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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, 1953 (Thursday) The Mail Tribune newsroom has been moved to the second floor of the Mail Tribune building.

20 YEARS AGO May 14, 1943 (Friday) Outpost, servicemen's recreation center on Sixth st., to be devoted to use of young officers, their wives and Army nurses.

30 YEARS AGO May 14, 1933 (Sunday) Sam Jennings and Roland Hubbard battle through snow drifts to reach Diamond lake.

40 YEARS AGO May 14, 1923 (Monday) Government map marking airplane expected to land at Medford airport today.

50 YEARS AGO May 14, 1913 (Wednesday) Medford man arrested in Portland on contempt charge after becoming intoxicated shortly before he is scheduled to appear as witness in federal court.

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

1. The ports of Colombo and Trincomalee are on which island in the Indian Ocean? 2. Complete the proverb, 'Beware the fury of a man.' 3. Does the phrase 'bib and tucker' refer to the rigging of a yacht, a species of fish or clothing? 4. In what sport is the Wightman Cup awarded? 5. How many legs do house centipedes have? 6. From where did the Moors emigrate to Spain? 7. Paganini was a composer of opera, a famous violinist, or an orchestra conductor? 8. Which of these does not grow on a bush or tree: walnut, butternut, doughnut, hazelnut? 9. Are there any roller skating events in the Olympic Games? 10. In which field of art is George Szeil famous? Answers: 1. Ceylon, 2. Patient, 3. Clothing, 4. Tennis, 5. 15 pairs, 6. North Africa, 7. Violinist, 8. Doughnut, 9. No, 10. Music; symphony conductor

Try Outlawing Sin

We herewith encourage the Medford city council to pass an ordinance outlawing sin. It would make just as much sense as passing an ordinance to control air pollution without any realistic way in which to enforce it.

YEAR after year—until this year—the city council did nothing except make noises about "voluntary cooperation" and "possibility of economic harm."

Well, blast it, continued air pollution is doing plenty of economic harm—to housewives, to those with sensitive health, to anyone who owns a home and furniture, or an inventory.

NOW, happily, the state has new clean-air power.

So, would the city council rather leave it up to the state? That is how local authority is lost. This year, for the first time, the council has shown signs of living up to its responsibility to do for ourselves what we can and should do, and not go running to the state to bail us out.

All its teeth were drawn. In effect, it says, "Please folks, don't dirty up the air." We are not suggesting that those responsible for air pollution should forthwith be drawn and quartered. But we are morally sure that if the ordinance doesn't have sufficient enforcement clauses it will be ignored.

NO ONE wants to put anyone else out of business. No one wants to create undue economic hardship on any group or class. But there IS economic hardship, as well as other kinds, on everyone right now. And the time to start correcting it is right now. A sensible program of air pollution study, and moderate measures of control, can be started almost immediately, but only if the authorities are given the authority to do something about it.

Anything less is a shrugging of responsibility, or else blind idiocy. Take your pick.—E.A.

City Council Roster

If you have any reason to communicate with your representative on the Medford city council, and want to know how, here's how:

- Ward I (North of Main and Hillcrest, East of SP tracks)—William Singler (772-9780) and Robert Cunningham (772-9822). Ward II (South of West Main Street, West of SP tracks)—Jack Edson (772-7568) and Joe Hosick (772-5824). Ward III (North of West Main Street, West of SP tracks)—R. L. Van Sickle (772-5780) and Robert Bacus (772-7523). Ward IV (South of East Main and East of SP tracks)—Dick Travis (772-4695) and Terry Green (772-6146). Mayor James Dunlevy (772-9352).

Clip and save for future reference.—E.A.

Soft Answer?

Just about every legislator—state or national—at one time or another receives abusive mail. It is never pleasant to receive, particularly by a man who is working long hours and days doing what he thinks is right. Senator Thomas Kuchel, California Republican, received so much abusive mail from the crackpots of the far right that he spoke out. His talk was a bitter and hard-hitting indictment of abusive letters.

A RATHER more moderate approach to similar tactics was adopted recently by one of our own legislators, State Rep. James Redden, Democrat of Medford.

In response to an abusive letter, he replied:

"Dear —: Thank you for your temperate and understanding letter of (recent date). It is always a pleasure to correspond with one of differing views who is willing to consider, even for a moment, that their personal views may not be the only possible views on the subject. Certainly your statements and inferences that I am: (a) a Communist, (b) a Socialist, (c) a Union-stooge, (d) one with 'sloppy' reasoning, (e) one with a 'sloppy' sense of responsibility, (f) ignorant, and (g) gutless, are not considered a rebuke, but merely as the constructive criticism of one who is blessed with a gentle and open mind. 'Very truly yours,' /s/ James A. Redden

It is said that "A soft answer turneth away wrath." The problem here is whether this is a soft answer or not.—E.A.

Which One?

A story in the Klamath Falls paper states that the Link river, connecting Upper Klamath lake with Lake Ewauna, is "believed to be the shortest river in the U.S. . . ."

Residents of north Lincoln county will tell you that the D river at DeLake is the "shortest river in the world." Let now the geography buffs get at this pressing question and settle it. Presumably the "shortest river" is in Oregon. But which one?—E.A.

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Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Principles To the Editor: "We have no greater responsibility than the education of our youth," said Sen. Gaylord Nelson at Hedrick Junior High school last Saturday night. Education is indeed one of our major responsibilities, but is it the greatest? Our nation is better educated than ever in its history and our educational facilities are constantly being improved. But according to many competent authorities the major crisis we face is not education but character.

Happy Christians To the Editor: A friend accosted me in a local market the other day. "Henry, did you see that letter from the lady in Prescott, Ariz.?" he said. I answered in the affirmative and told him I had personally answered it. He then wanted to know what I told her. Also he added, "I believe everything she said."

However, her statement, "No one ever rose from the dead and no one ever will," I question. It has been 1963 years since Jesus Christ our Lord was here. The date on this issue of the Tribune bears this out. Either our Lord was an impostor or He was the true Messiah. This world has known some great teachers, Buddha, Mohammed and Confucius, to name a few. One can visit their tombs today. Inside those tombs lie the bodies of these men. But the tomb of our Lord is empty. He arose and thank God He lives! How do I know He lives? Simply this. Christ Jesus lives in the hearts of His children today everywhere. True many give a false witness of their Saviour's love. When our Lord dwells in the heart, the life of that individual will be changed. No, a Christian will not wear a halo around his head. He may make mistakes. But his whole being will be charged with that revitalizing influence that our Lord has made on his heart.

Why shouldn't a Christian be happy? He has a hope, yes, a blessed hope. All of his activities will be bent toward helping others find the Saviour. Our Lord's resurrection, His intercession, and soon coming is the world's only hope.

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Rumors of Cardinal Mindszenty's Release May Suggest Hungarian Easing of Rule

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

Back in February, 1949, a dull-eyed man in a Budapest courtroom pleaded guilty to treason against Communist Hungary. The man was Josef Cardinal Mindszenty. To this day, there has been no clear account as to the methods the Communists used to torture such a confessions from the austere cardinal who had fought both the Nazis and the Communists.

He himself had warned earlier that if he should be arrested and brought to a trumped-up trial, no one should believe him if somehow such a confession should be extracted from him. The Communist court sentenced him to life imprisonment

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Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop (c) New York Herald Tribune Syndicate

BIRMINGHAM: THE UNTOLD STORY (Editor's note. The following column was written after the agreement of Negro-White accord in Birmingham, but before bombings led to new outbreaks of violence.)

Washington—The desperately ugly story in Birmingham, Alabama, is ending—for which every American should be fervently thankful. One way of celebrating is to tell the story's untold part. The untold part of the Birmingham story began just over two years ago, when Attorney-General Robert Kennedy, newly sworn in as his brother's youngest Cabinet member, ordered a careful Justice Department survey of all the potential centers of racial trouble in the South.

The survey, for which all the Justice Department's information-collecting resources were used, pin-pointed Birmingham as just about the most explosive Southern city. No less than 18 months ago, therefore, an effort was forehandedly started to defuse the Birmingham problem insofar as this was possible.

THE Department's quiet but effective civil rights specialist, Burke Marshall, and the head of the Tax Division, Lou Oberdorfer, who comes from Birmingham, went there to talk with the local editors and leading Birmingham business men.

Attorney-General Kennedy meanwhile approached the national executives of the Scripps-Howard and Newhouse newspaper chains which own the Birmingham papers, a national executives of the chain department stores doing business in the city, and certain Alabama political leaders. Kennedy, Marshall, and Oberdorfer all made the same plea, for measures of reform in Birmingham before things got out of hand. Their pleas did not fall on deaf ears.

The wiser business men in Birmingham were already beginning to realize that the city's established, iron-fisted habits of segregation could not be maintained, without grave danger and heavy losses all around. To avert the danger, a Senior Citizens Committee was formed by the City Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of Sidney W. Smyer, a lawyer and real estate executive.

IN THE city election, moreover, the more far-sighted white community leaders strongly supported the reform ticket headed by Mary-elect Albert Boutwell, against the incumbent, extremist city government controlled by the Police Commissioner, "Bull" Connor. With the help of Negro votes, which in turn resulted from a registration drive sponsored by leaders of the Birmingham Negro community, Boutwell won the election.

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Strictly Personal

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

YOU WAS A young woman of my acquaintance who is learning English during her first year in this country asked me the other day, "If 'was' is a singular verb, and 'were' is a plural verb, why do we say 'you were' when talking about only one person?"

Shouldn't it be 'you was'?" This is one of the troubles in learning so flexible, so sprawling and so illogical a language as English. "You was" is today considered the depth of ignorance and illiteracy, an outrageous breach of grammar. And it would surprise most people to learn it was not always so.

"You were" is a matter of custom, not of grammar at all. The locution "you was" may be found in many of the best 18th century writers. Fielding's classic "Tom Jones" has all its characters—lords, lawyers, preachers and teachers—saying "you was." None of them ever says "you were."

Cowper, 1765, begins one of his letters, "I am exceedingly obliged to you for the letter with which you was so kind to favor me." And Byron, as late as the composition of "Don Juan," used the line: "You was not last year at the fair of Lugo."

Most of the "purest" writers of the 18th century followed this practice—Addison, Pope, Swift and Horace Walpole. What happened, however, was that in subsequent editions the editors altered "you was" to "you were" in order to conform to modern usage. All editions of "Tom Jones" published in the last century made these changes.

When the pronoun "thou" began to be abandoned in favor of "you," the word "you" was considered as singular where only one person was concerned (following "thou wast"). "Was you" referred to two or more.

Before the 17th century, "thou" was the singular pronoun, and "you" was the plural only. When the former was dropped, "you" came to have too much work to do, and thus was weakened by overwork. The Southern expression "you-all" sounds ridiculous and affected in the North but it is psychologically understandable as a means of distinguishing between the singular and the plural "you."

If English grammars were logical, for instance, singular verbs would not end in "s" ("he looks"), while the plural would not be without the "s" ("they look"). Language will never be amenable to logic because, as someone has said, people began talking before they began thinking.

Just Like a Mule To the Editor: My old burro in Colorado wuz an shdent New Dealah. He would run around Placerville all night singin' the New Deal Slogan: "I ain't got nuttin' to feah but feah itself." Now Placerville wuz just a small town of five buildings and he thinks there ain't nuttin' to get scared about He did, until one night

he got to singin' loudah and loudah, and found out it waz a bum slogan wot he had been singin'. He got kicked into the San Miguel Rivah by an Ihon Hoss at midnight. When he got out at daylight, he quit singin' and joined the Republicans.

Everett Acklin Ashland, Ore.

What He Says To the Editor: I speak, I write, I tell of what I believe and what I have learned from experience. Everything I say is not necessarily right and I am just as prone to errors and omissions as the next fellow. However there may be here and there a point of differentiation. This is a point I want to make clear.

If I recommend something to anyone, I will not lie to you about it. I will not say I tasted something if it never passed my lips.

I do not lie, for a liar must have a long memory. Mine is short. I know I don't lie for if I did I would worry about being found out. I tell the truth for it is easier and I know no other way.

No man knows all the answers, whether it be about food, health, disease, tobacco or drink. Many know some of the answers but to gulp down everything a man says would be like taking a drink of everything just because it was wet and one was thirsty.

If a man is sincere, accept his sincerity without accepting everything said as gospel. Some of the things I say may sound ridiculous or unbelievable. I repeat, "I tell you only what I believe to be true. I will not pass on or repeat a lie."

I write jocular and humorously vein is absolutely true. I enjoy fun and joking as well as the next fellow. But when I make a serious statement they are true to the best of my knowledge. With the profound wish you'll accept them and benefit from my knowledge.

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