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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.

19 YEARS AGO
Nov. 14, 1953 (Saturday)
Medford will play host to the 1954 Young Republican convention, it was announced today.

29 YEARS AGO
Nov. 14, 1934 (Sunday)
Edward E. Vail named acting postmaster at Ashland to fill vacancy caused by death of Lillard Grubb.

39 YEARS AGO
Nov. 14, 1924 (Tuesday)
Seven cases of typhoid fever and two deaths from the disease reported in Rogue River by Dr. C. L. Drummond.

49 YEARS AGO
Nov. 14, 1914 (Wednesday)
Medford City Council decides to go ahead with building Sixth Street crossing over railroad tracks without paying \$18,360 demanded by Southern Pacific railroad.

59 YEARS AGO
Nov. 14, 1904 (Friday)
County Clerk Gardner reports many bidders for contract on construction of Pacific Highway to Medford from Central Point and over Siskiyou.

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

- 1. At the command "Haw!" a horse is most likely to turn in which direction?
2. Name the Emperor of Ethiopia.
3. Which of the following pairs best expresses a relationship similar to trigger: bullet?
4. The Po Valley is in which country?
5. Which of the following goes with axe, chain saw and cant dog: hoe, nail, peavy, auger, andiron?
6. The first naval vessel of the revolving American Colonies was named the A. S. ?
7. Was Mohammed born before or after Jesus Christ?
8. What monarch fought the Spartans at the pass of Thermopylae?
9. The most famous steamboat race on the Mississippi River was a contest between which two boats?
10. Roger Williams was responsible for the first settlement of colonists in which Colony?
Answers: 1. Left. 2. Halle Selassie. 3. Switchlight. 4. Italy. 5. Peavy (logging tool). 6. Alfred. 7. After. 8. Xerxes. 9. Natches and Robert E. Lee. 10. Rhode Island.

Who Should Be Censor?

Censorship is a subject which will always be debated, so long as there are those who have the smug sense of superiority sufficient to inform them they are capable of picking what movies or books others may see or read - "for their own good" of course.

We've always had a sneaking hunch that those who thus set themselves up as the monitors of the morals of others do so as a subconscious gesture against their own hidden desires.

They cannot trust themselves to be unaffected by trash and smut, so they naturally assume that others are just as susceptible, and they set out to "protect them... for their own good."

THE ONLY form of censorship of which we approve is that which a parent exercises - or SHOULD exercise - over the reading and viewing habits of his own children. This is training, and it is the responsibility of the parent: not of the schools; not of the police; not of a nosy-parker board of censors.

Train a child up in morality and rectitude, and no amount of smut, trash, or even hard-core pornography is going to pervert him when, later, he is exposed to it.

If a child is susceptible to the junk seen so often on magazine racks and elsewhere, chances are his home life has not given him the wholesome attitudes to cope with it.

THESE thoughts occurred to a Corvallis resident the other day, after several letters had appeared in the local paper complaining about the type of motion pictures (foreign "art" movies, some of them excellent) which had been playing there.

This resident wrote his own letter to the paper. In part, he said:

"I am concerned with the attitude of a small segment of Corvallis's population, namely those self-appointed censors who seek to ban 'filthy, dirty, awful' movies from the local theaters. After hearing favorable reports about these movies, and incidentally before the people referred to had their letters printed, I attended said films and found them quite enjoyable. Alas, to those of you who say, 'Oh, that dirty-minded person!' I must inform that I am not a juvenile delinquent, nor a sex-crazed fiend, nor a member of our society's more disreputable element, but am rather a well-adjusted married male.

"I believe in freedom; freedom of press; freedom of (and from) religion, and most important, freedom of choice for the individual. I do not believe in allowing certain people the freedom to impose their religious and moral convictions upon other individuals within society, nor allow them to pressure businesses which cater to the general public. I respect their right to their own opinions as long as they do not attempt to suppress my freedom to choose.

"Ah, but you argue, what of our poor, misguided youth, how will exposure to these 'degrading elements' keep them on the straight and narrow path of virtue? Well, parents, this is your duty - not that of other parents, not that of city hall, not that of anyone but yourselves. Give your children love, mutual trust and understanding, self-discipline, and independence, and you'll find little to worry about...

IF HE IS able to do this, his youngsters need have no fear of being swayed and perverted by what is obscene or salacious.

(Incidentally, why is it that when Americans refer to "morality," it is almost always sexual morality they mean? Many Europeans, who don't mind a broad-minded approach to amour in films, are shocked at American movies and television because of the violence, the brutality, the venality which are shown - things which we too often don't even think about, so used we are to seeing it.)

All this does not mean that we approve the dissemination of hard-core pornography - that which is calculated to stir base thoughts and lusts for their own sake only, and which has no redeeming social or cultural or artistic merits of any kind. This is a horse of a different color. (And if the district attorney wishes to know where this sort of thing is being sold in Medford, all he has to do is ask.)

CENSORSHIP of that which you personally do not approve - that is, telling everyone else he can't read what he wants to - is one thing. Condoning filth for filth's sake is something else again.

The difference is this: The first is coercion. The second is using the duly-constituted authorities to bring the matter into court. And the courts are the only place which are endowed with the true authority to determine what is and what is not obscene.

Judges and juries may; Mrs. Grundy may (or should) not.

LET'S LET our Corvallis friend have another say on this subject:

"Biased individuals have formed group to 'protect' the morals of the public. In cities such as San Francisco and Chicago, the Citizens for Decent Literature, a group with strong religious backing, has coerced book dealers to remove from their shelves what the CDL considers 'objectionable literature.'"

"Citizens who promote the degradation of individual rights are doing more harm to this country than all the so-called 'immoral publications.'"

If you don't like it, don't read it. But that's your choice. Don't try to make my choice for me. - E. A.

"Just A Few More, To Make Sure You Don't Get Carried Away"



Matter of Fact
By Joseph Alsop
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THE BIG NON-EVENTS
WASHINGTON - What has not happened in Moscow is suddenly being discussed with mounting interest in the small community of professional students of the Soviet Union.

The point is that last summer, for once in a way, the immediate direction of Soviet development seemed to be quite easily predictable. A great though still obscure political crisis in the Kremlin, undoubtedly marked by challenges to Nikita S. Khrushchev's authority, had ended in the spring with Khrushchev more firmly in the saddle than ever before.

Khrushchev had then used his authority to enforce acceptance of a nuclear test ban, on terms the Soviets had always before refused with loud indignation. His primary motive, beyond doubt, had been to create an atmosphere of relaxing tension, and thus to prepare the way for the revision of investment priorities - less resources for the armed forces and more for agriculture, for instance - which had been one of the winter crisis.

HENCE two kinds of development were being forecast last summer with much more confidence than usual. First, changes in the Soviet Defense Ministry, perhaps even including the dismissal of the Defense Minister, Marshal Rodion Malinovsky, were considered as well but inevitable. Malinovsky was known to have been one of those who challenged Khrushchev in the winter crisis. In the Soviet Union, unsuccessful challenges of this type have their almost automatic penalty. And the need was obvious, too, for Khrushchev to bring the military hierarchy under more absolute control, in order to prepare for the second widely forecast development.

This was the radical revision of investment priorities, which the Soviet leaders so obviously need to make, in order to improve the declining Soviet rate of economic growth and "get Russia moving again." The main bottleneck being agriculture, the massive release of resources for investment in agriculture was the obvious first step. And no such release was possible, except at the expense of the armed forces.

DURING the summer, Khrushchev himself virtually spoke of the revision of investment priorities as an accomplished fact. He positively boasted that he was withdrawing from the race to put men

on the moon. More important, he talked quite openly of his intention to increase Russian artificial fertilizer output from the present level of about 16 million tons per annum to the staggering total of 35 million tons per annum.

By now, however, these crucially significant, universally expected developments were beginning to look like the big non-events of 1963. Some time ago, dates were actually being given in Moscow for a special plenum of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist party, to discuss the fertilizer program, and for a second plenum to discuss the general problems of Soviet agriculture.

Dates are no longer being given, however, and there are no signs to indicate that the first plenum will surely be held, as originally suggested, at the end of November. Concurrently, there are no signs of the kind of preliminary reductions in Soviet defense spending, which might be expected prior to a sharp shift in the investment pattern.

INDEED, the recent incidents on the approaches to Berlin point in another direction. You do not heat up the political climate again, as the Soviets have now done, if you are just about to cut your defense budget rather massively. Nor do you talk about the altered political climate in the bellicose terms Khrushchev recently used when he received an American business group in Moscow.

All this means, rather plainly, that the decisions which seemed to have been firmly taken last summer are instead still under discussion - and probably under bitter discussion - in the Kremlin. It may be that the discussion will be abruptly terminated, and the Central Committee plenum will take place as originally scheduled before November ends.

Circumstances of Cambodia Renouncing U.S. Aid Are Reported Not Ordinary



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Under ordinary circumstances, the United States should welcome with loud cheers Cambodia's announcement that it was renouncing U.S. aid as of the first of the year.

But the circumstances are not ordinary. One condition that makes them so is Cambodia's location bordering upon South Viet Nam, Laos and Thailand. A pro-Communist Cambodia would open up a new privileged sanctuary for the Communist attack on South Viet Nam and add to Communist pressures on Thailand.

A further circumstance centers upon Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodia's 41-year-old saxophone-playing chief of state who since 1955 has been a maverick in Southeast Asian politics and whose policy of "positive neutrality" has taken a number of twists and turns. For instance, in 1955 he renounced his title as king so that he could take an active part in Cambodian politics against the spread of communism. The decision to renounce U.S. aid also was taken, he said, to halt a swing to the left.

Speaks His Mind
In the intervening years, he also has had this to say: "About communism - 'A prince and former king must be well aware that the first concern of the Communists is to get rid of the king and natural elite of any country they succeed in laying hands on... I have no particular liking for communism.'"

About South Viet Nam: The war in South Viet Nam is "already lost as far as the free world is concerned."
About the United States: "I have lost all confidence in

Strictly Personal
By Sydney J. Harris
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PERSONAL PREJUDICES
Unless we understand the grounds of our own opinions, then we do not understand our opinions; to comprehend why we believe often tells us more about ourselves than what we believe.

I am always saddened and amused by our unconscious arrogance in speaking of the "Dark Ages" - as if we were living in the age of light, reason and humanitarianism.

What passes for "patriotism" in many parts is simply hatred of strangers; just as what passes for fondness is merely fear of the unfamiliar.

Rumors about us should almost always be ignored; as Andre Maurois shrewdly observed: "We usually spread that calumny which has hurt us most by denying it to people who had never heard of it."

We generally dislike and avoid those who are unhappy, as if their misery could spread to us by a sort of spiritual infection; in this way, people who are known to be "unlucky" have their private misfortune compounded by public avoidance.

The man who is proud to be able to say, "I was wrong," rarely reflects that his pride cancels out his confession.

It is foolish to suggest that the skillful burglar or confident man could make as much, if not more, if he expended his talent and energies in legitimate pursuits; of course, he could, but his vocation appeals to him not because of the gain involved (although he himself may even think it does); but, more deeply, because it is a way of cheating society and of retaliating for buried injuries suffered, if not remembered, in childhood. The criminal never chooses his métier for gain; that is merely his conscious rationalization.

A woman finds nothing quite so unsatisfactory as a friend without faults she can talk about. The reason it is impossible to argue successfully with someone who is suicidally depressed was succinctly put by Santayana, when he said, "That life is worth living is the most necessary of assumptions, and were it not assumed, the most impossible of conclusions."

Nobody is more infuriating, frustrating and embarrassing than an ally who happens to be on our side for the wrong reasons. The truest measure of wealth is the amount of time it buys us to devote to other pursuits than the amassing of wealth; by this standard, the affluent executive is less wealthy than the Polynesian native, since his income is far less convertible into free time.

the Americans... who are the most unjust people in the world...
About Cambodian neutrality: "We want guarantees. If no one wants to give guarantees, I shall ask the Chinese Communists to send us enough forces to discourage aggression (from Thailand and South Viet Nam). I stress that this is no joke."

In his early days of "positive neutrality," Sihanouk patterned himself after Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru, following the five principles of co-existence which Nehru also hoped would preserve the peace between India and Red China.

The Geneva conference establishing the so-called neutrality of Laos sprang from a suggestion by Sihanouk. In the meantime, he also has been able to live in the best of two worlds. U.S. military and economic aid from the United States since 1955 has totaled about \$365 million or around \$30 million per year.

Communist China allocated \$40 million for four factories. The Soviet Union contributed a \$12 million hospital. Another \$35 million came from France. Sihanouk has not hesitated to crack down on Communists at

home. Last year 14 were sentenced to death for a plot against the government. The sum of it seems to be that Sihanouk is award of the Communist danger to himself and to his country. He also wants to keep his job. His renunciation of U.S. aid, expulsion of U.S. and French troops and his invitation to Red China to help him speed Cambodia into "advanced socialism" smack of desperation measures.

A peace agreement never yet served as a bar to Communist ambitions, and this could be the beginning of the end for an independent Cambodia.

In God We Trust
To the Editor, and to whom it concerns: Greetings: "In God we trust." An atheist died and she was laid in a coffin, resplendent in a dress of finest silk and embroidery, surrounded by flowers of all shades of red and pink, but not one of a blue forget-me-not. A mob of men and women passed by to pay her last respects. Along came a little old lady. She stopped and looked, then said, "It's just too bad, here she is, all dressed up and no place to go."

I was born and raised in the land of William Tell and Arnold von Winkelried. When I left home in 1909, one of my friends did his best trying to make a good socialist out of me. But I still have a few acres of land of my own and a few dollars in the bank, so I'm still a capitalist and still belong to the superstitious people, going to church.

There's a lady in the land of the prickly pear, gila monster, rattlesnakes and the big red ants, trying to tell us, there is neither God or Satan in existence. I know for certain there is no God in her heart. Satan? That's another question. She says, no man or woman after death will ever rise again. How in the world did life ever start in the first place, out of dead matter? Where did dead matter come from, out of nothing, all by itself?

I have two silver coins, one dated 1878 and the other 1887. One of these is the year of my birth, and on each of these coins, "In God We Trust." I still trust in God, but not in Godless atheist, communists, or socialists. I respect every man's religion as long as they respect mine. And all others are to me what they call in my old country, just so much mirch, except no fertilizer value.

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Cruelty
To the Editor: Thank you for your fine editorial, a reprint of which has just come to my notice, on "An End to Cruelty" (8-14-63), dealing with needless cruelty to animals used in scientific experiments. In a most appealing, reasonable, yet firmly ethical manner you stated the need for federal humane laws, since after all, our tax money subsidizes many of the laboratories.

It seems to this writer that human health, especially mental health, cannot possibly benefit in the long run if medical studies are based almost entirely on the sufferings of helpless living beings. "Cruelty Retards Medical Research" is the title of a carefully documented pamphlet quoting scientists and physicians, among others, I shall be glad to mail a free copy to any address.

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Closure Opposed
To the Editor: The Oregon State Game Commission is going to close the spring season for Salmon fishing on the Rogue River above Elk Creek according to news article in the Medford Mail Tribune of Nov. 10. This is the only Salmon fishing season on the Rogue River above Mule Creek.

To close this part of the Rogue River is a shame. The water here is like spring water, it has no moss. The rapids are thrilling. The scenery is grand. Thousands of fishermen used to fishing at Casey State Park and elsewhere will be sadly disappointed. Why do they have to close this part of the River? The Commission claims the closure will protect Salmon in their resting pools but I have seen Salmon spawning all the way to Galice, so all pools are resting pools. Is it because of snagging fish that it will be closed? If so, that is a law enforcement problem that the Commission should solve. The snagging problem is river-length, not only above Elk Creek. The snagging problem could

be 90 per cent solved if the Commission would follow the advice of Mr. DeVoss's article in the MT dated June 30, to eliminate the treble hook and heavy spinners. Salmon can be caught legally on single hooks.

FISHERMEN ATTENTION! This closure ruling becomes permanent on Nov. 22, 1963. If you do not believe in it, write to the Oregon State Game Comm., 1634 S.W. Alder St., Portland, Ore., or sign one of the petitions in your sporting goods store.

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The Advantage
To the Editor: In a recent article printed in the Communications column a person said: "a thinker is never a believer, and a believer is never a thinker." The writer of the letter thought herself to be a thinker of this sort, and her opponent to be a believer such as described. Obviously to be in either position is to be sealed in ignorance. One thinks without ever reaching a conclusion, the other reaches conclusions without thinking. It seems to be the unfortunate truth that most "thinkers" fall into one or the

other of these classifications. The true thinker thinks before reaching a conclusion, and carefully considers both sides. This particular article attempted to prove that there was no God. In this particular field you have about three alternatives; one that God made the worlds; that the worlds always existed; or the worlds were always created. Any one of these alternatives leaves questions unanswered that require a tremendous act of faith to believe. One is not much better than another to relieve the burden of faith; to choose between the three one must choose by other means than the strain of exercising faith.

The choice of believing in God often requires the belief in the Bible, which means the forsaking of beloved sins of one nature or another; this most do not desire to do, so unthinkingly they choose one of the other alternatives. The same problem is often encountered in the churches of a church. Some churches allow smoking, and other such actions, those desiring to continue join those churches that allow them to. Those who desire to find the truth will find it and the true church (John 7:17), so let them.

The Bible explains many things that remain a mystery otherwise; the forsaking of the sins defined in the Bible leads to better health and peace of mind; the Bible prophecies have been fulfilled, and indicate what is to happen on, and to, the earth, so that even if there were no promised future rewards the Bible life still has the overwhelming advantage over any other.

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Tribute To Teachers
To the Editor: In observance of American Education Week, I would like to submit the following tribute to teachers. Mrs. Norma Noyes, La Grande, is the author.

A teacher is a wonderful person constructed almost entirely of learning and patience that can be expressed in a million ways from a friendly pat on the back and patient listening, to stern lectures and strict rules. Like snowflakes, no two teachers are alike but they have a number of things in common. Name anything - a teacher can be found writing it, correcting it, reading it, getting rid of it, repairing it, helping it, checking it, teaching it, mothering it, fathering it, counseling it, disciplining it, or meeting it.

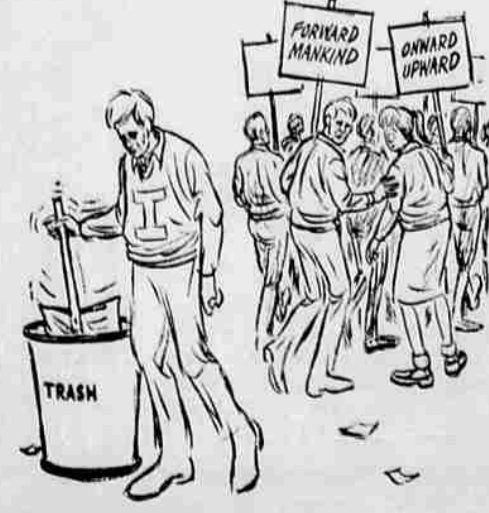
Each teacher cares about and for almost everything; books, pictures, clubs, the state of the nation, the marks on the desk, the educational needs of children, cleanliness, fair play, and most of all - the children. For these the teacher can do anything, dare anything, and fight for anything necessary to their educational and emotional welfare. A teacher is not always an angel. A teacher will often disagree with others, expect too much of students, question their personal choices, and bring up the subject of extra work when students feel the least energetic. But a teacher is always ready to help when a student needs help.

Students, parents, administrators, and school boards do not always tell teachers how much they are needed and appreciated. Somehow teachers, like parents, are taken too much for granted. To students - teachers are too often considered a necessary evil. To parents - teachers are too often considered a permanent, never-failing school fixture.

To school boards - teachers are recognized as the single most important ingredient in the public school system. Mrs. S. R. Bailey, 1374 Grand Ave., Medford.

YOU FIGURE IT OLYMPIA, Wash. (UPI)—It is unlawful for a cocktail lounge to advertise its wares with a picture of a cocktail glass according to a regulation adopted by the state liquor control board.

And that doesn't get us very far. Oregon's voice at Washington isn't very loud.



"It's only temporary - everybody gets a little disgusted with humanity now and then!"