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Flight o' Time

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

10 YEARS AGO

Aug. 28, 1143
(It was Thursday)

Russian, German tank battles
rage in Ukraine.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: A con-
gressman fooling around a Wis-
consin dairy farm was chased
by a bull and pursued—just did
make it over the fence in time.
The bull was trying to get re-
venge for being thrown so much
by the statesman.

20 YEARS AGO

Aug. 26, 1933
(It was Saturday)

City and county to be checked
for blue eagles.

Annual Southern Oregon golf
tournament opens.

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 26, 1923
(It was Sunday)

Reginald H. Parsons to exhibit
fine stock at state fair.

Business on Pacific coast
shows steady increase.

40 YEARS AGO

Aug. 26, 1913
(It was Tuesday)

Rich strike reported at Kane
creek mine.

Prosperous year predicted for
fruit growers.

Potluck

By M-T Staff and Contributors

"I simply can't subtract," said
the customer in Lawrence's store
while writing a check for a
wedding present. "I can add, but
I can't subtract!"

"Well, at least put all the
figures down," said Elsie But-
ler, who teaches mathematics in
Medford Senior High school
when she's not tending counter
at the family store. "I know one
Medford woman who never
bothers with the odd cents when
she uses her checkbook. She
claims the 'round figures' are
so much easier to keep track of,
and that her balance isn't really
so very much different from the
one the bank has."

The calendar says August. But
the evenings say fall. The maple
tree out the window does too.

Fall, when the leaves turn
bright and brown, and rustle like
taffeta skirts when you pass.
One of the most beautiful times
of the year. One of the most in-
vigorating too.

There are lots of things that
come to mind with autumn.
Maybe just nostalgic thinking—
but what has become of all the
spicy, fragrant, mellow apple
butter we used to know? Do
we just not know the right per-
sons, or has it, like other little
arts, gotten away to march of
time? Mmmmmmm! On hot
cakes on a winter morning.

Huckleberries Ripening In Forests of County

Huckleberries are rapidly rip-
ening in the county's forests, it
was reported today from the
office of the Rogue River National
forest.

Berries are now ready for
picking in the Rustler peak,
Blue peak, Upper South fork
region, it was reported, and
they are expected to be ripe on
Huckleberry mountain about
the second week in September.
It appears to be a good crop
this year, the report said.

Landmark Threatened

Anyone visiting Jacksonville, one of the West's
oldest towns, must be impressed by the fact that
practically all of the buildings in the downtown sec-
tion are made of brick. A majority of these structures
are in fairly good state of preservation, mainly be-
cause all except a very few were constructed after
the fires of 1873 and 1874 which laid waste nearly
all of the wooden business area.

Old Jacksonville has had no major fires since
those in the 70's but time, weather and man's un-
derground quest for gold have taken their toll and some
of the brick buildings which stood forth so imposingly
three-quarters of a century ago are now beginning to
come apart in places, their cracks and sags foretelling
eventual total disintegration unless early, extensive
and in some cases expensive repairs are made.

AMONG the buildings beginning to show the weight
of their years is the U. S. Hotel on California
street. Built in 1880, the U. S. Hotel occupies the
site where an earlier hostelry, the Union Hotel, burned
in the great fire of 1873.

It would be a shame for Jacksonville and for
Oregon to let the old U. S. Hotel become a heap of
rubble for it boasts perhaps the most colorful history
of any of the structures in the former southern Ore-
gon metropolis.

According to the most generally accepted story,
it was built by a lady of French origin, known as
"the Madam," who, evidently with an eye to business,
married a local stone mason so that his skill and bricks
might be utilized. Holt was the man's name and
thus the French lady became known as Madam Holt.

ONE of the first guests of the new and resplendent
stopping place was President Rutherford B.
Hayes. On receiving word of his forthcoming visit,
Madam Holt went to elaborate pains to decorate her
best suite in the manner she felt would become a
United States president. The party arrived, washed
the stains of stage travel from their persons, enjoyed
the evening's bill-of-fare and in due time were
bedded down.

It was only an overnight stop for the Hayes party
and in the morning the President was shocked upon
presentation of the bill by the Madam. History does
not record the exact total, the stories running from
\$100 to \$300, but the chit is understood to have in-
cluded the cost of much of the room's furnishings for
the special occasion.

Whether the President settled the bill then and
there or whether it was ever paid in full is not clear
at this late date, but a letter from John Sherman,
then secretary of the treasury, states that: "Madam,
the President merely desired a night's lodging and
had no intention whatever of purchasing your prop-
erty."

The President himself, had a word to say about
the bill, legend having it that after battling an army
of bedbugs throughout the night, he remarked the
next morning that he wasn't so much put out by the
excessive charge for the presidential suite, but he did
object to "sleeping with the entire Republican party."

THE grand ball room of the hotel was the scene of
gay social life, the beauty and the chivalry of the
Rogue country dancing and flirting there, and there
too the traveling theatrical groups put on their shows.
The U. S. Hotel building eventually passed into the
hands of the county as did many of the other
buildings of the town when gold mining died, de-
pressions hit and there was no business and no money
to pay taxes. Deeded by the county to the City of
Jacksonville in the 1920's, the structure has been
used by fraternal and social groups, as public library
quarters, for town meetings, and for some years it
housed the Jacksonville Museum.

But now the historic landmark has been con-
demned as a fire and safety hazard. Large cracks
have appeared in the rear walls, perhaps as a result
of mining tunnels driven underneath, and an inspec-
ting architect said he found indications of "lack of
lateral stability."

JACKSONVILLE'S city council faces something of
a problem in seeking ways and means of saving
the old building for the deed from the county stipu-
lates that it cannot be rented or leased and there-
fore there is no revenue to cover repairs and what
with other municipal expenses the city itself cannot
furnish the considerable sum required.

It has been suggested that Jacksonville return the
property to the county and that the latter negotiate
with some private individual or interest for its pur-
chase or lease for exploitation purposes. It is be-
lieved that the old hotel could return a nice profit
if the interior was refurbished with some resemblance
to the original and gift shops or other attractions
were installed. Such use of the building would not
only make a profit for the owner or renter but would
help to attract visitors to Jacksonville.

SINCE establishment of the Jacksonville Museum
37 months ago, it has been visited by an average
of 3,396 people monthly. With additional attractions
and publicity there is no doubt that many more
would visit the historic town, and, incidentally, spend
a little money if the latter opportunity were offered.

We are somewhat slow about such things in Ore-
gon. If Jacksonville with its stage coach era build-
ings and colorful gold rush and Indian war history
were located in California it would have been paying
substantial dividends as a tourist attraction long be-
fore this.—E.C.F.

Woman Engrossed in TV Doesn't See Burglar

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. William
McDowell was so intent on a
television program she didn't
notice the burglar who walked
through her living room into a
bedroom.

She thought the man rummag-
ing around in the bedroom was
her husband.

When the program was over
she turned on the lights and
found the man gone — also her
wallet with \$32 and a sport coat.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I'll shadow box and punch the bag. I don't do any skip-rope stuff."

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

According to Sir Allan Her-
bert, a man enjoying a quiet
drink at a London pub was ap-
proached and harassed by a total
abstainer who lectured him on
the evils of drink. The drinker
listened patiently for a period
but the nagging of his critic fi-
nally became unbearable. The
drinker then said to the lectur-
ing abstainer, "Listen, my father
began the day with brandy and
a cigar. He had beer for break-
fast, whiskey for lunch, port
wine for dinner. He smoked all
the time. He lived to be 93, and
after he had been dead three
days he looked a lot better than
you do now."

Old Firm

Not many manufacturers of
homemade cigars are active
these days. However, there is
one in Louisville, Ky., that has
been in business 69 years. It is
still managed by its founder, Ed-
ward Reiss, who is 86. One of
the first cigars Mr. Reiss made
was called the "Marvin Hart" in
honor of the boxer of that name.
The company's slogan is "Made
for the Smoker Who Knows."
Incidentally, I am partial to
hand made cigars. I think they
draw better. Also the leaf used
is often selected more carefully
by the handmade cigar people.

Stormy Weather

There was a terrific thunder
and lightning storm down our
way. I don't care for lightning.
Especially that New Jersey
lightning. However, it is said
the chance of being struck by
lightning, even when you are
in the open, is 1,000 to 1. Light-
ning does strike twice in the
same place. If a spot has been
hit by lightning once, the odds
that it will be hit again remain
the same. There were two dogs
at our place during that storm.
One dog barked at the lightning.
The other ran under a bed.

Variety

How about your favorite
pub? Is it an unusual place?
Johnny and Joe's Brentwood Inn
is the name of a Baltimore

neighborhood tavern. This place
offers over 1,400 different items.
Among these are 14 brands of
imported beers, 257 brands of
whiskies and cordials and 47
brands of local and nationally
known beers. That's quite an as-
sortment. Brings to mind that
there is a liquor store on Mad-
ison ave., Manhattan, that offers
for sale over 200 different
brands of whisky!

Kiwi

Know what a kiwi bird is? It
is a bird native to New Zealand
that once could fly but now
can't. That's why former Ameri-
can airline hostesses, grounded
because of marriage or because
of change of occupation, call
their organization the "Kiwi
Club." There are 21 Kiwi clubs
in the U.S.A. The Kiwi will
have a convention next year in
Chicago. That should be quite
an assemblage of beautiful fe-
males.

Eye Catcher

Know what an "eye catcher"
is in advertising parlance? It is
a cleverly worded line that
catches the eye of the reader
and inspires him to read what
is below it. One of the most ef-
fective eye-catchers of all time
appeared at the top of dancing
teacher Arthur Murray's first
advertisement at the time he
was selling dancing lessons by mail.
It read, "How I Became Popular
Over Night." That advertisement
started Murray, currently a mil-
lionaire, on the road to fame and
fortune.

Asides

My campaign for larger cuts
of pie in restaurants seems to
be getting somewhere. I am im-
formed that Jones' cafe, Oursay,
Colo., cuts pie into four large
pieces. Price per cut, 20 cents.
... World's greatest patrons of
the daily double are the New
Jersey horseplayers. The world's
record for money bet in one
daily double is held by Mon-
mouth Park, N.J. Amount bet
was over half a million dollars.
To be exact, \$513,516.

Congressional Quiz

Questions and Answers on What Goes On at the Capital
Furnished by Congressional Quarterly News Features

Q—Aside from Presidential
and Vice Presidential candidates,
who drew the largest vote over-
cast for an individual running
for office in this country?

A—According to a study of
Rep. Gordon L. McDonough,
(R-Calif.), Sen. William F.
Knowland, (R-Calif.), holds that
distinction. Unopposed by a
major party, Knowland received
3,982,448 votes for Senator in
1952.

Q—To what levels of taxation
will we return if scheduled
repairs and reductions take ef-
fect?

A—in most cases, excise, cor-
poration and personal income
taxes would revert to levies in
effect in 1950. The Revenue Act
of 1951 imposed "temporary" in-
creases to pay for the Korean
war. Generally, the increased
personal income taxes were lim-
ited by the Act to Jan. 1, 1954,
while the new and higher excise
and corporation taxes were
scheduled to expire March 31,
1954.

Q—Why are Congressional
committee chairmanships con-
centrated regionally?

A—Under the seniority rule,
the chairman of a committee
generally is the member of the
majority party with the longest
continuous service on that com-
mittee. Members of Congress
from states which habitually
vote for one party tend to build
up the greatest continuous senior-
ity. Under Democratic control,
most committees were headed by
Southerners and Members from
Democratic strongholds in the
West. In the 83rd Congress, the
bulk of chairmen are from "safe"
Republican states in the Eastern,
Central, and Western regions.

Q—Are private contractors

working for the federal govern-
ment allowed to practice racial
or religious discrimination
against employees or job appli-
cants?

A—Not according to law. Most
federal contracts contain a pro-
vision forbidding discrimination.
Agencies letting the contracts
are responsible for enforcement,
using contract cancellation as a
weapon. The Committee on Gov-
ernment Contract Compliance
reported that enforcement has
been ineffective. President Eisen-
hower Aug. 13 established the
new Government Contract Com-
mittee to help the agencies en-
force non-discrimination provi-
sions.

Q—Was ammunition rationed
to combat units during the last
months of the Korean war?

A—in a report released Aug.
12, a Senate Armed Service sub-
committee said rationing was
not resorted to, even during the
July Communist offensives. The
subcommittee reported consid-
erable progress in overcoming
ammunition shortcomings, in con-
trast to its report last May, in
which it charged that shortages
had resulted in "needless loss of
American lives."

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Women and Children Butchered by Raiders

Port Moresby, New Guinea
—(U.P.)—A jungle patrol lead-
er told government officials to-
day that raiders had butchered
women and children and eaten
young men of a rival tribe in a
massacre.

W. J. Johnston said his patrol
had found the bodies of women
and children and remains of the
young men.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

President Eisenhower has
made public a special report on
world trade which urgently calls
for a low-tariff policy. It says the
unity of the free world will be
uncertain unless the United
States accepts more foreign prod-
ucts.

The report, which was pre-
pared by Lewis Douglas, a former
ambassador to Britain and a
former director of the U. S. bu-
reau of the budget, adds that the
United States is the world's
greatest creditor nation and can
not follow the protectionist poli-
cies of a debtor and hope to
escape discrimination by others.

LET'S go back into history.

There was a long period at the
height of Britain's greatness
when Britain was a FREE
TRADE country.

Why?
What we call the Mechanical
Revolution (making goods in
large quantities by machine in-
stead of making them in small
quantities by hand) originated in
Britain. As a result of it Britain
became the world's greatest cred-
itor nation. That is to say, Brit-
ain SOLD GOODS to all the rest
of the world because by ma-
chine Britain could make goods
cheaper than anybody else could
make them by hand.

The time when Britain was
selling more goods abroad than
her foreign customers had pounds
or GOLD to pay with. The result
was that British trade suffered.
In order to go on trading with
the rest of the world, Britain
had to accept IN TRADE the
products of other countries.
Trade, you know, is a TWO-WAY
street. It can't function as a ONE-
WAY street.

Hence Britain's free trade poli-
cy.

THIS is the point:

We have reached the place
reached by Britain when the
Mechanical Revolution enabled
her to sell more goods to the rest
of the world than the rest of the
world could pay for.

FOR YEARS, we've been kid-
ding ourselves. WE'VE BEEN
GIVING OUR GOODS AWAY.

Thus, at the expense of the
American taxpayer, we've been
able to maintain a ONE-WAY
STREET economy. But that time
is about over. For one thing, the
American taxpayer is getting
extremely tired of it.

The time is near when our tax-
payers will rebel at giving our
goods away to foreigners in or-
der to maintain a one-way street.

WHAT is to say:

The time is about here when,
in SELF-PROTECTION, we shall
have to lower (if not abolish
completely) our tariffs in order
to go on trading with the rest of
the world.

As Britain did at the peak of
her industrial greatness.

LET'S put it this way:
If you're in business and a
time comes when everybody
owes you and has no money to
pay you with, what do you do?

Why, you TAKE IT OUT IN
TRADE.

Historically, the American
newspaper (especially in the
smaller communities) is a shin-
ing example of that situation. If
a newspaper can't get cash for
its subscriptions, it takes chick-
ens, pigs, garden truck and what
have you.

I know, for I've done it. No
longer ago than 1933.

WE'RE not going to like it, of
course. Industry is going to
yell bloody murder if it has to
compete with lower-cost foreign
products. Farmers are going to
howl like a wounded wolf if
they have to compete with lower-
cost agricultural commodities.
And labor is going to walk like
a banshee if it has to compete
with lower foreign wages.

But the alternatives are so
terrible that we will be forced,
at the peak of our industrial
greatness, to do what the British
had to do at the peak of their
industrial greatness. If we can't
get cash for what we have to sell
abroad, we'll have to take it out
in trade, as the British did.

We can't go on forever giving
our goods away to foreigners.
Our taxpayers won't stand for it.

IT should be added here that
free trade didn't bankrupt
Britain. As long as Britain re-
mained industrially dominant in
the world, FREE TRADE MADE
HER GREATER AND MORE
PROSPEROUS.

Two Jet Planes Collide Off Southern Japan Coast

Tokyo — (U.P.)—Two U.S.
Air Force F80 jet fighter planes
collided off southern Japan to-
day and crashed into the sea.
An Air Force spokesman said
one pilot bailed out and was
picked up by Japanese fisher-
men. Ships and planes are
searching the area for the sec-
ond pilot.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Bobby D. Clark, no motor vehicle
license \$5.
Jesse F. Barnes, no motor vehicle
license \$5.
Civille A. Williams, overload, \$188.
Jerry B. Morton, overload, \$42.50.
William L. Layton, overload load,
\$15, overload, \$51.
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at noon Saturdays.

Communists Beaten By Narrow Margin In Iranian Uprising

By WALTER G. RUNDLE
United Press Foreign Analyst

Now that the dust and the up-
rooted statues have settled back
into place in Iran, one thing has
become uncomforably clear:

Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi
and friends beat the Communists
to the draw in that mid-Eastern
hot-spot by the narrowest of mar-
gins.

Mossadegh, who gave his na-
tion blood and tears without the
sweat, had run the situation so
far into the ground that some-
thing had to give.

The British, who have the big-
gest direct stake in the situa-
tion, admit now that they'd just
about written Iran off as lost
when the Shah and his chosen
successor to Mossadegh, Maj.
Gen. Fazlollah Zahedi, appealed
to the Army to disobey Mossa-
degh and his "illegal govern-
ment."

Desperate Shah

The desperation of the situa-
tion can be understood when it
is recalled that Zahedi was in
hiding for fear of his life and
the Shah was in Iran, en route
to Rome, for similar urgent rea-
sons of health.

The beginnings of the mop-up
of ringleaders of the Tudeh
(Communist) party this week
have given a hint of the exten-
sive preparations by the other

side to cash in on the heritage
of woe Mossadegh had accumu-
lated for his people.

The actual strength of the
outlawed but openly active party
remains one of the Communism's
best-kept secrets. But the best
available estimates put its mem-
bership at between 25,000 and
30,000 with a large following of
sympathizers.

Strongest Party

The Communists now are con-
ceded to have had the best or-
ganized apparatus of any Iranian
party, with strong discipline over
their members.

Russia was smugly watching
Mossadegh's activities convinced
that the country had reached a
position where it would fall, like
over-ripe fruit, into the Soviet
garden whenever the Kremlin
shook the tree.

The real test whether the dan-
ger of a Communist take-over is
past or simply delayed rests on
the ability of the new regime to:

Hold the Army's loyalty by
lifting the pay of its soldiers
above the present 17 rials (20
cents) per month level.

Get the nation's economy go-
ing fast enough to put Iran's
hordes of unemployed back to
work before the Reds recover
from last week's shock and sur-
prise and push the nation over
the brink it so narrowly escaped
last week.

COMMUNICATIONS

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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.

Why Worry About
An Old "Wino?"

To the Editor: Yes, Oh, Yes!
Let's investigate the Medford
Police Department. Let's "reor-
ganize" it.

Let's fire the old chief and get
a know-it-all big-head to take his
place.

The "young brats" have more
sense than a man of maturity and
judgment anyway. He is born
that way, and can't help it if his