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Flight o' Time

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

10 YEARS AGO

Aug. 28, 1947 (Thursday) Sales and cigarette taxes are to be voted on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

20 YEARS AGO

Aug. 28, 1927 (Sunday) The forty-fifth annual reunion of Southern Oregon soldiers' and sailors' association will be held next Friday at the army.

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 28, 1927 (Sunday) Installation of the \$12,000 Reuter pipe organ, purchased by the local Presbyterian church, is scheduled.

40 YEARS AGO

Aug. 28, 1917 (Tuesday) Local man fights arrest for not dimming auto headlights.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. Does the Coast Guard operate airplanes as part of its standard equipment?
2. The fall of Constantinople occurred in 1453, 1492, 1516, or 1620?
3. Bible: Name the twin brother of Esau.
4. Ibn Saud is king of which country?
5. The New York Stock Exchange was founded under a tree: Was it a beech, oak, ash, or buttonwood tree?
6. Reinhard Heydrich, assassinated in Prague in 1942, held what position in the Nazi organization?
7. How many children did George Washington have?
8. Did Neville Chamberlain resign as British Prime Minister in 1938, 1939 or 1940?
9. Is "hoping" the present or past participial of "hope"?
10. "What I ha' seen since ocean steam began leaves me na doot for the machine: but what about man?" Did G. S. Lee, Burns, or Kipling write this?
Answers: 1. Yes. 2. 1453. 3. Jacob. 4. Saudi Arabia. 5. Buttonwood tree. 6. He was chief of the Gestapo. 7. None. (although his wife gave birth to four by a previous marriage, two of whom died in infancy). 8. 1940 (May 10). 9. No. "Hoping" is. 10. Kipling.

Charge Dismissed in Massachusetts Court

Natick, Mass.—An 18-year-old speeding charge against Carl Altman, 58, was dismissed by Judge H. Edward Snow for lack of prosecution. Altman learned of the violation when applying for a Massachusetts driving license. He told the court he had been residing in Florida for 18 years and knew nothing of the infraction. Judge Snow tossed the case out when police reported that the complaining officer had retired from the force 15 years ago.

Driver Improvement Course

Sometime next week, Miss Noreen Kelly, Medford's municipal judge, for the first time will assign some traffic offender to attend the city's new "driver improvement school."

This is a departure for this city, and it is a means of traffic improvement not much used in this part of the country.

But elsewhere, in parts of California and the east, it has proven successful in its objectives of improving the attitudes of drivers, and of helping them to improve their skill.

IT IS also hoped that substantial numbers of those taking the class will be "volunteers," who feel that professional and expert instruction in the art of driving, and knowledge of the factors good drivers should know, are important, and take advantage of the course sort of as a "refresher."

It would also be an excellent idea for those planning to obtain a driver's license to attend the course.

In the nature of things, however, it must be assumed that the bulk of the students will be traffic offenders whom the judge persuades to take the classes.

EACH session of the course will have two meetings, and there will be two sessions a month. Principal instructor will be Police Capt. Clyde Fichtner, but he will call on other traffic experts and officials from time to time.

The course will be fairly flexible, and can cover as many different phases of traffic safety as seems desirable.

The principal objective will be to instill and encourage an "attitude" toward driving—one that acknowledges that driving a high-powered vehicle on crowded streets is a privilege, that each driver has a high responsibility for the life and property of his neighbors, and that by more skilled and careful driving, our accident rate can be cut down.

MUCH of the success of the experimental course will, of course, depend on the manner in which assignments to take it are made, and much will depend on the skill, tact and attitude of the instructor.

But, too, as in all situations, public acceptance and support can make the program a significant success; opposition could defeat its purpose and make it worthless.

We will watch its progress with interest and optimism.—E.A.

We'd Resign

We read with an almost unprecedented lack of enthusiasm about the "stunt man" over at Klamath Falls who proposes to go over the Klamath Falls on the Link river in a barrel.

Our first reaction was a noise which no one has ever learned how to spell.

The second was the more temperate reflection that people have been making blankety-blank fools of themselves for several thousands of years, and there's no real reason to expect any change.

THE thing that really cooled us off, though, was to learn that this silly tomfoolery was actually being sponsored by the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce.

Frank Tucker, a normally level-headed and personable young man, the manager of the KF chamber, told the newspaper there that "We are embarking upon a campaign to make Klamath Falls the Niagara of the Northwest," and added that he expects honeymooners from all parts of the nation one day will consider Klamath Falls the "traditional destination of their wedding trip." He foresees considerable tourist traffic resulting from the chamber's publicity program.

If we were a member of the Klamath chamber, and saw our good dues money going for such hogwash, we'd get out so fast it'd make their head swim.—E.A.

Auto Thefts

Of all major crimes, automobile theft is probably the most prevalent.

Some of it, of course, is done with the ancient profit-motive of crime in mind. But even more than this, the stolen automobile offers fast transportation to a criminal. And the prevalence of cars, and their unique advantages, sometimes make auto theft a "challenge" to young people, whose objective is simply a "joy ride."

Despite this, all of which is well-known, many people do not take adequate precautions against theft when leaving their car.

THE worst offender in this regard is, of course, the driver who leaves his car unlocked and with the key in the ignition. This is practically an "invitation" to have it stolen, and by far the largest number of stolen cars were so left.

Even the lack of keys will not seriously hamper the knowledgeable thief so long as the doors are not locked. By switching wires under the hood, someone with mechanical "know-how" can start a car without one. But locking the car windows and doors will discourage all but the most determined thief who has plenty of time to work at the job.

In cases where it is necessary to leave the car for long periods unattended, some authorities recommend removing a small but important part of the mechanism—such as the distributor head—which will prevent anyone from starting or driving it.—E.A.



In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The department of agriculture announces in Washington that farmers received the highest prices in three years for their marketings last month. The new price figures extended a steady climb that got under way last February. Farm commodity prices in mid-July reached 247 per cent of the 1910-1914 average.

Great Propaganda Effort by Russia Seen by Observers

By K. C. THALER, United Press Correspondent. London—Diplomatic sources cited evidence today that Moscow has embarked on its greatest propaganda war, in a bold attempt to bluff its way through a host of internal and external troubles.

The Soviet strategy which has begun to unfold in recent political, military and economic moves was said to have been initiated personally by Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev, struggling for supreme power in the face of considerable internal difficulties, apparently has decided to launch a "steamroller" strategy to bluff his opponents at home and abroad into submission.

ST. MATHEW tells us: "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" We might paraphrase his question in these modern days and ask: What difference does it make if you have more money in your pocket than ever before if everything you buy costs more than ever before?

THAT is the nub of the farmer's situation. It is the nub of the whole business of inflation.

THE 64 billion dollar question: WILL THEY BE BETTER ABLE THAN MEN TO RECOGNIZE THE BUNCOMBE THAT IS FED TO US BY THE POLITICIANS?

HASN'T HEARD SONG. Washington—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said Tuesday he still hasn't heard the new song, "I Made A Fool of Myself Over John Foster Dulles." The State Department received a transcription of the song Monday.

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Wisconsin Democratic Victory For Senate Hurts Republicans

By RAYMOND LAHR, United Press Correspondent. Washington—Wisconsin's senatorial election returns have hit the Republicans where it hurts.

They counted on winning the Wisconsin Senate seat to keep them on the threshold of control of the Senate. They would take over if and when an act of God enabled a Republican governor to appoint a senator to replace a Democrat who died.

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insurance that they would retain control of the Senate until after the 1958 elections. And they rate as favorites to stay in command after 1958.

Kohler Backed Ike. The Republicans can blame their defeat on Wisconsin's strange breed of politics. Otherwise, they must hunt for alibis based on a party split, stay-at-home voters, throat-cutting by conservative Republicans and continuing GOP trouble in the farm belt.

Tuesday's special election in Wisconsin was held to fill the vacant seat of the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, who was an admirer of President Eisenhower.

Kohler is an Eisenhower Republican, a former three-term governor, who won the senatorial nomination by polling less

than a majority of the primary vote against a field of conservative or anti-administration Republicans.

Long before the primary, it was easy to find conservative Republicans in Wisconsin who would argue that Kohler would be a weak candidate. Now they can say, "We told you so."

A Different Story. It has been less than 10 months since Eisenhower carried Wisconsin by a landslide majority of more than 60 per cent of the vote. At the same time, Sen. Alexander Wiley, an Eisenhower Republican, was reelected by polling 58 per cent.

Now, 14 months before the 1958 congressional elections, Proxmire has polled close to 60 per cent of a much lighter vote and put a Democrat in a Wisconsin Senate seat for the first time since 1932.

While the Republicans may find it impossible to write off the Wisconsin results as meaningless, the Democrats may have trouble determining just why they won. Party managers had viewed the election—without much optimism—as the first test of the issue they think will overshadow all others in 1958. That issue is tight money and the rising cost of living.

But they did not think that the Proxmire campaign had thoroughly exploited the issue. Maybe it didn't need to be exploited.

The Democrats also want to keep the farm issue alive against the Eisenhower administration and they may be doing just that. It was in Wisconsin four years ago that they elected a Democrat to a House seat from a farm district where they had made an insignificant showing for years.

Without the Eisenhower name on the ballot Tuesday, Proxmire outpolled Kohler in most of the rural districts of Wisconsin.



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On The Side

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The New York City taxicab rates, regulated by law, are the lowest in the United States. They are "Twenty-five cents for the first fifth mile, and 5 cents for each fifth thereafter."

In the old time cab the rate for a mile and a half was 75 cents. In the modern taxicab it comes to only 50 cents. And the cost of living today in New York City is four times higher than it was a half a century ago. No wonder the New York taxi skippers say they must have tips to acquire a living wage.

Plump Infants. How much did you weigh at birth? Mrs. Magdalena Lake of Johannesburg, South Africa, mothered 12 children whose total weight at birth was 159 pounds. The smallest at birth weighed 10 1/2 pounds. The largest at birth weighed 18 pounds four ounces. Three weighed 12 1/2 pounds each at birth. All the rest were over 13 pounds when born. All are living. When Mrs. Lake had her first child she weighed 115 pounds. When she gave birth to her last child she weighed 275 pounds.

Charming Place. The other night we dined at one of those country inns which our feminine friends usually describe as "charming." It was charming insofar as the interior decorating was concerned. The view from the dining room was magnificent. Where we made our mistake was not in asking for a view of the kitchen. We subsequently suffered from attacks of food poisoning. I have found that this happens more frequently in inns and restaurants described as "charming" or "quaint" than in other dining places. So when a restaurateur raves about the charm or quaintness of his place agree with him but politely ask "Now may I see your kitchen?"

Sidelines. Am asked the maiden name of Cyd Charisse. It was Tula Ellice Finklea. Charisse is the name of her first husband. According to latest report 95 per cent of New Yorkers are born in hospitals. I was born in New York. But at home. So my mother knew for certain she got the right baby.

Passing By. Vincent Lopez, Dean of dance band maestros. Has been an outstanding attraction on Broadway for nearly 40 years. And a hit on the airwaves, radio and television, for 25 years. He began his entertainment career as the piano player for the great vaudeville act of Pat Rooney and Marion Bent. As a bandmaster he was a major factor in popularizing the rumba in this country. He began it with playing that lively tune titled "The Peanut Vendor" written by Marion Sunshine, L. Wolfe Gilbert and Moises Simons.

Record. As previously noted, a player at Prince Rainier's Monte Carlo gambling joint is reported to have made 32 consecutive passes at the craps table. That is the world's record. Incidentally, before you play craps again at Monte Carlo, Las Vegas or Havana, read John Scarne's highly informative book titled "Craps." A study of that will decrease your gambling losses.

Wedding Party. What dancing are the fathers of the bride and groom expected to do at a wedding party? What dance does the bridegroom have with his mother-in-law. That is what a couple of Baltimoreans are arguing about. They ask for a decision. The bride's father asks the bridegroom's mother for the first dance. The bridegroom's

AF Captain Awaits Court-Martial

Agana, Guam.—An Air Force captain from Colorado awaited a court-martial today on a charge of breaking into a women's barracks and stealing seven pairs of panties and a swim suit.

The officer is Capt. Norman K. Day, 40, Grand Junction, Colo., commander of the 43rd Bomb Wing at Andersen Air Force Base here. He was held under custody of the wing commander.

Col. Gilbert F. Friedericks, base commander, has ordered his subordinates "to throw the book" at Day for the alleged theft.

Miss Jacqueline Fritz, a secretary whose room was ransacked, said Day took two pairs of panties on a clothesline outside the barracks, then entered her room and took three more pairs and a swim suit from a locker.

Another woman occupant of the barracks said she discovered Day while he was trying to break into another room. Air Force police arrested him.

The barracks houses eight Air Force women employees. The Air Force said the incident occurred Saturday night.

Day is the father of two children.

Congress Says Son Of Couple Is Legal

Washington.—Congress declared Monday that four-year-old Michael D. Owens is the legal son of Verne and Elizabeth Owens of Milwaukee, Wis.

The child's adoptive father died in 1954 before the state adoption proceedings were final, and federal officials ruled that the child could not be considered Owens' son for purposes of social security benefits.

The bill, passed by the Senate Monday, goes to the president.

OLCC Names New Enforcement Chief

Portland.—A 55-year-old Allan D. Curtis, Portland, has been appointed to the top enforcement position with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, according to Chairman Hugh R. Kirkpatrick.

Joseph I.ance, OLCC administrator, had said before that he favored hiring an enforcement chief, someone outside the present list of OLCC employees.

Curtis will take over early next month.

AN ARTY CREW

New York.—It was never like this on the original Mayflower. Sixty art students climbed all over the Mayflower II Tuesday, using it as a model for their sketches.

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Hi-Lites IN THE HISTORY OF PHARMACY

In 1240, the German Emperor Frederick II issued an edict which was to create pharmacy as an independent branch of public welfare service.

The three essentials were— 1—Separation of the pharmaceutical from the medical profession. 2—Official supervision of pharmaceutical prescription. 3—Compulsory use of a prescribed formula.

The first Pharmacopoeia published were not all uniform in strength causing much danger to the public when powerful preparations were ordered in one country and dispensed in another.

It's unusual to be able to attend a championship sports event without buying an admission ticket, but its possible this week at the Rogue Valley Country club. There is no charge for spectators at the big Southern Oregon Golf tournament which starts today and runs through Monday, Sept. 2.

And, remember, for RELIABLE PRESCRIPTIONS it's CENTRAL REXALL DRUG at the corner of Main and Central.—adv.

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