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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. 2, 1945
(It was Monday)
All rationing on liquor in Oregon removed as of today.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Now it is October. Frost and sun are making the leaves of the oaks and maples almost as much of a riot of color as the cowboy shirts worn by the dressier males.

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 2, 1925
(It was Tuesday)
Ernest J. Smith sells East Side Pharmacy to Harold Wainscott, formerly of Roseburg.

If reservoir project authorized at special election, Superintendent Robert A. Duff estimates it will supply 60,000 hours of work during the six-month construction period.

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 1, 1925
(It was Thursday)
Thieves rob Klamath Falls home of \$115, then burn it down.

From the Local and Personal column: Lieutenant Eric Nelson, round-the-world flyer, accompanied by Lieutenant Moseley, departed this morning for Los Angeles, Calif., en route by sea-plane from Seattle, Wash. He is piloting the first of a new type of plane capable of attaining a speed between 140 and 150 miles per hour. He flew from Seattle to Medford in the record time of three hours and ten minutes.

40 YEARS AGO
Oct. 2, 1915
(It was Friday)
Applegate man suspects foul play in prospecting adventure. His friend went prospecting with a stranger, the stranger returned, said the friend was injured and in a Grants Pass hospital. He wasn't. Stranger gone.

Fifth anniversary of Mann's store observed today, September said to be best month in history for business there.

What's the Answer?
Can You Get 4 of the 7?
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- 1. Truman Doctrine was on defending Formosa, strengthening Greece and Turkey against Russia, keeping Red China out of U.N., or atomic weapons?
2. About four, seven, 10, 15 or 20 of every 100 fatal auto accidents are due to falling asleep at the wheel?
3. Reading good books during pregnancy will help to make the child literary, right or wrong?
4. Acreage of the next cotton crop under Government controls is to be reduced, enlarged, or kept the same?
5. First World Series in 1903 was between the Giants and Yankees, Cubs and Yankees, Dodgers and Red Sox, Pirates and Red Sox, or Cubs and White Sox?
6. What European capital is on the Liffey River?
7. Millionaire playboy Tommy Manville has had three, five, seven, nine, or 11 wives so far?
The Answers: 1. Strengthening Greece and Turkey. 2. Seven out of 100. 3. Wrong. 4. Reduced. 5. Pirates and Red Sox. 6. Dublin. 7. Nine.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Sept. 30.—How time flies! Here it is the start of October. Only yesterday it was the 4th of July!

Not so very long ago some of the wise-boys were predicting newspapers would be badly injured by news via the radio. The reverse has been true. This baby-snatching case here is an example.

The first news came over the air very early in the morning. There were several broadcasts before the first morning papers came out, but what was the result? Over the air, only the main facts were given, what the people wanted were the details—the WHOLE STORY. They got it in the newspapers because that was the only place they could get it. The radio broadcasts increased the street sales, instead of decreasing them. Q.E.D.

And the S.F. papers did a great job. Every phase of the sensational case was brought out with pictures, and pedestrians reading the "extras" as they walked along the sidewalks were not an uncommon sight.

It was a tremendous human-interest story. And through it all the ten-day old Marcus infant slept soundly and continued to gain weight. We wonder when little Robert awakes will he ask mother to take him to the wrestling match and put more sugar in his milk? Never can tell. He apparently enjoyed himself in the Benedicto household. A sure sign for babies—he gained weight.

It is surprising how much Mrs. Benedicto resembles the sketches made of her entirely from descriptions of those who caught a mere glimpse. She is blonde, overweight, and the hard-boiled, water-front type. She will probably spend some time in jail and we don't believe her Filipino husband will be sorry. He told newspapermen he and his "mother love" wife fought a good share of the time over money and booze—Mrs. B. he said, indulged in both too much. It is hard to believe Mrs. B. is still in her twenties—apparently an example of the black-sheep Kipling remarked "knew the worst too young." One thing in her favor: she took excellent care of the baby, and had no mercenary motives—a term in jail may do her good, PHYSICALLY at least.

With the Marcus baby case, the President's heart attack and the World Series, the newspapers and news commentators are having a Roman holiday. With all of them, as of now, it looks as though "All's well that ends well" will be fitting. We have in mind Papa and Mama Marcus, the Republican party and the Yanks.

Grandmother "Myrt" won \$32,000 over TV as a baseball expert and rabid Dodger fan. She also got a free box to see her pet team play in the world series. If she inspired the Brooklyn boys to greater efforts, it is painful to think what they would have done had she not been there!

One of the popular movies here now is called "To Catch a Thief," starring Grace Kelly and Cary Grant. It is a beautiful picture in color with the picturesque French Riviera as a background. Miss Kelly is very good to look at, and the gals seem to like Cary, the former circus trapeze artist, although he looks in this opus more like an Othello than a Clark Gable. Like all Hitchcock productions, "To Catch a Thief" has many thrills, but in recent years "Hitch" has been more inclined to telegraph his punches than was the case in his youth. The picture has run four weeks here and promises to continue for several more. According to Hollywood gossip, Cary Grant has a large interest in the show and expects to make a million before it folds up. He might at that. The interesting feature to Medford will be that Cary not only is an Oregonian, who knows his timber, but praises the attractions of the Rogue River Valley! Perhaps he fished with Clark Gable near Grants Pass or helped milk the cows at Ginger Rogers ranch near Shady Cove! At any rate the C. of C. should be pleased!

With hurricanes in Yucatan and typhoons in Japan, the USA looks pretty good. We have an idea the Leonard Carpenters, who are now in Japan, would, if they had a broadcasting outfit, second the motion.

It took a long time, but Secretary of Agriculture Benson has admitted he made a mistake in dismissing Ladefjinsky as a "security risk." When Stassen hired the man a few days later for an important post in his department, that was strongly indicated. However, that is one thing we like about Benson, he is slow and sometimes mistaken, but he is one of the few important members of the Eisenhower cabinet willing to admit a mistake when he makes one.

What this country needs is not a 5-cent cigar, but a good comedian—on the stage, screen or TV. There are plenty who claim to be comedians, but Groucho Marx is the only one who comes near it, and he only appears once a week. The others—at least as this department views it—try so hard to be funny they AREN'T. (By the way what has become of Victor Moore?)—R.W.R.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The most important news in the world is still the state of President Eisenhower's health. So let's take up developments along that line in logical order.

1. In Denver, a medical bulletin issued at Fitzsimmons hospital says the President had a comfortable sleep for the second straight night. He awoke REFRESHED after a 10-hour sleep. The bulletin says his progress continues to be satisfactory, without complications.

2. Vice-President Nixon appears to go along with a reported decision by other top members of the Eisenhower administration against delegating ANY Presidential powers—to Nixon or anyone else. He says government operations are going smoothly "and we see no serious legal problems involved in President Eisenhower's illness."

3. Vice-President Nixon's fellow Californian, Senate Republican Leader William Knowland, agrees with Nixon that there is no need for special measures to carry on the government while the President is ill. He adds: "I see no emergency that would require a meeting of legislative leaders."

THAT is to say: Responsible members of the administration feel that everything is going as well as could be expected and that AS OF NOW it seems probable that within a reasonable length of time (say two or three weeks) the President will be able to sign necessary papers and perhaps even make certain decisions that do not involve too much strain.

LET us now consider another logical development. The stock market moved upward again in HEAVY trading, continuing a strong recovery movement from Monday's big break. The high speed ticker (which can handle up to 500 symbols per minute) again lagged in reporting transactions. Gains ranged for one to four points, and losses were few and scattered.

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

Washington—Even while President Eisenhower is courageously struggling with his illness in his Denver hospital bed, the drive is already taking shape to make him run again despite his heart attack.

Chairman Leonard Hall of the Republican National Committee has declared that he still hopes the President will head the party ticket in 1956. Hall's subordinates swear that Hall really means what he says. They also give all sorts of elaborate reasons why Hall's hopes may turn out to be well-founded, if the President makes the good recovery the whole country prays for.

Chairman Hall is not alone, either. Among other Republican leaders and in the party rank and file, everyone is automatically repeating Dr. Paul D. White's statement that the President will be theoretically fit to run again, if his recovery progresses satisfactorily. Dr. White's opinion already has become a sort of Republican slogan. And this sort of thing will quite certainly become more and more widespread and overt as the President's health improved.

In fact, however, it is obviously unrealistic and even pretty shocking to continue the pressure on the President to seek another term. In the first place, the Republicans portrayed it as a wicked act for President Roosevelt to seek a fourth term when he was not in tip-top physical condition.

Yet when Roosevelt accepted the nomination, he was no more than a little wearied by the burden of his office. Contrary to common legend, he had had no warning heart attack or any other recent illness more serious than bronchitis. Furthermore, he had just been certified as entirely sound by battalions of doctors, including the great and incorruptible Dr. Frank Lahey of the Lahey Clinic. And Roosevelt in 1944 was more than three years younger than Eisenhower will be in 1956.

Quite aside from this parallel which ought to be decisive, there are current and highly practical reasons why it is unrealistic for the Republicans to pretend that Eisenhower will now go forward as though the recent tragedy had really never happened.

IT IS an open secret that even before his heart attack, the President was reluctant to run, while his wife and son were bitterly opposed to his doing so. He had just about made up his mind that he would have to run, all the same, because of the continuous pleas by Gov. Sherman Adams, Chairman Hall and almost everyone else around him that "it was his duty to finish

Today and Tomorrow By Walter Lippmann

ON MARKING TIME
The reports from Denver about the President's condition have been so encouraging that no decision needs to be, or in fact can be, taken at this time about the delegation of his powers. The question was raised, quite properly and responsibly, by Mr. Hagerly on Sunday after the President was stricken. When he raised the question in a message to the Attorney General, Mr. Hagerly was preparing for the possibility that the President would need a long convalescence. Since Sunday the doctors have done much to allay the fear that the President will be wholly incapacitated for some months to come.

But the outlook in Denver is regarded as so favorable and because this happens to be a time when there is a lull in public affairs, it is possible to mark time. It is possible even to suppose that before the lull in affairs ends the President will have recovered sufficiently to carry on. But if it is too early to take decisions, it is not in the least too early to deliberate about what it may be necessary and wise to do if for a considerable time the President cannot do much work.

THE TAKING of decisions about this must wait until the extent of the President's disability can be determined by his doctors. That determination cannot, we are told, be expected for about two weeks. But while decisions are being deferred, it is no service to the President or to the country to let the American public think that everything is so well organized at the White House, that everything is so clearly and finally determined by the Cabinet and the National Security Council, that the government can carry on indefinitely without the President's active participation. Eisenhower has

gone further than almost any other President in delegating his powers. He has been away a lot, and the administrative machine in Washington has carried on well enough in his absence.

But that does not mean that he has not played a decisive and indispensable role, or that without him it would be possible to go on marking time for months to come.

WE MUST consider the disadvantages of muddling through and whether anything can be done about them. The paramount disadvantage of the muddling through method is that there will be nobody who can accept public responsibility, as did the President in his press conferences and speeches, for the administration as a whole. The powers of the President will not be tied together and focused. They will be parceled out among a heterogeneous and largely anonymous collection of office holders and party leaders.

Over any prolonged time this will be very unsatisfactory. It will be particularly unsatisfactory now because the President's illness has almost certainly ruled him out for 1956. Yet there are within his own official family several men who are entitled to consider themselves in the running for his succession. In the muddling through process they may be tempted to think about how doing this or not doing this will serve their own presidential prospects. And even if they are not tempted, they will in an atmosphere of undefined power be suspected of being tempted. For Mr. Nixon the situation could become so confused that he would never know whether he was usurping his powers or failing to exercise them.

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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 initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

It is Devaux
To the Editor: Regarding Mr. Kissinger's letter recalling names of old cars in Thursday's Mail Tribune: as a proud owner of a 1931 DeVaux I wish to correct his spelling—it is DEVAUX—not DeFoe as he stated.
Mike Bauer,
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Officials' Salaries
To the Editor: The average annual income of a well established attorney in Jackson county is estimated at \$15,000. We pay our district judge \$7,500 and our circuit judge \$11,000 per year. Can we expect to secure the best legal talent to fill the offices of judge in our courts when we choose to underpay them?

There are some who, in a desire to serve the public, are willing to make sacrifices as to their income; there are a number who are competent but unable to serve due to the low remuneration; then there are some who through lack of ability must rely on a public office to provide that which they are otherwise unable to procure.

The men who occupy the benches in our courts of justice should be selected for their wisdom and their fervent desire to uphold the laws of our land. They must be absolutely impartial in all decisions just as they must base their decisions on the facts presented before them in open hearing. When we have judges of this type we have better law enforcement at all levels because police officers will know that the many off-duty hours required to complete some of their cases will not have been spent in vain. They will know each case will be judged on the evidence presented and that personal favoritism and petty jealousies will have no influence in the acquittal or adjudging of sentence.

Dan F. Krotz II,
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Shady Cove, Ore.

responsibility of party leader, at least as it affects the choice of his successor.

WHEN THE bad news came over the week-end, it was natural enough to say, as Mr. Dulles did, that there is a team and that the principles and policies under which this team operates are well known to all its members. But that cannot be true for more than a short time. The question is who, in President Eisenhower's absence, would keep the team a team when old policies have to be altered to meet new developments, when new policies have to be formed. Under President Eisenhower the Treasury, the State Department, and the three services in the Pentagon have been kept lined up as a team. During his convalescence, who is going to keep them lined up? That is the big question to which there is no plain and evident answer.

Part of the answer is, no doubt, that in so far as the President cannot act, decisions will be reached by groups of Cabinet officers, administrative assistants and Congressional leaders who are concerned with the particular issues. There will be many in Washington who will want, even if the President's disability is considerable and rather prolonged, to muddle through by improvising such arrangements and devices.

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POTLUCK
(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

The following item, submitted by Mrs. Dutch Farfan, 723 South Newtown st., Medford, was turned over to the tender mercies of the Potluck editor, who decided it could not be withheld from posterity.

The Hunter
Across the rocky, burned-out ridge
The mighty hunter stogged.
His face was worn, his clothing torn,
His weary features haggard.
The morning hunt was cruel and cold
And though the sun shone bright,
His meager cloth could not withhold
The bitter, freezing bite
Of stinging wind and driving snow
That cut him to the core,
And yet, as you and I both know
He'll go back up for more.
Up on the ridge from which he came,
His weariness he'll stifle;
But still, he must return again
For he forgot his rifle.

It should, perhaps, be added, that the foregoing was dedicated by Mrs. Farfan to all local hunters, but especially to Mr. John Snider.

Speaking of hunters, the woods are full of them this week end—which may or may not be the reason that a porcupine decided to try urban life. He arrived in Medford some time Friday night, and ended his wanderings near the corner of North Front and East Jackson sts.

It was there the city police put an untimely end to the prickly beast. Because of the damage they do to trees and shrubs, porcupines are considered undesirable neighbors.

We liked the double-bill showing at a local theater last week. The pictures were The Magnificent Matador and Sitting Bull.

Dead fish make excellent fertilizer.

There were plenty of them available following the Lake of the Woods fish-poisoning job Sept. 21. One Medford family, it is reported, gathered two large sacks of dead fish to bring home to place around flowers and shrubs.

Dead fish are also exceedingly smelly. As a result, the family drove toward home with the windows rolled all the way down. After two miles, however, they decided that the potential fertilizer

October Sky Review

By J. HUGH PRUETT
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Most of the planets are "in hiding" at the first of this month. Mars is rising in the dawn about due east an hour before the sun, but is not easily observed. Venus and Mercury are in the evening twilight sky, but are too near old Sol to be sighted. Within a few weeks Venus will be far enough removed from the solar object to be observed as a brilliant object over the southwestern horizon shortly after sunset. For several months thereafter it will be a splendid "evening star."

Saturn is now setting in the west-southwest an hour after the sun goes down, but is not conspicuous. For those willing to brave the early morning "dews and damps," brilliant Jupiter presents a splendid picture in the eastern sky. This old king of the gods rises four hours before the sun at present.

Harvest Moon Season
We are now in the season of the harvest moon. We usually think of this as occurring in September, but by the rule it comes in October this year. This is the time the full moon comes nearest the autumnal equinox. The equinox this year was on September 23; the October full moon, October 1. This is much nearer the equinox than the full moon of September 2. The harvest moon this year appears larger and brighter than in many years, for it is relatively nearer to us.

Brilliant Vega
For the brighter stars let us observe about 7 p.m. standard time. Only a little southwest of overhead, note the brilliant Vega. This and a few dim stars near it constitute the Celestial Harp, discussed in this column last week. A little east of the zenith look for Deneb at the head of the Northern Cross. The main line of the cross extends toward the south-southwest and is made up of considerably dimmer stars. The cross arm of three stars, all of nearly equal bright-

ness, easily catches the eye. Very high and almost due south, bright Altair in the Eagle forms a short line with two dimmer stars, one on each side of Altair. Well above the horizon a little north of west, orange Arcturus sparkles at the lower end of the Kite. The entire figure, all the stars but Arcturus being dim, is easily traced. Low in the north-northwest we find bright Capella flashing various colors through the horizon haze. High in the northeast five stars of only medium brightness outline the rather imperfect letter W of Cassiopeia. About 8 p.m. (standard time) watch for the appearance of the little stars of the Pleiades in the east-northeast. Through the horizon haze this small group looks like a tiny white cloud. Looking toward the northwest we see the familiar Big Dipper, and high in the east the large square of Pegasus precariously balancing on one corner.

Editorial Comment
PIN-CURL PARADE
There are many editorial subjects that call for moderation. The public display of pin-curls is not among these. There are girls—and, so help us, grown women, too—who inexpressibly flaunt their beauty preparations before thousands daily. Going to and from school, on a shopping tour, riding the bus, they shamelessly thus proclaim that they are saving their final grooming for some more worthy audience. Some have headscarves, but even these leave revealed the abominable little badges just above the forehead. One may well inquire into the logic of the pin-curl wearers. Are they preening themselves for a party or for some other occasion? If so, is it not probable that, when they appear in public in their state of unreadiness, they will be seen and judged by thousands more than ever will view the resulting curls? And there is always the chance that the best boy friend—the one the curls are to impress—will be confronted suddenly in the crowd on the street. That one hazard alone should encourage thousands of girls to confine their pin-curl parading to the home or the backyard. At least, we hope it will—Portland Oregonian.