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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 30, 1952 (Friday) William J. Peters has been appointed chief of police of the City of Rogue River.

20 YEARS AGO May 30, 1942 (Saturday) Johnny Sheffield, known in moving pictures as "Tarzan, Jr.," appears in Medford to aid in sale of war bonds.

30 YEARS AGO May 30, 1922 (Tuesday) Democratic candidate for Jackson county judge lists campaign expenses of \$14.60, including \$1 for chicken accidentally killed by his car while on a vote seeking trip.

40 YEARS AGO May 30, 1912 (Tuesday) First arrest of season for violation of water regulations made by Patrolman George Prescott when man found irrigating with open hose.

50 YEARS AGO May 30, 1912 (Wednesday) Medford women out in force to vote for first time in history in election of president of city school board; women to support own candidate.

Prices at newly opened Medford public market include choice young dressed chickens, 18 cents a pound; fresh ranch eggs, 20 cents a dozen; strawberries, 20 cents a box or 25 cents for three; lettuce, two heads for five cents, and home-made dairy butter, 60 cents a roll.

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

1. Who led the Mormon pioneers in their trek from Nauvoo, Illinois to Utah? 2. If you make a notch in a tree trunk two feet above the ground, at what height will it be in ten years? 3. What country has been called "Land of the Midnight Sun"? 4. What State is nicknamed Magnolia State? 5. In what California city did President Warren G. Harding die? 6. If you were suffering from psychopobia of what would you be afraid? 7. Under what President did Charles Gates Dawes serve as Vice President? 8. Does the French term bourgeoisie refer to the working class, middle class, or the very rich? 9. In what game might there be a "round of roodies"? 10. With what country do you associate the traditional air "Comin' Through the Rye"?

1. Brigham Young 2. Same height 3. Norway 4. Mississippi 5. San Francisco 6. Fire 7. Calvin Coolidge 8. Middle Class 9. Poker 10. Scotland.

The Mysterious Stock Market

The inner workings of the stock market, and the reasons therefore, have always been a deep-dyed mystery to us.

Thus, it was with special interest that we read the Page 1 discussion of the current slump written by our financial columnist, Sylvia Porter, who is widely regarded as one of the most knowledgeable observers of the economic and financial scene.

The stock slump (Miss Porter actually used the awesome word "crash") is only one indication of the state of business in the nation, Miss Porter pointed out, and is perhaps not even the single most important.

SHE cited a number of factors, each of which could have contributed to the massive sell-out on the market, and concluded that it was probably a combination of them.

But, she also declared, the basic situation is hardly comparable to the 1929 crash. And even if it were to result in the same direction, there are fiscal and financial controls which the government can employ to counter such a trend.

As we read the signs, it occurs to us that this stock price break will have a serious effect on a minority of citizens of the nation, and little if any real effect on the rest of us.

ONE interesting thing about the stock market is that it reacts to psychological attitudes just as readily as it does to actual business and financial conditions. Thus it is possible for a major change to occur without any rhyme or reason.

People act as they do from a variety of motivations, but once in a while circumstances combine to create a pattern which reacts on a number of people similarly, stimulating similar fears and fancies. It is then that a "panic" can ensue—sometimes with real underlying reason, but sometimes without any cause other than a lack of confidence.

If Miss Porter is correct in finding the stock slump an indication of the end of an inflation economy, there is good news as well as bad contained in the event.

We'll simply have to wait and see.—E. A.

Tests for the Far Right

The California primary election will be June 5, next Tuesday.

It will afford yet another "test" of the political strength of the radical right-wing in this nation. It flunked its first such test last month in the Texas primary, when Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, a John Birch type, came in sixth in a field of six for the Democratic nomination for governor.

In California, it will show up most clearly in two races, for the Republican nomination for governor, and for the Republican nomination for Congress from the 25th District, in Los Angeles.

THE Republican gubernatorial nominees are former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who has stated that good Republicans should get out of the John Birch society, and Joseph C. Shell, a militant conservative, who, while not publicly associated with the John Birchers, will certainly receive their support.

Shell's campaign has been an ambivalent one, in large part. He claims that Nixon lacks experience in state government and issues, yet his campaign has been similar to the one waged by General Walker, for conservatism and against Communism, with few specifics.

However, he is a more attractive man, personally, than the tongue-tongued general. He is a wealthy oil man, a former football star, who pilots his own plane on his campaign trips.

THE authoritative Congressional Quarterly says:

"Shell's aggressive, underdog campaign tended to outshine the low-keyed Nixon campaign until early May, when Nixon began to step up his effort. . . . Shell has campaigned tirelessly, amassing far more support than observers first thought possible. His repeated efforts to draw Nixon into debate, however, have been unsuccessful. . . . Shell appears sure to draw the maximum possible right-wing Republican vote in the primary. He claims his support is steadily mounting but declines to predict flatly he will win the primary. His chances of actually defeating Nixon are discounted by practically all impartial observers. The chief question is whether he will lead his right wing followers back into the Nixon camp following the primary. If not, Nixon's already shaky chances of defeating (Democratic Gov. Edmund) Brown could evaporate quickly."

Another straw in the wind will be 25th district race.

Here the Republican incumbent is Rep. John F. Rousselot, 34, a Birch society member, who refuses to repudiate his membership, and instead claims that the Welch-led quasi-secret society is made up of "fine, dedicated, intelligent Americans."

His primary election challenger is Thomas F. Noonan, 38, a Realtor making his first political bid.

THE two seem to agree that the Birch society is one of the major issues in their race. CQ comments:

"Noonan has relatively ample campaign funds and has distributed anti-Rousselot, anti-Birch literature throughout the district. Rousselot, however, has an aggressive and well financed campaign organization and is considered a clear favorite. Redistricting made the district strongly Democratic and Republicans will have difficulty holding it in the general election."

Neither of these two election contests will be conclusive, of course, particularly in view of the probability that Democratic candidates will be the ultimate winners. But they will provide a real indication as to whether the radical right is as strong as some people hope or fear it is.—E.A.

Bamboo Curtain

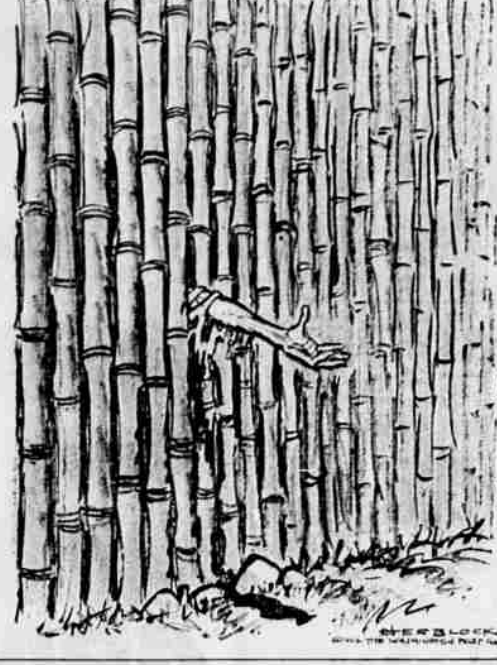


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Don't Want the Facts

To the Editor: In reply to Mr. Caton and Mr. Cuddy of White City, all I have to say is that Butler said it, not me, and I think he probably knew what he did better than anyone else. So I will take his word for it.

If you like to read, I suggest you read His Treason, Sabotage, The Plot Against the Peace, The Great Conspiracy. They may make you a little unhappy but you will get documented facts.

The trouble is that most people do not want the facts. Ray Prichard, 414 South First st., Central Point, Ore.

God's Best

To the Editor: Lord, give me wisdom to choose thy best. And not thy second best. Forbid that I should rest, content, With less of what is thy consent.

Which I may have, just for the asking, But lose through sloth - or Satan's masking. Mildred Allen Jeffery, 521 Mayette st., Medford

Obligated Plenty

To the Editor: Howdy everybody. I promised you I'd be back and I don't aim to disappoint nobody, but I am shore tard today. Yesterday mornin' a feller came by and told me where there was a house bein' tore down. So I hauled stuff away from there all day long. They gimme it all jest for haulin' it away. Of course I had a big fuss with Babe, that's my wife. She come out where I was unloadin' and said I had used up enough of the garden space and why didn't I use up what I had on hand 'stead of pilin' up more. Wal, I got mad and wouldn't eat no supper and went to bed with my clothes on.

All nite long them tarnation cars kept fallin' in them chug holes out in the road gears grindin' out and then go bumpin' off down the rest of the washboard road. Plague take it, when I moved here that was a plum good road but they's so pesky many more people usin' it now . . . anybody who fixes it up? Not no body.

Well, I laid there last nite and got madder and madder, when I jest happened to remember that somebody told me afore elections that the county had an obligation to us folks out here. Well, I says to myself, I am jest the guy to see to it that we get obligated. And that's what I did.

In the mornin' I phoned the courthouse as soon as I knowed Central was there, and she put me on the line of the county engineer. I told him about this road and that it was high time we was obligated, and he said, "You are Sir, that's exactly what you are. The road in question is a road dedicated to the use of the public. The County has not accepted this road and therefore it is the obligation of the property owners to maintain this thoroughfare."

Well, I guess I got told. We been obligated plenty. Love to all. Sut Bugyall (Real name on file) Southwest Medford

Naturally

To the Editor: Some commentators appeared critical of Scott Carpenter, when they reported he was confused in space. It really does not seem so surprising. To accomplish that condition, most of us need only get behind the wheel of our automobile.

Why isn't this true on our highways? I. W. Robertson, 103 North Central ave., Medford.

The Mope

To the Editor: There is a law governing obstructing the free passage of a person on a public street.

Why isn't this true on our highways? I am referring to the "mope," encountered by all motorists.

'Wolfhound' Regiment Fit and Ready in Leisurely Yet Busy Thailand Countryside

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

Bangkok, Thailand - (AP) - To reach the first battle group of the American 27th "Wolfhound" regiment you drive an axle-cracking 60 miles north from Bangkok and then turn eastward for nearly 100 miles along Freedom Highway.

Along the way, men, women and children in conical straw hats resting high on their heads struggle with baskets of earth, laboring side by side with great earth-moving machines building a new military road which will bypass Bangkok.

Water buffalo graze alongside, and in nearby paddies other men and women bend knee-deep in muddy water planting a new rice crop.

For other crops it is harvest time and in the tiny village market places farmers squat beside stacks of bananas, pineapples, mangoes and corn. Naked children stare curiously

from the shadows of thatched-roof shops or tall coconut palms.

This is a leisurely land, yet even in the blazing sun few are idle.

It is also rich land where almost any crop pushed into the ground grows, and it is easy to see why it is coveted by Red China where millions are hungry.

The American - built Freedom Road lies between the sharp ridges of the Dong Phya Yen mountains, whose name translated means "cool forest."

The mountains are cool

only in name. Their jungle cover is ideal training ground for this generation of Wolfhounds who are tired of listening to tales of the 27th's heroism in Korea and who are confident they are capable of

an equal showing now should the Red Chinese or Pathet Lao make a move against Thailand across the Mekong River border.

Chaplain Robert J. Wood of Bridgeport, Conn., a bluff, hearty man who served in many divisions, says none was better trained than these young men from many states.

They have been in field exercises for four months of the

last six and now are thinned down and expert jungle fighters.

They won't take any jazz from the Chinese," says Father Wood.

Despite the rigors of jungle training, only nine men were invalided out in the last month, which is less than under normal conditions.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises Inc.

DIFFERENT KIND OF WAR Mankind has known all kinds of wars in the past - land wars, sea wars, air wars, wars of aggression, of independence, of defense, of retaliation, of attrition. Now we are faced with the possibility of an utterly new kind - the

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Hats off today to the little city of Damascus, Oregon. Its population is about 200. It is located about two whoops and a holler from downtown Portland.

ATTRACTIONS? To compete with Seattle's Space Needle, it will have a horse-drawn merry-go-round restaurant-guaranteed to make nobody dizzy. There will be Can-Can girls on a boardwalk. The highlight will be the lighting of a tall Peace Candle. And so on.

Damascus, holding its tongue in its cheek and keeping a weather eye open for the headlines, pledges that when Century 19 World's Fair closes its gates there will have been nothing quite like it in history.

THE Exposition business is old. One of the first is supposed to have been held some 2,000 years ago when European merchants landed on the coast of West Africa, unpacked their wares, spread them out on the shore and went back to their sailing vessels. Natives crept out from the forests, Oh'd and Ah'd about the new products, took what they wanted and left their own goods on the ground in payment.

BACK in 1851, London held its Crystal Palace Exposition. It was planned and promoted by Prince Albert, Victoria's consort. Parliament objected to it, fearing that British trade might suffer if British inventions and scientific secrets were unveiled to possible competitors. Its big attraction was a fabulous greenhouse of glass and iron that still stands and is still quite a tourist attraction.

The Eiffel Tower was the big showpiece of the Paris Exposition of 1889. It was the Space Needle of its day. It still does a good business.

IN OUR own U.S.A. the World's Columbian Exposition, held in Chicago in 1893 on the shores of Lake Michigan, was one of the BIGS. Electricity was its Big Theme, and the Ferris Wheel was its member Ferris wheel all and ways.

You asked if the American people want the expense of medical care to fall most heavily on the low income group, those with \$5,000 or less income. Dear doctor, who picks up the tab for most public expense? This King-Anderson bill, which you speak strongly against, is GROUP INSURANCE. Surely you have no objection to that.

As president of the Oregon State Medical Society, you did not advance any thing better in your letter. Do you refer to the Kerr-Mills bill? I have an article published under the name of Robert W. Staub, Oregon State Senator, stating that under the Kerr-Mills plan it took \$121,000 to administer \$113,000 in benefits. Is that what you want? If this statement is not true something is surely wrong.

Under the Kerr-Mills plan the required coverage is not met, the plan unwieldy to apply and unsatisfactory, for some states are reported to be too poor to properly match the Government funds, thereby making little or no benefits available.

While the King-Anderson is not all that is desired, it is a step in the right direction, it avoids duplication in administration, operates for about one fourth the cost of the matching fund plans, and can be expanded to include all wage earners under Social Security, which has proven itself to be reliable in its capacity by 25 years of successful management.

It seems to me, doctor, that if you and others who oppose this move would revise your thinking and exert as much time and effort to a realistic, Christian-like program, you could easily prove that in this, the richest country in the world, we are not lagging behind the rest of the civilized world in this respect.

C. R. Burrell, 119 Crater Lake ave., Medford.

Big Sight. New inventions shown included the linotype and the Pullman sleeping car.

Its Big Success was its gay war where people went from all over our nation to be shocked, and went home to tell about the shocking things that went on there—thus leading thousands of others to go to Chicago to be shocked, so that they too could come home and tell about it.

The song "Ta-ra-ra-Boo-de-Ay" was big stuff at the World's Columbian Exposition. People came home humming it—a little shamefacedly, for it was then regarded as QUITE WICKED.

AND so on down through the long years in which World Fairs have been held. Why have they been so successful? Why do they go on and on and on?

Here's one reason: They provide people with an excuse to PICK AND GO SOMEWHERE.

ANYWAY—Here's hoping the people of Damascus much luck with their Century 19.

And many tourists.

Humble To Drill Near Silverton

Portland - (AP) - Humble Oil and Refining Co. Tuesday announced plans to drill an oil and gas test well near Silverton as soon as a permit is received from the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

The 7,500-foot test well will be Humble's third test in the state. The other two were near Lakeview in south central Oregon. Humble holds oil exploration leases on more than 100,000 acres in the Willamette Valley.

Humble officials said they would file for a permit soon. They have no drilling contractor yet, but drilling could start as soon as two weeks after the permit is issued.

The well will be the second sunk in the Willamette Valley this spring. Drilling is now underway east of Lebanon on land leased by Reserve Oil and Gas Co. of San Francisco.

Market Exchanges Closed for Holiday

New York - (AP) - Major securities and commodity exchanges in the United States were closed today in observance of Memorial Day. Foreign exchanges operated as usual.

No business will be transacted Thursday in Paris, Frankfurt, Brussels, The Hague, and Zurich because of the Ascension holiday.

In France, banks will close at noon today and will not re-open until Friday in observance of Ascension Day. London markets do not observe the holiday and will operate as usual.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A "TRY-AND-STOP-ME" undercover man reports that a door in a government building in Washington is labeled "General Services Administration, National Buildings Management Division, Utility Room, Strictly Private."

Ignoring the sign, our man opened the door, and peered within. It was a broom closet!

The author of one of Broadway's reigning hits is investing his royalties in Wyoming cattle. Asked why, he explained, "There are two reasons: one, it's a favorable tax set-up, and two, cows don't ask for free tickets."

Mrs. Goldsmith was reminded for the ninth time that it was time to have her teeth checked by dentist Pullman. Finally she phoned, but was told that the dentist was out learning how to dance the Twist.

"Wonderful," she exclaimed gratefully. "When will he be out again?"

A complete biography in six words: GIN, SPIN, DASH, CRASH, NURSE, HEARSE. © 1952, by Bennett Cerf, Distributed by King Features Syndicate



Harris anonymous u s war, it will soon be no longer possible to know who is attacking us. How are we going to cope with THAT kind of warfare?

This is no soft-headed fantasy of my own. The concept was expressed not long ago by the tough-minded defense analyst Hermin Kahn, in his keynote address at the annual dinner of the Institute of Aerospace Sciences in New York. Kahn told the technically sophisticated group:

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