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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: Oct. 8, 1952 (Wednesday) Two major incendiary fires and six burglaries were believed solved today after a 12-year-old Jackson school student admitted that he set the fires and broke into homes, according to city police.

20 YEARS AGO: Oct. 8, 1942 (Thursday) Critical labor shortage developing in Medford area sawmills; help is needed to continue production for war orders.

30 YEARS AGO: Oct. 8, 1932 (Saturday) About 100 Medford residents leave by chartered bus and private cars to attend Gold Rush celebration in Yreka, Calif.

40 YEARS AGO: Oct. 8, 1922 (Sunday) Medford Attorney George Coddling decides against running for mayor; three candidates—Earl C. Gaddis, John M. Root and Benjamin F. Lindas—remain in race.

50 YEARS AGO: Oct. 8, 1912 (Tuesday) Total of 68 persons gather at Medford Natatorium building to hear two-hour speech by Bull Moose candidate for senator.

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

1. Does penology denote a study of penmanship, prison management, or pensions? 2. Is a hassock a type of hosiery, a mantled garment, an upholstered footstool, or a grassy mound?

3. What major U. S. city has the lowest elevation? 4. Is one who is an expert in dactylogy most likely to be a deafmute?

5. In prohibition days, the Volstead Act defined intoxicating beverages to be of what alcoholic content? 6. The Red Cross needs blood in the worst way. Is it correct to use "in the worst way"?

7. "Weatherly" was the U.S. yacht which recently defended the America's Cup; name the Australian challenger. 8. Was the adhesive postage stamp invented by a European, American, or Asian?

9. Do male holly trees produce berries? 10. Is Haram, Shecham, or Palestine generally held to be the birthplace of the Hebrews?

Answers: 1. Prison management. 2. Upholstered footstool. 3. New Orleans at 5 feet. 4. Yes. 5. One-half of one percent or more. 6. No. 7. "Greel", European. 8. James Chalmers. 9. No. 10. Haram.

Persuasion and Teaching

A considerable portion of my daily mail comes from the crackpot contingent—those fluent, passionate and persistent men who are perpetually writing long letters, diatribes, broadsides, manifestoes and denunciations of everything from world affairs to water supply.

All these people desperately want to persuade their readers—but they lack the faintest idea of the persuasive process. Even when they happen to be right (as I think some of them are), they defeat their own purpose by their manner of expression.

They blame the world for turning a deaf ear to their proposals and protests; but the fault is theirs, for failing to understand people and the nature of education itself.

ALL persuasion is a form of teaching, and teaching is the highest and rarest of arts. In his new book, "Guide to Thomas Aquinas," Josef Pieper, the German scholar, points out that "teaching in the real sense takes place only when the hearer is reached—not by dint of some personal magnetism or verbal magic, but rather, when the truth of what is said reaches the hearer as truth."

Teaching presupposes, Pieper says, "that the hearer is sought where he is to be found." This means that the teacher has to understand the condition and disposition of the hearer, that he "must proceed from what is valid in the opinions of the hearer to the fuller and purer truth as he, the teacher, understands it."

The crackpots do not move toward the hearers; they expect the hearers to come to them. They do not appreciate the counter-arguments, they do not take seriously the elements of truth in the opposite position—for, as Pieper reminds us, "there are no entirely false opinions."

WHAT the good teacher does is to start not from his own position but from the position of his audience. Then he tries to move them from where they are to where he thinks they ought to go. The bad teacher starts from his own position, and pull and prod though he may, he cannot move others.

Truth, as Socrates never tired of showing, develops only in dialog, in conversation, in the give-and-take of opinions. The teacher, the persuader, must always be willing to make out a better case for his opponent than his opponent could make out for himself—and only then to advance his own position.

The crackpots are not ignored because they are ahead of their time, or because they are wrong. They are ignored because they do not want to persuade—they want to proclaim themselves right, and all others wrong.—Sydney J. Harris.

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Hoover On the Press

Law enforcement and the press, in their separate pursuits, have an essential relationship in helping to preserve our Nation's priceless heritage. Both professions perform a sustaining and vital service . . .

Freedom of the press is one of the indispensable adjuncts of a democracy. Our forefathers felt so strongly on this point as to enact constitutional safeguards, stating, "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press . . ." The American people, not the newspaper editors and publishers, are the real beneficiaries of this honored principle.

The free flow of legitimate information, unshackled by censorship, is a basic right not always fully appreciated by the public. Without it our society, as we know it, could not long survive.

MISINFORMATION and suppression of news are deadly enemies of a free people. In our world today these dangers are exploited by those who would destroy our way of life. Accordingly, the newspaper's role in keeping the public informed becomes increasingly significant.

Integrity in journalism, as in law enforcement, cannot be a matter of percentages. It must be complete and impregnable. As guardians of American liberty, the press and the police are charged with a sacred trust . . .

In addition to its innate responsibilities, the press is morally obligated to promote the furtherance of justice and the perpetuation of law and order. Indeed, much of the progress our profession has made in raising its standards to professional status is directly attributable to the support of editors and publishers who recognize the need for effective law enforcement . . .

ACTUALLY, most public service campaigns conducted by newspapers aid the enforcement of law. Such worthy causes as traffic safety, slum clearance, drives against obscenity, and promotion of youth programs are a few examples. This is in addition to the gratifying results achieved by the press, and other news media, in locating fugitives from justice. For instance, since the inception of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" program, more than one third of the 157 criminals apprehended were located as a result of publicity.

It is only fitting, therefore, that we of law enforcement join in special tribute to the Fourth Estate during National Newspaper Week, October 14 through 20. As America's first line of defense, law enforcement is fully aware of the contributions to the welfare of our country made by conscientious editors and newsmen. We have come to welcome and to depend on them.

In discharging its responsibilities, law enforcement could not wish for a greater ally. —John Edgar Hoover, Director, F.B.I.

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'No' Vote Urged

To the Editor: In 1952, the League of Women Voters, the Young Republicans and the Young Democrats, along with many other far-sighted individuals and groups, backed an amendment to the Oregon Constitution which passed, and which gave Oregon the fairest apportionment system in the United States.

At the present time Oregon is still number one in the Nation, but a group from Eastern Oregon has placed Measure No. 9 on the ballot. If passed, Ballot Measure No. 9 would allow the least populated counties of Oregon to have four times the number of representatives in the Legislature by population, as the same population in the more populous western counties have in the Legislature. At the present time, these same areas have twice as many representatives by population as the more populous western counties. This present weighting in favor of the rural counties is tolerable, but to double their advantage is unacceptable.

I urge a "NO" vote on Ballot Measure No. 9. Richard H. Muller 3832 S.E. Woodstock Portland, Ore.

What Is Needed

To the Editor: There is an old saying, "people are always down on things they are not up on." This applies to fluoridation. There is so much information available today from scientific sources and from the medical and dental literature on the dangers of adding poisons to our food and water supply that one cannot help but feel a sense of sympathy for those who go out blindly advocating the addition of sodium fluoride to one of the finest sources of water in the country, the Medford water system. One would think that the experience of thalidomide, and the more recent disclosures by Rachel Carson, scientist, noted marine biologist and author of several books, in her book "Silent Spring," recently chosen the "Book of the Month" for October, in which she describes what is happening to the health of the American people thru the use of powerful insecticides and pesticides; one would think these disclosures would be enough to warn our people of the impending dangers from the addition of such toxic materials to our food and water supplies.

The article in the MT Sunday, Sept. 30, by L. C. Powell

calls to mind the meeting at the courthouse in 1956 at which several doctors and dentists spoke, one of whom was Dr. Dotter of Portland. Dr. Dotter had stated in Portland, and was quoted by the Oregonian, "sodium fluoride was not harmful, even if eaten." At this meeting Dr. Dotter was offered a can of fluoride and a spoon but promptly replied with indignation, "what are you trying to do, kill me?" — which remark needless to say, is vastly different from the one he was quoted to have made in Portland. Sodium fluoride as the doctor knows, is an accumulative, protoplasmic poison, in any amount. Sodium fluoride is already being ingested in large amounts through the use of some chemical fertilizers, according to Dr. Pottenger of Monrovia, Calif., a member of the L. A. Air Pollution Committee.

What is needed is not sodium fluoride, but greater publicity and advertising given to the dangers of eating the degenerative and vitalizing foods we are consuming these days. We would then be presenting a frontal attack on the problem. This would soon not only end the tooth problem but would solve the President's concern on the failing health of the youth of this nation. Be informed, be alert, and investigate, before you fluoridate.

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Conquers All

To the Editor: Searching the Bible thoroughly I fail to find in any Scriptures where man should be ashamed of his nakedness.

Why did God make Adam and Eve clothing of animal skin? (Gen. ch. 3, V. 10). Because they were afraid. (Job ch. 7, V. 21). "Naked came I out of my mother's womb and naked shall I return." (James ch. 2, V. 12 1/2 16). If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, any one of you who say unto them be thou warm and filled, and say unto them depart in peace, and give them not these things needful to the body what doeth it profit.

The mention here is to cover the body for warmth, not to hide the body in shame. (1st Cor. ch. 4, V. 11). Even unto the present hour we both hunger, thirst and are naked. We are buffeted and have no dwelling place. (1st Cor. ch. 5, V. 3 & 4). Being clothed we shall not be found naked. Being burdened, not

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"Mother, meet Ronnie . . . His father works for the government in Washington. Isn't he cute . . ."

Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

JFK'S PROBLEM

Washington—The long, long Congress now drawing to its close presents President Kennedy with a most difficult problem in how to point with pride and view with alarm at one and the same time—and not do too much of either. The President, assisted by Vice President Johnson, has assumed leadership of his party's drive to return in next month's elections a Congress yet more Democratic than the old. But his work is cut out for him, in some senses than one.

Apart from the apparent resurgence of Republican strength, particularly in the Middle West, there is the infinitely delicate question of just what kind of Democrats the President really wants returned here. In the departing Congress he has had, so far as numbers go, substantial majorities in both the Senate and House. All the same, the truth of it has been that he has been notably successful on the big national security legislative issues but notably unsuccessful on secondary welfare issues.

THE Congress which grants him a historic victory in the world trade expansion bill and a major victory in continuing foreign aid has refused to grant him an urban affairs department. It has backed him in every other crisis; but it has said "no" to him on matters like medical care and federal aid to public school education.

Where he is a world leader, it has strongly upheld him. Where he is a partisan leader of the Democratic party for domestic political purposes, it has again and again denied him that very legislation which would assist the basic Democratic strategy of appealing primarily to urban and minority group interests.

In a world, a Democratic Congress—with great Republican assistance—has immensely helped him to run a country in a dangerous world. But this same Democratic Congress—and for this he cannot really blame the Republican opposition—has done little to forward those more partisan Kennedy programs which were carefully designed to strengthen the Democratic grip upon the big-city vote in that country.

HOW can a Democratic President attack a Democratic Congress which has been highly responsible on the great Cold War issues of our time but has undeniably been obstructive to him on most of his purely domestic designs? Both political tradition and the simple facts of the case require him to pay some tribute to the old Congress for its big achievements.

But if he salutes it too much, or inferentially blames it too little, what will happen to his secondary case against it—that it couldn't quite see things like urban affairs and medicare? Will not the voters then ask him: "Which Congress are you talking about?"

And if he turns an occasionally chilly shoulder to the moderates and conservatives in that Congress, how will he explain the fact that wherever there have been really wild assaults upon him they have come only from the liberals? What have they said about his bill to let private capital into the space communications system and his bill to give business tax relief would hardly bear repeating.

MERELY to recognize the existence of all these questions is to realize that those ecstatic reports of a President quivering with elation at being back on that good old campaign trail are more than slightly exaggerated.

He is on that trail, true enough; and will be more and more so. But he is not and cannot be quite the happiest of all possible warriors in this enterprise.

For it is not easy to divide the conservative goats from the liberal sheep in a twilight landscape where the goats have been quietly indispensable to his mission of national leadership and the sheep snarlily indispensable to his partisan mission.

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