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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
 Aug. 21, 1947 (Thursday)
 A railroad car shortage in southern Oregon today brings protests from chamber of commerce officials.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot Column: "Huckleberries are so scarce in the high hills a citizen reports a bear mistook him for one by a narrow margin."

20 YEARS AGO
 Aug. 21, 1927 (Sunday)
 Medford becomes golfing center of the wood as four of the state's greatest professionals gather to pay homage to the late H. Chandler Egan.

Pinball machines must be removed by next Thursday, Sheriff Syd I. Brown orders.

30 YEARS AGO
 Aug. 21, 1927 (Sunday)
 Gin Peddler seized with 18 quarts of liquor in his car parked on North Grape st.

Baby show is staged in local theatre.

40 YEARS AGO
 Aug. 21, 1917 (Tuesday)
 Mail Tribune staff writer Charles Edward Russell returns to work after visit to Russia on Root Commission.

Choice heavy hogs sell at \$20 per hundred-weight today marking an advance in price of \$3 in the last 11 days.

What's Your I.Q.?
 Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Whose likeness is depicted on the newly-designed U.S. half-dollar?
 2. Was Zane Grey, a prolific writer, a man or a woman?
 3. Bible: Is a censor an animal, mineral, or vegetable?
 4. Is Iowa located east, west, or at the sides of the Mississippi river?
 5. Kohlrabi is a disease of dogs or a religious teacher, or a kind of cabbage?
 6. When a person has had mumps on both sides, he would not be susceptible to the disease again: true or false?
 7. The limbs on a tree do, or do not, remain the same height from the ground as the tree grows?
 8. Is Portland, Maine, farther north than Portland, Oregon?
 9. Is it always proper to use a comma within figures in the thousands?
 10. "I am not a politician and my other habits are"—what?
 —A. Ward.

Senate Authorizes Bill To Sell Naval Vessels

Washington — The Senate Tuesday passed and sent back to the House legislation authorizing sale or loan of several Naval vessels to friendly nations.
 The House approved bill includes authority for sale of not more than three destroyers and one submarine to Venezuela and loan of two submarines to The Netherlands. The measure goes back to the House for action on Senate changes.

Living Outdoors

There are various stages, or degrees, of "living outdoors."
 At one end of the spectrum is the apartment dweller whose outdoor experiences are limited to climbing in and out of his car between home and the office.

At the other end are the hardy souls who prepare a tightly restricted list of the bare essentials, place these on a packboard, slip it on, and take off, on foot, for a few days or weeks far from the end of the road.

In between are the various stages of golfing, gardening, patio or back-yard loafing, walking, picnicking and — in increasing numbers — those who find relaxation and rest by bundling together a sufficient quantity of civilization's amenities, tossing them in the family vehicle, and taking off on a "camping trip."

THERE are subsidiary degrees of ruggedness within this category, too. There are those who haul along house-trailers, which have such things as hot and cold running water, iceboxes, and inner-spring mattresses. There are smaller trailers, ranging down to the collapsible ones which fold out into tents.

There are gadgets which fit on the bodies of pickup trucks, forming sturdy but cramped housing. There are tents of various sizes and complexity. And there are those who find their pleasure in unrolling bedrolls beside the car, and sleeping under the stars.

LIKEWISE, there is a vast amount of equipment available to make life outdoors not only bearable, but comfortable. There are sleeping bags of many different designs, air mattresses and air pillows to smooth out the bumps and hollows of the ground, folding cots, beds, stools, chairs and tables.

There are gasoline stoves and lanterns for cooking and lighting; there are many types of battery-powered flashlights and lamps; there are portable ice-boxes and coolers, and a variety of jugs and bottles which will keep liquids hot or cold.

These impediments, plus a few elementary tools, a supply of clothespins, enough rope for a clothesline, and an ability (at the Second Class Boy Scout level) to light a fire, make it possible to "live outdoors" in relative comfort, relative safety and relative cleanliness.

SO MUCH for the equipment available. What of the benefits?

Here again each must write his own ticket. For hardy citizens in good physical condition, nothing is quite so rewarding as the long, burdened-down hike; the sleep on the ground under the stars; the smell of campfire smoke, and coffee, and bacon frying. The tired muscles, the knots and stones in his bed, the sand and cinders in his food—all these merely add zest to his adventure. The utter lack of civilization and its encumbrances, and the freshness of the air, the smells and "feel" of the outdoors, are his reward.

The other stages and degrees of "camping out" are only steps, tempered by the need for bodily ease and comfort, toward this ideal.

BEFORE World War II, camping out was mainly reserved for the rugged souls willing to put up with hardship and inconvenience for the sake of returning to nature periodically.

But since then, with the added hours of leisure enjoyed by so many more Americans, plus the development of equipment to cater to their desires, camping has had a tremendous boom. It is parallel to the boom in boating, in handicraft hobbies, and in other forms of off-duty activity.

Forward-looking governmental agencies are straining to provide for this tremendous and growing demand for outdoor facilities. Those which do not are going to find themselves "out on a limb," both with their own constituents and with tourists who are attracted to such accommodations.

OUTSTANDING among these are the state park systems of Oregon and California. In our neighbor to the south, off-shore oil provides the lion's share of the funds for the state park camps, although modest fees add to this income. As a result, the camps are adequately staffed, beautifully maintained, and laid out with care and imagination. As a result, they are often filled to overflowing during July and August, and even in the colder months have a steady clientele.

Oregon, with far less money, has done a highly creditable job, as far as it goes. It is expanding the system just as rapidly as available funds will allow, and highway department figures reveal the Oregon parks have about as high a per capita use as those of any state in the nation.

COUNTIES, and even cities, power companies and lumber firms, too, are getting into the act. Notable in Oregon are the county parks in Lane and Douglas counties, which operate on budgets substantial enough to provide both adequate maintenance and growth for the future demand.

(Counties such as Jackson, which ignominiously bring up the tail end of the procession, do not speak well for the foresight of their governments.)

The Forest Service, the National Parks system, and to lesser degrees other federal agencies, are doing their best with limited funds to provide for the present campers, and the millions more who within the next few years will be swarming into the outdoors.

"Outdoor living," including patio, city park, picnic ground, and camp ground, is one of the larger ripples in the "wave of the future." And, for our money, it is a clean, wholesome and desirable one, too.—E.A.



Phil Witte
 "Yeah, Dennis can really clobber a baseball. In fact, for his age... GAY, WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT, WILSON?"

Defense Department To Probe Deaths of Three From Cancer

Washington — The Defense department has agreed to make a formal investigation of the deaths from cancer of three youths after exposure to nuclear radiation of tests in Nevada.

The action was announced by Rep. Thomas L. Ashley (D-O.), Tuesday after he received assurances from Assistant Defense Secretary Frank B. Berry that "a full inquiry" would be made.

Two of the youths came from Toledo in Ashley's district and the third from New York.

The three were close friends in the Army and each died from cancer within a year of each other. None had reached the age of 30.

Strange Coincidence
 Ashley said that Berry told him he was "extremely interested" in the "strange coincidence" of the three deaths.

As Ashley's office said the two youths from Toledo were Pfc. Dale B. Mock and Larry H. Fitz. Ashley's office did not know the name of the New Yorker.

Last week Ashley wrote Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson suggesting that a thorough study be made of the health of the former servicemen who were exposed to the effects of nuclear testing.

Believes Study Needed
 Ashley said today he still believes the study is needed. Ashley also wrote to Army

Secretary Wilber M. Brucker protesting the Army's handling of the cases.

As Ashley said he learned about the cancer deaths of the two Toledo men and the New Yorker "some time ago."

"When I learned that the three youths had participated in the 1952 tests near Las Vegas, Nevada," Ashley told Brucker, "I directed a routine request to the Army for verification of the various stations where one of the Toledoans had served. Officially Informed"

"I was officially informed by the Army that the youth, Pfc. Dale B. Mock 'was never' stationed anywhere near Las Vegas, Nevada."

As Ashley said, however, that he subsequently received letters and postcards written by Mock to his wife and family bearing the postmark April 20, 1952, Las Vegas, Nevada.

"I also have sworn statements from the boy's relatives and friends," Ashley said, "which describe his account of how he felt as he lay in a slit trench within range of the nuclear explosion."

Forests Earn Record \$56.5 Million in '56

Portland — The 19 national forests in the Pacific Northwest earned a record-breaking \$56,500,000 in net receipts during the last fiscal year, according to figures from Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone.

He said the total was some two million dollars higher than that for the previous year which was also a record breaker.

Biggest money-maker in the region was Oregon's Willamette National Forest with receipts totaling nearly ten million dollars.

Five other forests in Oregon and three in Washington had receipts of more than three million dollars. They were, in Oregon, the Umpqua with \$5,396,000; Siuslaw \$4,840,000; Mt. Hood \$4,190,000; and the Deschutes \$3,022,000.

In Washington they were the Gifford Pinchot Forest with \$6,705,000 and Mt. Baker \$3,770,000 and the Olympic with \$4,705,000 and Mt. Baker \$3,770,000.

Bulk of the revenue came from timber sales. Only one per cent came from livestock, grazing, power fees and fees from other land uses. The law requires that national forest funds returned to local government be used for public roads and schools.

Hatfield Leaves for Boston Meeting
 Salem — Secretary of State Mark Hatfield left here Tuesday for the annual meeting of the Association of Secretaries of State in Boston.

Eisenhower Doctrine Declared Ineffective in Syrian Crisis

By DONALD J. GONZALES
 United Press Correspondent
 Washington — The Eisenhower Doctrine is ineffective for dealing with the current pro-Communist crisis in Syria.

Worry talk and hope—in large amounts—seem to be about all the United States can do in the immediate emergency. Moscow and its Syrian puppets are calling the grab-for-power tune and probably will continue to do so for some time.

When Congress approved the Eisenhower Doctrine last March there was some faint hope it might deflect Syria and Egypt from their policy of coddling up to Moscow. The idea was that the two anti-Western nations might at least be forced to return to a more neutral course in their East-West relations.

Trial of Girard May Determine If U.S. Troops Will Stay Abroad

By JOHN ZIMMERMAN
 United Press Correspondent
 Tokyo, Japan — An American soldier-diplomat said today the Japanese trial of Specialist 3rd Class William S. Girard may determine whether the United States will continue to station ground forces in foreign countries.

Col. Alvin M. Owsley, of Dallas, said most Americans believe the Supreme Court "went too far" when it consented to permit a Japanese court to try Girard for an offense committed while on duty.

The 68-year-old Texan, who is an attorney in private life, questioned the constitutionality of the "administrative agreements" that enable foreign courts to try U. S. soldiers.

Owsley, a former commander of the American Legion, will sit in at the Girard trial at the request of the Legion's present chief, W. C. Daniel.

In addition to his military career, Owsley is a former U. S. minister to Romania, Ireland and Denmark.

He noted that the manslaughter trial of the young American soldier by a Japanese court made up entirely of judges would deprive him of his constitutional right of trial by jury. He added that a great deal may depend on the verdict.

"There are responsible authorities in America who advocate the withdrawal of all U. S. ground troops from foreign countries throughout the world," Owsley said.

"They are saying that 'we need only the Air Force and Navy and a token ground force stationed abroad to curb the Communist menace.'"

"The outcome of this so-called Girard case may determine whether U. S. ground forces are removed from this and other countries of the world."

Killed Japanese Woman
 Girard, while on duty as a

guard at a U. S. firing range, accidentally killed a Japanese woman who was scavenging scrap brass from the range. An empty cartridge case fired from his grenade launcher as a warning struck the woman in the back.

Japanese authorities waived jurisdiction today in a generally similar case, involving a U. S. flier whose light plane hit and killed a Japanese woman bicyclist.

The Mito district attorney's office said it is up to U. S. authorities to determine whether Lt. John L. Gordon, of Erie, Pa., was guilty of negligence.

A 5th Air Force spokesman would say only that "the case is being reviewed."

Gordon was taking off when his plane suddenly lost altitude, either because he retracted the flaps too soon or because they were defective. The tail wheel dragged along the ground for several feet, hitting the bicycle and killing the Japanese woman.

Regular Television Season Seen As Lump of Medium-Tedium by Ewald

By WILLIAM EWALD
 United Press Correspondent
 New York — The regular 1957-58 TV season seems to be shaping up as a lump of medium-edium. It'll be up to the "one-shots" to shoot some juice into the schedule.

At NBC-TV, those one-shots used to be called "specials," a word coined by President Pat Weaver. Weaver has since departed and so has the word. NBC-TV now calls them "specials."

Over at CBS-TV, they're officially called "special shows." Unofficially, however, everyone at CBS calls them "specials." You figure it.

ABC-TV has no problem at all. It doesn't call them anything. That's because it doesn't have any. That is, unless you stretch a point and count two spectacular special one-hour shows that Frank Sinatra will do in addition to his regular half-hour series in ABC-TV.

Something For Everyone
 Like smorgasbord, the NBC-CBS spectacular - specials will contain something for everybody this season. The specs that'll catch the most eyes should be NBC-TV's "Annie Get Your Gun" Nov. 27 with Mary Martin and CBS-TV's "Aladdin" (no date) with a book by S. J. Perelman and a score by Cole Porter.

CBS-TV's first spec will be "Crescendo," Sept. 29, a 90-minute extravaganza that will offer everything but Asiatic flu. Lined up so far are: Ethel Merman, Rex Harrison, Peggy Lee, Benny Goodman, Louis Armstrong, Mahalia Jackson, Dinah Washington, Eddy Arnold and the Turk Murphy outfit.

CBS-TV also has scheduled Mark Twain's "The Prince and the Pauper" Oct. 8, and a musical version of "Junior Miss" (no date). The network also will preempt Ed Sullivan on Oct. 13 to offer "The First Edsel Show" with Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Rosemary Clooney and Louis Armstrong.

Along with these, CBS-TV also will beam out five other dramas and one musical (no properties selected yet), five one-hour Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz shows and a repeat of the movie, "Wizard of Oz."

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