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10 YEARS AGO Sept. 28, 1945 (It was Friday) Marilyn Bohnert's steer, Beau, wins grand champion honors at county 4-H fair.

From Arthum Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A commentator avers any wholesale and complete abolishment of federal bureaus would cause confusion.

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 28, 1935 (It was Saturday) Move to light Ashland football field receiving widespread support.

Opening of fall and winter classes of Medford Study club of the American Savings, Building and Loan Institute.

30 YEARS AGO Sept. 28, 1925 (It was Monday) Two youths arrested at Eagle Point dance for illegal possession of moonshine.

From the Local and Personal column: Heston Grieve came down to the city yesterday from Prospect to rush back home some medicine for his father, James E., and fresh peanuts and film magazines for his grandfather, John, assistant consulting architect for the new union high school at Prospect.

40 YEARS AGO Sept. 28, 1915 (It was Tuesday) Medford hunting applies for exhibit at Oregon building and Rogue River hunting deer for venison feed.

May company gives fall style show.

What's the Answer?

- Can You Get 4 of the 7? Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report. 1. The U. S. does or doesn't hold the Ryukyu and Bon islands in the Pacific as a trustee for U. N.?

Last of The Whooping Cranes

One of the Mail Tribune's readers, we were delighted to learn not long ago, is a sincere friend of the whooping crane.

We have news for her; a critical time for the cranes is here.

THE fall migration from the newly-discovered breeding grounds in Canada to the winter nesting place in Texas is about ready to begin. And the National Audubon society reports the migration this year will have a new significance.

A total of five young whooping cranes, who were hatched in June and who needed until this month to grow to a size for migration, must join the adult birds on the 2,500-mile journey south.

THE long flight is the most dangerous time for the whooping crane population, and only 21 birds remained last year out of the flocks that once filled the sky.

Since human conservationists are working so hard to protect the cranes, it is a bit ironic to know that the increasing population of human beings is the greatest threat to the big, almost-extinct birds.

THE Audubon society says:

Last fall, for the first time since protection efforts began, the whooping cranes (21 of them) came back to Texas without a single young bird to add to their dwindling numbers.

It takes the awkward birds almost two months to fly the long trip, and the Audubon society is making appeals to hunters and others all along the route.

We won't see any in Medford. But we can hope, with the Audubon society, that this last remnant of a once-great flock can survive and prosper, and not go the way of the carrier pigeon and other species that lost out to man.—E.A.

J. Hugh Pruett

It was with a sense of personal loss that we read of the death, at 69, of J. Hugh Pruett, the Northwest's best-known astronomer, in Eugene this week.

We had met Mr. Pruett only once, but on that occasion, and in reading his weekly column which has appeared in the Mail Tribune for many years, we had been impressed with this man, with his philosophy of life, and with his dedication to the cause of science tempered with a broad humanitarianism and a spiritual awareness.

AT his home on the hills in eastern Eugene, he did his sky observing in what he called the "Evergreen Observatory," a small area in his yard which was protected from conflicting lights by a tall English laurel hedge.

There, night after night, he would talk to students and youngsters who had come to him to learn about the mysteries of the heavens.

His reward was not paid in coin, but in the knowledge that he was contributing to a knowledge of the universe around us, in a broadening of the conceptions of eager young people. He was, in a sense, a dedicated man.

HIS best-known work in recent years was as an officer of the American Meteor society, and in the newspapers on the days following the appearance of some particularly spectacular night-time visitor from the skies, it was usual to see his request for information about the height, direction, speed and appearance of the "falling stars."

His contribution to the recording of the pattern of meteorites was a considerable one, covering as it did much of the Pacific coast.

We shall miss his friendly column in the Mail Tribune. One copy arrived this week for publication in next Sunday's paper. We believe writing it was one of the last things he did. With its publication something satisfying and friendly and understanding, the work of a man at home in the world and at peace with his God, will be gone.—E.A.

Plan Suggested To Curb Surplus

Chicago — (U.P.) — A leading farm official has suggested a plan similar to the old Agricultural Adjustment act to help cut surplus farm products.

The plan was offered Tuesday by E. Howard Hill, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation to the American Farm Bureau federation's national commodity advisory committee.

Under it, the federal government would pay farmers from 5 to 7 per cent of their land producing value as estimated by a township agricultural stabilization and conservation committee.

The government would also pay farmers an amount equal to taxes on the land. In return, the government would get a lease on the land for 5 to 25 year periods, and farmers would be able to plant such land only in fertility rat-



COMPLETING 10 years of imprisonment as war criminal, ex-Grand Admiral Erich Raeder is released from Berlin's Spandau Prison. (International)

Average Earnings Increase in Oregon

Salem — (U.P.) — Longer working hours during August increased average earnings of Oregon's 140,000 production workers to \$91.53, highest since employers' reports have been processed by the State Unemployment Compensation in co-operation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Average hourly pay declined 3 cents from the \$2.27 figured for July, but the work week jumped 2.1 hours to 40.9, about 1.2 hours higher than a year ago. The weekly check was \$3.30 above the previous month and \$6.14 higher than in 1954.

Lumbering and food processing with more than 100,000 employees were mainly responsible for the new peak, but gains were recorded in nearly every main industry.

Matter of Fact by Joseph Alsop

Editor's note: The following is a personal report by Joseph Alsop to his brother, Stewart Alsop, who has just returned from a three-month trip abroad.

Dear Stewart: There were all sorts of things that I had been saving up to tell you about the state of the nation in accordance with our family custom, when the news of the President's illness so suddenly and darkly overshadowed everything else.

It isn't necessary to point out to you that despite the natural Eisenhower vigor and courage, this must change every domestic political prospect. In the American, and indeed in the world political pattern, it is almost as though the keystone of the arch were suddenly removed; and everything had to be rebuilt on a new design.

I don't want, either, to sound commemorative or obituary, for the country can reasonably hope as the country is no doubt actively praying, that the President has many active and fruitful years ahead of him. But at this time, when the strongest nation on earth has had its collective breath knocked out by a few tragically clotted blood cells weighing no more than a seruple of a scruple, it seems to me appropriate to balance the accounts, as it were, and to see what debt is owing to Dwight D. Eisenhower.

You and I decided long ago, you will remember, to call the turns as we saw them in this Administration, as we have tried to do in the past. Because no administration is ever perfect, and because we have described the imperfections, I suspect that a lot of people think we are hostile to the Eisenhower administration. But although a great many of his subordinates have claimed it for him, President Eisenhower has never been the sort of man who claims unqualified adulation.

When you add up the balance sheets, however, I think it is very clear that the debt this republic owes to Eisenhower to date is a truly gigantic debt. The best way I can sum it up is to say that he has restored our sanity and decency.

UNLIKE a great many others, I would not for one moment blame President Truman for the loss of sanity and decency which President Eisenhower cured. I would blame history. Suddenly, after the last war, this country discovered that all the old familiar circumstances of American life were no longer familiar and had become alarming and even painful.

The protecting oceans no longer protected. The external threat which had once been so laughable was no longer possible to laugh at. The world burden which had been so trivial became, almost between two breaths, all but too heavy to carry. In the image Sir Winston Churchill once used to you, America went forward, like a great horse grimly pushing forward on the collar, grimly dragging onward the cart of freedom in the world.

Yet there were those among us who not unnaturally rebelled

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although 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.

Act of Courtesy

To the Editor: I want to take this means of commending a truly rare individual—one good Christian among the loggers in our area, for if the present hazardous situation on our roads is ever to change for the better, it is even more necessary to praise the good where it exists, than to condemn the evil.

Last Friday we were en route to Squaw lakes for an overnight camping trip with guests from Los Angeles—our party traveling in two cars. As we neared our destination we met a loaded log truck traveling down grade at a rate of speed wholly consistent with safety. The driver didn't just slow down. He stopped!

And he waited for us to pass at a point where the road was wide enough to do so. Not only that, he remained there when we told him another car was coming, until our guests had also passed in safety.

This unprecedented behavior so overwhelmed me that I failed to get his name. I can only recall that he was driving a red truck with a Medford address, but I want him to know his act of road courtesy was deeply appreciated by all of us and that our fervent daily prayer is "may his tribe increase" in Jackson county and in all of southern Oregon.

Grace N. Pearson, Route 2, Box 50, Jacksonville

SHOWS IDENTIFICATION

Ionis, Mich. — (U.P.) — Celia Kennedy, a cashier at the Ionis National bank, said she cashed a check Tuesday for a man who showed his upper plate, engraved with his name, for identification.

British Test Pilot Commended by Queen

London — (U.P.) — Neville Duke, Britain's ace test pilot, was honored Tuesday by a special commendation from Queen Elizabeth II for risking his life to save an airplane.

Duke was testing a Hawker Hunter last month when the engine quit high in the air. He brought the plane in for a glide landing instead of using his parachute.

F. J. Clifford, 1211 West Main st., Medford, Ore.

Actions of Animals

To the Editor: It surely is surprising how a simple little idea will prove so effective in disposing of a problem when a big elaborate affair fails completely. A man down Ashland way was complaining how the deer could not be kept from his garden with any fence he could build. It had been grapevined to me that a thin black thread strung along branches of bushes or on stakes some three feet high would do the trick. So he strung the simple thin black thread around his garden. Next morning, he reported deer tracks outside the thread, none inside. It seems that something touching them in the dark will frighten them away. Like ourselves, we fear what we can't understand.

A turkey raiser on Missouri Flat told me long ago how he had despaired of raising turkeys due to the coyote depredations. One late fall evening a white-bearded wanderer asked sanctuary for the night. There was a cold wind with threat of rain, so he was taken in. That evening after supper by the crackling fire, the old fellow remarked, "Stucks, you can get rid of the coyotes real easy. Get one and chain 'im up. He'll warn the others away." It sounded too simple but the turkey raiser got a coyote pup next spring from a litter dug out of a den. It soon began wailing its captivity troubles to its hill brethren. The turkey raiser declared he never lost another of his feathered flock.

If Bishop Sheen with all his book-learning had known this, he would hardly have said in a nation-wide broadcast that, "Beasts do not have speech." Failure to understand sounds of other tribes is no sign they do not have speech.

Another happening in the hills to the north is harder to understand. A Canada-honker goose elected to leave a flock resting near a creek, to join a flock of sheep. The goose bosses them around, tweaks at their wool if they fail to go where she wants them to go, takes to the air at times to circle them. Yes, we have motion and still film to prove all this. But what is most difficult, quite beyond our limited mentality to figure out, is the declaration of the rancher that he has never lost a sheep in the three years the goose has been with them, in the home low pasture or high summer pasture. Always before, he lost a sheep or two to the coyotes yearly.

It would put us THOUSANDS OF MILES farther away from the trouble spots and thousands of miles farther away from Russia if she should make a sneak attack on us and we had to retaliate.

HE IS equally insistent that if we want to talk peace and disarmament we must do away with our atom and hydrogen bombs.

Let's put that one like this: If you and I were getting prepared to shoot it out and you had a rifle and I had a bow and ar-

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS According to a report issued by the secretary of state's office in Salem, a final count for the first six months of 1955 shows 26 pedestrians killed in Oregon as compared with 23 in the same period a year ago.

Of the 26 fatalities, 14 occurred on roadways outside cities and towns where relatively high speeds cut down the pedestrian's chances of survival if hit by a car. Twelve of the 26 occurred in urban areas.

MORE careless driving?

Not necessarily, the report indicates. Leading causes of these fatal accidents, the record shows, are the mistakes of the pedestrians themselves. Running into a street or roadway into the path of oncoming vehicles took nine of the 26 lives, while walking or standing in the roadway brought death to five more.

Other pedestrians, the record indicates, literally walked into death by crossing between intersections, crossing intersections diagonally, and stepping out from behind parked vehicles.

We know that better driving will save many, many lives on our highways. This report points to the conclusion that better walking—WISER, more cautious walking—on and across the streets and highways that carry fast modern traffic will save many pedestrian lives.

OUR OLD friend Molotov is back in the picture again. He's speaking for Russia at the general assembly of United Nations, which is now in session.

OUTWARDLY he is a changed man. Gone are his sneers and his jibes and his nasty cracks. He avoids sharpness and talks softly. His manner is courteous. Butter wouldn't melt in his mouth.

He has schooled himself carefully in Russia's new role of sweetness and light.

BUT— He calls upon the Western powers to reduce their armed forces and GIVE UP THEIR FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AT ONCE if they want to end the world arms race.

And— He makes it clear that President Eisenhower's military information exchange must be tied in with Soviet demands for a BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

MOLOTOV is a good horse trader, but the horse he wants to trade is pretty badly spavined.

He wants us to do away with our foreign bases. That would leave Russia as close as ever to the world's trouble spots. It would leave her as close as ever to US, in case she should take a notion to pull a Pearl Harbor on us.

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Editorial Comment

JACKSON COUNTY MUSEUM The August monthly report of the Jacksonville, Jackson county, museum, operated under the direction of the Southern Oregon Historical Society, Inc., reveals that visitor attendance for the month was 5,731 from 39 states, the territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and eight foreign countries.

One hundred visitors from 17 states visited the museum on one day, August 4. A considerable number of historical items were presented to the museum by Pacific Coast residents. They include two violins made by Charles Francis Skeeters, born in 1866, whose hobby was making violins which he used in playing for Southern Oregon social events.

The Southern Oregon Historical Society Inc. and the Jacksonville museum constitute about the only historical agency for the colorful Southern Oregon pioneer days.

It would seem that, if Josephine county forces cannot establish anything of that nature, a large quantity of early-day records now scattered through the area should be assembled, catalogued and maintained at the Jacksonville museum—at least until the Josephine county situation changes. — Grants Pass Courier.

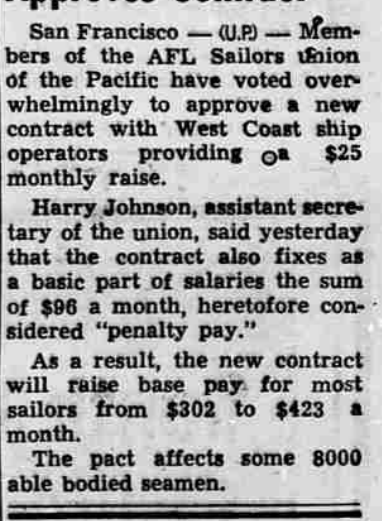
AFL Sailors Union Approves Contract

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Members of the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific have voted overwhelmingly to approve a new contract with West Coast ship operators providing a \$25 monthly raise.

Harry Johnson, assistant secretary of the union, said yesterday that the contract also fixes as a basic part of salaries the sum of \$96 a month, heretofore considered "penalty pay."

As a result, the new contract will raise base pay for most sailors from \$302 to \$423 a month. The pact affects some 8000 able bodied seamen.

Exquisite Form's newest boon to Beauty



Advertisement for Red Johansen Junior "SMASH HIT" shoes. Features a high-heeled shoe and a woman's face. Text includes "FOR CONTRAST", "Colorful contrast—designed to fit perfectly \$9.95", and "Leon's 21 N. CENTRAL MEDFORD".

Advertisement for Exquisite Form's Beauty. Includes a woman's face and text: "STYLE 322... A new Exquisite Form triumph with crural stitched cup, latten attached dart under the bust. Full band has elastic gorges at the side. White broadcloth. A cup 32 to 36 B cup 32 to 40 C cup 32 to 42. Open Wednesday Nite 'Til 9 LEON'S 21 N. Central".