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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. 11, 1953 (Friday) Gold Star Mothers of Oregon opened their annual department convention in Medford this morning.

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 11, 1943 (Saturday) Orchardists appeal for part-time harvest assistance. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Grandma Sarah Qual, while dusting herself in the road in the Thursday twilight, was shot at by a hunter who missed everything but her topknot. The well-known lady was indignant to think she had been mistaken for a 'No Hunting' sign."

30 YEARS AGO Sept. 11, 1933 (Monday) Floyd H. Hart, Air Force lieutenant in France, given silver star citation by war department for services. Medford schools operation costs reduced \$46,576, clerk's report shows.

40 YEARS AGO Sept. 11, 1923 (Tuesday) Jacksonville first town in country to complete Japan relief quota. All stores to close for Medford Day at county fair.

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 11, 1913 (Thursday) Los Angeles syndicate fails to put up money for Grants Pass-Crescent City railroad. Growers of Table Rock area voice objection in slow building of Bybee bridge.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. Is percheron a name for a breed of horse, cow, swine, or dog?
2. Beekeepers know that a bee will not sting a person while he holds his breath, true or false?
3. In the year 79 A.D. two cities were completely buried by ashes from the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius; one was Herculaneum; name the other.
4. The famous U. S. military installation, the Presidio, is in what city?
5. How many girls in one gallon?
6. From New England comes a syrup made from the sap of which species of tree?
7. Is the name of the North Pole discoverer spelled Robert Edwin Peary, or Peary?
8. Is it easier for a fat or thin person to float in water?
9. Was Becky Thatcher the child sweetheart of Tom Sawyer or Huckleberry Finn?
10. If you had occasion to call at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, where would you be?
Answers: 1. Horses. 2. False. 3. San Francisco. 4. San Francisco. 5. Thirty-two. 6. Maple. 7. Peary. 8. Fat. 9. Tom Sawyer. 10. White House.

DIENFENBAKER IN ISRAEL. JERUSALEM, Israel (UPI) - Former Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker arrived here from the United Arab Republic Tuesday night for an eight-day visit.

Flexible Scheduling

There is great furor and experimentation in education these days. It is long overdue, too.

The current issue of the Saturday Evening Post has a long article entitled "Our Backward Schools," which deplores the methods and habits and traditions which have prevented many schools from offering an education adequate to cope with our increasingly complex society and civilization.

It details many new and exciting experiments in learning, and how they could and should be adopted much more universally than is possible at present.

THE fact is that schools are having a tough enough time just staying even with the demands made upon them, let alone going into much experimenting in new methods.

But increasingly, such experiments are being made. Medford is one of the places where limited experiments in such things as team teaching are going forward.

At the same time, three Pacific Coast high schools are this year for the first time in the United States adopting a system of "flexible scheduling," a new concept in scheduling classes which tailors the time available to the subject matter being taught.

A RELEASE from Stanford University explains that individual schedules for the 6,000 students in the three schools have been developed on computers at Stanford under a project financed by the Fund for the Advancement of Education.

It took two professors four years to develop the flexible scheduling, which breaks away from the traditional school day of six or seven 55-minute periods.

Only the high speed computer made it possible to fit pupils, teachers, rooms and subjects together for varying times during the school week.

A course of study is first determined after recommendations of district officials, polls of parents and of teachers. Then the computer is fed the data indicating course structure, length of the class, how often it meets, plus a list of the teachers assigned, rooms available and what they can be used for—such as laboratories, libraries, athletics, music, language labs, and so on.

Then, one of the professors explains, "out from the machine comes who teaches what, when, where, and who the pupils are in each class."

AND he added:

"For example, a flexible schedule allows the school to have classes of different lengths and different sizes, depending on the time needed and the nature of the subject matter. For a general lecture, a large number of students could attend in the auditorium, let's say. For a discussion, just a few students could attend in another room for a different length of time, perhaps on a different day.

"There are some activities which obviously require more time than others. Present classes often are handicapped because they're all the same length of time. Thus an hour may be too short to conduct a chemistry experiment or to play a good game of baseball and shower afterward, while an hour may be too long to practice a dialogue in a foreign language. With a flexible schedule, the chemistry lab or physical education period could last for an hour and a half or even two hours or more, while a lecture or practice class in French could meet for 30 minutes or less."

It is an interesting concept, and offers considerable promise for the future.—E.A.

'Takelma' State Park

Valley of the Rogue State Park, a pleasant spot devoted to camping, picnicking and boating, located on the Rogue river between the towns of Rogue River and Gold Hill, is growing in popularity.

It is one of the few state parks in the area adjacent to a main highway, and it receives heavy use, both from local people and from tourists passing through. It is a major asset to this area.

Its name was chosen, almost through default, for lack of a better one. "Valley of the Rogue" is, in our view, uninspired, confusingly descriptive (what with all the other Rogue this-and-that's around), vapid and lacking in character.

WE THINK it should be renamed. We have always thought so. Once, we proposed the name "Tailholt," but got nowhere with the proposal.

Now we would like to suggest "Takelma State Park," or perhaps "Takelma Indian State Park." Such a name would have a true historic basis, character, meaning, local significance and color. "Takelma" is an Indian word meaning "Those living along the river," and thus, as a name for a camping park, would be singularly apt.

Too, it is the name of the Indian tribe which once lived along the Rogue between about the Illinois river to Table Rock.

IN A MEMORANDUM proposing the name change which has gone to the Highway Commission, it is stated:

"The proposed change in name would be wholly appropriate, would serve to stimulate interest in the area and its historic resources, and, if properly explained by attractive informative signs in or near the park, would constitute an additional tourist attraction . . ."

"It (the name) does not conflict with Takelma post office in Josephine county because of a difference in spelling. Takelma was a latter-day adaptation of Takelma . . ."

In our view, it would be a much better name than the present one, and we hope the proposal meets with general approval.—E.A.



"I'm governor of this state...!"

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. 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.

Replies To the Editor: Your editorial, "Why Barry Has No Chance," is interesting because you use the technique used in 1952 to defeat Sen. Robt. Taft: ("I like Taft but he can't win"). It worked in 1952 but it won't work in 1964 because it has been anticipated and defense against it provided.

Your editorial is also interesting because when you say: "It is even widely speculated that the Republican kinglypins might — just might — allow Goldwater to take the nomination, but only if they were morally certain he would be soundly defeated," you tell your readers that they do not select the presidential candidate. The kinglypins do this and they are in perfect agreement with the kinglypins in the Democratic party.

Actually our country so far has had only two presidents chosen by the people and these were exceptionally happy choices — Washington and Lincoln. In all other elections the kinglypins made the choice. That is why there was no change in direction when Mr. Kennedy became president. The kinglypins, or our invisible government, pull the punches and Mr. Kennedy moves even as Mr. Eisenhower moved. Send \$3 to Dan Smoot for his report on Our Invisible Government. You will be surprised and also much better informed.

One of the best ways to measure the moral stature of a man is how he reacts when he has been proven wrong. During the past two years you have made many bitter and hate filled attacks on the John Birch Society — closely following the pattern set in Moscow by its Kremlin controlled press and slavishly followed in this country by Communist publications and some liberal editors. During this time two separate investigations of the John Birch Society have been made. One was by the Efficiency Research Bureau, 300 South Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim, Calif. They had a former team of investigators including a Negro clergyman. The other was a group from the Senate of California. The two groups worked independently of each other but both reached the same conclusions, namely that adverse statements made regarding the John Birch Society had no foundation in fact. The Senate report, a booklet of 62 pages, is doubt free to California citizens. Oregonians may get it and the Research Bureau report by sending \$1 to American Opinion, Belmont 78, Mass. Would not a fair summary of these reports be a worthy news item for the Tribune and a friendly gesture?

Anna M. Streed, 36 North Peach st., Medford.

Physical Fitness To the Editor: I recently read President Kennedy's "Physical Fitness: A Report of Progress," in Aug. 13 issue of Look magazine, and wonder how a typical Medford High senior would rate. It came as a shock to me to learn that no physical education is required of Medford students during their last two years of high school, whereas developed physical abilities get their daily exercise to and from the parking lot.

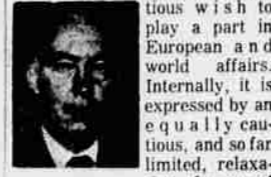
This situation appears to me a bit ridiculous. Contrast state champion football team with P.E. for most students. Also contrast brand new beautiful football grandstand in the back with the "cottages" on the high school front lawn. Perhaps a bit of balancing of concentration is in order. Please withhold by name and address as I have two average Medford high students, both badly in need of exercise. One feels the daily trip to the parking lot is sufficient. The other enjoys P.E., but doesn't feel up to competing in a class of "stars" only. (Name on file) Medford.

With a Kiss To the Editor: Here is my poem for Mothers. If we parents would take these words to our hearts, I think there would be less delinquency in this world. O, Mothers, so weary and discouraged Worn out with cares of the day, You often grow cross and impatient, Complain of the noise and the play. For the day brings so many vexations, So many things gone amiss; But, Mothers, whatever may vex you Send your children to bed with a kiss. The dear little feet wander often, Perhaps from the pathway of right, The dear little hands find new mischief To try you from morning to night. But think of the desolate mothers, Who'd give the world for your bliss, And as thanks for your infinite blessings, Send your children to bed with a kiss. The silence will vex you far more, You will long for their sweet childish voices, For the childish face at the door; And to press the child's face to your bosom, You'd give all the world for just this! For the comfort I'll bring you in sorrow, Send the children to bed with a kiss. Mrs. Jack L. Cox, 415 Edwards st., Medford.

All Out of Step To the Editor: Probably nothing illustrates your abysmal ignorance of the political scene more than your recent editorial entitled "Where is the Far Right?" For the reader who looks behind your clever use of semantics, like, "Surely any rational reading of history . . ." inferring that any other interpretation is irrational, will realize that you offered no proof that the definition of the political spectrum, "anarchy is to the right and totalitarianism is to the left" is wrong. A reader of history will find that fascism, nazism and communism are identical philosophies. All are socialisms which is policy, state direction of means of production and distribution, making it impossible to ascribe to them opposites of the political spectrum. Only if one accepts the communists definition can one rationalize a left and right in socialism. How can a "rational reading" (using your terms) of your area that after an announcement of a public meeting appears in the local Cox Bay paper in which all interested people are invited and the majority turn out to be against the project, that this is an infiltration and take-over of sincere citizens? The John Birch Society believes in a limited government as prescribed by the Constitution of this Republic and therefore is the middle of the political spectrum wherein reside most of the citizens of this Republic. E. A. reminds me of the story about the lady who saw her son marching in a parade, out of step. "Look, they are all out of step but Johnny." From here it looks as if E. A. is the only one in the mainstream of American thought as he sees the mainstream.

New Spirit in Spain Expresses Itself In Wish to Play Part in World Affairs

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst MADRID, Spain (UPI)—A new spirit is on the rise in Spain. Externally, it expresses itself in Spain's cautious wish to play a part in European and world affairs. Internally, it is expressed by an equally cautious, and so far limited, relaxation of some of the controls which have governed Spain's daily life since the end of the Spanish civil war 25 years ago.



Newsom

The feeling of these changes soon is made apparent to the visitor such as this correspondent, who flew into Spain as a guest of Iberia Airlines on an inaugural flight from Los Angeles by way of Canada. Spain's gradual emergence from behind the barrier of the Pyrenees after more than 100 years of isolation has been shown by its membership in such organizations as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the United Nations, and this year's action in joining GATT, the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade, binding her to world trade policies.

Internally, it appears in the government's tolerant attitude toward the current strike of 16,000 Asturian coal miners although strikes in Spain are illegal.

It appears also in a new willingness to permit publication of criticism from abroad and a lifting of censorship for Spain's provincial newspapers, a condition which on the first of the year is expected to be applied to the national press of Madrid and Barcelona as well.

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Strictly Personal

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



Harris

An interesting letter arrived in the mail yesterday, signed "Unhappy Stepmother." The lady sorrowfully wants to know why stepmothers have such a bad reputation, in story and legend. "I recently became the stepmother of two young children," she discloses, "and I find that they have all kinds of preconceptions about a stepmother being wicked and cruel and heartless. They have read and heard so much about the 'bad' stepmother in fiction and fairy tale."

My own theory on this subject may not appeal to a lot of people, but I think that the "wicked stepmother" fable arose out of children's resentments against their real mothers — which they were too ashamed to confess openly.

In other words, I believe the bad stepmother serves as a substitute for our early feelings of hostility against our own parents. One of the commonest of childhood fantasies, when we feel our parents have treated us badly, is to pretend that they are not our real parents at all, but imposters who kidnapped us when we were in the cradle.

Fairy tales of every nation are full of incidents about young princes and princesses who were stolen from the castle as babies, and are subsequently restored to their rightful places and parents.

This fiction fits perfectly into the childish feeling of "not belonging" to our own family, when our parents seem harsh and unjust toward us. We retaliate, so to speak, by creating a fictional family for ourselves.

By making a bogey out of the stepmother, we are able to discharge our aggressions against our real mothers without feeling any of the guilt that would normally accompany such an attitude.

There seems no other way to explain the widespread antipathy to the stepmother — who, in reality usually bends over backward to be kind and understanding toward the children of her husband.

One of the wisdoms of modern psychology is the frank recognition that we sometimes hate those we love — that, in fact, we can truly hate only those who are close to us.

Parents who handle their children skillfully make allowances for these moments of hate, and do not let the children feel guilty for expressing these feelings. In the past, such expressions were taboo, and so the myth of the stepmother was created to make it easy and acceptable for young people to get rid of "bad" feelings toward their parents.

they are ready for our beginner. With all the clerical work and baby sitting chores required of a teacher, she can do little more than lump all her class together and start it down the trail of prescribed learning.

We are hopeful, but not sure, that our child can handle the academic work required. And we do hope that her innate knowledge and instincts will not be stifled in the process. She knows so many useful things that groupings have either forgotten or never did know.

She knows, for instance, that a wild range cow will not harm her if she pets its calf. Her parents do not know this. But she explains, "A cow won't hurt me because God made me different." She knows that a snake in your path sticking his tongue out at you will be embarrassed and crawl away if you stick your tongue out at him. Yesterday, while watching a Western, she said, "Why don't they quit fighting? Won't they ever learn?" Nations don't even know an answer for that.

She will love the children and her teacher, but we hope none of them will think she is strange if she swoops over "Ding dong bell, Pussy's in the well," or any of the stories that we do not consider said.

So we hope and pray with other parents that the schools are ready to receive our "unusual" children.

Mrs. K. J. Dufur, P. O. Box 32, Gold Hill, Ore.

All Are Unique To the Editor: Today hundreds of children went to first grades in our valley. Our little girl was one of them. Each child, as his parents know, is unique.

Our school has a fine primary department, but we are not sure

reason school closing was so exciting this year was that Governor Wallace came all the way up from Montgomery to close our schools personally, bringing his own portable schoolhouse door to stand in. And that's a high honor for old Magnoliaville, because it isn't as though the Governor could close every school in Alabama. Not personally.

Unfortunately, due to the pressure of time, the Governor delivered only a very brief speech before hurriedly packing up his door and moving on to neighboring Stone Mountain. In fact, all he said was "I defy everybody!" But as Magnoliaville Police Chief Bull E. Bull commented admiringly: "That sure goes the Gettysburg Address one better."

While it was a happy, exciting day for the little tykes, it was a busy one for their mothers. Members of the Magnoliaville Moms club were up at dawn to hold their annual Moms Club Rock Sale. And afterward they all took their places in front of the schools like veterans.

"Frying catfish, it sure as snucks was a wonderful day," said Club President Clementine Belle. "Until I run out of spit."

So just about everybody in Magnoliaville was sorry to see the first- and last-day of school come to an end once again. It just shows how little boys and girls everywhere secretly like school. Why, even little Timmie Cooper (Colored) seemed sad. Did even little Timmie (Colored) secretly like school?

"Well," replied the little lad (Colored) with a winsome sigh as he was led off on charges of disturbing the peace. "It beats jail."

For the grown-ups, the main

IN Maracaibo, Venezuela, a 34-year-old grandmother gives birth to QUINTUPLETS—all boys.

The name problem was settled in a somewhat different way. With several doctors and nurses serving as godparents, a priest baptized the babies as Robinson, Fernando, Otto, Juan Jose, and Mario.

They were named after five of the doctors who assisted at the births.

THE mother has five other children, including a 17-year-old daughter who recently gave birth to a child. These children are by a previous marriage. Her husband, who works as a foreman for an oil company, has two other children by a previous marriage.

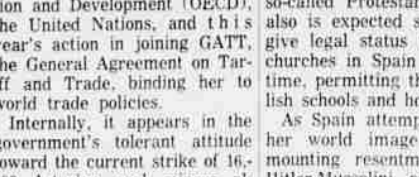
His name is Ofen de Prie. A hospital spokesman says the Venezuelan quintuplets are only the third on official record in the Western Hemisphere. The first verified birth of quintuplets in the Western Hemisphere was that of the Dionne sisters in Canada, Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie and Yvonne. Dionne were born on May 28, 1934. Emilie died in August of 1954.

The Diligent quintuplets, the second set of quintuplets, were born in Argentina in July of 1943. All of them survive.

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A Fun Day In The South

By Arthur Hoppe



Hoppe

Ding - dong, ding - dong. All across the land school bells are ringing. All across the land newspapers are running their traditional, warm - hearted, human - interest stories about laughing little tykes returning to their classrooms. For all across the land schools have opened once again.

All across the land, that is, except in the South.

In the South they seem to celebrate this annual autumn rite a bit differently. And you can't help but wonder how the home - town press handles this human - interest story.

Magnoliaville, Ala. — Oh, 'tis September and for hundreds of excited Magnoliaville kiddies it meant yesterday that the long summer was over and it was time once again to gather for the annual closing of the schools.

And what an exciting day it was in their young lives: two bombings, seven shootings, one lynching and eleven dogbites.

"My land," exclaimed Miss Abigail Beauregard, the kindly old first grade teacher at Robert E. Lee Elementary, a twinkle in her kindly old eyes. "I never did see such high - spirited pupils in all my born days."

"School sure is heaps of fun," said 8-year-old Bobbie E. Lee with a shy grin as he wrapped his little belt more lightly around his little fist. "We get to play and we get to learn, too!" And then he ran happily off to join his little classmates in a rousing rendition of the school cheer: "Two, four, six, eight, we don't want to integrate."

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So the authorities are clapping the students into jail.

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IN Saigon, in South Viet Nam, yesterday, there was a student riot. In this country, we are reasonably familiar with student "riots." They run the gamut from panty raids up

and down. We don't pay much attention to them—unless they wind up in affairs such as that at Seaside on Labor Day this year and last.

In Saigon, it's different. Yesterday, a student mob battered more than 1,000 heavily armed police and troops in a wild first-aid swinging rock and furniture throwing brawl at Qu Van An High school in Saigon.

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