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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
Aug. 23, 1952 (Saturday)
About 5,000 people attended
the Jackson County 4-H and
FFA club fair which ended
its four-day run recently.

20 YEARS AGO
Aug. 23, 1942 (Sunday)
Group of Camp White soldiers
save 17-year-old Klamath
Falls girl from drowning
in Lake of the Woods.

30 YEARS AGO
Aug. 23, 1932 (Tuesday)
Helene Madison, Olympic
swimming champion and holder
of numerous world records,
steps at Medford municipal
airport on her way home to
Seattle.

40 YEARS AGO
Aug. 23, 1922 (Wednesday)
Small boys profit when
dog and pony show goes
bankrupt in Medford; ponies,
quartered at Dr. Gitzen's barn
until bills are settled, are
exercised daily by small boys
of neighborhood.

50 YEARS AGO
Aug. 23, 1912 (Friday)
Run-away girl from Corvallis
crawls under house on
North Front st., defies police
and by-standers to come after
her; police, unable to crawl
into small area, finally coax
her to emerge, return her to
her mother.

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

- 1. Would a myopic person be near sighted, or far sighted?
2. Daniel Webster was Secretary of State during which President's administration?
3. Is a sunspot cooler or hotter than the rest of the sun?
4. Did Cyrus McCormick invent the reaper, the cotton gin, or the sewing machine?
5. Are peonies annuals, biennials, or perennials?
6. Who saw the Holy Grail?
7. In what principality is Monte Carlo located?
8. Eros is the Greek mythological god of...?
9. A dispute between two labor unions for bargaining rights in a company is called a... dispute.
10. What is often called "The Queen of Sciences"?

Answers: 1. Near sighted. 2. Millard Fillmore's. 3. Cooler. 4. Reaper. 5. Perennials. 6. Sir Galahad. 7. Monaco. 8. Love. 9. Jurisdictional. 10. Mathematics.

Ruined by a Book

Bob Frazier, an egghead type editorial writer who also likes mountain climbing, dogs and children, recently made the same point that Sydney J. Harris makes in his first "personal prejudice" elsewhere on this page today.

This is that WHAT a youngster reads isn't nearly as important as the fact that he IS reading. Bob wrote a little dissertation for his paper, the Eugene Register-Guard, recalling the days of pulp magazines—westerns, mysteries, and so on—and how, so long as a boy was reading, he at least wasn't out turning over hen houses.

EVEN reading trash, Harris chimes in, keeps them out of serious mischief. And if they stopped reading trashy books this does not mean they automatically will start browsing through "Coriolanus" or "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm."

"No kid, boy or girl, was ever ruined by a book. Write that 10 times on the blackboard," Frazier declares.

We've done our own share of reading stuff which had a fairly low moral tone. We still do, alas, upon occasion. But when we were younger this had two effects:

- 1. It taught us that reading isn't really very hard to do, and can be fun.
2. The more we read, trash or not, the higher our standards in reading matter became. A man crawls before he walks, and walks before he runs.—E.A.

A Great Man

What a splendid, indestructible old man!! Sir Winston Churchill, at 87, goes home from the hospital, with a broken hip on the mend.

He has survived three major wars and a dozen brush-fire conflicts. He has been in poor health much of his life, has suffered wounds and injuries, has borne the weight of the western world on his shoulders—for a time virtually alone—and still, at 87, he waves a big cigar jauntily as he is taken from the hospital.

AUTHOR, journalist, soldier, statesman, politician, artist, bon vivant, animal fancier, devoted husband—a man of courage and integrity and honor, and yet still so very human.

What a man for mankind to be proud of! Long may he enjoy champagne and oysters for breakfast, cigars and brandy after dinner. A great man, a great human being.—E.A.

Freudian Fatalism

Sigmund Freud and his successors in the arcane arts of psychiatry have probably done as much as any others to make a change in the way modern man thinks about himself and his fellows.

Much of this change is good, and liberating. It has helped many people to take a more natural look at themselves and their surroundings, to lose some of the fears and inhibitions with which society has been loaded since ancient times, to understand a bit more about themselves.

But not all of the change has been good. In some cases it has resulted in a permissiveness that is destructive of morality and of ethical standards, and in other cases has blurred the line between free will and a new sort of pseudo-scientific determinism.

WE ARE deeply convinced, Freudian glib-degook to the contrary notwithstanding, that each human being has a certain—though perhaps limited—control over his own personality, and thus over his own destinies.

Perhaps he did suffer repressions and frustrations as a child; still, as a thinking adult he has the potential for the self-control to rise above them. To the degree that he does not do so, he is failing himself.

It is obvious that some people do not have the will power to do such a job of self-improvement, but we believe that most of them have at least the potential.

IF THE history of humankind teaches us a lesson at all, it is that men CAN rise above heredity and environment, given the strength, determination and abilities to do so. That most men have not is the failure of one of these three things—inner strength, ability, or determination.

Of this triad, it seems to us the most important is determination. From determination, oftentimes, comes strength, and from these two, ability.

Whatever the condition of a man—saving only that of real idiocy—he has the latent power to improve himself, if only he will do so. This does not mean, of course, that any man can become rich or famous; but it does mean that no man need be content only with "his lot" in life, or to drift, morally, giving limp excuses.

TO FOLLOW the thinking of some Freudians to their logical conclusion is to arrive at a sort of fatalism which is as bad as, perhaps worse than, the theological fatalism of an earlier age, a fatalism which believes that man is wholly governed by built-in drives, unavoidable fears and frustrations, and an inherent inability to overcome them.

William Ernest Henley said, in Invictus: "I am the captain of my fate, I am the master of my soul."

Not to all men is it given to be masters of their souls, but to all men is given the possibility to try.

In lighter vein, we go along with Ogden Nash, in some areas, when he advises: "Avoid Freud."—E.A.

When Headache Strikes . . .



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They Won't Hurt

To the Editor: Sometimes I wonder as I read his "sermons" is H. R. Bulfinch as ardent of man in creating the draperies? (Too, there are those ultra violet rays . . .)

The thing that bothers me most is the practice of the prophets of gloom and doom, who, in their misguided zeal to have mankind down their own version of the "Primrose Path to Destruction" usually seem to appropriate as their exclusive property that majestic Book of Civilization, the Holy Bible, in so doing, and irreparably chanting from its pages without regard to context or its beautiful allegorical interpretations, they are all too likely to become identified with it in the minds of the impressionable young who might lack proper guidance, thereby alienating many from that wonderful source of faith and inspiration which surely was intended to be the rightful heritage of all.

It might be well to recall here a couple of other very appropriate verses, namely, "To the pure, all things are pure" and "As man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Mrs. Georgia Neece, Route 1, Box 118, Gold Hill, Ore.

Orchestra's Loss

To the Editor: The recent sudden passing of Edward C. Root was a severe shock to all his friends.

His patience, and sincere interest in his work with the Senior Activity Center orchestra members, will never be forgotten. He would want his beloved orchestra to carry on.

William Pickel will direct. John Grubbe will continue to be treasurer. Maud Arnold of the piano, and Pearl Spackman secretary.

The orchestra will practice as usual at 604 East Jackson st., Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon.

Visitors are welcome. Bring your instruments if you like and join the fun.

There is no money to be gained, but for seniors it is a nice recreation, hobby, friends and real rhythm in their lives.

In loving memory of Edward C. Root, the old time tunes he so loved will often be played for all who care to listen.

Groups that wish the orchestra to entertain may contact the secretary by calling 450-1837 or by addressing Pearl Spackman, P. O. Box 33, Jacksonville.

Pearl C. Spackman, 307 South Fourth st., Jacksonville, Ore.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THERE'S A BIG ad agency on Madison Avenue whose quick-tempered boss fires about five employees a day. Anybody who lasts a full year is secretly awarded a medal by astounded colleagues.

One of the v.p.'s of the agency was recalling the day he first worked there. "I didn't mind the much," he sighed, "that my name was printed on the door with chalk—but I did think the wet sponge hanging on the doorknob was rather disturbing."

"There," said a dimwit at lunch, "is an actor who is going home." "Have they given him his final bill?" asked a companion. "No, no," answered the dimwit impatiently. "I mean his wife is out of town."

Returning by bus from a tour of St. Vincent, a stout lady turned to her daughter and exclaimed, "I hope you noticed, didn't you, in the house and furnished in 'Victory American'?"

Khrushchev Believed Deciding Whether To Attend U.N.; Prosnd Cons Weighed

By K. C. THALER
United Press International
London 22E - Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev is probably deciding this week whether or not to go to New York for the United Nations General Assembly, opening Sept. 16. U. N. Secretary General U. Thant, who is due in Moscow for talks with Khrushchev, will most likely get the decision personally soon.

His prestige enhanced by the latest Soviet space success, he may find it desirable to make a new pitch for support from neutral and uncommitted nations at the world assembly.

Drummond Reports

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

THE ALLIANCE AND THE COMMUNISTS
Rio de Janeiro - If the United States has reason to be worried lest Latin America fall to the Communists, the other side of the coin should also be noted.

The Communists are equally worried that through the Alliance for Progress Latin America is on the road to economic improvement and may be in the process of eluding their grasp entirely.

This is why the Communist bloc—the Soviet Union and Red China principally—are today pouring \$100 million a year into agitation and propaganda in Latin America.

This is why the Kremlin has just acted to expand the scope and volume of Soviet studies in Latin America and has placed in charge of establishing "creative contact" with Latin American scholars and educators one "Dr." Sergi Mikhailov, a career diplomat better known for his propaganda activities than his diplomacy in the capitals of South America.

THIS is why the Communists everywhere in Latin America are centering nearly their whole propaganda efforts on smearing and trying to block the Alliance for Progress.

This is why, for example, the Argentine Communist leader, Alfredo Varelo, recently announced in Moscow that the Communists would join with the Peronists to fight both the Alliance and the Guido government in Argentina.

The sum of these Communist actions constitutes a revealing measure of how fearful the Communists are that the Alliance will in the end put Latin America beyond their reach.

IT IS the slow beginning of the Alliance and the fact that its largest effects cannot be felt at first which give the Communists their biggest opportunity. When the early hopes of masses of Latin American people are disappointed—in part because the Alliance was greatly oversold at the outset—leftist agitators exploit this frustration and, in an odd conspiracy which each believes to be in its own best interests, the rich and the

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop
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By RICHARD C. WALD
Joseph Alsop is on vacation. During his absence his column will be written by reporters expert in national and international affairs.

DEMOCRACY: U.S. AND BRITISH
New York - As Giotto said when he looked at modern painting, it's all a matter of perspective.

Live in London for three years, as this reporter has done, and it begins to look as though Presidents and Prime Ministers are pretty much the same, except maybe for drooping eyelids and bony grin.

Under these circumstances there should be little wonder that the Communist threat is a very serious one through Latin America. I venture to repeat that the strength of the Communist parties today are due in large part to the dictators which prevailed so widely from 1949 to 1958.

Even in the first few days of a visit to the Great EX Out Yonder, the differences point up the fact that for all his apparent power, Harold Macmillan lives in a pretty fragile political situation and although his party has a bigger majority than John F. Kennedy's, he is far more likely to sink without trace in the next year.

TO THE returned non-resident who gets \$10 duty-free exemption for gifts, which is like offering peanut butter to a thirsty man, this seems at first a country of great big cars, all of them dirty, damaged, and rusting, huge stores where nothing costs less than \$1 but everything is available, and a certain lack of finesse about grubbing for tips.

It is also a country where the natives are worried about what the President is doing to the press, where a pride of Kennedy seems to have collected a rather small number of votes, even so.

Further, to put a whole paragraph in parenthesis, most Europeans were astounded at the Administration's inability to get the Medicare program passed after a public relations campaign by the American Medical Association that seemed deliberately calculated to rank doctors with the Galvanees (sneeze).

STILL, Kennedy is the President and a strong one. He may yet increase his majority in Congress. The country has yet to feel the full force of his personality. Not even in the darkest recesses of the National Republican Club is there a wild-eyed fanatic who believes he is going to disappear from the political scene.

In Britain, on the other hand, the situation is almost exactly reversed. People here are worried about what the press is doing to Mr. Macmillan, while, in his very definition as Prime Minister, he can get any measure he wants through the House of Commons. When he wanted a solid showing on the last anniversary, the party whips went as far as to order some Conservative member who had just arrived in the United States. The member was asked to look at \$2,800 of his own money to vote the way the Prime Minister wanted, and greater devotion both no possible.

And when there was a suspicion that his government wasn't making young enough or energetic enough, Mr. Macmillan sat down at the head of the long table in his study and empty cabinet room, looked at a lot of his ministers on a big, cream-colored sheet of paper, and in 10 days worked out the largest percentage change in government in this country.

THIS is the outward show. However, there is a lot at the close of the Parliamentary

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
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PERSONAL PREJUDICES
Those superior critics who constantly berate the public for their "low taste" in books rarely stop to consider that if these people stopped reading cheaply popular books they would not take up great literature but would simply engage in some other "low" activity, and even the reading of trash keeps them out of serious mischief, for it serves as a vigorous release of their erotic and aggressive drives.

Most people who think they have the courage of their convictions have only the courage of their generalities; pin them down to specifics, and you find that their "convictions" are little more than a set of abstract likes and dislikes based on ignorance, anger and resentment.

If marriage resembles anything, it is like those "three-legged races" at picnics, where couples are paired with by side and their inner legs bound together. Then they must huddle together over the course in the finish line, each advising his partner to that of the other, neither pulling nor dragging himself—and one seldom lacks the habit of both huddling down.

There is no recorded record of history in which the living people said that manners have improved over the previous generation; they have always declined, precipitously and alarmingly.

The small mind only feels comfortable with the familiar and the customary. Thus, the smaller the mind, the greater the animus against anything foreign, different, exceptional, or extraordinary, as a little child has to have a story repeated exactly the same way, without the change of a word.

Failure To File Tax Return Nets 60 Days
Portland - Mr. John L. Benson, a Springfield accountant, Wednesday was sentenced to 60 days in jail by Federal Judge Guy J. Salomon for failing to file his federal income tax returns.

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Youths Escape as Car Leaves Road

Estacada - 22E - Two Portland youth escaped serious injury Wednesday when their car plunged over a 35-foot cliff and landed in some 25 feet of water in the Chehalis river above North Fork dam.

Checkmate coach Merrill's daughter and Michael Biefer, 17, were in front condition at a hospital. Jerry Maloney, 15, the driver, was not hospitalized.

Officials said the boys were on the way home from a fishing trip when the car apparently hit a hole, bounced into a steep wall and then rolled over the embankment into the lake. The boys were trapped in the car as it sank but were able to open a door and swim out.

Drug Control Bill Called Up in Senate

Washington - Senate leaders called up for immediate passage today a tough drug control bill designed to punish American drug traffickers and to make the sale and delivery of narcotics illegal.

The 45-page omnibus amendment is to be passed by the Senate before the bill is sent to the House.

The bill would make it illegal to sell or give away any amount of narcotics without a valid prescription from a physician.