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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Sept. 28, 1946 (Saturday)
Local Elks to honor Old Timers Thursday night, Oct. 3.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Mighty hunters have started returning from the timber with 4-point, 4-ham bucks.

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 28, 1936 (Monday)
George T. Frey, chairman of Jackson county Red Cross chapter, issues plea for contributions to a fund for relief of families made homeless by the fire in the northwest.

Medford Crater club's entry in the Yreka, Calif., pioneer parade yesterday awarded first prize.

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 28, 1926 (Tuesday)
Two more days remain in which persons may get Copco six per cent preferred stock at \$94 per share, says D. G. Tyree, secretary.

Bids for the concreting and trimming of the connecting canal between Fish Lake and Four Mile Lake opened by directors of the Medford Irrigation district.

40 YEARS AGO
Sept. 28, 1916 (Thursday)
Ten days open season for Chinese pheasant shooting begins Sunday, Oct. 1.

A pearl and amethyst pendant attached to a gold chain, is the prize to be given the young lady receiving the most votes at the dance at the Cuthbert building Saturday and Sunday.

50 YEARS AGO
Sept. 28, 1906 (Friday)
A meeting was held last night of Reames Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, after a two weeks vacation.

From Local and Personal column: Contractor Schermehorn started work on the addition to the Hotel Nash yesterday.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7?
Sept. 1955 Editorial Research Report

1. Vice President Nixon once worked in Washington as a civil service employee; right or wrong?

2. The U.S. adopted its present Constitution the year it became formally independent of Great Britain; right or wrong?

3. Boulder Dam lies between New Mexico and Arizona, Arizona and Colorado, Arizona and Nevada, Nevada and California, Nevada and Colorado?

4. "Love apples" is an old term for Grimes Golden, tomatoes, persimmons, sweet potatoes, Honey Dew melons, or avocados?

5. Athletes as a whole do or don't live longer than non-athletes?

6. Which European capital is on the Liffey River?

7. Miss Grace A. Goodhue married which of our recent Presidents?

The Answers: 1. Right (for months in 1942). 2. Wrong. 3. Arizona and Nevada. 4. Tomatoes. 5. Don't as a whole. 6. Dublin. 7. Coolidge.

What is a City?

(National Newspaper Week is Oct. 1 to 8)

What is a city? Mostly it is people.

But it is many other things too. It is the city council and city administration; it is the schools, and the water distribution system; it is the police and fire departments, the traffic control systems and the sanitary and storm sewers.

It includes the retail stores; shoes and clothing and food and furniture and appliances and jewelry and books and equipment of all kinds, shapes, sizes and purposes.

It is lumber yards and lumber mills; steel companies and packing houses and warehouses; it is auction yards and used car lots and new car dealers.

THE city is the railroad track cutting through it, and the streets criss-crossing the town and highways leading to the country. It includes taxis and buses and the airport. It is cars—thousands of cars, driving the streets and looking for places to park.

It is candy stores and ice cream shops and drugstores and magazine racks. It is the library, and the hotels and motels. It is parks and playgrounds, and Bear creek winding by. It is hot asphalt in the summer, and green grass and trees.

It is offices: doctors, dentists, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, chiroprudists, naturopaths, lawyers, insurance men, stockbrokers.

PART of the city is the service industries, the banks, the telephone, telegraph, gas and power companies; the laundries and cleaners, the delivery trucks and service stations; the home-builders, contractors, plumbers and electricians; the pest controllers and tree surgeons, gardeners and janitors.

The city is organizations, hundreds of them: Rotary, Kiwanis, Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce, 20-30, Lions, BPW, Zonta, Rotana, and a long string of other service, fraternal, civic, trade, professional, labor or veterans groups, serving the interests and needs and desires of thousands.

It is churches, nearly two score of them.

It is theaters, the TV and radio stations.

THE city is vastly complex and interdependent.

But looked at another way, the important way, it's pretty simple. The city is people—people working and playing and worshipping; people with ambitions and aspirations; people with hope and people in despair; people who are happy and people who are sad.

If it weren't for people the city would be nothing—a collection of purposeless walls and streets, quiet and dead.

But there are people, and the streets and buildings are living things, vibrating with purpose and emotion and life, with birth, and, inevitably, death.

THIS, then, is the city, a sort of microcosm, which the newspaper attempts to serve as a mirror, as it also attempts to reflect the county, the state, the nation and the world.

At times the mirror is cracked and faulty and splotted; at times it is vivid and accurate. Always it attempts, to the limit of human ability, to reflect truly and fairly and comprehensively, with sympathy and understanding and without fear.

It does not always succeed, for newspaper people are like other people in human frailty. But they always try.—E.A.

About Smoking

Our advice to older teen agers who are wondering whether or not to "give smoking a try" can be given in one word: DON'T.

Most of the smokers we know of 30 or more years of age, particularly heavy smokers, would, we believe, give the same advice. Many of them would be mightily pleased if they again had a choice to make whether or not to smoke. By now they're too much in the grip of the habit to quit. If you never get in to the habit, you have no habit to give up.

THIS is not to say that smoking cannot be a congenial habit. It most definitely can, although just why would be difficult to explain to a non-smoker.

But if one has never experienced the joys and sorrows of inhaling a lung-full of smoke, he never knows what it is he would be missing. And we have come to the reluctant conclusion that, in the long pull, the sorrows outnumber the joys.

We have known countless people who have attempted to free themselves from the smoking compulsion, only to fail as the craving overcame their will power. Some strong-minded individuals are successful. Others simply have a feeling they ought to stop, but don't even try because either (1) they enjoy it too much, or (2) know they couldn't.

THERE was a piece in the paper the other day telling about experiments with chemicals designed to make it easier to stop smoking. Such experiments would never have been started unless there was a demand for something of the sort. Doubtless the demand has been increased by recent statistics which indicated that smoking and cancer of the lung tend to follow similar graphic curves.

Perhaps these chemicals will work; perhaps they are safe; perhaps they will permit some addicts to free themselves from the habit they hate and love at the same time.

But the moral of the story, we think, is that if so many smokers want to give up, the young man or woman thinking about smoking should take that as a warning, namely: Don't.—E.A.

Oregon's Per Capita Income Slips Below National Average

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington—Per capita income in Oregon has now dropped below the average income for the United States as a whole, according to estimates made by U. S. News and World Report magazine.

The average income in the state continued to rise over the past four years, but did so at a slower rate than in the country at large. The magazine, reporting on income gains made by all the states from 1952 to this year, showed that the average income nationally went up 10.9 per cent but in Oregon it climbed only 4.4 per cent.

In terms of dollars, the Department of Commerce said that in 1952 per capita income in Oregon was \$1,824, compared with \$1,727 for the country that year—so Oregon then was enjoying an average income greater than the nation at large.

Slips Below Average
This year, the magazine estimated, the per capita income in Oregon is averaging \$1,905, as against \$1,915 for the country as a whole, which indicates the state has slipped just below the national average income.

Only Washington state, of the Northwest states, showed up better in income gains the past four years. Its per capita income went up 6.2 per cent to \$2,031, keeping it well above the national average. Idaho, on the other hand, dropped 2.7 per cent from \$1,568 to \$1,526, making it by far the lowest income state in the region. Montana went up 1.1 per cent from \$1,780 to \$1,790.

The biggest income gainers nationally have been in the South and New England. States that have lost ground, in addition to Idaho, have been Wyoming (down 5.4 per cent), Arizona (2.1 per cent), South Dakota (2.7 per

cent), Nebraska (10.3 per cent, worst drop in the country) and Kansas 3.2 per cent).

Biggest gainers have been New Hampshire (18.8 per cent), Vermont (17.8), Alabama (17), Massachusetts and Georgia (both 16.7), and Florida (16.2). Other states that picked up at a rate above the national average were North Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, New York, Maine and Connecticut.

One noticeable fact about the fastest gaining states is that some of them were suffering from relatively very low per capita incomes in 1952, and the gains they have made since then leave them still well below the national average—and below Oregon—although for them the gain was quite good.

South Increases
This is particularly true in the South. Alabama had an average income of \$1,045 in 1952, and this year it is estimated at \$1,223 for a 17 per cent gain. This is also true of Vermont, which went up from \$1,403 to \$1,653.

But, then there are other states, such as Massachusetts, which made real gains. The Bay state went from \$1,919 to \$2,239 for its 16.7 per cent rise. New Jersey shot up from \$2,113 to \$2,402 for a 13.7 per cent gain.

The 11 western states as a group have done poorer than the rest of the country the past four years. Three showed declines, and none measured up to the average national gain. Only California came close, with a 10.2 per cent gain which made its average income of \$2,363 by far the highest in the West.

Although Oregon has slipped below the national average, only 16 states have per capita incomes higher than Oregon's. They are California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Washington.

place a speech by President Eisenhower in that time period and would they please move anything that currently occupied the time? A frantic call was placed to Morse headquarters in Portland to ask their permission for the move and the Democrats quickly o.k.'d it. They had every right to refuse as the time was advertised in the Medford paper . . . but they were courteous enough to grant it. This courtesy should happen more often!

More TV Complaints
To the Editor: I just want to give Mrs. H. E. Johnson of Medford a great big cheer, and if a few more of the TV audience would do the same and write a letter to this editor, maybe, and I say that with a little doubt, we would get some good programs. Whether or not, is to be seen.

Mrs. Johnson says that down at KBES-TV station, they are dead. Well that is putting it mildly, as I will say they have been dead for quite some time, period. They talk about trouble on TV. All evening all I could read was: "Do not adjust your sets, trouble at station, stand by." Well how long do you expect the public to stand by? If they're having so much trouble at the station, why don't they do something about it? You can always see the commercials okay, but when it comes picture time, there's always trouble. Why don't they get some good technicians down there? They always blame the network, never the station.

Why don't they give us some good shows? The shows we have been getting lately are sure the bunk. For awhile we had some pretty good ones, but they took them all off and gave us a bunch of repeats and what have you. There are a lot of people who depend on their TVs for their only recreation and are unable to go elsewhere for entertainment, so for goodness sake do something about it, if not for our sake, do it for theirs.

It's like Mrs. Johnson says, we are the ones who buy the products that are advertised on TV, so let's all get busy and write in and see if we can't get some action.

CBS Hollywood TV Station asked the public to write in and tell them what programs we like. What's the use of writing in, if you don't recognize the letters and do something about it? At first it was that they couldn't get the sponsors, but now they have all kinds of them, so why the bum shows? Some are so old that you can't even understand them when they talk.

So come on all you TV listeners and write a letter and let them know that we the "Listeners" of the TV audience are the ones to be pleased.

Blaine F. Smith
Gold Hill, Ore.

Morse Action Praised
To the Editor: In the heat of the current political campaign it is nice to note a touch of courtesy extended from one party to the other: Senator Morse had a half hour program scheduled on KBES-TV the other night from 8:30 to 9 p.m. The show was all set to go when a call from New York informed the station that the network desired to

place a speech by President Eisenhower in that time period and would they please move anything that currently occupied the time? A frantic call was placed to Morse headquarters in Portland to ask their permission for the move and the Democrats quickly o.k.'d it. They had every right to refuse as the time was advertised in the Medford paper . . . but they were courteous enough to grant it. This courtesy should happen more often!

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What Plopped Like What?
To the Editor: May I quote? Medford Mail Tribune, front page story, Sept. 23, 1956: "Three Malheur County Republicans who issued a challenge this week that they would debate anyone regarding Senator Wayne Morse's desiring to represent Oregon in the U.S. Senate had their answer Saturday . . . The Democratic senator heard of the challenge and sent the following message, 'I personally will come to Malheur county at an arranged time to debate according to your challenge—or any other issues—with any of you, all three of you at once, Douglas McKay himself or any combination of persons you may desire. I would prefer a question that would compare the records of McKay and myself.'"

Letter to the Editor, Mail Tribune, Sept. 25, 1956, signed by Mary Kelly: "Senator Morse's swift, personal acceptance of the long distance challenge of three Eastern Oregon big shots . . . must have plopped like a cold wet fish in the center of the boisterous trio's rosy dream."

Mail Tribune, Sept. 26, 1956: "Senator Wayne Morse has moved to clear up what he called a 'misunderstanding which seems to have developed in Malheur County . . . Morse said he did not intend to be diverted from the issues by taking time out from my campaign to discuss with McKay's campaign henchmen, false attacks upon my record.'"

What plopped like what, Mary? Dick House, 207 Fluhrer Bldg., Medford, Oregon

Hail, Rain, Dust Hit Snake River Valley
Ontario (U.P.)—The Snake River valley was struck by a hail and rain storm yesterday afternoon with winds estimated 35 to 40 mph.

No serious damage was reported, although visibility in many parts of the valley was reduced to zero due to heavy clouds of dust which accompanied the storm.

Suez Policy Disagreement Tops Week's Balance Sheet of News

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent

This week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

Suez
A disagreement on policy in the Suez Canal dispute gave further evidence this week of a potentially dangerous breach in the unity between the United States, Great Britain and France.

Britain and France jointly asked the United Nations Security Council to consider the situation caused by Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser's attempt to seize exclusive control of the canal.

Nasser countered with a complaint to the council that "some powers, particularly France and the United Kingdom," were endangering peace.

The 11-nation council, a sort of U.N. executive committee, met in New York to discuss the two communications.

Britain and France, with the support of Australia and Belgium, denounced the Egyptian complaint as slanderous and demanded that the council refuse to consider it. But the United States refused to go along.

As a result the council agreed to hear both the Anglo-French and the Egyptian cases next Thursday or Friday. The vote was 7 to 0, with Britain, France, Australia and Belgium abstaining.

While this was going on, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and French Premier Guy Mollet met in Paris to consider joint policy in the entire Middle East—a policy of their own.

Strong Israeli army forces invaded Arab Jordan in a night attack on border defense posts. The Israeli government said the attack was made in retaliation for a series of attacks made by Jordanians. A U.N. truce team counted the bodies of 38 Jordanian soldiers and policemen and of one 12-year old girl on the scene.

U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold warned that the explosive Palestine frontier situation must be brought under control "rapidly." He indicated that he might soon ask the Security Council to take action.

Speculation over a visit by Soviet Russian Communist chief-tain Nikita S. Khrushchev to "neutralist" President Tito of Yugoslavia was intensified when Tito flew back to Russia with Khrushchev.

Allied diplomats were mystified. They were sure that Khrushchev was trying to cook up something. They did not know what.

Russia got some bad news when a young Polish air force pilot broke from a formation flight and raced his plane to Denmark's Bornholm Island in the Baltic. It was a new model MIG-15B, with extra radar equipment. "It's really something very special," a Danish air force officer said. Danish experts started taking the plane apart to send it to Copenhagen for detailed study. That means that Denmark's partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization are going to get some top-secret information on Russian plane development.

When there are more buyers than sellers, prices are almost sure to go up. When there are more sellers than buyers, prices are pretty certain to go down.

A California legislative committee studying air pollution in Los Angeles has been told by Dr. Clarence Mills, professor of medicine at the University of Cincinnati) that 845 deaths have been attributed to smog.

Dr. Lester Breslow of the California state health department says his department's studies will not back up Dr. Mills' conclusions. He insists that while smog may contribute to lung cancer it can't be tabbed as a killer on the basis of current evidence.

INCIDENTAL note: As the hearing went on, Los Angeles experienced its heaviest smog attack of the year.

WHAT to do about smog—which is unpleasant, whether or not it is a killer? I expect that if people scattered out more and ganged up less there would be less of the eye-stinging stuff to contend with. But the census records indicate that smog or no smog a lot of people would rather gang up in Los Angeles than to scatter out somewhere else.

And L.A. of course, would MUCH RATHER have them gang up.

SENATOR Albert Gore of Tennessee says he plans to give the nation this year its first current picture of how much money is being spent in a national election campaign and where it is coming from.

Senator Gore is chairman of the senate elections committee. He says this morning his committee's principal means of getting the campaigning spending picture across to the public will be open hearings in Washington. These hearings will be held from October 8 through October 10.

The national campaign committees of both parties will be called upon to give a full account of their contributions, pledges and sources, as well as their actual spending and their obligations to spend.

He added: "My tentative estimate is that approximately one per cent of the people provide about 98 per cent of the campaign funds. I think this constitutes a danger to popular government."

I S that true? I wouldn't know. My personal opinion is that what the public wants to know is HOW MUCH IS BEING SPENT AND WHERE IT IS COMING FROM. Given that knowledge, accurately and impartially, I think the voters will be competent to draw their own conclusions and make their own decisions.

And— I think the side that spends TOO MUCH will lose the confidence of the voters.

Pendleton Newspaper Moves To New Building
Pendleton (U.P.)—The Pendleton East Oregonian will move into its new \$150,000 building this week end.

New home of the newspaper is a one-story building at S.E. Byers and Second streets. The newspaper will occupy the 100x126-foot structure under terms of a 50-year lease.

The MEAT CENTER
231 EAST SIXTH ST.

SMOKED Ham Hocks 15¢ lb.

PORK SAUSAGE 29¢ lb.

BEEF ROAST 35¢ lb.

SLICED BACON 39¢ lb.

