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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
June 13, 1946
Four prominent citizens speak at public forum at Jackson county courthouse on juvenile delinquency.

20 YEARS AGO
June 13, 1936
Sigmund Levaney, famous Russian pilot, visited Medford this morning.

30 YEARS AGO
June 13, 1926
Grain hay about five feet tall is on display at the Chamber of Commerce, grown by Thomas Taylor on unirrigated ranch.

40 YEARS AGO
June 13, 1916
The local lodge of Elks 1168, will hold flag day exercises tomorrow at temple.

What's the Answer?
1. The Missouri delegation at the Democratic convention will support Harriman, Kefauver, Stevenson, Symington, or Truman for President?

2. Voice of America programs may be broadcast in as many as (a) 15, (b) 27, (c) 34, or (d) 43 languages?

3. Federal-state old-age assistance payments go to about (a) 1 million, (b) 1.5 million, (c) 2 million, or (d) 2.5 million persons?

4. Alcoholism killed more people than tuberculosis in France in 1955; right or wrong?

5. Americans 10 years of age or older consumed in 1955 an average of (a) 15, (b) 20, (c) 40, or (d) 50 pounds of coffee a year?

6. The U. S. has air bases in all the countries of North Africa; right or wrong?

7. A baseball fan injured by a foul ball can or can't recover damages?
The answers: 1. Senator Symington. 2. 43 languages at maximum. 3. 2.5 million. 4. Right (30 per cent more). 5. 20 pounds, according to Pan-American Coffee Bureau. 6. Wrong (five bases in Morocco, one in Libya, none in Tunis or Algeria). 7. Can't usually recover (Courts have said in most cases that injury from fouls is a risk assumed by all spectators).

Porcupine

HOW TO DO IT
As summer comes back, so does the battle of the porcupine, the difference of opinion between those who kill porcupines because porcupines eat trees and those who defend the porcupine as the creature who was there long before man got dominion over fir and pine.

THE ABOVE is from the typewriter of Bob Frazier, nature-loving editorial writer for the Eugene Register-Guard, who has been conducting a spirited, though largely unsuccessful, defense of the porcupine.

WE WERE TOLD of other types of depredation—how the prickly little beasts (they are rodents, officially) consume vast quantities of things other than the soft, inner bark of trees; things which mankind finds useful and expensive.

IN ADDITION, the pincushion beasts are hated by livestock men and orchardists. In the case of the former, they can cause a cow to die if some of their quills become buried in the nose and become infected.

WHAT OF the porcupine itself? We observed four captive ones this week. At a distance they appear as attractive little things, with sensitive, quivering brown noses and odd little blue eyes.

WE WATCHED as one was killed the other day, as a demonstration in an argument over which would be the better bounty evidence—the nose or a front paw.

EDITORIAL COMMENT
SEND BOWERMAN TO THE OLYMPICS
Bill Bowerman, track coach at the University of Oregon since 1949, has won four Northern division titles during his tenure there, and developed some of the finest distance runners in the world.

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Biggest Pie Contains 265 Pounds of Apples
Boston — (AP) — The world's biggest apple pie was unveiled here.

Slump in Automaking Seen Threat to GOP Congressional Chance

Washington — (CQ) — Auto industry layoffs threaten to dull the glitter of the Republican campaign slogan of Peace and Prosperity.

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Shepilov Making Rapid Start As Russian Foreign Minister

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent
Dmitri T. Shepilov is getting off to a fast start as Soviet foreign minister.



Two weeks after his appointment, Shepilov has lined himself up an important diplomatic tour.

It is one on which he will be able to do a lot of good and the United States, Great Britain and France a lot of harm.

Shepilov's first is going to Egypt then on to Syria, Lebanon and Greece.

This will give him the opportunity to meddle in several situations which closely concern the Big Three western allies.

The situations include the Baghdad Defense Pact, which Egypt and most of the other Arab countries oppose.

Will Join Celebration
In Cairo, Shepilov will join in the whooping-and-hollering celebration by Egyptians of the final evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal Zone.

He also will be able to talk, openly or secretly, to the Arab leaders who from their Cairo headquarters are directing the revolt against France in Algeria and fermenting new revolts in Tunisia and Morocco.

He will be able to talk over with Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser the supply of arms by the Communist countries to Egypt, and possibly to Saudi Arabia, for use against Israel.

In Syria and Lebanon, Shepilov is expected to concentrate on Palestine.

In Greece, Shepilov's job will be to try to restore good Russian relations with that country and to do as much harm as possible to Britain in view of Greek anger over Britain's refusal to give up Cyprus.

It is interesting to note that while Shepilov is in the Middle East giving the western allies the poison-tongue treatment, Gen. Nathan S. Twining, chief of staff of the United States Air Force will be in Moscow getting the sweetness and light treatment from Soviet military leaders.

Shepilov's tour helps to explain why, at this time, he was named to succeed Vyacheslav M. Molotov as foreign minister.

Molotov is an old-school diplomat, who preferred to do as much of his own work as possible in his own office.

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But he, too is one of the new-school men and his feet are holding out well.

12,465 Porcupines Killed During 1955 In Areas of Oregon
Salem — A porcupine kill of 12,465 animals in critical areas of the ponderosa pine forests of eastern and southern Oregon during 1955, with still no apparent decrease in the population of the animals that are causing extensive damage to young ponderosa pine trees through their bark eating habits, is reported by Al Larsen, state forestry department official who has just completed a survey covering the major part of the pine forests of Oregon.

This count of the kill of the invading army of animals by no means gives the total mortality since many hunters, forest visitors, stockmen and loggers were responsible for an unreported number of the pests, Larsen said.

Larsen stated that reports sent in by the various cooperating agencies assisting in the study indicate that the most critical areas are the upper Rogue river region near Prospect, the Klamath Indian reservation, the Ochoco and Fremont National forests, the western half of the Blue Mountains and around the Deschutes area.

One of the largest kills is reported from the Fremont area when the forest officials killed 3,000 of the animals and young folks accounted for an additional 2,210, Larsen stated. There were still other unreported kills by forest visitors.

"Numerous private timber interests have been carrying on a program of extermination," stated Larsen. "Some of these have been promoted by bounties and others have been carried out directly by company employees. Reports indicate that the cost of control has run better than \$1.50 per animal. Still the companies are continuing with the projects.

Threat to Trees
"The animals offer a distinct threat to the young trees, eating the bark from the upper portion of the trunk. While the attack does not kill the trees, it usually kills the top, resulting in greatly retarded growth and deformed trees."

The forester stated that it is quite possible that the extensive damage is not necessarily due to an increase in the over-all porcupine population in the state but is because migration from its normal diet of grass and other herbaceous material.

Half Slave, Half Free
To the Editor: An article in last Friday's Mail Tribune entitled "United States can yet come out as winner in Asia" points up a matter of most vital importance to us all. The outcome of this contest will affect not only the people in Asia, but the people of all the world, ourselves not the least.

Our appointed and elected representatives can never accomplish their job effectively unless they have the active support of the people at home. With the communists, it is different. Their leaders tell their people what policies they must support, and how much they must pay to support them.

A century ago Lincoln said, "This country cannot endure half slave and half free." This world, in many respects smaller now than was the United States a hundred years ago, cannot long endure half slave and half free.

E. Whealdon, 804 Cedar st., Medford, Ore.

Another Dependable Colgate Product

In the Day's News

Farm markets note: Hog receipts went down and HOG PRICES WENT UP at Midwest markets Monday.

As a result, prices today ranged from steady to 50 cents HIGHER than last Friday in the Eastern cornbelt.

THAT lends emphasis to a statement made the other day by Secretary of Agriculture Benson. Speaking at the state dairy festival in Rutland, Vt., he said:

"Once farm surpluses are disposed of, it will be necessary to AVOID LIKE A PLAGUE policies and programs that would create NEW over-supplies of farm products."

THAT is to say: The soil bank is a government-subsidized program to TAPER OFF farm production to the point where demand (which is based on consumption) will again balance supply.

But the combination of the nauseating smell; the desperate, flailing attacks with the tail; the dying agonies of the beast, the dripping blood and the bloated ticks—these left us with little heart for any campaign at all, either pro- or anti-porcupine.

Let the campaign begin, let the trees and the cattle be saved, and let the dried noses (or paws) of the porcupines mount up.

But—As Secretary Benson says: If we use the soil bank merely as a temporary scheme to subsidize UNDER-PRODUCTION during the period when we are emptying the presently over-stuffed warehouses and then go back to vote-catching policies and programs that will create NEW over-supplies of farm products, we'll be in a pickle again.

4,145 County Residents Received Monthly Benefits

A total of 4,145 persons in Jackson county were receiving \$207,223 monthly in benefits under the old-age and survivors insurance provisions of the social security program at the end of 1955, W. V. Nusbau, manager of the local office, has announced.

The largest group of beneficiaries consisted of retired workers, Nusbau said, with 2,537 in Jackson county and 1,203 in Josephine county.

Other groups in Jackson and Josephine counties receiving payments, and the amounts included wives, 989, \$29,853; children under 18 years of age, 824, \$30,978; widows, 348, \$15,743; and mother of children under 18 years of age, 124, \$5,838.

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.

Flag Day
To the Editor: During the war it was a popular thing to display it on every occasion that justified it, but in the desire to get adjusted to times as they were before the war, the flag has been laid away, and in many homes, if found at all, is like the Bible in some homes, badly in need of dusting off.

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Colgate's new aerosol type insecticide 'Kan-Kil' kills flies, mosquitoes, roaches, ants and other bugs. faster, easier than any other type bug killer. and it smells good, too.