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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 14, 1952 (Wednesday) District Attorney Paul W. Haviland defeated in his bid for reelection by Walter Nunley, 33-year-old attorney who campaigned on the issue of gambling, charging Haviland with failure to enforce the anti-gambling laws of the state.

20 YEARS AGO: May 14, 1942 (Thursday) Primary election returns show Charles McNary leading Arthur M. Geary, 108,224 to 23,192 in Republican senatorial contest.

30 YEARS AGO: May 14, 1932 (Saturday) David Lowry elected student body president of Medford high school.

40 YEARS AGO: May 14, 1922 (Sunday) Self Denial week at Jackson school, during which pupils gave up candy, ice cream, moving pictures and gum.

50 YEARS AGO: May 14, 1912 (Monday) Detroit in uproar as American League President Ben Johnson suspended baseball star Ty Cobb for assaulting spectators.

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

1. Is a pimpernel a species of fish, flower, or bird? 2. Who is the author of detective stories about "Perry Mason"? 3. Ulysses S. Grant and Jefferson Davis both served as army officers in the War with Mexico: true or false?

More Self-Rule for Counties

The degree to which counties are creatures of the state is not well understood. In Oregon, state government prescribes the limits of the organization and function of the county governments.

Two examples come quickly to mind of such limitations put upon Multnomah County. A few years ago, the district attorney ruled that the county lacked legal authority to join with the City of Portland in financing a metropolitan youth commission.

More recently the district attorney expressed doubt that the county could legally join with the city in the development of a stadium.

THE idea that counties should have greater powers of "home rule" has been growing, not just in Oregon but throughout the country.

In Oregon, the way was paved by a county home rule amendment to the constitution passed by the people in 1958 after referral from the legislature.

The 1959 legislature established procedures by which counties could adopt home rule charters that would give counties authority over matters of county concern and permit them to set up their own organizational structures.

Seven counties, Benton, Hood River, Jackson, Lane, Marion, Washington and Sherman, have engaged in home rule charter studies.

BENTON'S charter proposal is the result of a two-year study by a nine-member committee. It has become a hot political issue.

Benton's approach is perhaps unique in that the vote this time will not decide the issue of whether the elected three-man county court shall be replaced by a single administration.

Meanwhile, the new charter would make all other county offices appointive instead of elective, and it would spell out the county's powers to deal with its own problems.

THE county home rule movement requires no uniformity in organization among counties. Charters may or may not upset present county courts.

But the real urgency for home rule comes in the need for more powers to deal with metropolitan area problems, which now lie in a sort of governmental no-man's land.

Benton, Jackson and Sherman counties are Oregon pioneers in a development that is certain ultimately to sweep the state.

Liberal, Conservative, Progressive

I do not agree with those who think that in order to defend ourselves and to survive we must put a stop to progressive movement which has gone on throughout this century.

Is all this conservative? Is all this liberal? Is it all progressive? It is, I say, all of these.

EVERY truly civilized and enlightened man is conservative and liberal and progressive.

A civilized man is conservative in that his deepest loyalty is to the Western heritage of ideas which originated on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea.

The civilized man is a liberal because the writing and the administration of the laws should be done with enlightenment and compassion, with tolerance and charity, and with affection.

And the civilized man is progressive because the times change and the social order evolves and new things are invented and changes occur.

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I sincerely believe that Bob has all the qualities that combine to make up the necessary ingredients of a top-notch congressman.

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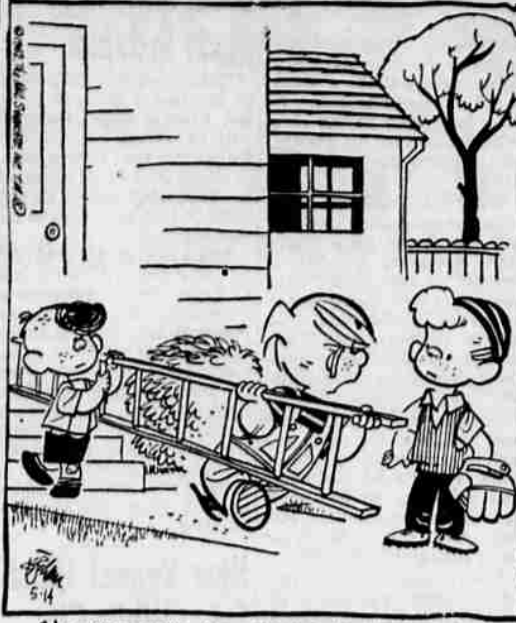
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Dennis the Menace



"ALL THAT TROUBLE, AND THE COOKIE JAR WAS EMPTY!"

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.

Why More? To the Editor: Should our slogan for county government be "The More the Merrier?"

Alarming Thoughts: To the Editor: Alarming thoughts grip us, and red lights suddenly appear at times.

In the Day's News: By FRANK JENKINS. The always interesting Salem Statesman remarked the other day that if it weren't for the fact that Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine is a woman she might well be accused of being bitten by the Presidential bug.

WELL, WHY NOT? Victoria was one of the greatest rulers in English history - perhaps THE greatest.

Community Pride: To the Editor: It will prove a source of great community pride as well as a tremendous asset.

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Foreign News: Macmillan-De Gaulle To Meet; Pakistan's Attitude; Car Prices

By PHIL NEWSOM. UPI Foreign News Analyst. Notes from the foreign news cables:

Gloves Off: When British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan meets French President Charles de Gaulle near Paris June 2-3 there probably will be some gloves-off infighting.

Iberian Headaches: Despite the spreading strikes and student unrest in Spain and Portugal, experienced Iberian experts do not expect either the French or Salazar regimes to be threatened seriously.

Car Prices: All signs indicate that West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will lose his fight to get German car-makers to rescind their recent price boosts.

Pakistan Business: American Embassy officials in Karachi are keeping a wary eye on the Pakistan government's attitude towards foreign businessmen and investments.

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changes may come when the new National Assembly meets for the first time next month and the 3 1/2-year period of martial law comes to an end.

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Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippman is in Europe. Roscoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.) (c) 1962 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

KHRUSHCHEV SAYS IT AGAIN: Washington - It would be well if every American could read the full text of the interview which Nikita Khrushchev recently gave to Gardner Cowles, editor of Look magazine.

MR. K. ON BERLIN - "It is the presence of Western forces in West Berlin to which we cannot agree."

THE RIGHT QUESTIONS: In his fascinating new book, "Dialogues With Mothers," (and with some fathers, too), the author sums up in a sentence a lesson it takes many of us a lifetime to learn.

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Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

THE CAPTAIN: Washington-President Kennedy has given notice to the whole allied world that a new American doctrine is emerging amid the endless perplexities of the cold war.

INEVITABLY, neither the British side nor the French-German side has been really satisfied. Still, there does come a time when somebody has got to be captain of the team - and when the captain has got to call signals if any kind of sensible game is going to be played.

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Strictly Personal

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