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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 Sept. 6, 1947 (Sunday)

Senator Wayne Morse and Congressman Harris Ellsworth to speak at a dinner meeting of Medford chapter of the Oregon Council of Republican Women.

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 6, 1937 (Monday)

Jacksonville High school entered by thieves sometime in past 10 days.

30 YEARS AGO Sept. 6, 1927 (Tuesday)

40 YEARS AGO Sept. 6, 1917 (Thursday)

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

- 1. Which U.S. President served the shortest length of time? 2. The South Pole was first reached by Capt. James Cook, Roald Amundsen, or Adm. Richard E. Byrd?

Medford Man Appears In Municipal Court

Richard Victor Mealy, 1605 West Main st., pleaded guilty in municipal court Thursday to charges of selling produce from a vehicle inside the city limits.

The Vanishing Bell

Bells—those clarion-voiced criers of the past—have all but faded away. It's too bad.

Bells have been replaced by buzzers and honkers and tooters and clangers and whistlers. Only a few real bells remain.

There's a big one mounted outside the main fire station at the corner of Front and Third sts., but it is no longer in use, and serves only as a reminder of the day when the clear tones of the bell could mean many things.

FIRE Chief Gordon Barker says it was purchased with money out of the pockets of the volunteers of Medford's first two fire companies "way back when."

For years it was mounted on a tower over the old City Hall, but has not been used since about 1929, when a compressed-air whistle was substituted. In about 1937, it was moved to its present location.

Bells on fire vehicles are seldom used any more. American La France, one of the larger manufacturers of fire vehicles, still puts them on, according to Chief Barker, but they're more ornamental than anything else.

Time was when firemen clanged them as a warning when returning from a fire, but today the big red trucks modestly obey all the traffic rules on the way "home."

COUNTY School Superintendent Alf Mekvold reports that in Rogue River, the school still has a turret and bell, and that it is still in use to summon children to their studies.

At Griffin Creek school, the old bell came down a few years ago, but instead of being sold, tossed away or junked, was mounted outside the school as a memento—as was the big fire bell.

There may be others of which we've never heard. Perhaps a few of the smaller churches still let the clear sound of a bell summon its members to worship. But if so, we don't know where they are.

UP IN Salem, the editor of the Statesman (a one-time school teacher), writes nostalgically of bells, too, but points out that quite a few still remain in the Willamette valley on some of the smaller schools, although they are getting scarcer, and their value has gone up among collectors of antiques.

In Europe, which clings more stubbornly to tradition than do we in our new land, bells remain, principally in the churches, but also elsewhere. We understand that the famous bell at Loyds is still rung to signal the sinking of a ship.

It is interesting to note how bells have entered into our language in many connotations. They have been the subjects of song and poem and story, of legend and tradition.

BELLS have been used to announce birth, death and marriage. They have called to study and to worship. They have warned of trains and fire eignes, and of ships and of shoals.

They have summoned ranch-hands to dinner and monks to their labors. They have decorated the necks of horses and camels and elephants and yaks. They have amused babies and solaced the aged.

It seems sort of too bad to see them vanishing so rapidly, for, in beauty or in sentiment, they can never be replaced successfully by buzzers, honkers or tooters.—E.A.

Progressivism Assimilated

Some of the schools in the valley opened this week, and the rest—most of them—will reopen Monday.

We get a special sort of thrill watching the youngsters trooping back on the first day of school—or hesitantly entering the strange new world for the first time.

There's always something hopeful about the sight. Some few of them will fall by the wayside as they grow older, but the majority will grow into useful citizens. And the schools, as such as any force outside the home, will help show them the way.

AS IS inevitable, the debate of "traditional" (or conservative) versus "progressive" education receives each year about this time. A debate on the subject was staged over in Coos Bay recently, with Medford's School Superintendent Leonard Mayfield taking part.

"Progressive" education has, in many instances, gone too far in getting away from the fundamental necessities of education. (As a product of a progressive high school to whom the mysteries of algebra and square root are still mysteries, we can personally testify to that.)

But if nothing else, it has succeeded in giving new life, new direction, new imagination to the eternal job of pedagogy. And in most schools these days, the issue is no longer a live one. "Progressive" techniques have been adopted and adapted to instruction in the fundamentals, and everyone has gained.

ONE educator is quoted in this week's Time magazine to the effect that the time has come for a new synthesis, embodying both the thesis of educational fundamentalism and the antithesis of progressivism.

To a degree, varying from school system to school system, his call comes after the fact. No one will argue that audio-visual aids, as an example of progressive techniques, are not good. Nor, on the other hand, can one claim that readin', writin' and 'rithmetic are being unduly neglected any more.

Progressivism isn't dead. It's just assimilated.—E.A.



SEE? I DON'T LOOK LIKE ME AT ALL!

1957 Crop Prospects Better, Babson Says

By ROGER W. BABSON Babson Park, Miss.—Except in a few more or less restricted areas, weather and crop conditions have improved materially in recent weeks.



Roger W. Babson says here are a few highlights in the over-all picture, as I see them.

I look for a 1957 U. S. total wheat crop of around 915,000,000 bushels—down 8 per cent from the 1956 outturn and nearly 20 per cent under the 1946-1955 average.

Other Nature has been kind to several of the other grains. Outturns of barley, flaxseed, oats, and rye may exceed the 1945-1956 average—barley by 48 per cent, flaxseed by 7 per cent, oats by 3 per cent, and rye by 20 per cent.

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WHAT IS heroin? It is a derivative of morphine—which is a grayish-brown drug obtained from the opium poppy. Heroin has an effect similar to that of morphine, but it is more poisonous and much more habit forming.

MANY drug addicts prefer heroin to any other drug. It undermines the emotions and morals of its user perhaps more than any other drug. At first, heroin merely expands the ego of the user and gives him a sense of exaggerated personal value and happiness.

INFLATION makes us feel WONDERFUL. It gives us a sense of security. (At first, that is.) If we work for wages, it offers us the rosy promise that whenever our wages won't buy all the things we need WE'LL GET A RAISE.

SMOKED Ham Hocks 19¢ lb. PORK SAUSAGE 39¢ lb. BEEF STEAK 49¢ lb. SLICED BACON 59¢ lb.

Ike's Administration Not Ready for School Integration Emergency

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Correspondent Washington—The Eisenhower administration was not ready for the Arkansas school integration emergency.



The boss left for a Rhode Island vacation. White House staff chief Sherman Adams is off to a New Hampshire speaking engagement.

Eisenhower's vacation began at a lively pace. By telephone, he was prodding the Justice Department for action. There was a feeling around town that Brownell was stalling for time or a policy inspiration.

Stalling Looked Good Events in Little Rock, Ark., made a stalling strategy look pretty good. The Negro students against whom Faubus imposed a National Guard lockdown made no attempt Thursday to enter Central High school.

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Editorial Comment

TIME TO CHECK RAIL LINES Railroads serving the West Coast are designed to operate as carriers between East and West. Since our railroads were built they have, for the most part, carried the raw products from the West to manufacturing centers in the East.

Now, because a great deal of manufacturing has moved West, railroads are bringing a high percentage of empty cars from the East.

Industry is moving south and west. California is growing in population by leaps and bounds. California is the best market for lumber from the Pacific Northwest.

A revision of the transportation system and rate structure to the north-south remand rather than to the obsolete east-west pattern is badly needed.

The bill was submitted by Eisenhower's attorney general to the Congress. And written into it by administration direction was a specific authorization for the use of the land and sea forces against whomsoever denied a civil right.

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