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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 August 5, 1945

Final approval for filming of picture "Canyon Passage" pending according to Chamber of Commerce.

20 YEARS AGO August 5, 1935

Medford Corporation announces plans to build a mill starting Sept. 1.

30 YEARS AGO August 5, 1925

Bedfordfield Confectionery on corner of Main and Bartlett sts. has fire in back room, quickly extinguished.

40 YEARS AGO August 5, 1915

Warsaw falls to German invaders.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get a 7? Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report... 1. The present Congress is the 84th, 81st, 82d, 83d, 84th or 85th?

COOL JOBS OPEN

New York—(U.P.)—The State Employment Service reminded sweltering construction engineers today that it still has some choice positions open in Iceland, Grenland and Labrador where the temperature ranged from 45 to 50 degrees yesterday.

More Time

It has only been within the last few years that considerable amounts of leisure time, and the problem of how to fill them, have entered the life of the "average" American family.

But with the almost universal acceptance of the 40-hour week, the growing length of vacations and more days off, and with the increasing number of retired people, a whole new concept of living is gradually growing up.

ONE phase of it — life in mobile homes — was discussed recently. But that is only one small aspect of a phenomenon which really has come into its own since the war.

But look at the advertisements today, and what do we see?

Barbecue grills, plain and fancy; tents, awnings, air mattresses and other adjuncts of outdoor life; leisure-time clothing, from swimming suits and frogman equipment to the nattiest of spectator sports clothes.

And, very possibly dwarfing all of these, are the do-it-yourself implements; saws, drills, paint-your-own-home kits, looms, sewing machines, garden tools, tractors, mechanics' gear of all sorts.

THE automobile, which has changed America probably more than any other single development, has itself changed over the years. It is now possible to get cars in which one can sleep, as well as drive.

There are big, swanky cars; tiny, fast cars, and every variation in between.

Boats, too, are now available in a range of prices and facilities to permit anyone with extra cash to get almost anything he wants, from an ocean-going luxury yacht to a put-together-at-home six-foot punt.

THE backyard, the workshop and the far - away places have probably had as much to do with the decline of organized amusements (and perhaps of reading) as has television.

One result of this change in living modes is reflected in headlines of today — the inevitable stories of accidents involving those who are preoccupied in filling their leisure time.

HERE are a few of the type we had in mind, picked at random from recent issues of the Mail Tribune:

Wreck Kills Four Near Myrtle Creek; Two Accidental Deaths Listed at La Grande; Boy Bruised as Boat Plunges Over Spillway; State Mishaps Kill 14; Hollywood Trio Crash Victims; Train Kills Children Lying Between Rails; Plane Seeking Two Water Skiers Crashes; San Francisco Girl Sets New Record on World-Circling Trip; Carelessness Probed in Girls' Drowning; Portland Youngster Saved by Lifeguard; Portland Boys Die in Traffic Mishap; Airplane Given Ticket for Speeding on Highway; Car Trips Take Careful Thought, Motor Club Says; Return Trip on Ketch From Tahiti Ends Near LA Harbor; Student Rescued From Crevasse on Mt. Baker; Air Crash Near Boise Fatal to Two Men; Eagle Point Youth Escapes When Horse Drowns in River; Tahoe Swimmer Forced to Give Up; Yacht Crew Says Craft Never Lost; Injured Climber Rests in Hospital, and so on and so on.

THAT gives the general idea. No one of these stories taken alone would mean much. But since they all appeared within the space of about two weeks, they add up to something. That something would seem to be that restless Americans are doing things, going places, and have the spare time to do it — not always displaying wisdom or achieving safety.

THE Eugene Register-Guard, commenting editorially recently about the problems of school discipline, came to this conclusion. It said:

... This is an age of pleasure. We're living high and having ourselves a fine time—and that goes for ma and pa as well as for junior. Today's high school senior, a 5-year-old when the "war boom" hit the American economy, has never known that sometimes people have to work, and that they can't work well unless they behave.

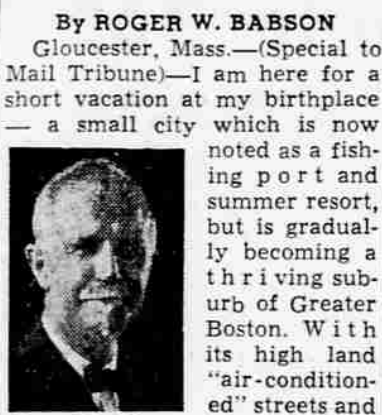
Which is one way of making the point that increased leisure, and the "temper of the times," may be factors in increases in what is known as juvenile delinquency. There are plenty of headlines about this, too.

AMERICA is in the midst of a major revision in its manners and morals. More off-work time is one part of the new and sometimes rather appalling picture.

In any upheaval of this sort, peaceful and uneventful on the surface, there are undercurrents and the pulling and hauling of old habits and traditions and customs breaking up. It will take time for the new ones to become solidified, and really to know where we are going and just where we have been.—E.A.

Linda Christian Denies Plan to Marry Purdom Given by an article written over her name in the magazine Europe. She said the article was arranged in haste and the writer "went too far." Linda said she hoped to have a "lasting affection" for Purdom.

Babson . . Small Businesses



By ROGER W. BABSON Gloucester, Mass.—(Special to Mail Tribune)—I am here for a short vacation at my birthplace — a small city which is now noted as a fishing port and summer resort, but is gradually becoming a thriving suburb of Greater Boston.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Routine news note: The nation's lawmakers are hurrying out of Washington. Barring a special session, they will not have to be back in the capital until next January 3, when both houses reconvene.

WHY are the nation's lawmakers HURRYING out of Washington? There are many reasons.

One of them is the heat. Washington's climate isn't air-conditioned — as the climate of the city of San Francisco is claimed to be, and rather generally is. The prevailing winds blow into San Francisco off the cool Pacific ocean. The winds blow into Washington off the hot, often muggy, interior.

At this season, the heat in Washington is SOMETHING (if possible) to be got away from.

THERE are other reasons. In these modern days, when the United States is more or less running the world (and paying for the privilege with large appropriations for foreign aid) there are "junkets."

"Junket" is a cynical taxpayer term for trips taken by members of congress to various parts of the world (at government expense) to study situations that may concern the welfare of the American people. If sincerely undertaken by INTELLIGENT, studious, thoughtful senators and representatives, they are worth every cent they cost the taxpayer.

But—Unavoidably—They are also a lot of fun. It's nice to get away from the Washington heat (and grind) and start around the world.

THEN, of course, there are political fences to be mended. The place to mend fences, as every rancher knows, is where the fences are. Political fences are located exclusively within the constituencies of the members of the congress—that is to say, BACK HOME, where the votes are.

I HOPE I haven't permitted any note of irony to creep into this reference to the business of political fence-mending on the part of the members of our congress. It is SUPREMELY important in our American system of government.

Unfortunately, the beautiful and glamorous city of Washington is not in any manner whatever typical of average American life. It is a dream world. It is a Shangri-la. I'm sure President Roosevelt must have been thinking of the city of Washington when he coined that word.

People who remain too long within the confines of Washington become INSULATED against the realities of American life. It is good for them to GET AWAY. To get out and rub elbows with REGULAR people.

WHY this insulation — this innate dissimilarity to the rest of our country? I think this is why:

Elsewhere in America, our problems all more or less revolve around the fundamental problem of WHERE IS THE MONEY TO COME FROM?

In Washington (official Washington, I mean) there is no such problem. Everybody in (official) Washington KNOWS where the money will come from. It will come from the pockets of the people. All that is necessary, when a money problem arises there, is to reach into the pockets of the people and TAKE THE MONEY OUT.

When one lives long enough in that kind of atmosphere one becomes UNREAL.

THAT's why it's good for the members of our congress to get out of Washington at more or less regular intervals and get out among the people who earn their living.

ANYWAY, I'm glad the congress has adjourned. I hate to admit it, but when the congress adjourns I always experience a feeling of relief—an exhilarating sensation of having escaped from threatened dangers.

Is That So? Release of 11 Fliers

By Eugene Burns Ranger-Naturalist A reader of the Oslo, Norway, illustrated family magazine, SOJ, wants to know: "On the average, how many feathers does a bird have?"

A scoutmaster from Grand Forks, N.D., writes: "My troop wants to know, what is the hottest official temperature ever recorded?"

The number of feathers a bird has are not as many as one might suppose after plucking a duck or partridge. To be sure, the number varies with the size of the bird, the time of the year, and the species.

As might be expected, smaller birds have fewer feathers. The tiny hummingbird from Cuba, the world's smallest, seems to be the bird with the fewest—940.

In contrast, a glaucous-winged gull—6,500; a mallard—12,000; and a swan—25,000.

To deal with the cold of winter, birds put on a heavier coat. In one example, the only one I can find, a goldfinch has 1,439 in summer; in winter another had 2,368—almost double the number.

Because smaller birds have proportionately more surface to keep warm than big birds, we can expect them to have more feathers per gram weight. And that is true. A hummingbird weighing 2.8 grams has 940 feathers, or 335 per gram; a night hawk weighing 67.9 grams had 2,034 feathers, or 29 per gram; while a swan weighing 6,123 grams had 25,216 feathers, or four feathers per gram of body weight.

On the basis of existing records, the highest temperature ever recorded on earth — and surely even higher temperatures must have existed in areas where there were no thermometers handy or even people to read them—was at Tripoli, where it reached 137 degrees Fahrenheit.

At the time, the desert floor, which gets much hotter than the air, registered 180 degrees—or a mere 32 degrees below the ordinary boiling point of water.

As for our North American continent, the hottest spot of all is in sunny California: Death Valley, where on July 10, 1913, the air temperature reached 134 degrees—only 3 degrees less than the all-time official record at Tripoli. The reader may be interested to know that 100 degrees or over have been recorded in each of our states and provinces. In fact, from as far north as the Arctic circle!

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Jimmy Wakely Accused Of Beating Young Girl Hollywood—(U.P.)—Cowboy singer Jimmy Wakely was accused in a \$50,000 damage suit today of beating an 18-year-old girl in his Beverly Hills home last April 25.

The Superior Court suit, filed yesterday by Anita R. Hayes of Beverly Hills, did not list details of the alleged beating. But the girl did say she was "lawfully" at the Wakely home when he "physically assaulted her with force and violence."

Wakely, now touring Texas, was not immediately available for comment.

Chile Indians Dance To Appease 'Devil' Valdivia, Chile—(U.P.)—Indians throughout the area stricken by erupting Rinahue Volcano held ritual dances today to appease the "devil" they believe responsible for the mountain's activity.

The eruption entered its 11th day and experts expected it to continue because of the vast sulphur deposits inside the volcano.

Portland Rowdysm Campaign Successful Portland—(U.P.)—Portland Police Chief Jim Purcell today said a campaign against juvenile rowdysm had been successful.

Purcell said patrols of police-women in plain clothes had been very effective in curbing teenage rowdysm reported recently. He said no arrests had been made, that they had been prevented instead.

He said the patrols would continue.

Release of 11 Fliers

By CHARLES McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet: THE GOOD

1. The Chinese Communists freed 11 United States Air Force men whom they had held—and convicted as "spies" — in violation of the Korean armistice. The Reds announced their action immediately before the start of negotiations in Geneva for the release of American civilians held in China. In the Geneva conference the United States was represented by its ambassador to Czechoslovakia, The Peiping government was represented by its ambassador to Poland. The Geneva talks were complicated because the Reds wanted a third country to check up on

2. Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin said in an address to the Russian parliament that the Big Four "summit" meeting in Geneva was historic. "It marked a turning point in the relations between the Soviet Union and the West," Bulganin said. He spoke slightly of President Eisenhower's plan for the United States and Russia to exchange military blueprints. This had been expected. On the whole, the speech seemed conciliatory.

3. The French Parliament finally approved an agreement to give the North African protectorate of Tunisia home rule. France will keep control of foreign and defense policies. But Tunisians are to control interior administration. Approval of the measure was a big step in the attempt to end North African terrorism.

THE BAD 1. Russia asked West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer to fix a date at the end of this month or the beginning of September for his visit to Moscow. Prospect of the visit was not pleasant. There was no doubt that the Kremlin would try to get Adenauer away from his present close cooperation with the Western Allies. In Paris, the French cabinet approved a plan for Premier Edgar Faure and Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay to visit Moscow. It may be taken for granted that the Russians will try to weaken France's cooperation in the Western alliance.

2. President Syngman Rhee of South Korea threatened to take "certain action" if the Communists did not give up the slice of territory they hold on his side of the 38th parallel dividing line between South and North Korea. Rhee said he would act even if the United States failed to support him.

3. The situation in Portuguese Goa, on the West Coast of the Indian peninsula, came nearer to an explosion. Indian Premier Minister Jawaharlal Nehru demands that Portugal give up the tiny colony. Two Indians were killed and three wounded by Portuguese police fire when they tried to cross the border into Goa in a demonstration. Real trouble was threatened Aug. 15, when it was planned that 100,000 Indians should stage a "peaceful" invasion of Goa.

Survivors of Plane Crash Victims Wait

Job of Identification Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.—(U.P.)—The families of 30 persons killed in the flaming crash of an American Airlines twin-engine Convair stood by today, waiting for the bodies of the victims to be identified so they could claim them.

At the same time, officials of the Civil Aeronautics Authority and the airline poked among the ashes of the charred wreckage in an effort to learn what caused the plane to crash. All of the bodies were recovered.

Attempting Landing The plane crashed Thursday while attempting an emergency landing with an engine in flames on the airstrip of this big Army installation. It lost a wing and fell, a half mile short, into a ravine of hickory and tangled vines.

Capt. R. D. Sinex, Army public information officer, said it was the right wing that burned off. He said the pilot, Capt. Hugh C. Barron, of Macon, Ga., was making a perfect approach. A few seconds more, he said, and Barron would have made it.

Seconds before, the plane had passed, at 200 feet, over an on-post housing development where the families of military personnel lived. Sinex said "hundreds" lived along the path and it fell three miles beyond the housing area.

The plane, carrying 27 passengers and a crew of three, had just taken off a short time before from Springfield, Mo. Twenty-one of the passengers had gone aboard. The plane was en route from Tulsa to New York City, at Springfield.

Shortly after taking off, Barron radioed the Springfield tower that his No. 2 right wing engine was on fire and he was unable to extinguish the blaze.

Sinex arrived at the scene about 20 minutes after the plane had crashed. He said the plane was "nothing but a bunch of ash and molten metal."

"It could hardly be recognized as a plane," he said. Two or three of the passengers were thrown out 25 or 30 feet from the plane. The others for the most part were "just piled up," Sinex said.

"He didn't clip off any trees or anything. The wing fell off. Then the plane just plunged into the ground. The area it covered wasn't any bigger than your living room.

"When I got there it was burning like hades. There wasn't anything we could do about going into the plane. When we finally did get things so we could bring fire trucks in, the fire had pretty well burned itself out," Sinex said.

The MEAT CENTER 231 EAST SIXTH ST. BACON ENDS 19c lb. BEEF LIVER 25c lb. WISCONSIN CHEESE 29c lb. PORK STEAK 39c lb.