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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 June 11, 1953 (Thursday) Charges that "There hasn't been a year in the last 30 that narcotics haven't been sold to high school children in Medford..."

20 YEARS AGO June 11, 1943 (Friday) Victory housing project in northwest Medford to be ready for occupancy within week.

30 YEARS AGO June 11, 1933 (Sunday) State highway commission considering straightening Pacific highway over Siskiyou mountains.

40 YEARS AGO June 11, 1923 (Monday) District Attorney Rawles Moore confined to his home with a slight attack of rheumatism.

50 YEARS AGO June 11, 1913 (Wednesday) Seventeenth annual reunion of Oregon state normal school alumni held in Ashland.

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

- 1. What was the value of goods traded to the Indians for Manhattan Island? 2. If one had a plank ten feet in length, and sawed off a foot at a time, how many cuts would it take to complete the job?

EVERYONE MAKES IT Block Island, R.I. - The Block Island High School senior prom Saturday night was a success. All three seniors showed up.

New Care With Pesticides

A pleasant-spoken woman, with real concern in her voice, called us recently. She lives, she told us, adjacent to an orchard. It had recently been sprayed with chemicals by an airplane, and the chemicals had blown over her house and yard.

She is not alone in her alarm. Throughout the nation concern over the use of chemicals as pesticides is higher now than ever before—due largely to Rachel Carson's startling book, "Silent Spring."

This concern has been mounting in recent months in both the Congress and in the executive department. A recent report of the President's Science Advisory Committee asked for a thorough overhaul of machinery dealing with pesticides.

Pesticides, together with fertilizers, machinery, and better methods, have raised farm production in this country to an unbelievably high rate. This is a triumph for science. No one, certainly, wants to go back to the days when an entire crop could be wiped out by a single infestation of pests.

Still, while acknowledging the importance of chemicals to the well-being of the nation, we can salute Miss Carson for her warning, and for the effect it is having at all levels.

IT WASN'T too long ago that "Silent Spring" was being attacked and pooh-poohed. As recently as last November, a magazine entitled County Agent and Vo-Ag Teacher had an article entitled, "How To Answer Rachel Carson."

FROM violent attacks, charging ignorance and incompetence, Miss Carson has gone on to receive great praise from a variety of sources for her courage in pointing out that less is known about pesticides than should be known in view of their widespread use.

WE HOPE and trust that local horticulturalists and farmers will take note of these serious and disturbing doubts and go easy on the use of questionable sprays, at least until more adequate research can assure their safety.

It will make our friendly but worried telephone caller feel better. And if someone's health, or someone's life, is spared by strict care and prudent caution in dealing with potentially dangerous chemicals, it would be worth whatever the cost in self-restraint and responsible action.—E.A.

Sensible Light Proposal

The adoption by automobile manufacturers of the amber-colored turn signal blinker was a minor triumph of horse sense. The amber blinker is far less confusing than white or red ones. Now comes another suggestion—and it sounds to us like a good one—for the improvement of automobile light signals, and thus traffic safety.

THIS makes sense. On many cars, it is difficult to distinguish the ordinary rear red light from the slightly more intense red light signifying that a brake is on, particularly if one's attention is diverted at the moment the brakes are applied.

"Ain't It A Beaut?"



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. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation.

Hidden Hands To the Editor: By now our national Senate may have passed legislation ending silver backing of \$1 and \$2 bills. To me this is the last straw. This was the only paper money we had left with "hard" money behind it.

Who is it behind the scenes who is tampering with our nation's financial structures? Who made it illegal for Americans to own their own gold? Who took our gold backed currency away from us back in the 1930s and stole nearly half of every dollar we had by raising the price of gold?

Who has the hidden power behind sending two sets of U.S. Treasury money plates and several plane loads of our ink and currency paper to Russia during World War II to hurry up the "draining" process? (Documented in detail in Chapter 12 of "From Major Jordan's Diaries.")

Perhaps you've read that our \$1 and \$2 bills, formerly backed by 100 per cent silver, will now be backed by 25 per cent gold. What gold, may I ask? Foreigners own approximately \$24 billion of our \$16 billion gold pile, holding short term bonds against it.

White Man's Problem To the Editor: Your editorial of 6/7 was a magnificent exposition of the basic issues of our race problem: really, primarily a problem of the white man, due to his ignorance or prejudice or, knowing the facts and aware of his bias, to his unwillingness or slowness to face up to the moral imperative which requires removal of all impediments to the full equality of our Negro fellow-citizens guaranteed by the Constitution.

Settlement Urged Portland - (UPI) - An appeal to civic and political leaders across the country to use their influence for a peaceful settlement of the civil rights problem was contained in a resolution passed by the executive board of the Young Republican Federation of Oregon Sunday.

Khrushchev-Castro Accord, Quarrel With Red Chinese, Figure in Latin Subversion

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst No one on the outside can yet be completely sure of the exact price Nikita Khrushchev paid for Fidel Castro's continued loyalty in the current bitter squabble between the Soviet Union and Red China.

From the communique issued at the close of Castro's visit to Moscow it has been concluded that Moscow's aid to Cuba, currently running about \$500 million a year, not only will be continued but will be stepped up.

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Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris To: Field Enterprises, Inc. The warm, moist people always feel cheated or let down by the dry, cool people.

It stumped us all. So we went to the reference books. The available volumes were silent on the subject. So I asked our readers about it. Time passed, with no response. Then, one day, Ken McLeod came in with the answer.

Who is de Toqueville? He was a French historian, known for his studies of the nature and operation of democracy with the view of advancing the rule of the people and at the same time controlling its undesirable tendencies.

Needless To Say... To the Editor: Some expressions I am getting tired of hearing: "It remains to be seen." "More than appears on the surface."

Now It's the Chronicle's Herb Caen who is in trouble. From a reader away up in South Bend, Wash., a few days ago, he got two postcards, spaced a couple of days apart. The first one read:

Cut Proposed in Budget for Space Washington - (UPI) - A congressional subcommittee has recommended cutting the manned space flight budget by about \$250 million, it was learned today.

THIS prompted Herb to comment: "You are now up to date on Hump-tulips, Washington—and I refuse even to conjecture on the derivation of that name."

So—Readers of this column—Rally around! Let's help Herb out! Incidentally, I have often wondered myself about the origin of the name Hump-tulips and how it came to be conferred on a town.

gauge the strength of individual Latin American nations to resist such attacks by themselves. Despite earnest attempts, group action under the OAS so far has been ineffective primarily because of the reluctance of such states as Mexico, Brazil and Chile to interfere in Cuban affairs.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop (c) New York Herald Tribune Syndicate THE 'AMERICAN HOME' ISSUE

Avon, Conn. - Connecticut used to be, and still ought to be, a strong center of support for the presidential ambitions of Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York. This is his neighbor state, and in all the Republican contests since 1932, the Connecticut delegation has always supported the more progressive presidential aspirant.

ALL in all, without entering into the moral pros and cons, the Bush speech is a major political phenomenon. With a kind of dire finality, it indicates that Governor Rockefeller's remarriage is an even bigger political handicap than most people have supposed, or at least have been willing to say. On this point, there is additional significant evidence.

In brief, Republican leaders here were among the first to be telephoned by New York National Committeeman George Hinman when the able Hinman passed the word that the Governor was indeed going to remarry, and begged all Rockefeller friends to stand fast nonetheless.

CONSIDER, therefore, what has now happened. Senator Bush has just made the commencement speech at Rosemary Hall, a girls' school in Greenwich, Conn. Although he is the very opposite of a Goldwater Republican, the Senator chose this occasion for the plainest speaking about the commencement of his own life as a great nation where the Governor of a great state — one who perhaps aspires to the nomination for President — can desert a good wife, mother of his grown children, divorce her, then persuade a young mother of four youngsters to abandon her husband and... children and marry the Governor?

"Have we come to the point where one of the two great political parties will confer upon such a one its highest honor and greatest responsibility? ... (Are Americans) ready to say 'phooey' to the sanctity of the American home and the American family? ... I venture to hope not."

AN EFFORT of that sort that would be effective obviously could not be ruled out. Governor Rockefeller is a man of immense ability and energy. He has the only serious political organization in the field in the whole Republican party. If anyone can make a comeback, he ought to be able to make a comeback.

POSSIBLY because this kind of language is so startling, at least when used by a politician rather than a preacher, almost no newspapers in Connecticut or elsewhere gave the Bush speech a big play. Yet Senator Bush was not doing a mere moral turn for a special occasion, such as a girl's school graduation.

After the speech, he stated for quotation that Governor Rockefeller should now "publicly withdraw" from the presidential race. In the same breath, he added what was already well known, that he had previously favored the Governor's nomination.

Politics being politics, the fact that the Bush speech did not receive wide current publicity is of no great significance. One can all but hear



"It'll be around after the period of mourning!"