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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
Sept. 13, 1952 (Monday)
First day attendance at Medford High school is reported as 750 students; 75 students fewer than on the first day of school last year.

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 13, 1942 (Tuesday)
Forest fire near Brookings believed started by fire bomb dropped by small airplane launched from Japanese submarine.

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 13, 1932 (Thursday)
Large crowd of Medford people attend last boat regatta of year held at Savage Rapids dam.

40 YEARS AGO
Sept. 13, 1922 (Friday)
"Great success" reported in drive by local authorities to suppress the liquor traffic in Medford and nearby areas.

50 YEARS AGO
Sept. 13, 1912 (Sunday)
Local residents donate use of 30 automobiles to take group of visiting scientists to Crater lake; urgent call goes out for more automobiles to be used in showing 100 visiting travel agents around the city.

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

- 1. Who signed his correspondence and paintings with a small drawing of a butterfly?
2. The eruption of what volcano destroyed the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum?
3. How many states of the South seceded from the Union in 1862?
4. With what city do you associate the family of Capulets?
5. When a U.S. Senator dies his successor appointed to fill out his term or to fill out the period until the next general election?
6. During World War II, what was the most serious disease among U.S. troops?
7. Why didn't Jonah take any cheese on the Ark for the mice?
8. Who was the first Emperor of Rome?
9. Are your auricular appendages your hands, feet, ears, or eyes?
10. What is the antithesis of the color black?
Answers: 1. Janes Whitler. 2. Mt. Vesuvius. 3. Eleven. 4. Verona. 5. Until next general election. 6. Malaria. 7. Jonah wasn't on the Ark; it was Noah. 8. Augustus Caesar. 9. Ears. 10. White.

Candidate's Statement

Here is the fifth in the series of statements by candidates for the state legislature, offered in response to an editorial invitation to submit their views on the financial and educational problems facing the state during the next biennium.

This one is by John R. Dellenback, Republican member of the house of representatives seeking reelection.

To the Editor: The questions raised in your recent editorial and addressed to candidates for the legislature are fundamental and will call for some of the hardest and best thinking that our legislators can produce during the 1963 session of the Oregon Legislature.

Certainly each candidate for the legislature should declare what basic principles he will apply in deciding on issues arising before the legislature. But no candidate should give a "yes" or "no" answer on crucial issues before he knows all the facts on those issues.

It seems to me that your questions are particularly unfair so far as those candidates are concerned who have had no legislative experience. I served last session on the House Education Committee and have since then served on the Interim Education Committee. As a result I have a background of knowledge in the field of education which it is not fair to expect any of the other five candidates for the House to have.

To keep in mind the necessity for our state government to face with imaginative leadership those areas where we need and want the services of government. Education is definitely one of these areas.

To keep in mind the fact that every dollar spent on government services must first be taken from us as individuals through taxation. Each area of responsibility which we shift from our shoulders to our government implies a decision that in that area government can serve us better than we can serve ourselves.

To reserve final judgment whenever possible on issues coming before the legislature until I have all the available facts on those issues.

To give high priority to the problems of basic school support from the state and the lowering of real property taxes. The voters should know that at present the only effective way to make any material reduction in local real property taxes lies in an increase in basic school support from the state.

To do what I can to see that the Ways and Means Committee next considers the needs of higher education. There is no doubt that there will be requests before the legislature for additional appropriations in this vital field, both in operating expenses and for construction of buildings.

During the last session of the legislature I strongly supported the implementation of the community college program on the basis of testimony given to the House Education Committee of particular need for such community colleges in the Astoria, Coos Bay and Bend areas.

It seems to me, that your "plain-as-a-pikestaff statement that the State has two alternatives" involves an incomplete analysis of this situation. First every reasonable attempt should be made to keep the level of spending for desired state services at a level which can be met from estimated revenues under present taxes.

In my opinion none of these alternatives is desirable, and it is my earnest hope that we can make it unnecessary to follow any of them. Even if one or more of them should ever prove necessary, no decision as to which should be followed should be made without a thorough and careful hearing and analysis of all the pros and cons of each alternative and a careful weighing of which would be most equitable.

I feel that the issues upon which your questions touch are too complex to make any final answers at this time sound or wise. If you disagree, I would be pleased to read in some future editorial your own answers to the questions which you posed to us.

John R. Dellenback
State Representative
Medford.

"Outrageous And Thank Goodness It Didn't Happen To Be One Of Ours"



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To All Who Help
To the Editor: Several months ago you printed the account of my husband's logging accident, which left him paralyzed and able to speak only a whisper.

Several years ago while nursing in a county hospital in California I answered a question thus: "I'm only a nurse's aide." An R.N. standing nearby overheard and broke into the conversation quickly. "Don't ever say 'only an aide,'" she said, and went on to state the importance of all from administrator to maintenance man, ambulance driver to lab technician.

Now I see! For four months and two days, Herman Simpson made Rogue Valley hospital his home - or was it "they" who made it home? That may be most proper for they all certainly did their share, and then some, to make it home while he had to be there and often went "beyond the call of duty."

Our doctors, we were told, are "the best in the West," and we certainly believe it. Now we are telling others! A week ago Sunday Herman got his voice back, and after his second surgery, began walking with physical therapist's help. All the genuine interest and encouragement from doctors, personnel, friends and relatives alike have been a great boost.

We have had full faith in God from the beginning and still believe and trust that He knows best. He alone knows the end from the beginning. Our wonderful church family have been a very great help too.

This letter is meant to, somehow, humbly and sincerely express our appreciation, first to God and His loving goodness to us - secondly, to His helpers from ambulance drivers to doctors, nurses and all hospital personnel, to friends, relatives and definitely to the many interested folk on Linn's Line, and the Medford Lions Club.

Herman is looking forward to being home soon. Monday he was transferred to Hawthorne Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center. Another step toward home, where the welcome mat is always out.

THANK YOU EVERYBODY!
Marie Simpson
Route 4, Box 349-D
Medford.

The Reason
To the Editor: To friends and patrons of Phoenix Public Library:
I will not be returning to serve you at the request of one person in Phoenix.

I was under the impression, while I was working at the library, that I was there to serve the people of Phoenix and to encourage people to read and to create an interest in books. I felt that the young minds of Phoenix were very important and that it takes a lot of friendliness and a personal interest in each patron to build the circulation up to where I had it when I left on leave of absence.

I found out, after I returned, that I was supposed to be pleasing this one person, not you, my public.

Problems of Education in Iron Curtain Countries Bring Headaches to Planners

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst
In Moscow, an angry parent leaps to his feet and demands to know why his son is being

taught German instead of English. The teacher replies that assignments to language studies were made by alphabet instead of by pupils' choice and she will try to find out why.

The incident was reported in a recently dispatch from Moscow and the author noted that, as an American and a parent, he saw certain similarities to parent-teacher meetings he had attended in Connecticut.

Just as in the United States, this is the start of a new school season for millions of children behind the Iron Curtain.

Radio Free Europe, which beams news of the free world to Communist satellite nations and also conducts a continuing study of events behind the curtain, has just released a survey of Communist educational methods and some of the headaches encountered by the planners.

Strong points seem to be seven to nine years of free, compulsory education, not only in the Soviet Union, but in all the East European satellites, with heavy emphasis on language as well as technical studies.

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann
(New York Herald Tribune Syndicate)

NAYSAYING AND THE OLD ADAM
Both in Europe and America this has been a quarrelsome and fruitless summer, and hopes that were high in April are dimmed in September.

The Western community was moving forward toward a closer unity and an expanding prosperity. That movement has become stalled.

In Europe the foundations of NATO are disturbed by the dispute over the American control of nuclear weapons, and the prospect of forming an enlarged Common Market is entangled with a conflict over the political leadership of Western Europe.

And so there is much disarray in the Atlantic community. First things are put aside; secondary and petty things dominate the governments of the West as they are called upon to cope once more with Berlin and Germany as well as with mounting disorder in Africa, South Asia, and Latin America.

But for our own weakness and follies, we would be proceeding impressively towards a great and beneficent political and economic unity.

The Common Market would be enlarged by the admission of Great Britain and of Scandinavia, and then widened by various kinds of partnership and association with the Americas, with Africa, with Japan. Were this great project flourishing, Western propaganda would really have something to talk about, and there would be no question about the power and influence of the Western society.

IT IS EASIER to diagnose the trouble than to cure it. The trouble is that, with great achievements in sight, the Western governments have let themselves down from the plane of high action to the more normal, selfish, and parochial ways of the Old Adam.

Why this loss of will? Apparently it is because the Western democratic peoples are satisfied with the mediocre successes which have been achieved. We have established a balance of power which, though it does not give us a dependable peace, does make big war unlikely.

Successful people tend to forget how great a part luck has played in their lives, which makes them smug; while unsuccessful people tend to over-estimate the importance of luck, which makes them envious.

No violation of prose style is more irritating (or more the sign of the amateur) than the sloppy habit of breaking up sentences and phrases by three little dots. . . like this.

I have never been able to agree with those who profess to view suicide as a courageous act; it seems to me that Napoleon was right when he observed that "It requires more courage to suffer than to die."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop
(New York Herald Tribune Syndicate)

THE PRESSURE ON KHRUSHCHEV
Berlin - From this vantage point, Nikita S. Khrushchev looks unpleasantly like a leader who has been an acute need for a big success somewhere, in order to compensate for existing difficulties and failures.

If this appearance is not misleading, Berlin is pretty certainly the place where Khrushchev will try for this success. Hence the deterioration in Khrushchev's own situation as another major change in the Berlin situation.

Khrushchev's situation as leader of the world Communist bloc has certainly deteriorated, and in a really somber manner, in the close-to-four years since he started the second Berlin crisis in November, 1958.

FROM one end of the Communist bloc to the other, there are troubles that were certainly wholly unforeseen in 1958. China, of course, is the place where the trouble is deepest, most somber, and most dangerous. It is growing still deeper, too, since it is now known that this year's harvest was only marginally better than the disastrous harvest last year.

ON the contrary, the West's true intentions may be assumed to be subject of a continuous and probably acrimonious Kremlin debate with some (probably the military chiefs who must see our Berlin position as "abnormal," just as President Eisenhower did) swearing the West "will never fight," while others of a more prudent persuasion answer, "Have a care; they say they'll fight and they will make do what they say."

Arguing about this matter endlessly, seeing the great prize within their grasp, having so much to gain by a Western surrender, the Kremlin leaders must feel an all but irresistible impulse to put the Western allies to the test. And if they are also ready to run greater risks than they formerly thought acceptable, the test may begin soon.

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The statement concludes with these words: "The Soviet government has declared more than once and declares now that we are stretching out a hand of friendship to the people and government of the United States."

If you can figure out what all that means, you are good. Nobody else seems to be able to make any sense out of it.

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