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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
Sept. 9, 1945
(It was Sunday)
Medford picked for 1946 American Legion state convention site.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The mornings have been quite nippy. The frost is not yet on the pumpkins, but they are no longer sweating.

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 9, 1925
(It was Monday)
Packing plants to run nights to clear pears until peak of season is passed.

Huey Long assassinated in Louisiana state capital.

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 9, 1925
(It was Tuesday)
Owen Oregon Lumber company announces plans for \$500,000 expansion of local plant.

Pear crop will total 1,600 cars, estimated.

40 YEARS AGO
Sept. 9, 1915
(It was Wednesday)
The street department over-watered roads to the county fair, were dusty, now muddy.

County fair officially opens this afternoon.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7?
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

1. The U.S. population, at its present rate of increase, will double in 30, 40, 50, 60 or 70 years?
 2. People are bitten by the male or female mosquito, or by each?
 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives is or isn't one of its regularly elected members?
 4. Did the coronation of the present Duke of Windsor as king of Great Britain ever take place?
 5. The present flexibility in farm-price supports does or doesn't apply to the tobacco crop?
 6. The "City of Magnificent Distance" is Paris, Buenos Aires, San Francisco, Rome, Washington or Moscow?
 7. What well-known baseball player became more famous as a religious revivalist?
- The Answers: 1. 40 years. 2. Female. 3. Is. 4. No. 5. Doesn't. 6. Washington. 7. Billy Sunday.

Mario Lanza Named In Las Vegas Suit

Hollywood — (U.P.) — A Las Vegas resort hotel has accused singer Mario Lanza in a \$124,970.56 damage suit with failure to perform at its reopening last April because of "stage fright."

The New Frontier Hotel charged in its suit filed yesterday that Lanza failed to go on even though he was under a \$100,000 contract for a two-week stint singing at the refurbished casino-hotel.

The hotel asked \$100,000 for "loss of good will and profits" and the balance for the singer's expenses and those of his entourage at the hotel for a week prior to the opening.

General Motors has 127 plants in the United States.

Lesson From Fires

Some valuable lessons have been learned from the near-disastrous fires of the past week.

Lesson No. 1 is that the fire-fighting organizations of the area know their job and do it well. These include the state forestry department, the forest service, and the rural departments.

Lesson No. 2 is that, when the chips are down in a bad fire situation, the lumber industry goes all out into the battle, cooperating magnificently with the agencies charged by law with the responsibility for getting the fires out.

Lesson No. 3 is that anxiety to be of help, a praiseworthy trait, can sometimes lead to confusion, wasted energy and embarrassment.

THE lines of responsibility for fighting forest and range fires are clearly understood by the agencies involved. The state forestry department's southwest Oregon district (known locally as the "state forest patrol"), generally speaking has the job of fighting fires in lower elevations, both private and government owned.

The forest service, also generally speaking, is responsible for fires in higher elevations. With inter-mixed ownerships, lines of responsibility have been laid out so that in some cases one agency has responsibility for another's land, and vice versa.

The rural fire departments, again generally speaking, have their job on the valley floor, in areas where homes and farms are in sufficient numbers to permit tax support of a fire department.

IN THE anxious hours of last Monday and Tuesday, when an explosively dangerous situation was "blowing up," and new fires were being reported by the minute, there was no confusion as to who was going to do what. Crews were dispatched in an orderly manner, and the available firefighters were apportioned where they would do the most good.

This brings us to Lesson No. 2—for those involved had nothing but praise for the way logging and lumber firms threw everything they had—manpower and equipment—at the blazes in cooperation with the directing agencies.

The cooperating companies ranged from the smallest to the largest. Many of them shut down, and put plant personnel on the fire lines; others curtailed operations and made the freed workers available to the men directing the fight.

Even before the official order closing the woods came from Salem, there were few loggers at work except on the fire lines, and by mid-week more than 1,000 lumber industry workers were cutting snags, building firebreaks, tackling spot fires, and doing the thousand and one other things needed to contain a raging fire.

As for the men themselves, who did the dirty, tough and wearying job of manning the firelines, their spirit and their cooperation were "tops." As anyone who has fought fire can tell you, it's about the roughest work there is. These men did it uncomplainingly, cheerfully, in a spirit of good will and helpfulness.

LESSON No. 3 is a less happy one, but is important for the future. It arose from a desire to do something helpful, combined with a lack of knowledge as to what was needed and how to go about it. It resulted in men and equipment going to the wrong places, in a duplication of effort, of a doubt about who had the responsibility for what, and a loss of time in getting things straightened out.

In a situation such as this, the regularly-constituted authorities, who are used to working in emergency situations, such as the forest patrol, the forest service, the fire departments, the state police, the sheriff's office, know what to do and how to do it. If they need help, they'll ask for it.

Volunteered help is welcome if it is channeled where it will do good. Otherwise, however laudable the purpose, it's just a nuisance.—E.A.

Autumn Is Near

Every year about this time we begin to keep a sharp eye on the editorials in Oregon's daily newspapers to detect the first mention of approaching autumn, for autumn is one of our favorite seasons.

We happily spotted that first mention this week, in the Grants Pass Courier.

WHILE the Grants Pass paper nods at fall's imminence by mentioning that schools there are in session, that plans are being made for the world series, that youngsters are donning football togs and that the tourist season is waning, its principal subject is the return to regular TV programming, getting away from the summertime repeats.

While we share the Courier's pleasure at the return of fresh programs in place of the reruns, our own enthusiasm for fall partakes more of an unashamed joy in some of the esthetic aspects of autumn.

WE LOOK forward to the end of forest fire danger; to the smell of burning leaves, to the crisp, cool mornings when frost whitens the lawns and roofs.

We like the idea of again being greeted by a blazing fire on the hearth when we return from work. Lawns will grow more slowly, and the crabgrass will vanish gradually. And after a summer of sports shirted casualness, it will feel good to wear a jacket again.

Judging by the fresh, tangy smell in the early morning, it won't be long, either.—E.A.

Babson ... Real Estate

By ROGER W. BABSON
Babson Park, Mass. (Special to Mail Tribune) Readers do not need to go to Colorado and hunt for gold or uranium. There is a surer way to make money in your own community. Let me explain how to do so.

As readers know, my family is heavily interested in the 450 retail "Dime Stores" controlled by the United Stores Corporation, the



Roger W. Babson

stocks of which I like to recommend. In view thereof, I have been looking at new shopping centers this summer in connection with my vacation. These new developments "have their usefulness due to 'downtown' city parking difficulties. These shopping centers will continue to be patronized by people living in their neighborhoods.

Many people who are now driving some miles to reach a new shopping center may soon get tired of it. Too many accidents are happening on the way to and from the shopping center. But this is not all. Owing to the high rents and high wage-scales of the new shopping center stores, they must charge more for their merchandise than do the downtown city stores. Besides, the stocks of the latter are larger. Therefore, no downtown merchant should sign up for a new shopping center too hastily.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
There's trouble in the Middle East—the powderkeg of the ancient world.

The Israelis and the Arabs are at each other's throat—knifing and ambushing and pot-shooting after the manner of the Hatfields and the McCoys in their palmyest feuding days.

After 30 years of deliberate and determined effort to get along with each other, the Greeks and the Turks are spitting like cats and dogs and swapping pot-shots from time to time. In Istanbul (Constantinople) and Izmir, Turkey's two largest cities, both with big Greek populations, there have been nasty riots in the past week. Property damage in these riots is estimated in the millions of dollars.

The situation is complicated by Britain's big military base island of Cyprus, which sits strategically in the very middle of the middle of the Middle East. Britain wants (and apparently proposes) to hang onto it. Both the Greeks and the Turks are prodding Britain to let go of it. The Greeks want Cyprus to be GREEK and the Turks want it to be TURKISH.

All in all, it's a mess.

WHAT'S cooking?
Well, when there's trouble loose that can't seem to be isolated and identified and catalogued, the cynical French shrug their shoulders and mutter "Cherchez la femme." In similar situations, we fall back on a proverb: "Look for the Ethiopian in the woodpile."

How about coining a proverb to fit this particular modern case:
LOOK FOR THE HIDDEN COMMUNISTS!

THERE have been some ugly rumors about the Russians slipping guns to both the Israelis and the Arabs. There are hints that outbreaks by mobs of Young Turks have been at the bottom of the riots in Istanbul and Izmir and that the Young Turks are Communist inspired.

In a world filled with happiness and peace and well being, Communism wouldn't have as much chance of survival as a snowball in the Bad Place. Communism thrives on ruckuses. Where there are none, it stirs them up.

BACK TO THE U.S.A.:
The department of agriculture is offering special distress PRICE SUPPORT loans on 1955 crop grain sorghums, similar to the loans offered on wheat.

The loans will be on sorghums stored in temporary structures, or on the ground if regular storage facilities are not available for the record sorghum crop.

IF I SAY offhand the idea is OK — IF !!!

The IF is whether or not the "price support" loans will KEEP THE SURPLUS SORGHUMS FROM BEING CONSUMED.

As I see it, whatever keeps foods and feeds FROM BEING CONSUMED is bound to be bad in the long run.

Their job is to be consumed. That's what we grow them for.

THE grain sorghums are livestock feeds of growing importance. A new hybrid has just been developed that bids fair to do for grain sorghums what hybrid varieties have done for corn. Department of agriculture scientists say it INCREASES YIELDS by 20 to 40 per cent.

The livestock industry, which has stood on its own feet and asked no subsidies, could USE CHEAPER FEEDS in these days. In fact, that is its greatest present need.

The livestock industry will get no benefit from grain sorghums that are stashed away in storage to keep the price up.

LET'S close this piece on a lighter note:

It was disclosed in Hollywood that Comedian Roscoe Ates was given hospital treatment for cuts, bruises and BITES presumably inflicted on him during a fight with his fiancée, Sandy Reeves. Police said Ates told them Miss Reeves wielded a SPIKE-HEELED shoe during the battle.

Neither she nor Ates would say what effect the fight might have on their wedding plans.

PEOPLE are funny, and you never can tell about 'em.

Interesting Discovery
In every city which I have visited there is pressure to expand the areas zoned for business. These local fights are a headache to the city officials. Those outside the areas are anxious for the "business zones" to be increased; but after getting into such a zone, these same people are selfishly fighting to keep others out.

As a result of this pressure, the price of residential property near a business zone gradually rises. It soon becomes so expensive that residential building thereon is retarded. This is bad for the city. A growing city needs active real estate developers, who should be encouraged.

Some day this "fringe land" will be zoned for business.

Therefore, it is now usually a good real estate speculation. In fact, readers will be interested in comparing already the "bid prices" for some of this fringe property with the city's assessment thereof. This shows what developers think of it. Let me add that such a comparison should be especially helpful to present property owners in preventing their land from being "stolen" from them by speculators who do keep posted.

How to Speculate
Instead of spending time reading the stock market or studying charts, I advise you to read your city's zoning laws and study its zoning map. If your building inspector cannot give you such a map, buy a small map of your city and copy thereon the different shaded areas from the big map which the official has on the wall of his office.

Watch the official advertisements in your daily newspapers of appeal board hearings on requests to change any zoning areas. Attend all hearings which are held by appeal or planning boards and note their recommendations. From these hearings and the action which the city fathers finally take, you can get a good idea of what real estate price changes will occur.

Above all, read the reports of these hearings and the real estate news in your local newspaper, which can become a gold mine to you.

A Safe Forecast
The residential section of every city is growing fastest and best in some one direction. It may be East or West, North or South. Find out for a certainty in which direction the best houses of your city are being built. Then confine your speculations to this one direction.

The shopping area is probably going out that way too. An exclusive industrial area is growing in another direction, and this offers some good speculations. But invest no money where the two or more groups are mixed.

I forecast that the "best buys" are at the fringe of the different zoning areas, where some residential property is likely to be turned into business property. Remember that business property sells the highest per square foot; residential property second; and industrial last. All of these areas usually sell for more than unzoned property. Land on the fringes of these zones increases in price more rapidly than "inside" locations. One more thought: Do not own too much land at any time. It is as important to sell and take profits as to "buy right."

Author Engstrand Drowns in Lake

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Author Stuart Engstrand, who wrote the best-selling novels, "The Sling and the Arrow" and "Beyond the Forest," drowned by walking into MacArthur Lake, police reported today.

Officers said witnesses told them the 60-year-old author waded into the lake yesterday, ignoring the pleas of horrified spectators. Engstrand's body was identified by his wife, Sophia.

The author also wrote the novel "Son of the Giant." Most of his novels were about human abnormalities. He lived in nearby Beverly Hills.

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IS THAT SO!

Who am I?
Few mammals are more active than I. Even if my prey be five times as large, I do not hesitate to attack. My young are born with eyes sealed, pink skin, and a silk white coat. At play, we may turn perfect somersaults.



Leave me but a short time in the hot sun, and I'll go into convulsions. At 12 weeks, the male offspring may be larger than the mother.

In search of food, I may travel several miles a night but I seldom work an area exceeding 15 acres. I am a good swimmer and climb trees but I live mainly on the ground.

My body is slender, my legs short and powerful. My head is small, neck long, eyes beady and ears rounded. I hear phenomenally well. Young are weaned shortly after their eyes are open, say from five to six weeks and then eat almost half their own weight in red meat in a day. I can enter the burrow of a meadow mouse.

Without exception, I am the most blood thirsty, relentless slayer among small mammals. I have been known to kill a whole colony of rats before eating a bite of my hard-earned prey. My murdering equipment is superlative; a coordinated bundle of taut nerves, strong muscles, and sharp teeth backed by fearlessness. In a flash, I can outmaneuver a rat, grabbing at a lethal spot on his throat. I seldom live more than eight years.

As days grow shorter, the best known member of my family changes his back color from a summer coat of brown to a pure white coat with the exception of the end of the tail which inexplicably remains black.

Relentless killer of mice, rats, moles, rabbits and occasionally poultry, I seldom eat all that I kill. My favorite drink is warm blood sucked from the base of the skull.

My adult length is around eight inches.
I am: A. Badger, B. Mink, C. Skunk, D. Weasel, E. Shrew.
I am (D) a weasel.
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Japan Invites Study By Tuna Survey Team

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — A proposal by representatives of the Japanese tuna industry to send a U.S. survey team representing fish cannery and fishermen to Japan to study the surplus tuna problem was considered today by West Coast canners.

The proposal was advanced at the second day of conferences between the Japanese delegation and the U.S. tuna operators. It was favored "in principle" by the U.S. spokesmen but they pointed out that permission would have to be obtained from their organizations after costs of such a survey were determined.

The U.S. group earlier had recommended a fund be set up to advertise tuna in the American market and increase the sale sufficiently to take care of both American and Japanese catches.

In the past six years, tree planting in the United States has increased 133 per cent.

Red China, Russian Decision To Release Yanks Headlines News

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent
The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

THE GOOD

1. The general relaxation of West-East tension bore fruit when Red China and Red Russia decided to free some American civilians long held captive. After five weeks of negotiation by United States and Chinese representatives in Geneva, the Chinese announced they would release 12 American civilians, including four women and two young girls. The Russians freed two American soldiers whom they had held prisoner for more than seven years. Negotiations continued in Geneva for the release of an additional 29 Americans held in China.

2. Tough old West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer flew to Moscow to discuss, at Russia's invitation, the establishment of normal diplomatic, trade and cultural relations. "My object is to serve peace, not only in Europe but in the whole world," Adenauer said on his departure. He planned to ask the Russians about the unity of Germany, and the restoration of the rich German territory east of the Oder-Neisse rivers line now held by Communist Poland. Allied governments were confident that whatever happened, Adenauer's close cooperation with the West would not be weakened.

3. The United States, in a new

attempt to put disarmament negotiations on a business basis, called in the United Nations for a new study of the whole question of inspection and control of both nuclear and conventional weapons. Russia's refusal to permit real inspection of its nuclear weapons installations has long been an obstacle to agreement. There was some surprise when news came from Moscow that United States Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen and 10 other foreign envoys had been taken on a visit to a peaceful Russian atomic installation, a power plant.

THE BAD

1. The demand of Greece for the strategically important Mediterranean island of Cyprus resulted in anti-Greek riots in Turkey. Martial law was declared in three Turkish cities. Greece wants the island because its people are largely Greeks. But Britain has held it since 1878 and Turkey owned it previously. Greece itself never possessed it. If Britain gives it up, Turkey wants it. In London, a British-Greek-Turkish conference on Cyprus broke up without agreement. In Paris, the North Atlantic Treaty Council, of which all three countries are members, met to consider the situation.

2. French Premier Edgar Faure sought urgently to work out an agreement for limited home rule for the North African protectorate of Morocco before Monday, the deadline he has set for himself. But he has met violent opposition in his own cabinet and his position is dangerous.

3. The explosive situation between Egypt and Israel in Palestine was taken up by the U.N. Security Council. Truce Supervisor Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Canada proposed a demilitarized zone to prevent clashes on the frontier of Israel and the Egyptian-held Gaza area. Israel reported that Jordan was concentrating armored and artillery forces on the Israel-Jordan frontier.

Killer Heat Wave In So. California Appears Ended

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Southern California's "killer" heat wave, blamed for 100 deaths and an estimated \$25,000,000 damage to agriculture, appeared ended today as temperatures dropped steadily.

In Los Angeles yesterday, the mercury failed to cross 100 degrees for the first time in nine days of the scorching heat siege, rising to a high of 96. A high of 90 was forecast for the city today.

However, Southern California's heat-weary millions hardly noticed yesterday's drop in temperature because of relatively high humidity which made it one of the more uncomfortable days of the hot spell.

Yesterday's drop below 100 degrees came on the ninth day of the wave of unseasonable heat. The temperature soared to an all-time high of 110 degrees in Los Angeles last Thursday. The heat spell also set a new record for sustained 100-degree or better temperatures which lasted until yesterday's break.

The coroner's office reported that some 400 persons have died in the county during the heat wave, about double the normal death rate for a nine-day period. It was believed that the heat hastened many of these deaths, which were listed as "normal."

But even with temperatures dropping, the weather bureau refused to predict when the heat wave would definitely break.

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