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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

Aug. 17, 1943
(It was Tuesday)
Stanford university quits football for duration of war.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Upstate residents, particularly in the metropolitan area, are worrying about what will happen to Oregon when the war is over. At least they are not laying awake nights fretting about the future of India or the Utopian happiness of the Hottentots.

20 YEARS AGO

Aug. 17, 1923
(It was Thursday)
Price of Bartlett's jumps to \$27.50 a ton in valley.
Jacksonville "Gold Rush" celebration starts.

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 17, 1923
(It was Friday)
Travel record to Crater Lake park to date 33,605 people.
Ashland-Klamath Falls highway to be finished soon.

40 YEARS AGO

Aug. 17, 1923
(It was Sunday)
Pair arrested at Ashland charged with decoying young Medford girls.
Several Medford people vacationing at Coleson springs.

Crash Takes Life Of Idaho Motorist

Jordan Valley, Ore.—(U.P.)—A former resident of Burley, Ida., Robert Eugene Dick, 21, was killed and his companion, a Burley serviceman, was injured when their car upset 20 miles north of here yesterday.

Oregon state police said Dick's last residence was listed as Sacramento where he was manager of a shoe store.

Donald L. Deleski, 22, stationed at Mather Air Force base, Sacramento, was taken to a Caldwell hospital, where he was treated for head injuries and shock.



DISOWNED—Theodore Zanowicz, 21, bow dolefully as he leaves Federal Court in Cleveland, O., where he learned he can never regain the citizenship he forfeited by fleeing this country to Mexico to evade the draft. He will be deported after serving two years in prison.

What Will The Council Do?

A troubled kind of peace has settled over the city hall.

The storms and fury have calmed down to breezes and arguments, as the city council debates what to do.

We sympathize with the city council, individually and collectively, and with other members of the city's official family. For look what happened:

EVERYTHING was going along smoothly; streets were being paved; negotiations were in progress for a settlement of the East Side fire station question; the budget had been approved without major difficulty; the airport-terminal building was completed; the parks were operating for the benefit and enjoyment of Medford residents, and all the many-faceted operations of the city appeared to be in good shape.

Then, without prior warning, a man died. It was reported that he had suffered a fractured skull, and was confined in the jail over the week end without medical attention.

THE PEACE and harmony of city government was momentarily disrupted, but quiet began to settle again. Then the Mail Tribune picked up the incident and demanded, editorially, that steps be taken to insure that nothing of that nature be permitted to happen again.

And the county grand jury issued a report which struck hard at the present administration of the city police department. It recommended that the present chief of police be replaced with a trained officer, preferably from another city.

As Snuffy Smith says, "That put the lid on the jar."

TEMPERS FLARED, some pretty wild statements were hurled around. This newspaper and the grand jury were assailed. The council split wide open, but pulled itself together sufficiently to assure the chief that it had no hard feelings, and that it thought he was a good guy.

The mayor, ever the peacemaker, attempted to gather his warring councilmen together, to get them in a mood where problems could be talked over sensibly and without rancor, with a program of action formulated.

"Can you lay off us for a while?" he asked. "Give us a chance to get together."

Acknowledging that the council is a deliberative and legislative body of eight men of highly different temperament and personality, and that to get anything done a semblance of harmony is necessary, the Mail Tribune did "lay off."

IT IS NOW awaiting with hopeful expectation the meeting of the council Tuesday evening.

What can the council do?

It has several alternatives:

(1) It can do nothing, operating under the assumption that the "Hurley incident" was the result of a "regrettable error," and that it won't happen again—for a while, anyway.

Or—(2)—It can acknowledge the fact that a situation which permitted a mortally injured man to lie in jail without attention is not a good one (to say the least) and may be indicative of other police deficiencies, or—(3)—It can ask its own police committee to continue its investigation (as its chairman has insisted it should), or—(4)—It can authorize the employment of an outside trained investigator to examine the department, and propose a plan of remedial action.

Police Committee Chairman John Snider feels the investigation started by his committee should be continued—that the city should take care of its own problems. He believes that the Beall report furnishes an expertly-prepared outline for the police department, and that the council is capable of seeing that it is followed, with the present police administration if possible—without if necessary.

Other councilmen feel, however, that only an "outside" man—that is, an expert who has not been involved in the local controversy in any way—could make the proper investigation with the needed objective and non-controversial approach.

WHILE The Mail Tribune has "laid off," it has not forgotten the incident or the lesson that should be learned from it. Nor will it permit the city council to forget it.

However we seriously doubt the council will shirk its responsibility again. It is a fact that several of the councilmen are sincerely concerned over police department conditions. Perhaps all are, despite indications to the contrary.

By Tuesday evening, tempers may have calmed and the matter can then be approached temperately and constructively. We hope so.

We are not convinced that all is sweetness and light in the police department. Neither are many Medford people, who have reported their feelings to this paper.

BUT WHAT to do about it, is the city council's job. We suggest it be given a chance to DO that job. So, Mr. Mayor, we continue to "lay off"—until Wednesday, anyway.—E.A.

Major Entertainment Events at State Fair

Salem—(U.P.)—Topflight producers will be responsible for two major entertainment events at the Oregon state fair Sept. 5-12 here—the rodeo and night-stage revue—Manager Leo Spitzbart said today.

Helen Hughes, who has produced many fair revues, will be in charge of the night show in the grandstand. Spitzbart said she is considered one of the top producers of the 20th Century-Fox organization of New York and Hollywood. Theme of her 1953 revue will be "Welcome Hawaii."

The rodeo will be supervised by Christensen brothers of Eugene and Roseburg.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is noon Saturdays.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I told the boys they'd find us on the beach at three o'clock—if someone else hadn't found us first."

Best Dam Giveaway

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail-Tribune Correspondent

On the last day of the first round with Hells Canyon hearings before the Federal Power Commission, a reporter walked in with a card the size of a driver's license which he said had been left by some unknown partisan on his typewriter.

It said in bold type: "COME TO THE DAM GIVE-AWAY."

Not too far from Teapot Dome Place: Niagara Falls first, then Hells Canyon.

It is nobler to give than to receive.

Money is the source of all evil. Low cost power makes only the people richer.

So, come see the Republicans purify you by giving your water power resources to the power trust monopoly.

Come and see the best dam giveaway yet!

(Signed)
The Cadillac Crusaders.

Another reporter suggested that possibly Sen. Wayne Morse, who calls the Eisenhower administration a "Cadillac Crusade" was printing these cards in his basement or out in his hen house to keep the pot boiling with politics.

On the back of the card were the following words:

"P.S.—Any statement that we will also give away your rural electrification and rural telephone programs at this time is positively premature."

Even Idaho Power President Thomas E. Roach grinned when he read the card, for its entrance informally into the proceedings last Friday was virtually the only moment of levity during five weeks of very wearying hearings.

Recess For Hells Canyon

The Hells Canyon case is now in recess until Sept. 21, when attorneys for the FPC and public power advocates of the high dam will begin to peck away at what they consider weak spots in the utility's case for its three small dams.

During the past five weeks of daily sessions, Idaho Power competed the presentation of its direct case for the three dams and against the high dam. Although it was expected that the Boise utility would lambast the proposed federal projects in Hells Canyon as inferior to its own scheme, Idaho Power went well beyond that contention.

White Elephant

It argued that the high dam would be a "white elephant" that would never pay for itself. If it can make that point stick, the contest between the high dam and the small dams is over with its scheme the victor by default.

What made this contention an unexpected one was that the present administration takes no such view toward high Hells Canyon dam. Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay, in his Hells Canyon announcement of May 5, declared: "We do believe the Hells Canyon project is generally feasible from an engineering viewpoint."

His doubts about it, McKay added, were caused by the administration's effort to cut government expenditures; he didn't

see how funds could be earmarked for Hells Canyon in the near future. So he withdrew the advocacy of the high dam by Interior insofar as the FPC consideration of the Idaho Power case was concerned.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I suppose you must have been reading about the dozen or so American prisoners of war who were so "teched in the haid" that they were converted to communism and chose to stay behind with their red brothers.

And I reckon, like everyone else, you were shamed and humiliated.

Oh, well, there have to be a be rotten apples in every barrel and bad potatoes in too many sacks. Let's not get to thinking of ourselves as members of a SUPER race.

We're just people.

Taking us by and large, we're GOOD people.

DID you notice that freak story the other day to the effect that according to the census bureau and its mechanical-brain robot the population of the United States of America hit exactly 160 million at 11 a.m. (EDT) on the 8th day of August in the year of our Lord 1953?

That was what the statisticians call a "projected curve." That is to say, it was calculated that if births and immigration and naturalization proceeded at the average rate at which they have been proceeding for a given period of time our population WOULD BE DUE to reach the 160 million mark on the day and at the hour stated.

IF nobody tinkers with it, it's surprising how close statistical research based on averages can get to the actual facts. A good example is the political polls that have fallen into disrepute in recent years. When you come right down to it, the surprising fact about them is how CLOSE they came to the actual result, rather than how far they missed it.

The trouble with this statistical research business, when conducted by government, is that sooner or later politicians get to tinkering with it. How much attention, for example, do you pay to the government cost of living figures when they are issued and broadcast over the air waves?

Not much, I imagine. We're all too prone to suspect that the politicians juggle the figures to fit their own particular purposes. Personally, I don't KNOW they do. So, I'm AFRAID they do. So, I don't put much faith in the figures.

SPEAKING of communists—which we're always doing.

In Canada's general election the other day, 100 communists were entered as candidates. As a result, the Dominion came out about \$20,000 ahead.

It happened like this: Canada requires a deposit of \$200 from each candidate who wants to run for office. If he fails to get half as many votes as the winner, he forfeits his \$200. In this case, the 100 communist candidates got hardly enough votes to count.

These Canucks are smart.

HERBERT Hoover came to his 79th birthday the other day and let it pass without a celebration and let it pass without a celebration.

WERE the ones who should have done the celebrating. When a wise, smart, conscientious, humble man who has held the highest offices in our government still goes on working hard for his country at 79, it is good cause for celebration by the people of his country.

Gunshot Wounds Fatal To L.A. Bank Robber

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Bank robber Lewis Hemmert, 35, died early today of gunshot wounds suffered last week when he attempted to hold up the California bank in downtown Los Angeles.

Hemmert, who served a prison sentence at McNeil Island for a series of bank robberies in Oregon and Washington, was wounded in an exchange of gunfire with a bank guard.

Caring for the tourists who come from all over the world to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa is now a major industry in that Italian city.

Ex-FBI Agent Identifies Wife of Federal Employee as Red Worker

Washington—(U.P.)—A former FBI undercover agent told Senate investigators today she knew the wife of a Government Printing Office employee as an active Communist worker.

The ex-agent, Mrs. Mary S. Markward, identified the woman as Mrs. Esther Rothchild, wife of a bookbinder at the printing office.

Mrs. Markward and Mrs. Rothchild met face to face today at a hearing before Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's investigating subcommittee.

McCarthy said Mrs. Rothchild had testified under oath in previous secret hearings that she had never met Mrs. Markward. Today Mrs. Markward said "we met about 12 times."

Member in 1945

Mrs. Markward, an attractive brown-haired woman, said she had known Mrs. Rothchild in 1945 as a member of the Communist Political Association in Washington.

"The Communist political association was the Communist party?" McCarthy asked.

"That is correct," Mrs. Markward replied.

When McCarthy asked if there was any question about whether Mrs. Rothchild was a party member, Mrs. Markward answered:

"She could not possibly have attended these meetings if she were not a member."

Handled Secret Work

McCarthy also asked if she understood Mrs. Rothchild's husband, Edward, to be a party member.

Mrs. Markward said Mrs. Rothchild never said he was, but Mrs. Markward added it was her impression he was not "hostile" to Communism.

Mrs. Markward said Rothchild was in military service at the time. McCarthy added that he handled secret work for the Navy's hydrographic office.

Mrs. Markward said she first met Mrs. Rothchild "as a member of the Thomas Jefferson club of the Communist Political Association."

She also identified Mrs. Rothchild as secretary of the Civil Rights Club at the Communist organization in the District of Columbia.

Face Each Other

At the outset, McCarthy said the hearing would be "one of

the most important we have ever had" and "if the testimony we have heard (at earlier closed hearings) is correct there is a very serious case of espionage."

Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, (R-Ill.), asked Mrs. Rothchild to step forward for identification.

Mrs. Rothchild faced Mrs. Markward from a point only a few feet distant.

Same Woman

"Is this the same Mrs. Roth-

child you knew in the course of your activities as a member of the Communist party?" Dirksen asked.

"It most certainly is," Mrs. Markward said.

During the course of the closed hearings, McCarthy said the subcommittee had heard testimony that a printing office employee had stolen secret documents from the plant including a "secret code."

3-D Movie Glasses Seen Possible Cause Of Eye Infections

Washington—(U.P.)—Officials of the Public Health service said today widespread eye infections may result from careless re-use of polarized glasses for 3-D movies.

They said local health authorities in several cities already have received complaint and some are taking vigorous steps to meet the danger. In Chicago, for example, the Board of Health has invoked an outright ban on issuance of used 3-D glasses.

In other cities, many theaters featuring 3-D movies have acted on their own to avoid the risk of infection. They sell or give the customers plastic or paper glasses which can be thrown away or carried home by the

patrons after the show.

Permanent Glasses

But there are some theaters which have permanent, comparatively expensive glasses, which are given to patrons, collected after the movie and later re-issued after sterilization. It is this type that has come under official scrutiny.

In Chicago, Board of Health tests of 15 permanent-type glasses showed that only six were really clean after going through the sterilization process. The rest contained organisms which could spread trachoma or other eye infections.

Purely Local Problem

Officials emphasized that the regulation of glasses is strictly within the jurisdiction of local authorities.

But they said that if any serious eye epidemic should be traced to 3-D glasses, the Public Health service would investigate the glasses thoroughly in its research laboratory here. Officials said the results of the tests would then be forwarded to health boards throughout the country for their guidance.

So far, they added, no city or state has asked for research aid or advice on the 3-D glasses problem.

Eagle Point Man Hurt in Accident

One man was injured in a weekend traffic accident in Jackson county, state police reported today.

Ernest Edward McCune, 23, of Eagle Point, suffered cuts and bruises, in an accident that occurred at about 1:20 a.m. Sunday on Highway 89 south of Phoenix.

McCune was the driver of a car which collided with a vehicle operated by Lawrence Edward Edmonds, route 2, box 416, Medford, police said.

McCune was taken to Community hospital by Conger Morris ambulance. Extensive damage was reported to both vehicles.

In another accident, cars driven by Charles Ernest Wright, Hornbrook, Calif., and Wayne Alvin Folger, Grants Pass, collided Sunday evening south of Siskiyou summit on Highway 99, police said.

Investigating officers said the Folger car hit a cow, knocking it into the path of the Wright vehicle, and the two cars collided. Folger was blinded by the lights of an oncoming vehicle, police stated.

Mrs. Folger received minor cuts in the accident.

Hardtop Race Driver Suffers Severe Burns

Portland—(U.P.)—Don Sinsli, 21-year-old hardtop race driver, died here today from severe burns suffered in a spectacular collision at Portland Speedway yesterday.

Portland—(U.P.)—A 21-year-old driver was in critical condition today in Emanuel hospital here, from severe burns suffered in a spectacular collision and fire during the mid-season program of the hardtop racers at Portland speedway yesterday.

The seriously injured driver was Don Sinsli, West Linn, who suffered first degree burns.

Sinsli's racer was involved in part of a three-vehicle pile-up. Two cars collided on the track in front of Sinsli's speeding racer. One of the vehicles began dripping from the tank. Sinsli's car struck the vehicle and a towering column of flame spurted from the machines.

Sinsli got out of his machine and ran for the infield, his clothing afire. Track attendants managed to smother the flames after about a half minute.

Prentice Band Wins At McCloud Fiesta

A group of Eve Prentice's Accordion band yesterday won first prize for the best band in the parade at the Lumberjack fiesta at McCloud, Calif. This is the second first prize won by Prentice accordion groups in less than a week, the other being a first prize last Wednesday for a float entry at Oregon Gladiolus festival, Grants Pass.

As winners at McCloud they won \$50. After the parade they played an hour and a half concert in the grandstand there. The group also was invited to participate in the next year's fiesta.

Why They Turn

Geo. N. Taylor

Most folks seem to themselves eternally lost before they ever turn to God to be saved. Seeing themselves lost, a vast company has turned and received Christ into their hearts as the Son of God who died for their sins. By that they are set right with God and he gives them eternal life with new ways and days for here and now.

No matter how busy the hour, God will prove himself and make up to you for the time you take out for prayer. Jeremiah of old persecuted a nd hounded, said to call upon God and he would answer with great and mighty things that no man could of himself, bring through—Jeremiah 33:3.—Most saved folks have been praying for. So pray and keep praying, for your unsaved that they may be with you over in the land of eternal glory.

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