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Flight of Time
Medford and Jackson County
History from the files of The
Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and
40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Oct. 31, 1945
(It was Wednesday)
Southern Oregon educational
conference for Jackson and
Josephine county teachers starts
at Ashland.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: Smoke
clouds rising over the waters of
Crater Lake give rise to theories
a new volcano is in the making.
The clouds are composed of gas
and steam. Nothing definite is
known relative to the source of
the hot air, except that it is not
emanating from a politician.

20 YEARS AGO
Oct. 31, 1935
(It was Thursday)
Senator Charles L. McNary of
Salem, Fred Scheffel, city super-
intendent, and A. H. Banwell,
manager of Chamber of Com-
merce, inspect Medford airport.

Snow continues to fall in
Rogue Valley; 14 inches over
Crater Lake.
30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 31, 1925
(It was Saturday)
People warned not to eat
ducks afflicted with disease in
Tule lake area.

Medford City council dis-
cusses ways of keeping Jackson-
ville railroad.
40 YEARS AGO
Oct. 31, 1915
(It was Sunday)
Jessie Howard elected chair-
man of Rebekah convention to
be held in Medford in 1916;
Anna Myer of Ashland elected
vice-chairman at Central Point
meeting.

From Local and Personal col-
umn: Local taxicabs are being
watched closely on account of
numerous reports to the effect
that they are frequently and
sometimes brazenly guilty of ex-
ceeding the speed of 16 miles an
hour within the city limits. Chief
Hittson has put a few plain
clothes men on the firing line
with stop watches—and the taxi
terrorists may be halted into court
any hour.

What's the Answer?
Can You Get 4 of the 7?
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1. Most of the Saar industrial
area lies between France and W.
Germany, W. and E. Germany,
Belgium and France, or Belgium
and Luxembourg?
2. The 1955 session of Congress
did or didn't vote a big increase
in Congressional salaries?
3. A typical human heart
pumps blood at the rate of about
16, 60, 160 or 600 gallons an
hour?
4. The Negro race is now rep-
resented in the U. S. House of
Representatives. Also in the
U. S. Senate?
5. Which of these aren't mem-
bers of U.N.: Canada, Eire (Ire-
land), Italy, Japan, Spain, Swit-
zerland?
6. About one-third, one-half
or two-thirds of all U. S. cars made
in the last three years had auto-
matic transmission?
7. Petite Marmite is a French
dish: soup, quail on toast, small
cake, snail, or half-portion for a
child?
The Answers: 1. France and
West Germany; 2. Did; 3. About
160; 4. No; 5. All except Can-
ada aren't; 6. About half; 7.
Soup.

Porcupines...

We view the porcupine with mixed feelings. While it is true that we have always had a sneaking affection for the slow, stupid, ambling rodents, we're confronted by the fact that they are a major danger to young, growing trees. And trees are vastly important to the economy of Oregon. That's the spot we're on.

In earlier years, woods propaganda was all pro-porcupine. "Don't kill porcupines," we were told, because they are so slow and so stupid that they are easy to kill, and thus form a major potential supply of food for those lost in the woods.

But times change. Porcupines are no longer regarded as emergency four-footed ladders for lost people. They are considered as economic menaces. And we are sorry this is so.

"Kill porcupines," is the word now. One youngster we read about had a huge collection of salted porcupine noses to brag about. And it has gone so far that the information service of the Western Pine association has put out a bulletin saying that porcupine recipes are being compiled in order to stimulate appetites as a means of hastening the demise of our prickly friends.

THE Pine Association bulletin says:

It has reached a point where porcupine damage must be rated right along with forest devastation caused by insects, diseases and forest fires. Forest agencies this year, among their attempts to control the pest, called upon hunters to shoot porcupines whenever they ran on to them in the woods. But it is felt if the porkies could be fileted, broiled, barbecued or roasted to make them attractively edible, the incentive to search them out would be greatly increased.

Pretty sneaky, if you ask us.

NO ONE has asked us. But we might point out that porcupines, while they're not asking for recipes featuring humans, do have wide and varied dietary habits. A recent mailing from the National Geographic Society reports that a porcupine will not only eat the inner bark of trees, thus destroying or damaging up to 100 trees in a winter—they also are inordinately fond of salt-flavored articles.

They chew ax handles, golf clubs, canoe paddles and other items which have absorbed human perspiration.

So the porcupine, whose spines are purely for defense, and who asks nothing but to be left alone, is becoming the victim of his own appetite, and has incurred the wrath of foresters and loggers—who can't be blamed, either.

We still think it's kind of too bad.—E.A.

...And Kangaroos...

Another animal has earned the enmity of man, on the other side of the world. Sheepmen and farmers in Australia complain that kangaroos are settling down on lush pastures, and doing an immense amount of damage to fences and crops.

The Australian Agricultural Newsletter informs us that open seasons have been declared in a number of districts. One grazer killed more than 400 kangaroos on his property in four week ends, with a total of more than 2,000 killed in two years. The pouched marsupials are still present in great numbers despite these killings.

THE Aussies blame a succession of good seasons and improved fodder pastures for the fact that the kangaroos have abandoned migratory habits. The Newsletter says:

Farmers also report that the abundance of feed seems to have made them lazy. Rather than bound over a fence which they could clear easily, they jump against it, crushing it to the ground and allowing stock and other pests access to growing crops. The damage done in this way is very serious and is one of the main reasons why permits for open seasons have been granted over such wide areas.

—E.A.

...And Rabbits

All this recalls the fact that Australia has had its troubles before with animal pests. Rabbits were introduced there in the last century and, encountering no natural enemies, multiplied so fast that they soon became a major menace.

Australians were desperate to stop the hordes of rabbits, grown into the millions, which were overrunning the land. They organized drives, built high fences for thousands of miles, tried poisoning, shooting, clubbing. Nothing seemed to help.

BUT within the past few years, a disease which is particularly rough on rabbits, but which skips most other animals, was deliberately introduced into the rabbit population, and today they are almost gone. The moral, if any, seems to be for animals to do nothing to irritate mankind. It's usually fatal.—E.A.

Lakeview Uranium Ore Tests 'Good'

Lakeview — (U.P.)—Dr. Garth W. Thornburg, a Colorado mining company official, Saturday said carloads of uranium ore shipped from the Lakeview area were running between .30 and .50 per cent uranium.

Dr. Thornburg of Thornburg Bros. Mining Company of Grand Junction, Colo., said the percentage was indicative of a "good commercial ore." Vitro Uranium Company of Salt Lake City, which purchased the ore, had three carloads tested at a sampling plant at Murray, Utah.

The Thornburgs have formed the Lakeview Mining Company here, which was operating core-

Washington

By Roscoe Drummond

DELAYED JUSTICE IS INJUSTICE

Washington—Most Americans feel—and rightly, I think—that justice under the law is part of the heart and center of the democratic process. If it is widely denied, democracy itself is in peril.

There is reason for genuine concern today. Not that the judicial process is inequitable, not that it is unfair. But when justice is grievously delayed, justice is in reality being denied.

Through the United States courts, justice is today being grievously delayed. The delays are getting worse, not better.

Nothing that Congress and the Justice Department have done thus far is equal to the problem. The logjam in the courts is mounting. More cases are longer delayed than ever before.

This is why Chief Justice Warren has been pressing for a whole series of reforms in the Federal courts.

This is why Deputy Attorney General William P. Rogers has described the logjam in the metropolitan districts as "deplorable" and is by way of becoming "a disgrace to the nation."

This is why Henry P. Chandler, Director of the Administrative office of the U. S. Courts, has called the increasing congestion and delay in civil cases "a serious evil" desperately needing correction.

This is why President Eisenhower authorized Attorney General Herbert Brownell to put the Administration behind new legislation at the coming session of Congress.

In 1954 Congress created thirty new judgeships.

A year later the backlog of civil cases in the United States District Courts totaled 68,832 as against 68,431 in 1954. Civil cases terminated in 1955 increased from 57,903 in the previous year to 58,974. Though more cases were completed, the backlog grew.

The criminal case backlog lightened slightly but only because the courts gave priority to the criminal cases at the expense of civil litigation.

Deputy Attorney General Rogers frankly says that we have now reached a point wherein justice is so delayed that it means

"justice denied." Describing the time-lag in the courts, one expert points to these facts:

"The medium time for disposition of civil cases which were terminated by trial in District Courts, with or without jury, increased from 13.5 months in 1954 to 14.6 months in 1955.

"The time lag for cases tried by a judge without jury was 16.7 months in 1955. Litigants waited 12.6 months for cases tried by a jury."

But these figures put the best face on the problem. Look at what happens in the most congested courts. There the median time lags in 1955 were:

Southern New York, 45.9 months between the filing and the termination of a case; Eastern New York, 45.1; Northern Ohio, 33.2; Western Pennsylvania, 31.6; Colorado, 29.5 months.

Eight years ago the median time on civil cases was nine months.

BECAUSE of the long tenure of the Roosevelt and Truman administrations, the balance of the Federal judiciary is largely Democratic. There is, of course, no reason to assume that Democratic-appointed judges are responsible for creating this time-lag any more than there is reason to assume that the Republican-appointed judges have made it worse; but the uneven level of judges is reflected in an uneven work load. Better judges are needed as well as more judges.

"The Congressional Quarterly" makes this interesting report on the current membership of the Federal courts:

Table with 3 columns: Court, Dem. Rep. Vac., Supreme, Circuit, District, Claims, Customs & Pat. Appeals, Customs

Total 220 117 8

The problem of delayed justice—which means something near to denied justice—is not partisan, and at the next session of Congress there ought to be a bipartisan willingness to equip the third coordinate branch of the government with the qualified manpower to do its job.

Licking this grievous time-lag is urgent business.

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On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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How many things can you name of which the price hasn't been raised in 50 years? Offhand I can think of only one. That is the fare on the Staten Island ferry which is still 5 cents.

That is the country's greatest travel bargain. Five and a half miles for a nickel. A beautiful ride too. Furthermore, you always get a seat. The Staten Island commuters are among the few people in this country who find their journey to and from work a pleasure.

Says She "Your constant references to successful persons born under Leo is becoming boring and irritating," writes a feminine subscriber. "You neglect to mention some Leos whose careers and personalities were far from attractive. For example, Mussolini was a Leo. Men born under Leo are conceited, overbearing, critical and exacting. They do a lot of sulking and whining and being very moody are much given to singing the blues. They are also terrible flirts. My first husband was a Leo and when I think of my life with him it makes me shudder. Leo women are no bargains either. Their husbands are usually poor henpecked wretches."

Passing By Dick Maney, distinguished Broadwayite. A character member of the Circle to the Square Association of Bathing Singers. Recent additions to his program of matutinal music are that touching ballad titled "Only a Rose With a Broken Stem" and the lively ditty called "Clancy's Wooden Wedding." Mr. Maney is a whispering baritone.

Receptionists Young women possessed of what it takes to be a good receptionist are much in demand in New York. Average salary for this type of office queen is \$60 a week. Speaking of the help wanted situation in Manhattan, I note office boys are being offered \$50 a week! When I was an office boy in downtown Manhattan my salary was \$4 a week. I was robbed.

Wise Decision The decision of Nashua's owner to pass up California and race his noble animal in Florida is a wise one. It will avoid another meeting with Swaps. Must also be considered that many great eastern horses of the past have failed sadly in the Santa Anita Handicap, which is the toughest of all great stake races to win. Such great eastern thoroughbreds as Equipoise, Twenty Grand, Discovery and Armed were "also rans" in the Santa Anita "Hundred Grandeur." Citation did a little better. He finished second.

Asking Queries from clients. Q. Was Lucrezia Borgia a blonde or a brunette? A. Se was a natural

brunette but featured dyed blonde hair... Q. Is it possible for a girl five feet one to get a position as a dress model in New York City? I mean is it a fact that only tall giants type females can get such positions? A. There are openings in New York for petite type models who measure from five feet four to five feet six with heels. So, using three-inch heels, a girl five feet one would be eligible.

Please Note "Physiognomical Haircutting." That's what a midtown Manhattan tonsorial parlor announces it features. I may drop in there for a physiognomical haircut shortly and will report the results. I am always willing to try anything once. Well, nearly anything.

Brooklyn Again Brooklyn is in again with something for Texas, California or even Baltimore to try to top. The Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn is claimed to be the locale of more births annually than any other hospital in the country. More than 5,000 infants annually first see the light of day in that hospital.

Briefly When a thoroughbred is said to have won "by three lengths," how far ahead was he in feet and inches? Not one turf fan in a hundred can tell you what the average length of a thoroughbred is... Am asked why Navy men are called "Gobs." All I know about it is that "gob" is the Chinese word for sailor.

Local Products The skill of London's famous Savile Row tailors cannot be questioned. Yet some distinguished residents of London have their clothes made by a tailor on East Fifty-ninth street, Manhattan. The workmanship of the British bootmakers is unquestionably superb but there are equally skillful makers of made to order shoes in New York. Speaking of local products as compared to imports there is a shop in the East Sixties in Manhattan which regularly sends eight pound fruit cakes to the King of Norway. They are His Majesty's favorite fruit cakes.

Portland Dry Cleaners Schedule Price Boost Portland — (U.P.)—A majority of Portland area dry cleaners will raise their prices Nov. 1, according to Thomas T. George, Jr., industry spokesman.

Georges said the price increases will range from 5 to 10 cents for skirts and pants and other half garments, and 10 to 15 cents for dresses and suits.

The increases were recommended by a survey of the area by the National Institute of Dry Cleaning which showed higher labor and supply costs.

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IS THAT SO?

By Eugene Ruess

Time in for an Outdoor Quiz. A score of 60 is fair to middling; 75 is good; 90 is excellent—making you an Outdoor Expert. Answers follow questions.

1.—What are the right animals for the following five statements (10 points each):

1.—This great animal gives birth to a tiny one-pound baby during its long twilight sleep.

2.—What animal made many of the trails over hills and plains of North America — routes so well "engineered" that many of our highways and railways have been built upon them?

3.—Several ocean-dwelling animals nurse their young. Which is the largest?

4.—Several North American game animals are expert jumpers. Of these, which is the longest broad jumper?

5.—Name the two most common animals which carry their young in skin pouches?

II.—Of man's modern inventions, nature perfected many first. Match the animal with the invention it utilizes: 1.—Abalone, 2. bat, 3. flying squirrel, 4. scorpion, 5. snake—with these: radar, hypodermic needle, anesthetic, parachute, suction cup. (Score 10 points for each right answer.)

Answers: 1. The right animals are: 1. bear, 2. bison, 3. whale, 4. deer—the white tail or Virginia deer has been measured

by a running broad jump of 40 feet, 2 inches; 5. kangaroo and opossum.

1. Today's popular suction cups have been used for eons by sea snails—of which the California abalone is one. 2. The bat used radar long before man. As it flies, it emits a series of supersonic cries unheard by humans but audible to the bat itself. As the cries bounce off various objects, they warn the bat of its approach to obstructions.

3. The flying squirrel spreads forelegs and hindlegs outward so that the skin along its sides forms a parachute as it glides from tree to tree.

4. The scorpion's tail which he uses for his poisonous injections is a perfect hypodermic needle.

5. In biting, the snake applies an anesthetic. It paralyzes and desensitizes its prey before eating it.

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Polio 'Shots' Planned at Nyssa Nyssa — (U.P.)—A mass inoculation program for certain residents of the Nyssa area to combat a polio epidemic will be started tomorrow.

Dr. Samuel Osgood, epidemiologist for the State Board of Health, said gamma globulin shots will be offered to all pregnant women and to all other persons under 25 years of age living in the Nyssa school district.

He said the shots would be given on a strictly voluntary basis but he expected about 3000 persons to receive the gamma globulin.

The clinic will open Tuesday and probably continue through the rest of the week, Dr. Osgood said.

He said the State Board of Health would supervise the clinic and services of doctors, nurses and public health officials in the area were being donated. The gamma globulin will be furnished free of charge by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Dr. Osgood said at last count there were 37 cases of polio reported in the Nyssa area of Malheur county.

Confusion in French Morocco May Result In Eventual Peace

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

French Morocco resembles, at the moment, a sort of political merry-go-round.

The Moroccan Nationalists are taking France for a ride on it.

Strangely enough, however, there seems to be reason for hope that when the ride is over, peace may be restored.

Two years ago, France forced pro-Nationalist Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef from the throne and exiled him to the island of Madagascar off the East African Coast.

Pro-French Sidi Mohammed Ben Moulay Arafa, his uncle, was put on the throne. The Nationalists always opposed him.

On Oct. 4 France forced Moulay Arafa out and sent him to neighboring Tangier.

Moulay Arafa did not formally quit. He announced, in fact, that he was still sultan.

Council Set Up President Rene Coty of France

Retiring Highway Engineer Honored

Salem — (U.P.) — Howard G. Smith, state highway construction engineer who is retiring after 36 years with the highway Department, and Mrs. Smith were honored by some 400 persons at a banquet here Friday night.

Smith was first employed in 1919 as resident engineer and then division engineer at Baker. He was praised by State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock for his boldness in highway design, his forward look in highway development and his strict but fair standards in construction work.

Highway Department employees presented the Smiths with a five piece luggage set and a merchandise certificate. Contractors whose work Smith had supervised presented an electric clock in a case hand-carved from Oregon Myrtlewood, and a watch and chain.

Hence, when the confusion ends, it may turn out that the harrided French government has found at least a temporary solution of the Moroccan crisis despite itself.

Her Unborn Babe

GEO. N. TAYLOR Her daughter had been before the Juvenile Court in Los Angeles and the mother had come to her pastor for his advice. Pastor asked the mother if she had ever prayed with the daughter— "Pastor, that is the trouble. We never prayed together." Using that as a starter, the pastor told his audience that mothers should begin with pre-natal prayers for the babe yet to be born. Believers must also give themselves to prayer, if they are to tell others of Christ's death for their sins. George Mueller, a great man of prayer, prayed often for the conversion of three elderly men. None was converted but all came to Christ after Mueller's death. God works when you pray — "Whatsoever you ask the Father in My name, he will give it to you." So said Christ — John 16:23.

This Message sponsored by an Oregon Dairyman. —adv.

NAMED—Russell C. Harrington (above), 65-year-old Providence, R. I., accountant and lifelong Republican, was named by Treasury Secy. George M. Humphrey to be the nation's top tax collector. He will succeed T. Coleman Andrews as commissioner of internal revenue when appointment is approved by President Eisenhower.



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