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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 15, 1953 (Friday) Convening members of the Pacific Northwest Shrine association got down to the serious business of their convention here today with election of association officers at the conclave's first business meeting.

20 YEARS AGO

May 15, 1943 (Saturday) Medford High school track team ends one of the most successful seasons with victory in Bend relays.

30 YEARS AGO

May 15, 1933 (Monday) Medford to be headquarters for 18 Civilian Conservation Corps camps in southern Oregon.

40 YEARS AGO

May 15, 1923 (Tuesday) New Playgrounds opened opposite Medford High school.

50 YEARS AGO

May 15, 1913 (Thursday) Some 2,500,000 steelhead to be released in Rogue and Applegate rivers by state game and fish commission during coming month.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. The Oilers play for which city in the American Football League? 2. Who was the first disciple of Christ? 3. On April 30, 1789, George Washington took part in what historical events in New York City?

School Budget Voting

It's probably a little late in the season to bring the matter up, since most school budgets have already been voted on, and because it has been explained so many times in the past.

BACK BEFORE World War II, school populations were relatively stable, the number of students was increasing only gradually, and prices were not going up year after year.

THESE FACTORS combined were so great that the school districts' tax bases soon became wholly inadequate. With school populations jumping each year, the 6 per cent increases permissible were nowhere near enough to keep up.

But, after all, isn't the education of our youngsters about the best bargain we get?—E. A.

Translating Gobbledegook

Frank Jenkins, our editorial page columnist from across the mountains, was complaining about diplomatic gobbledegook the other day.

Jenkins complained: "Well, he was talking in official Washington gobbledegook, and as a result nobody outside Washington has even the foggiest idea of what he was talking about."

Words of Comfort

For an inveterate smoker—one who knows that it does him no real good but who is "hooked" on the habit—one of the most cheering things that can happen is to be on the mailing list of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee.

AS FOR "certain archaic structures which resist essential reforms," well, he's talking about quasi-dictatorships, situations where a very few rich families own most of the productive resources and the rest of the families live at a near-subsistence level, where the rate of illiteracy is very high, where political stability is non-existent—in short, a situation about as close to feudalism as can be found today.

And if that isn't enough to make a non-smoker want to grab for the nearest coffin nail, what will?—E. A.



"Everybody's so concerned about how Rockefeller's marriage might affect his political career. Maybe she won't even let him run for President!"

Communications

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.

Transportation Policy To the Editor: In 20 years national transportation policy, warped in favor of non-rail transport, has reduced railroads' share of normal intercity freight from near 100 per cent to 43 per cent.

Lydia Burnham 814 Warne St. Prescott, Ariz.

It Was There To the Editor: On Mother's Day I rose at Dawn. Filled with Happiness and Hope—

Be Not Distressed To the Editor: We know your problem. Be not distressed or depressed.

When To Sleep? To the Editor: When people worked long hours six days a week a little more daylight was understandably appreciated.

Human Nature To the Editor: What is this thing called "human nature"?

God Have Pity To the Editor: In the Tribune 5-7-63 there was a letter by Lydia Burnham all should read.

Let's take competitiveness. Many people have the erroneous idea that this is an aspect of "human nature."

For instance, a publication entitled "The Action of Nicotine on Central Nervous System Functions" is reviewed in the following singing prose:

"This is a review of 184 scientific papers and testifies to the many lacunae in knowledge on the neuropharmacological effects of nicotine administered to humans and to animals.

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Memories of Peron Revolution Return To Argentina, Now in Electoral Fight

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Bullet scars mar the metal grill work at the entry way to Argentina's General Confederation of Labor (CGT), and although Peron has been gone for eight years, his followers continue to be the decisive factor in Argentine politics.

Man's Best Friend-- A Constitutional Dog By Arthur Hoppe

The growing use of vicious dogs to discourage Negroes from seeking their rights has raised grave questions in the minds of many Southern police officers. Such as:

Black instructors wear this here heavy padding soaked in catfish oil. That way, our puppy dogs learn that colored folks are not only against the Constitution, but they taste good.

Strictly Personal By Sydney J. Harris

THOU SHALT NOT KILL In any discussion of world problems and man's fate, somebody sooner or later is bound to proclaim, with sweet smugness, "Well, if we only would obey the Decalogue, everything would be fine."

WHAT IS happening in Birmingham? Back in the 5th century B.C., Euripides wrote: "The gods visit the sins of the fathers upon the children."

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A STUNT? Not exactly. She was ferrying the plane to its new owner in Australia. So she regarded it as a strictly business enterprise. Her total elapsed flying time was 54 hours and eight minutes.

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Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann (c) 1963, The Washington Post

BIRMINGHAM Once again the federal government is being compelled to intervene forcibly in the struggle over the rights of Negroes.

So THE nation is defied by a state government attempting to nullify the federal law. The United States government cannot submit to nullification in Alabama.

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