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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

Oct. 1, 1943

(It Was Friday)

Large barn on Jimmy Sutherland burns. All livestock escaped.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Under the new butter rationing, it will be spread thinner on the sandwiches than the ham is cut and cost more than a hog and a cow.

20 YEARS AGO

Oct. 1, 1923

(It Was Sunday)

E. C. (Jerry) Jerome named general chairman of Diamond Jubilee celebration next June.

Medford high defeats Weed, 27 to 0; Oregon downs Gonzaga 14 to 0.

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 1, 1923

(It Was Monday)

Arnold Bohnert, Central Point and Miss Eudora Evans, Medford, marry in Ashland ceremony.

L. A. Banks, Los Angeles, purchases Suncrest and Mira Vista orchards in Talent district.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 1, 1913

(It Was Wednesday)

Tale and Soapstone deposits plentiful in Jackson County.

Trial youth, on hunting trip, beaten by unknown man.

Bus Tire Blows Out; Three Persons Killed

Ehrenberg, Ariz. — (U.P.) — Three persons were killed and 18 others injured when a front tire of a Continental Trailways bus bound from Memphis to Los Angeles blew out and threw the bus down a 25-foot embankment.

Bus driver, A. H. Collins Los Angeles, was killed in the accident seven miles east of here on Highway 60-70 late last night.

The dead were identified as Jim Jones Hamlett, 22, Orville, Ala., and Omar L. Barrett, 60, Hayward, Calif.

Eight of the 18 passengers injured, including three children, were listed in serious condition at Palo Verde hospital in Sylva, Calif., 12 miles west of the scene.

Communists Plan To Ignore MIG Surrender

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — American officers said today the Communists apparently plan to ignore the surrender of a Russian-built MIG 15 to the United Nations two weeks ago.

Military Armistice commission sources said a Red demand for the return of the plane flown into Allied hands by a North Korean could be made either through the full commission or the joint secretariat.

Observers here believed the Reds were suppressing all mention of the incident to keep other MIG pilots from getting the same idea.

NEED LAWN COP

Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Mary Green rushed outside her house to see a wreck when she heard a crash. Two women drivers were involved—one had driven her gas-powered lawn mower into a power mower operated by another woman.

Editorial Correspondence

New York, N. Y., Sept. 30.—(By Wire)—The Yankee victory today wasn't so surprising, but the way they won the game was. With the two star pitchers, Reynolds and Erskine, opposing each other it looked like there should be a tight pitchers' battle—World Series openers usually are. But it was a batters' battle, and the Yankees won, not by getting more hits than the Dodgers—they both got twelve—but by getting them when they meant runs. In fact the two teams had the same number of hits when the score was 4-0 in favor of New York.

Another surprising fact: It was a great victory for the old men. Cy Young, who pitched for Washington when your correspondent wore knee pants, threw out the first ball—and he threw it hard. And Johnny Sain, formerly of Boston, who is getting grey around the ears, won his own game. Not on the mound, though he was fairly effective there, but at the bat—smashing a snappy two-bagger and bringing in the runs which put the game on ice. However, it was a very exciting game and one of the finest we believe from the standpoint of the spectator, of any World Series in recent years.

One of the most satisfying features was the fine hitting of Hodges, the Dodger first baseman, who in the World Series a year ago didn't get a hit. He led his teammates this time to knock out Reynolds, the big medicine man of the Yankees' pitching staff, and tied the score when the Yanks were leading by four runs and it looked like a Brooklyn rout.

It was a tough one for the Dodgers to lose after that great uphill fight, but as has so often been true in the past when the chips were down the Stengel gang just had too many guns and guts.

When the game started the odds were 6-5 on the Yankees winning the series. As this is written they have changed to 7-5, which indicates the Dodgers haven't lost the confidence of the smart gambling crowd entirely—in fact if those twelve hits had been bunched and the Yankees' twelve hadn't, a very different story of the opening game would have been sent out. But there we are again—they weren't.—R.W.R.

New York City, Sept. 29.—There are laws to protect the New York pedestrian but they are not observed. The motor-cars observe them, but the pedestrians don't. In fact it is a rat-race, the equal of which isn't duplicated in this country, and we don't believe it is anywhere else in the world. When Eric Allen was here with his Germans the other day, he couldn't believe his eyes. (It was different with the young Germans. This was America—they were ready to believe ANYTHING.)

Why more are not killed is one of the many mysteries of this amazing cosmopolis. It is really a great tribute to the agility and resourcefulness of the native New Yorker. We doubt if it would be accomplished with such a low death rate anywhere else in the country. But not only is the death rate low, but the pedestrian is safer in New York than any other large city in the country except two—Philadelphia is No. 1 naturally enough, and Detroit somewhat surprisingly comes second. New York is third. This is according to the official report of the AAA at least which as everyone knows, seldom makes a mistake.

As stated the N. Y. motorists observe the traffic laws meticulously. If they don't they land in jail. Which of course is the reason. There is no attempt to enforce the laws regarding pedestrians which of course is the reason no one—or practically no one—observes them. This is just the reverse of the situation in Medford. In that beloved and (now) distant valley, there is no attempt by the police to enforce the laws protecting pedestrians—so the pedestrians have to shift for themselves and motorists do likewise.

The appointment of Governor Warren as Chief Justice is disappointing to this department but not surprising. President Eisenhower has indicated every since taking office that he intends to hew closely to the partisan POLITICAL line, letting the chips fall where they may. Its too bad—too bad for the country and, we believe eventually, it will be too bad for him. But obviously Mr. Eisenhower doesn't think so.

A Chief Justice, even more than just a member of the court, should be a man of sound judicial temper and long judicial experience. We grant it might be worse. As far as personal character is concerned, Governor Warren is like Caesar's wife; his record as chief executive of California has been excellent and relatively speaking, liberal; but the point is the highest judicial post on our government, should be occupied by a man EXCEPTIONALLY qualified by character and training for that PARTICULAR position—and Governor Warren just ISN'T.

We were interested by a communication in the Mail Tribune opposing the fluoridation of water on the ground of personal liberty. The offering was well-reasoned and reasonable which is more than can be said for most of them. But as a matter of law and practice we fear the point would never stand up in court. If it did then what would San Francisco and scores of other cities do, where to protect the health of the community water has to be treated with liberal quantities of chlorine? This infringes on the liberty of the individual to drink what he pleases. In fact every law is in one way or another, in this sense, an infringement of this "priceless heritage."

Which is only another reason for leaving this issue up to a vote of the people, after a campaign of education and fact finding—then abiding by the result and forgetting it!

Sorry that this country has signed an agreement with Fascist Franco to give him more millions in exchange for various and sundry air bases. If there should be another world war, such bases would be available by force of circumstances and AT ONCE. If there is no war then this deal with Hitler's old pal can only weaken the prestige of the United States and the power of the Atlantic Alliance.—R.W.R.

Boys Suffocate In Old Ice Box

Windsor, Ont. — (U.P.) — Two four-year-old boys suffocated in an abandoned ice box despite the frantic efforts of a little dog to save them.

The bodies of Andrew Stachan and Harold Cooney were found stuffed in the old box in a neighbor's shed last night after a four-hour search.

Their deaths came on the heels of 13 familiar fatalities among children in the United States in the last three months.

Searchers revealed today that if they had heeded the barking of a little black dog, a constant companion of the two boys, they might have saved their lives. The dog stood near the shed constantly while searchers combed the neighborhood, but none paid any attention to him.

The Grange

Central Point Grange will meet Friday, October 2, at 8 p.m. This is the first meeting as we return to the winter schedule and it is hoped every one will be on time.

The program, a panel discussion of the Future Farm Program, will be presented first during the evening. Those taking part are Leonard Kinzman, Bert Easter, Chester Wendt, and Arnold Bohnert. Prices, controls and subsidies will be discussed.

Traffic Deaths Down in August

Chicago — (U.P.) — August was the fourth consecutive month in which traffic deaths decreased or showed no rise over 1952 figures, the National Safety council reported today.

The August traffic death toll of 3700 persons was the highest so far this year, but it was still 2 per cent lower than the August 1952 rate, the council said. Despite the lowered death rate in the last four months, traffic deaths were still 2 per cent higher for the first eight months of 1953 than for the same period last year, according to figures released today. The traffic toll through August this year was 24,120, compared to 27,730 for the same period last year.

Many Speedometers Declared Faulty

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Seeing isn't necessarily believing when it comes to automobile speedometers.

Samuel T. Milliken, service manager of the Keystone Automobile Club, said a recent test by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads revealed that two out of three speedometers were faulty. "Of the 53 cars tested, only 19 had speedometer readings which generally were correct," he said. Some showed higher speeds than the vehicles were

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Australia's Prime Minister Menzies proposes the fullest possible exchange of atomic information among the United States, Britain and Australia.

It's a good idea.

But—

WHAT NOT TAKE IN RUSSIA?

What Premier Menzies urges is an INTERCHANGE. An interchange is a two-way street, with information moving BOTH WAYS. What we've had so far in the case of Russia is a ONE-WAY street, with the Fuchs and the Macleanes and the Hisses and the Pontecarvos and the whole long list of spies and informers and traitors running to the Russians with all the latest dope on our atomic weapons and the Russians SENDING NOTHING BACK TO US.

We've been getting gypped on the deal.

At Niagara Falls, New York, a Secretary of Agriculture Benson told a convention of the National Association of Commissioners, Secretaries and Directors of Agriculture (whose membership is composed chiefly of officials of STATE departments of agriculture) that his department (the U. S. department of agriculture) is reorganizing to give the states more control of the nation's farm program.

He said: "We have no desire to build empires in the department of agriculture. It is possible through individual and group action to solve many problems and achieve objectives locally, with a minimum of federal assistance and control."

He added: "Too many Americans, for too many years, have been calling on Washington to do for them what they could do and should be doing for themselves. . . . We want farmers to produce for a free market rather than for a federal bounty."

In general, of course, Secretary Benson is talking plain, common sense. One of our great troubles in recent years has been that the statehouses, the court-houses and the city halls have been moved to Washington. Government that is REMOTE from the people is never as practical and efficient as government that is CLOSE to the people.

BUT—The present problem of agriculture is to get prices of what the farmer buys down in proportion to prices of what the farmer sells. If other prices had come down proportionately, I don't think any farmer would complain.

The trouble is, they haven't. As a result, the farmer is whipped.

THE job of bringing other prices down in proportion to the drop in prices of farm products, I fear, is over the heads of state and local governments. I'd be inclined to say, as a general principle, that as long as the federal government maintains laws and practices that result in keeping prices of what the farmer buys at a high level the farmer will continue to use his political power to maintain at a high level prices of what the farmer has to sell—even if it involves continuation of federal subsidies and bounties.

Largest Airplane Sets Hauling Records

San Antonio, Tex. — (U.P.) — The XC-99, world's largest land-based airplane, has set some cargo-hauling records that other Air Force and commercial aircraft will find hard to beat, according to the plane's commander.

The XC-99 flew 1,552 hours during 12 months ended June 30, said the commander, Capt. J. M. Pittard. It carried an aggregate payload of 15,557,440 pounds over a total distance of 286,013 miles in 201 flights.

The ton-miles carried for the fiscal year totalled 11,593,298.83 with an average cost of 13.12 cents per ton-mile. Direct maintenance costs—fuel, oil and crews—averaged 2.38 cents per ton mile.

Best loading time for the XC-99 so far has been one hour flat to load 82,998 pounds of air freight. Best unloading time is 45 minutes for 88,599 pounds of cargo.

The performance of the XC-99 during the past fiscal year has gone far to prove the value of heavy long-range cargo support aircraft," said Maj. Gen. Clements McMullen, commander of Kelly Air Force Base, where the plane is based.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"It takes WILL POWER for me to stop eating stuff between meals, and believe me that's one thing my mother's GOT!"

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — Discovering gold isn't what it used to be, but finding some provided a thrill for three Army privates from Fort Eustis, Va.

The soldiers were Sam Bryant of El Paso, Tex., Leonard Schaulkoffsky of Alpena, Mich., and Kenneth York of Kansas City, Mo.

The three were sent to the Army transportation test station at Yuma in the Arizona desert. The three put three heads and 30 fingers to work in their spare time and built themselves a crude "dry washer."

"It was quite a chore," Sam said later. "We had to look up and find out what a dry washer looked like. We didn't have the materials. But we begged, borrowed, and otherwise got enough screen and other stuff together to make our version of the wash-

er used in the California gold rush. Old time sourdoughs poked a lot of fun at us, but we went ahead."

They found that wielding picks and shovels is not an easy task, but they stuck to it. They picked and they shoveled until they were hand-blistered and back-weary. Finally, it was Leonard, the boy from Alpena, an old logger himself, who yelled "timber."

"We carefully sifted sand through the house screen of our hand made dry washer," Sam said. "We were rewarded with a few nuggets."

The "strike" wasn't worth much. The boys didn't even bother to have their finds assayed.

"We realized the nuggets, while real, would be worth no more than a few dollars," Sam said. "So we kept them as souvenirs. And our grandchildren will hear later, with considerable elaboration, about our 'big strike' in the year 1953."

Employment Agency Aids Small Business

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — More than 100 small businesses receive the benefits of a large personnel department through their co-operatively run employment organization.

The Mutual Employers Association Inc., supported by 116 small companies, hires an applicant for any one of its firms at about one-fifth the usual cost and without charging the applicant, usual practice here.

MEA companies run from three to 350 employees. A company of more than 350 should have its own employment group, according to the association which was formed by businessmen four years ago and which now occupies 23 office rooms and has 14 employees.

Testing and interviewing produce a profile of the applicant which is then referred to a specific company. The company or MEA may do the actual hiring. An applicant who merely comes to the organization is, in theory, applying to 116 companies.

Fingerprinting gets rid of undesirables, who customarily depart in a hurry.

MEA's income is derived from member firms. The association says the usual outside hiring cost runs to \$300 per person while its cost is only \$60.

MISSING GIRL FOUND

Omaha — (U.P.) — A worried couple reported to police that their six-year-old daughter had been missing for four hours. Detectives found the girl underneath her bed.

NO BOOTS OR SPURS? Stuart, Neb. — (U.P.) — A mechanized cowboy has been reported by the Stuart Advocate, weekly newspaper. The paper said a cowboy in this area successfully herds cattle on a motorcycle.

Frank Morgan — Harold Snodgrass

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Mounting Evidence Shows Russia Plans To Remain in Korea

By PHIL NEWSOM
United Press Foreign Analyst

The Russians have never intended to get out of North Korea.

Now, behind the false front of North Korea independence, there is evidence they not only intend to continue their sway, but also to eliminate even Red Chinese influence there.

All of which is in a pattern with their actions toward their European satellites and East Germany, and makes just so much Red propaganda their maneuverings in the United Nations and in their so-called diplomatic notes to Washington, London and Paris.

When American soldiers drove into Wonsan on North Korea's east coast in late 1950, they found that railroad stations, streets and public buildings all were identified in Russian as well as Korean.

North Korea Rich North Korea is the industrial half of the Korean Peninsula, rich in water power and minerals, and the Russians had not been idle in their years of occupation after World War II.

Russia's economic hold on North Korea effectively eliminates Red China, which can offer no such assistance and can only place her soldiers there to die for the benefit of the Russians. The Chinese must also wonder why the North Koreans get \$250,000,000 immediately while they, with problems just as pressing, get only a promise of credits worth \$300,000,000 over a period of several years.

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