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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 Nov. 12, 1953 (Thursday) Chester M. Wendt was re-elected chairman of the Jackson County Committee of the Production Marketing Administration at the county convention held today in the courthouse.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 12, 1943 (Friday) Mrs. Lottie Venelle Samuels, widow of Gus Samuels, long-time Medford city treasurer, dies after illness.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 12, 1933 (Sunday) Rally held in Eugene for undefeated University of Oregon football team; speakers include Head Coach "Frank" Callison, formerly Medford High coach, and Bernie Hughes, Medford, an all-coast center on the team.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 12, 1923 (Monday) Medford School Board votes to use the new city armory building as high school gymnasium, Board Member J. C. Mann reports.

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 12, 1913 (Wednesday) Ahren's store in Medford offers Japanese Mink scarfs for \$8.50 with muffs to match for \$14.50.

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

- 1. Is it in California or Florida where most of the U.S. lemon crop is grown? 2. A gubernatorial election would be for the purpose of filling what office? 3. If a supervisor described one of his apprentices as maladroito, would that signify that the apprentice is clumsy or skillful? 4. In what year, A.D., did the crucifixion of Jesus occur? 5. In the human body the patella is the anatomical name for what? 6. Which of the following is the most nearly opposite of schism: majority, union, uniformity, conference, construction? 7. Unscramble the following dances: Klopka, Laztw, Bymhar. 8. In which city was President McKinley shot? 9. Was the first U.S. census taken in 1790, 1900 or 1810? 10. Who set fire to the White House in 1814? Answers: 1. California, 2. Governor, 3. Clumsy, 4. 29 A.D. (Roman Catholics say 30 A.D.), 5. Kneecap, 6. Union, 7. Polka, waltz, rhumba, 8. Buffalo, N.Y., 9. 1790, 10. British.

### None of Your Business

One of the principal freedoms which Americans prize so highly is freedom of conscience—the freedom to think what they want to, about anything, without having to answer to anyone. If asked his views on religion, say, an American is fully entitled to tell the questioner, "None of your blankety-blank business."

A RECENT Department of Defense memorandum took this into consideration in advising security review boards to respect "lawful civil and private rights" of persons questioned during security investigations. Among other things, they must not violate these rights, "discourage lawful political activity in any of its forms, or intimidate free expression of thought."

Walter T. Skallerup Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for security policy, in announcing the memorandum to the undersecretaries of the armed forces, said, "While it is virtually impossible to establish elaborate rules which will provide satisfactory guidance in all circumstances, there are certain basic principles which have general application."

ATTACHED to the memorandum was a list of kinds of questions which were termed "improper or irrelevant." Among these were: "What is your religious preference or affiliation? Are you anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, or anti-Protestant? Are you an atheist or an agnostic? What are your views on racial matters...? Are you a member of NAACP or CORE? How much income tax do you pay? What contributions do you make to political, charitable, religious or civic organizations? Do you have any serious marital or domestic problems? In political matters, do you consider yourself to be a liberal or a conservative? Have you ever signed a political petition? What are your views regarding the decisions of the United States Supreme Court?"

These, then, are areas where a man should feel free to say "None of your business."

### What's Your Address?

A friend of ours who is interested in such matters points out that a city ordinance requires "the owner or tenant of every residence or place of business or other structure opening upon or having access to the streets of the city" to put up a street number. It shall, the law specifies, be not less than three inches high, and easily legible from the adjoining sidewalk or street. It specifies that odd numbers shall be placed upon the north and east sides of the streets and even numbers on the west and south sides. It is probably the most-violated ordinance on the books. Also the least-enforced.

OUR friend reports that in the southeast section of the city only are the numbers assigned as specified by the law. In the northwest portion, odd numbers are placed on the south and west sides; in the northeast section, they are on the north and west sides, and in the southwest section, on the south and east sides. In addition to all this, of course, there are many, many buildings — usually businesses — which have no street numbers at all. "A foolish consistency" may, as Emerson declared, "be the hobgoblin of little minds." But in this case, a lack of it makes for a monumental source of confusion.—E.A.

### Zippy

On Nov. 8 we received a magazine air mailed from Washington, D.C. One postmark said June 20, 1963. Another said Nov. 7, 1963. Down below was an inscription which said: "Found in Supposedly Empty Equipment at Mail Bag Depository, Washington, D.C., Nov. 7, 1963." Well, that's understandable enough. Things like that can happen. But what causes us to wonder how frequently it must happen is that the explanation was rubber stamped.—E.A.

### A Century's Difference

The U.S. Army last month flew some 15,000 soldiers from Texas to Germany in 63 hours and 20 minutes. A history buff on the Eugene Register-Guard editorial staff points out that just one century earlier, the Union Army was in trouble at Chattanooga. Fighting Joe Hooker was dispatched from the Army of the Potomac, via Louisville. He moved his 15,000 men the 500 miles in three weeks.—E.A.

### "Things Must Be Done According To Established Procedures" —Khrushchev



### 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.

Williams for President To the Editor: The Republican party has one solid issue on which it can win in 1964 and one Republican whose qualifications make him the best choice to win on this issue. The fiscal irresponsibility of President Kennedy and his advisers is the issue. Senator John J. Williams of Delaware is the man. Over-spending is an indefensible weakness of the Kennedy Administration. Unlike controversial questions of foreign and domestic policy, there are no pitfalls in this issue for the Republicans.

Not Too Much To the Editor: In regard to the letter you received recently from Eagle Point concerning too much homework for students, I think the letter writer heard only her children's side of the story. I have talked to several students and they as well as I feel the teachers are giving no more homework than the students can do. If the students are overworked, I'm sure the teacher and parent can come to an understanding.

Safeguards To the Editor: We can thank Almighty God that our Oregon Constitution prohibits the Legislature from running the state head over heels into debt as a similarly Democratic controlled U. S. Congress has done with the entire country. Our Oregon Constitution has another grand safeguard in the referendum. So now it is only good sense to write to the Legislature to tell them what we do want. We know that certain services must be performed, but we objected to waste.

Stop And Think To the Editor: I read in the Communications about we need an auditorium, parks, this and that, but never a word, we need a home for our loved ones. They will not keep them in this town unless they are bedridden. I'm talking about the mentally ill. Why do we have to take them so far away as Salem, where we can not be with them and see them as we would love to. A town as little as Woodburn has a new nice place. I would be ashamed if I was one of the leaders in Medford affairs. Yes—do not know about these things like one who has gone through it. But please, just stop and think

Statesman, Step Up To the Editor: An ideal situation exists in Oregon today for some bright lawmaker to begin laying the groundwork for his election to the Governor's chair. The people have pleaded, begged, asked and demanded economy; their state government, but as yet none of our lawmakers has started a vigorous move to ferret out waste and inefficiency in government. The man who has the nerve to step on some well-heeled toes, both political and non-political, and exert pressures sufficient to cut deeply into the waste and inefficiency we all know exists will have the backing of nine out of ten Oregonians. Should he run for governor I would be swept into office on the shoulders of 500,000 voters. Now, where is this honest and courageous statesman? Speak up!! M. J. Olsen Route 4, Box 325 Medford.

Jitters To the Editor: Washington wuz having another outbreak of the New Frontier jittans and that's the worst kind of jittans there is. Everlett Acklin Ashland, Ore.

## Mexican-U.S. Relationships at New High; Probable New President May Better Them



By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

Despite occasional differences over the treatment to be accorded Castro Cuba, United States-Mexico relations are at their highest point in years. The signs are that they are to improve still more.

### Strictly Personal

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

ANTICS WITH SEMANTICS: He goofed; you simply goofed; but all I had was a "mental block." Your child's academic record indicates that he is rather on the dull side; my child's academic record indicates that "he isn't living up to his potential."

When I require statistics to buttress my position, I remind you that "you can't argue with hard facts in black and white"; but when such statistics do not support my position, I am equally quick to remind you that "figures can't lie, but liars sure can figure."

When one is getting the worst of an argument, the three most useful words are "self-styled," "would-be," and "pseudo"—as in "self-styled experts," "would-be statesmen," and "pseudo-intellectuals."

Your remark was "sarcastic," while mine was classical "irony." According to the company spokesman, the plant made "a seasonal revision of employment"; according to the union spokesman, the plant "laid off workers."

The alcoholic I happen to dislike is a "lush"; the one I happen to like has "a drinking problem."

When an answer to a problem is complex, those who oppose it will call it "confused"; whereas, when an answer to a problem is simple, those who oppose it will call it "over-simplified."

A poor woman who outrageously "neglects" her children is as likely as not to get hailed into the Family Court; a rich woman who neglects her children is as likely as not to be elected to the board of directors of the social agency that hales the poor woman into court.

The politician whose views I agree with doesn't change his stand because he is "consistent"; the one whose views I disagree with doesn't change his stand because he is "hunch-bound," "dogmatic" and "doctrinaire."

When a man feels the necessity to say to us, "I'll put all my cards on the table," we may be reasonably sure that his normal procedure is to keep a few up his sleeve.

It is the falsest of analogies to call the human mind a "machine"—for unlike any self-respecting motor, the tongue makes the greatest number of revolutions per minutes when the brain is in neutral.

A few minutes, you may say. (Name on File) Medford.

This in part explains Mexico's reluctance to intervene in Cuba, although it has declared international communism incompatible with free democratic institutions. But Mexico has matured politically and its constitutional reforms given lands to previously landless peasants and spread national wealth among a growing middle class. It also has found it less necessary than some Latin American governments to exploit anti-U.S. sentiments.

Memories of U.S. occupation of Vera Cruz and the years of hard feelings which followed Mexican expropriation of U.S. and British oil companies now largely are only memories in a new period of friendly relations. Mexico is far ahead of most other Latin American nations in her agricultural, educational and tax reforms.



### Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop (c) New York Herald Tribune Syndicate

THE \$600 BILLION COUNTRY WASHINGTON — According to the government forecasters, the United States will be producing goods and services at the rate of \$596 billion per annum by the end of this year. And if all goes well, the Gross National Product will considerably exceed \$600 billion in 1964.

The fact that we are about to become a \$600 billion country is remarkable enough, in itself, to deserve special notice. As anyone can see, moreover, it is a fact of great political as well as economic significance. It is bound to affect the world balance between the U. S. and the U. S. R., and it is also bound to affect the 1964 election.

If the nation's economic growth continues as prophesied, in truth, President Kennedy will be able to claim that he has kept his promise to "get this country moving again." When he took office, the Gross National Product was at the level of \$502 billion per annum. Thus the gain by the end of this year will be just short of \$100 billion. Furthermore, if the economy is given the additional stimulant of a generous tax reduction, the nation is expected to be producing goods and services at an annual rate well above \$600 billion—probably around \$620 billion—by election time next year.

IF THIS is achieved, the national growth in the President's years in office will be above 20 per cent, and the average rate of growth will be more than 5 per cent per annum. Thus far, nonetheless, the Kennedy administration has been singing very small about the improved American growth-rate. There are two reasons for this poor-mouthing on the economic front. On the one hand the combined effects of automation and a regular population increase of 2 per cent per annum partly cancel the effect of the growth-rate. Even more rapid growth, creating even more jobs, is needed to reduce the pool of unemployed workers in America to an acceptable level.

On the other hand, the President and those around him are deeply convinced that the tax bill must be passed, both to provide more jobs and to insure sustained growth. They fear that Congress will be reluctant to grant the desired reduction in taxes if Congress becomes too confident about present prosperity. Hence all the emphasis is now placed on the dire results to be expected from defeat of the tax bill.

THAT will no doubt change quickly enough if and when the tax bill becomes law and the tax bill becomes law and

### Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

TWO INTREPID explorers met in the heart of the Brazilian jungle. "I'm here," declared one, "to commune with nature in the raw, to contemplate the eternal verities, and to gather material for a book on which I've already received a fat advance. And you, Sir?" "I," sighed the second explorer, "came because my young daughter has begun violin lessons."

At a stockholders' meeting, a lady who probably had just seen a revival of "The Solid Gold Cadillac," rose to demand of the chairman, "Exactly what duties is a chairman of the board expected to perform for the princely salary he earns?" The chairman waited for the laughter to die down, then ventured, "I'd say that a board chairman is roughly the equivalent of parsley on a platter of fish."

The early bird, of course, doesn't always get the worm. As Paul Lerner points out, Benjamin Franklin discovered electricity but it was the fellow who invented the meter who made all the millions.



"It's going to be tough to beat Kennedy, but let's not refer to our candidate, whoever it might be, as the 'sacred lamb!'"