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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. 26, 1945
(It was Wednesday)
Southern Pacific announces plans to reinstate passenger service between southern Oregon and San Francisco, first since 1942.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The Republican party is now accused of "beating the bush," by administration leaders. It's the only thing they have beat since 1932.

20 YEARS AGO

Sept. 26, 1935
(It was Thursday)
Manuel Quezon elected first president of Philippine Islands.

City fireman goes away on hunting trip, friend leaves three porcupines at his home after hearing him say he'd like to raise some in captivity.

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 26, 1925
(It was Saturday)
Residents protest placing of 8 foot high fence around proposed high school athletic field.

C. E. Cook of Prospect suffered the loss of an overcoat by theft last evening from his touring car, which was parked on Main st. near the Shasta confectionery.

40 YEARS AGO

Sept. 26, 1915
(It was Sunday)
Grizzlies club spends half day picnicking on Barneburg hill.

Ashland hunter kills 500 pound cinnamon bear while hunting in Red mountain district south of Ashland.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7?
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1. In which one of these countries are the people predominantly Protestant: Austria, Brazil, France, Portugal, Sweden?
 2. Average Veterans administration loan to veterans for business is around \$700, \$1700, \$2700, \$3700 or \$4700?
 3. All 14 Original States were or weren't represented at the Convention in Philadelphia that drew up the Constitution in 1787?
 4. The percentage of TV ownership is higher for families with children or for childless ones, or is it about 50-50?
 5. About one-fourth, one-third, one-half, two-thirds, or three-fourths of all U.S. adults use eyeglasses?
 6. Most U.S. lawyers are members of the American Bar association; right or wrong?
 7. Gertrude Ederle was or wasn't the first woman to swim the English Channel?
- The Answers: 1. Sweden. 2. Average around \$2700. 3. Weren't (Rhode Island sent no delegates). 4. Higher for families with children. 5. About two-thirds. 6. Wrong. 7. Was.

MAY RECLAIM ARCTIC

London—(U.P.)—Radio Moscow said today that "engineers with imagination" are considering a project to reclaim Arctic wastelands by damming up the Bering strait and pumping warm Pacific water into the Arctic ocean. The broadcast said North America and Europe would share in the benefits as well as the Soviet Union.

A-Plane Preview?

We have watched the Mail Tribune's comic strip "Buz Sawyer" with a special interest the last few days.

The strip's originator seems to have a real "in" with the Navy, and on past occasions the first the public has known about some new aeronautical development which the Navy has kept hush-hush has been through the medium of Roy Crane's pen and ink sketches.

THE "Black Widow" plane developed during the war was shown first in "Buz Sawyer," and the "VTO" (vertical take off) plane was in the strip just as soon as it was pictured anywhere else—perhaps sooner. The same was true of the "Seadart."

With this background, we are watching with curiosity the current adventure with the "Spook" for we have a pious hunch that we might well be seeing a preview of an atomic-powered airplane.

The "Spook" in the comic strip, while so far unidentified, could hardly be anything else but, and we are waiting with interest to see whether it's only the artist's imagination, or whether we really are getting a glimpse of a real atomic-powered plane, so far kept secret.—E.A.

Litterbugs, Drivers And Cars

Bill Jenkins, managing editor of the Klamath Falls Herald and News, writes an informal and chatty column for that paper. In a recent issue he commented about a good new idea which the state highway commission came up with recently, and which seems to be catching on in a highly satisfactory manner.

Bill was just back from an auto trip, and said:

Interesting to note all through the valley and over on the coast the number of highway signs posted along the road that read "deposit litter bags one quarter mile." At almost every turnout and wide place in the road there are the familiar green barrels painted with the litterbug legend. And, hopefully, the highways seem to be a little less littered than they are in those areas where the litterbug has not been accepted as standard practice. When you drive into a service station over around the coast or in the valley nine times out of ten you'll see a sign in the window that tells you that litterbug service is available.

A grand idea and one that we hope will spread all over the state.

THE columnist also noted something which had occurred to us on recent trips. Aside from the constant minority of darn fools who are willing to risk their own and everyone else's neck by reckless driving, it had seemed to us that the general level of driving has been a little less hectic of late.

Bill confirms this impression, and says:

... It seems that the cars get bigger and faster with each year, but the drivers are beginning to improve a bit, too. This trip we noticed that there were fewer people taking chances on curves, fewer that passed us with that roaring sound of urgency that lets you know the guy is driving way over his head.

WHICH brings us to one of our pet questions—why do the automobile manufacturers keep making cars longer and longer—and still longer?

The fairly venerable vehicle which transports us to work fits nicely into the garage, with a few inches to spare. But a new model of the same brand would overhang by several inches, according to the ads which boast "Longer than ever, Lower than ever!"

Doggone it, it's difficult enough to park as it is.—E.A.

More Camps Needed

The state highway department has made recent reports to the effect that tourist travel is up this year over last; that there was a slight increase in the number of campers-out among the tourists, and that the per capita use of the state's overnight camping facilities was at a new high in Oregon this year.

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce confirms this, and reports that queries directed to that office ask more and more about overnight camping accommodations.

WELL, they're not nearly as numerous in southern Oregon as they should be. None of the state parks hereabouts permits overnight camping, and the excellent camping areas provided by the Forest Service are largely overcrowded as it is—and there are not enough of them.

This year the tourists will have brought an estimated \$127,000,000 into the state, in the form of vacation expense money, which is of benefit to everyone in Oregon. The big drive is to persuade him to stay a little longer—and thus spend a little more money.

If the demand is for overnight camping areas, they should be provided, for if he can't find them here, he's apt to go where he can—and take his money with him. The chamber's tourist committee is studying the problem, and is hopeful something can be done.—E.A.

Elks Eye Clinic

Will Receive \$1200

Ontario—(U.P.)—The Oregon Elks eye clinic in Portland will receive \$1200 as its share of the proceeds of the annual Ontario Elks all star football game played here Aug. 27. Gene Stewart, general chairman of the event, said the game earned a net profit of \$2500 with half of it going to the Elks Convalescent Home in Boise and the balance to the Portland clinic. The game pits all-star players from the Snake River Valley against those from the Boise valley.

Ambassador Sought

For European Community

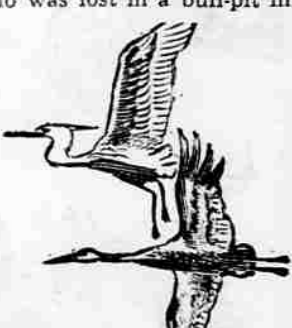
London—(U.P.)—Reliable diplomatic sources reported today that the United States has decided to create a new post of ambassador to the European Coal and Steel Community. They said Washington now is searching for a suitable candidate for the job of U.S. representative to the six-nation heavy industry pool. Nomination of such a special envoy would emphasize continuing American interest in European unity projects.

IS THAT SO!

By Eugene Bullock
Editor-Medford

Did you know that ... A male starling's bill turns bright yellow during the mating season.

While the cones of the spruces hang down, those of all firs grow upright on branchlets. The towering Douglas fir of the northwest is an exception—but then, it's misnamed for a Scot botanist who was lost in a bull-pit in



Hawaii. It is not a member of the "true fir" family.

Male and female crows—which are all black from head to toe—look exactly alike.

Oaks grow in all pleasant lands north of the equator.

The nighthawk is no hawk at all but an insect-eating bird and a first cousin of the whippoorwill. It makes no nest. In the country it lays its two eggs on the bare ground and in the cities on flat graveled roofs.

The pecan, largest of our hickories, may grow in the wild to a height of 100 feet. The fine-flavored, thin-shelled nuts grow in clusters of 3 to 11.

The great blue heron which may stand four feet tall, flies with its neck folded back in a flat S look while its long legs trail out behind. In the dusk it may be mistaken for a crane at the waterside—but in flight, the crane flies with its neck fully extended.

Surely the best known flower in the world must be the dandelion—it is found in all inhabited regions of the earth.

The most gorgeously colored wild bird in North America is the male wood duck although its mate is a rather plain bird.

It perches in a tree like a pigeon. Instead of a quack it has a purring whistle for intimate conversation and a buzzing whine for an alarm note. It nests in holes in trees, sometimes 40 feet off the ground. How the young get into the water within 48 hours is something of a mystery—although some authorities insist that the parents carry their young.

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Riparian Rights

To the Editor: I am sure that many of the residents living adjacent to the Rogue river will be interested in an item in the September issue of the Oregon State Game Commission Bulletin regarding this question: Is there such a thing as "riparian rights" which allow fishermen to fish on private property within 10 feet of the water's edge without first getting permission from the property owner?

The answer is NO. Property owners adjacent to a non-navigable stream own to the center of the stream, hence, one may not walk along the bank or even wade in the stream without committing a trespass on private property. On navigable streams the state owns the bed and up to the ordinary high water mark of the stream. One may walk along the bank below such higher water mark without committing a trespass on private property. On navigable streams, however, some caution should be exercised for the reason that the state, by legislative act and by state land board leases or grants, has conveyed in some instances either title or possession to private individuals in the bed and banks of the stream.

In a letter from the assistant attorney general of Oregon, I quote: "The Rogue River is considered navigable from its mouth to a point approximately 30 miles up the river. The remainder of the river is non-navigable."

M. H. Williams, Rt. 1, Box 255, Eagle Point, Ore.

Ike's Illness Raises Question: Who Discharges Official Duties?

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower's illness has raised an ancient question: who runs the government when the president is ill?

The constitution provides that the powers of the presidency "shall devolve" on the vice-president in case of the chief executive's death, resignation, or "inability to discharge" the powers and duties of his office.

But no legal body has ever decided what constitutes "inability" to handle the presidency. Nor who shall decide when a president is in such a state.

It was disclosed yesterday by White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty that the problem of finding someone to make decisions for the President, if it becomes necessary, is under consideration. Hagerty has asked Deputy Attorney General William P. Rogers for an opinion on "any action that might be necessary at any time for any delegation of powers" by the President and "if any are permitted."

Hagerty disclosed his action when asked what would happen if Mr. Eisenhower was not able to sign necessary official documents, or if his physicians refused to let him sign them.

Thus far in American history, only two presidents—James A. Garfield and Woodrow Wilson

—have been unable to discharge their official duties for considerable periods of time.

Garfield was disabled July 2, 1881, when he was shot by an assassin. He died the following Sept. 19.

Wilson collapsed Sept. 26, 1919, while on a speaking tour defending the Versailles treaty. He did not recover sufficiently to call his cabinet until the following April.

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Thomas Marshall, the vice-president under Wilson, was urged to call cabinet meetings and try to keep a hand on the reins. He refused.

But Secretary of State Robert Lansing did call cabinet meetings to get decisions on pressing matters of state. When Wilson partially recovered, he promptly fired Lansing.

During recent debate on legislation that put the speaker of the house next to the vice-president as successor to the presidency, there was considerable talk about setting up provisions to deal with an incapacitated president.

Suggestions included establishment of some sort of board of qualified physicians who would rule whether the chief executive was capable of performing his duties.

Leading the fight for Europeanization is portly, jovial Johannes Hoffman, who is the Saar's prime minister.

Hoffman also is foreign minister, minister for European affairs, public works minister, reconstruction minister and minister of education.

Opposing are the leaders of three pro-German parties including Heinrich Schneider, unreconstructed Nazi who cherishes a photograph showing him in a brown-shirt uniform in Berlin in 1934.

The Saar vote is being held in pursuance of an agreement made between West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Pierre Mendes-France, then premier of France.

Adenauer has appealed to the people of the Saar to vote for Europeanization in the interest of European unity. At the same time he opposes Hoffman personally. He says the Saarlanders after accepting the new status can throw Hoffman out and elect a new government.

The Saar has been tied economically to France since the end of World War II. Its importance to France lies in its enormously rich coal mines which fit in with the iron mines of French Lorraine.

The French-Saar tie would be maintained if Saarlanders accepted European status. But the Saar would be governed under the auspices of the Western European Union. The WEU is the framework within which West Germany allied itself to the West.

If Saarlanders vote "yes" in the plebiscite it will be a personal victory for Hoffman, the onetime newspaper editor who fought the German Nazis bitterly for years and fled to Brazil during the war to escape the Gestapo.

Hoffman is a strong believer in complete European economic cooperation. A most unpretentious man, he plays cards with a group of old friends each Friday night at a hotel in Saarbruecken. His nickname is "Jomo."

He has been threatened with death for his views on the Saar's future. But he does not frighten easily.

He said that of the 27 projects, 12 were built during Republican administrations.

Davis claimed that this partnership development added up to the traditional American policy regarding power, rather than the Roosevelt-Truman policies of the past few years.

He said that power needs could only be met by federal, state, cities and other public agencies working together.

Many Americans Get Extra Sleep

By UNITED PRESS
About 28,880,000 Americans in 11 states got an hour's extra sleep yesterday when their areas switched from daylight to standard time.

But people in 12 other states will have to wait until Oct. 30, the last Sunday in October, to get back the hour's sleep they lost when the change from standard to daylight time took place last April.

The traditional Sept. 25 change-over came in California in the West.

Heavily populated areas in the Midwest and East will remain on daylight savings time for another month.

Osteopaths Report 100 Per Cent in UMC

Osteopathic physicians and surgeons of Medford reported today they completed 100 per cent of their pledges to the United Medford Crusade last week before the kickoff of the united fund drive.

A few of their employees remain to be solicited, they reported. Several of the pledges showed increases from last year, it was stated.

Steelworkers To Demand Week-End Premium Pay

Chicago—(U.P.)—The CIO United Steelworkers will demand premium pay for Saturday and Sunday work in the basic steel industry, USW President David J. McDonald said.

McDonald told the annual conference of USW District 31 yesterday that the demand, applying to 600,000 workers in the basic steel industry, will be made when contract negotiations begin next year.

Arthur Moffat, 35-year-old geologist from Norwich, Vt., drowned while the group tried to shoot the rapids at Marguerite Lake. His companions recovered his body but left it behind to be taken out by the RCMP.

The others in the party were Bruce Le Favour, 20, Amsterdam, N.Y.; Peter Franck, 18, San Mateo, Calif.; Fred Pressele Jr., Grinnell, New York, and Edward Lanouette, 21, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Americans Pray For Recovery of Stricken President

By UNITED PRESS
Americans turned to God today with prayers for President Eisenhower's recovery.

The prayers went up from practically every church offering services. In Jewish synagogues they were coupled today with the observance of the religion's most solemn holy day, Yom Kippur.

The prayers were also echoed in the hearts of millions of Americans, from political leaders to the man on the street, from the big cities to the quiet farm towns.

More prayers and good wishes came from overseas, from government heads, statesmen, royalty, and Vatican officials.

Stevenson's Message
The appeals for Mr. Eisenhower's complete recovery, or know no political, sectional, or religious boundaries.

Adlai E. Stevenson, titular leader of the Democrats and the man president Eisenhower defeated in 1952, called on all Americans "regardless of our political and other differences... to earnestly pray for his speedy and total recovery."

The same message was sent to the Denver White House by state governors and by legislators and political leaders in Washington.

At church services, the usual prayers for the President took on a new meaning.

Home Town Church
Such was the case at Abilene, the Kansas town where Mr. Eisenhower grew up. The shocked residents filled churches yesterday to offer prayers for the health of Abilene's most famous son.

In Washington, President Eisenhower's pastor, at the request of Mrs. Eisenhower, led 1800 worshippers yesterday in prayer for the chief executive's recovery.

The Rev. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of the National Presbyterian church, said worshippers at the church's two morning services appeared grave and concerned as they joined in the prayers.

Dr. Elson said Mrs. Eisenhower had requested that prayers be offered for the President in all churches.

Promotion Campaign For Wool Scheduled

Washington—(U.P.)—A big national wool promotion campaign financed by producers themselves is tentatively scheduled to be launched next summer.

A spokesman for the Agriculture Department made the statement in discussing recent approval by 72 per cent of the growers voting in a referendum of the promotion program.

The program would provide about \$3,000,000 a year for promotion of wool and lamb by taxing growers themselves one cent a pound on payments on lambs and yearlings. It was part of the overall wool program approved by Congress at its last session.

Harmonica Music Halts; 'Music Thing' Retrieved

Portland—(U.P.)—Six-year-old Leslie Dee Johnson's parents didn't think a thing about it when the racket their daughter was making with a tiny toy harmonica ceased yesterday.

Not until she calmly announced, "Daddy-Mummy, I swallowed that music thing."

Leslie was rushed to Portland General hospital where it took surgery to remove the "music thing" from her stomach. She had apparently sucked too hard on one note and the tiny instrument, about the size of a lipstick case, was drawn into her stomach.

BREW MASTERS MEET

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Some 1000 master brewers meet here today in the 48th annual convention of the Master Brewers Association of America, an organization with the avowed purpose of "making good beer and ale even better."

Included on the agenda were studies of the administration's price support program and the federation's "soil bank" plan to aid farmers.

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