO
May 17, 1911 (Wednesday)

Woodrow Wilson will visit Medford tonight, and plans have been made for a nonpartisan reception.

The contract has been let for construction of a two-story brick business college building on Grape st.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. The sodium fluoride treatment is used as a method of preventing what?
2. What was the name of the first white child born in America in colonial days?
3. Who was Booker T. Washington?
4. Is the city of Stalingrad in Soviet Russia located on the Dneiper, Don, or Volga river?
5. Was John James Audubon famous as an inventor of hearing devices, painter of birds, or designer of furniture?
6. In what city is the University of Michigan?
7. What is the I.O.O.F.?
8. What was the first name of President Woodrow Wilson?
9. What is the oldest mechanical device for measuring time?
10. Are members of the President's cabinet elected or appointed?

Answers: 1. Tooth decay. 2. Virginia Dare. 3. Famous Negro educator. 4. Volga. 5. Painter of birds. 6. Ann Arbor. 7. Independent Order of Odd Fellows. 8. Thomas. 9. Sundial. 10. Appointed.

What Greater Challenge?

Yesterday we commented on the loss to Oregon of three of its outstanding educational admintrators—Dr. John R. Richards, Dr. O. Meredith Wilson and Dr. A. L. Strand.

Today let us review some of the accomplishments which have been achieved in Oregon higher education in relatively recent years—accomplishments for which these three have in large part been responsible, accomplishments in the pursuit of excellence in education.

In the past eight years:

Student enrollment has risen from 12,945 to 25,200.

State appropriations of money for higher education have risen 135 per cent.

Other sources of income have increased 180 per cent.

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THE physcial plant of the state system of higher education has been increased by the investment of more than $71,000,000—a little less than half from tax funds, a little more than half from non-tax sources.

Academic salaries have been increased by 50 per cent.

Portland State college was established, and this year has an enrollment of nearly 5,000.

The scope of the system has been broadened by inclusion of a number of institutions.

Technical teaching tools, including television, have been importantly developed.

The extension service, providing adult education, has been expanded.

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A NEW teaching hospital was opened at Oregon's outstanding medical school—one of the finest in the nation.

Oregon has actively participated in the creation and work of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, providing for an exchange of students.

A tremendous new emphasis on research has broadened and deepened the curricula and resources of the system at many of its institutions; top-flight scholars, teachers and researchers have been attracted here, and they, in turn, have attracted brilliant younger men on their way to the top of their profession.

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THERE has been, in short, a heartwarming amount of progress in higher education in Oregon.

The 1961 Oregon legislature, no matter what else one may think of it, continued this trend with appropriations which came fairly close to the ambitions of most educators, and which provided a budget they certainly can live with, and most likely continue to progress strongly with.

So do we now all breathe a sigh of relief, sit back, and rest on our oars and laurels?

We cannot. For progress in higher education is not a one-time thing; it is a never-ending process—a process which started in ancient Greece, and has been making progress ever since, sometimes slowly, sometimes spectacularly.

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PERHAPS (we hope so) the day will come when Oregon will be able to provide the full range of educational opportunities for her children:

- Elementary and secondary education for all;
- Vocational education at and beyond the high school level for those whose talents and attitudes suit them for it;
- Junior college or community college education for those whose abilities and ambitions lie in this direction;
- College and university training for undergraduates of above-average energy and intelligence;
- And graduate level training for scholars, teachers, scientists, doctors, lawyers, and others for whom the rigors of advanced work will prove productive.

And all this, ideally, will be with a degree of excellence that will bring out the best in all students, whatever their talents.

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IS THIS Utopian dreaming?

Perhaps it is. But the promise of the last few years leads in this direction.

And what better way is there to eliminate the human waste, the lost talents, the laziness of mind, the rising trend of youthful crime, than to challenge the best that is in our young people?

And what better way is there to pose this challenge than to provide the very best in education that the individual can accommodate usefully?

And what greater challenge is there to democracy than to prove that this can be done within a framework of freedom?—E.A.

Federal Building Site

It is our understanding that Sen. Wayne Morse has recommended that the General Services Administration reconsider the location of the proposed new federal office building here, and, instead of the 10th Street site, use one adjacent to the west side city park.

He is on sound ground in doing so, and will have the backing of the city planning commission, the city council, the Medford Chamber of Commerce, and a lot of individual citizens.

The "civic center" idea, proposed for this area, may be a subject for argument. This can be considered as the time comes for a serious consideration for a new city hall and a new state office building.

But as of now the benefits of the park site for the federal building far outweigh those of 10th Street, based on convenience, traffic flow, and potential usefulness to the largest number of people.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace

Congo Parliament Session Due; Marks One More Step on Long Road to Peace

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

The announcement that the Congo Parliament soon will be called back into session marks one more step toward peace in an area which has been the United Nations' greatest source of worry for most of a year.

Newsom

In contrast to Laos which has been specifically a United States concern, and with the exception of the Soviet Union and France among the great powers, the Congo has been a United Nations effort.

Now it appears that the forces of President Joseph Kasavubu are ready to press ahead with efforts toward a strong central government, and, with United Nations aid, to meet the challenge of secessionist Katanga Province and Communist-supported Antoine Gizenga in Stanleyville.

That aid is certain to be forthcoming, since a reconvening of Parliament, suspended last fall, has been one of the primary demands not only of such leaders as Nehru of India and Nkrumah of Ghana, but of Gizenga as well.

Gizenga, a protege of the slain Patrice Lumumba, has been touting himself as Lumumba's successor as Congolese premier.

Congolese experts, however, believe he can obtain only about 40 of the 69 votes he would need to control a majority in the 137-member assembly.

Thus any legal claim he might have on Lumumba's former post would be erased.

The other outstanding personality opposing the Kasavubu government is Moise Tshombe, premier of Katanga. But Tshombe is in six months detention and faces charges of sedition.

Tshombe has been one of the enigmas of the Congo problem.

As Congo leaders go, he is one of the best educated, the economics of his province are tied to the West, he is pro-white and anti-Communist.

Backed by strong tribal elements, he reasoned that the rest of the Congo was not the problem of Katanga with its rich veins of copper, gold and tin.

His arrest, with the United Nations approval, sprang from his insistence on Katanga independence, or at the very least virtual autonomy within a loose federation of states.

From the ideological standpoint, his Leopoldville adversaries are described as just an anti - Communist as he. They would prefer to be less dependent on the white man than they are, but are sensible enough to realize that a certain number will be necessary to help run the country for many years to come.

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.

Louse Poison

To the Editor: After reading the item concerning fluoridation of the city water in Corvallis, Ore., I am inclined to disbelieve the whole statement for this reason, that sodium fluoride is as dangerous as arsenic and when taken into the body it never leaves the body by natural process of elimination and will be found in the bones years after you have knocked on the gates of heaven, as your bones have an affinity for these poisons and absorb them.

Sodium fluoride does not prevent tooth decay. If it did the manufactor of this louse poison would be advertising it in all papers and these advocates of fluoride would not have to do it for them.

And just why any city should spend the taxpayers' money to put this poison in the water when the water never reaches the children and very few of the grown people, and certainly does not help your toilet, wash water, bath or for the many uses that water is used for.

I know what causes teeth to decay but I do not have a shingle to hang out. If I did I would tell the people and help them to overcome this affliction. It's a disease and can be cured. But not with fluoride. If the advocates of this poison have children with decayed teeth, why not give them an empty beer bottle and send them to the drug store and have it filled. It might cost two cents.

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Week a Success

To the Editor: The generous coverage given during the past week to Sacred Heart hospital's participation in National Hospital Week is greatly appreciated. By your active interest in our institution you aided immeasurably in bringing these events to the attention of the community.

On behalf of the entire staff I wish to thank you for helping to make the past week so successful.

Sister Luke of the Savior
Administrator
Sacred Heart Hospital
Medford.

Hope To Tell You!

To the Editor: "International Patriotism," editorial M.T. 5-12-61.

"World Government or chaos," we hear. "World Government or annihilation," we hear. "World Government to obtain and secure peace," we hear. But we have examples of the kind of peace resulting from men associating with international criminals (which is necessary for world government today). There is "peace" in all the captive nations. A "peace" that has the constant and intimate relationship of despair. A union that procreates human vegetables.

For many thousands of years humanity looked for solutions to the Governmental oppression, cruelty, injustice. Then came a new star. The United States of America with its Constitution and Bill of Rights, which took from the government and gave to the people the opportunity, the freedom that their nature demanded – and therefore the responsibility of maintaining it. And of course it worked. There was always room for improvement, but because it adhered to basic truths it worked, and brought about the greatest civilization of all time. But now we are told this idea is obsolete, backward. The idea of sovereignty is self-centered, egoistic. And we must turn over our sovereignty to a world organization reeking of the old world despotism, the old oppression, the old cruelty, the old injustice. Why?

In your view of loyalty, start with a more basic unit of society, the family. Here there is love, loyalty, authority, that cannot be surrendered. When it is surrendered civilization collapses. It has no foundation. The weaknesses of a world government as it is presently designed, lie at the foundations of society.

No longer is it accepted to proclaim "For God and country!" This has become bigoted nationalism.

World government as presently designed by the Liberal "social scientists" is an illusion, a mirage which encourages the fear of atomic annihilation. Fear is their fundamental motivation, and is probably the most unreliable foundation on which to build. But this brings up some philosophical questions: Is death the worst that can befall man? Or are there no principles worth dying for?

For you International Patriotism has a "nice ring." Others of us however, in the Liberal terminology obviously have "not yet been properly" –ah–"motivated." I hope to tell you!

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Forest Camp

To the Editor: "Strange are the ways of Democracy" was never better meant than when applied to our county. They have just completed a budget, supposedly to get the most for the money available. They neither have the most nor are they spending the least. The idea of spending 10c to have $5 never occurs to them to be something the public would O.K.

Well, I'm having to pay taxes like everyone of you, only I'm man enough to speak up.

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Mr. Lamb, superintendent at MacLaren school for boys, says that 98 per cent of the boys sent there are not security risks and do not belong there, but belong in a forest camp. They are instead put in MacLaren at over $300 per month per boy! Jackson county now has about 20 boys in MacLaren. Just figure out what that costs us per month and per year. We send boys up there who, when entering, are not really criminals, but they are put in with boys that have committed every crime and breach on morals known to man. Every boy sent there is marked for life on his personality and on his records. A very high percentage are ruined for life. Suppose this was your boy?

Now I said we could spend less and get more for our money. Yes, we can, at a forest camp of our own.

The boys could raise their own garden, own dairy products, own meat if necessary. The National Forest has agreed to present the land for the camp.

The lumber companies would see that we got the lumber and that it might even be possible to have it built free.

Other counties in this area would send boys there and pay Jackson county the money they are now paying MacLaren. The teachers of our school system are behind this. The service clubs I have approached are behind it.

Actually, there is nothing to hold us back, nothing that is but a few hard headed, stuffed shirts who have a fear of making a decision whether this is in the public interest or not, or if we want it or not.

Write to this paper, to the juvenile home or to the Jackson county officials and tell them what we want. They aren't mind readers and they won't move until you move them.

Do it now. Our city and community are at stake.

Arthur E. Tropple
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Medford.

Censor—Or Not?

To the Editor: To censor or not to censor, that is the question. Your editorial dated Sunday, April 30, 1961, raised some very pertinent points regarding President Kennedy's plea to the press to assume more responsibility in the release of information to the public. To me, his request smacked a little more as a plea for very generous reportage and treatment, with the promise that if the administration did err, the mistakes would be acknowledged and made public.

With the oath of secrecy practiced by all, from the water-boy on up, how and when are these mistakes to be aired?

How about the multitudinous daily negotiations, decisions and disposal of affairs that affect every citizen's welfare and personal future?

As Prof. Rourke writes in "How Much Should the Government Tell?", Saturday Review, May 13, 1961, "(He) . . . might also have indicated the willingness of the government itself to engage in essential soul-searching about its policies in the arena of public information and opinion."

I am deeply disturbed over the extreme likelihood and attendant danger of a "brainwash" job.

A constantly favorable image before the public in all media, with the everpresent "secret stamp" on all things judged unfavorable or harmful to that image constitutes 'brainwashing' with all its ugly implications.

Add to this the People Machine (Harpers Jan. '61 p 53) to evaluate the public opinion and response to the image projected and to suggest desirable changes, then the last vestige of government of the people, by the people has gone down the drain.

To quote Mr. Rourke again, "Today . . . it is widely believed that government secrecy has now reached the point where it so seriously constricts the availability of information about public affairs as to threaten the vitality of democracy itself, or at least the opportunity for informed discussion that is the essence of free government".

If "the price of freedom is eternal vigilance", then today, as never before, America needs a vigorous, enlightened, ever vigilant, but totally objective press. The alternative is the frightening possibility of, one day, a Secretary of Information to disseminate the bits the public is to know.

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Just Reward

To the Editor: I awoke last night with a bad dream, and was shedding tears over some news that a report that an old horse named Charley had been burned to death in a fire, and I could see his mate, a young dapple grey, working amongst a lot of his slave companions along a hillside. Charley, who later became a "flea" bitten old horse, my Father had bought from a nearby Illinois neighbor, who called their working men to dinner time. This old horse had learned what that meant, and every time he heard that dinner bell he'd whinney, meaning – time to quit. Charley was a good horse, never balked, and I felt like preaching his funeral, like my wife's uncle told me a story once of a little boy that had buried his pet dog, and was caught preaching his funeral, and his benediction was that, 'old' Rover was a good 'Dod'.

And that put me in mind that an incident happened in Los Angeles not too long ago, where a Negro working man found $240,000 in the street that a truck had lost on the way to the bank. Instead of keeping mum about it, he returned it to the bank. He was rewarded with $10,000. Instead of being lauded for his honesty, he was derided and abused, causing him and his family humilitation and anguish through a flood of mail denouncing him for his alleged stupidness. However, there were some letters that approved of his action, and only a few that praised him, according to information I received through the papers.

This is a regretable situation. Now my opinion might not amount to much, but it seems to me that this man isn't sufficiently rewarded under the circumstances. It seems to me that half of that total would of been more like it.

And let me make another suggestion. I think if some of these high powered preachers or supporters of God and religion might work on that bank yet, and induce them to make a larger restitution to Mr. Johnson and his family, and give the rest to charity, it would not only be a good investment for the bank, but a very good advertisement, even if they would donate all the balance to charity.

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Deepest Mud Hole

To the Editor: I'm waiting, patiently or impatiently (take your choice) for the time I can find the members of the Oregon State Game Commission, and certain of their stooges, on the edge of Oregon's Deepest Mud Hole. I want to give 'em a nice, oh, so gentle, push, right out into it.

Incidently, what would one be charged with for having done such a thing? I'm just interested.

Floyd R. McCabe
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Chiefs of Staff Implicated In Cuban Invasion Failure

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington—(UPI)—The story of who goofed on the attempt to invade Cuba is coming out now bit by bit. Very small bits, however.

Wilson

This is likely to be a story which will embarrass the U. S. top military brass. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota is a credible witness. He is assistant Democratic Senate leader and should have some facts on the Cuban invasion.

Humphrey seems to have let a basic fact loose on the air waves in a recent taped radio interview. He fingered the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff as the basically responsible parties for what happened to the Cuban invasion. He said the Joint Chiefs had a more powerful role in the invasion decision than did Allen W. Dulles and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) or any other agency.

That is a new slant on the invasion post morten. Humphrey went further. He said the CIA did a fairly good job. That is, indeed, news. Dulles was the public's whipping boy for Cuba in the first days after the invasion calamity. The word seemed to be that Dulles would have to go.

President Kennedy did what he could to shield Dulles and other subordinates from the public's indignation. Kennedy said he was responsible for what had happened; he alone. This was a courageous and gracious gesture by the young President but it was not easily believed. No President would be likely to attempt to make on his own the basic decisions demanded by the effort to invade Cuba

Some of these decisions had to be based on intelligence reports and the interpretations put upon them. Other decisions, perhaps the most important, were strictly military in nature. These were tactical decisions. The tactics or immediate methods to be used in landing on the Cuban beach had to be military decisions. What Humphrey said is a reminder that any U.S. President would seek such military advice from the U.S. chiefs. The Secretary of National Defense would not be competent to give military advice. It would be against established practice for a President to seek military advice from any but his senior officers.

These seniors comprise the U.S. Joint Chiefs, as follows: Chairman, Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, USA; Chief of Staff U.S. Army, Gen. George H. Decker; Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Arleigh A. Burke; Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, Gen. Thomas D. White; Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. David M. Shoup.

If Kennedy did, in fact, act on the favorable opinions of the Joint Chiefs in permitting the attempt to invade Cuba, there doubtless will be changes made as opportunity offers. Who, for example, made the decision which former President Eisenhower publicly challenged? That was the decision to put all invasion supplies, ammuntion and such, in one ship which seems to have been sunk.

A betting man would be tempted to wager that this and other invasion decisions for Cuba were not made by the junior member of the Joint Chiefs. The junior man is the Marine's Gen. Shoup. When Marines mount an invasion it generally goes ashore.

Strictly Personal

By Sidney J. Harris
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DEFINITION OF THE SOUL

A friend of mine, who prides himself on being a hard-headed materialist, recently told me that he gets annoyed with my occasional references to the soul."

Harris

"Since I do not believe in God or in any so-called 'spiritual' qualities," he said, "I'd like you to define for me what you mean by the 'soul' without mentioning God or going into religious matters that nobody can prove one way or the other."

I think it can be done so as to satisfy even my old-fashioned materialistic friend. The English word "soul" corresponds to the Greek word "psyche," which means the inner self of a person. That each of us has an inner self can be demonstrated without any reference to supernatural matters.

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The brilliant French essayist, Alain, in his book "Definitions," gave what I believe is the best description of what people in all centuries and cultures–religious or pagan–have meant by the soul. I should like to quote two central paragraphs of his essay, to show how closely "lack of soul" corresponds to what we would call "neurosis" in modern parlance:

"The soul is what refuses the body. What, for instance, refuses to flee when the body trembles, what refuses to strike when the body is provoked, what refuses to drink when the body thirsts, what refuses to take when the body desires, what refuses to give up when the body recoils in horror. These refusals are the prerogative of man. Total refusal is sainthood; looking before leaping is wisdom; and this power of refusal is the soul.

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"The madman has no power of refusal; he no longer has a soul. They also say he has no awareness, and that is true. Whoever yields completely to his body, be it to strike, be it to flee, be it merely to speak, no longer knows what he does or what he is saying. One acquires awareness only through opposing self to self. . . . There is no such thing as a base soul; only a lack of soul. This beautiful word in no way defines a being, but always an act."

The neurotic lives only for self; he cannot oppose "self to self." He does not have the freedom of will to refuse the body; he is a driven creature, a slave to his own fears and appetites. He suffers from what moderns call "an impairment of psychic liberty," and what the ancients called a defect of soul. He is not what a human being should be – and what is proper to a human being can only be summed up in the word "soul," in the act that refuses the body for the greater good of the whole creature.

Try and Stop Me

—By BENNETT CERF—

IN THE MIDST OF World War I, a London production was planned for a musical that had scored a solid hit in New York. It was called "High Jinks," with book and lyrics by Otto Harbach and music by Rudolf Friml.

A monthh before the show opened in London, ugly rumors spread through town: Harbach and Friml, said the gossips, were obviously Germans — and who would want to patronize the work of the enemy? In vain did the producers protest that both Friml and Harbach were 100% Americans, with many Broadway hits to their credit. Only one thing was left for the producers to do—and they did it. And that's how "High Jinks" in 1916 England—a hit from the word go—was credited to a lyricist named Otto Hartley and a composer named Rudolph Freeman.

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Definitions:

SMALL FRY—A one-dollar steak.
STRIP TEASER—A skin diva.
ALIMONY—The price a woman charges for name dropping.
SEXTON—A fellow who minds his keys and pews.

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