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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. 18, 1947 (Thursday)

Prices paid for important food commodities in Medford range from 40 per cent on bread to 285 per cent on flour, according to study.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge pot column: "California hunters were hard put on the opening day of the season. In the state seven were arrested for refusal to fight a brush fire, and 20 were summoned for jury service."

20 YEARS AGO

Sept. 18, 1937 (Sunday)

Rogue River national forest receipts for the 1937 fiscal year totaled \$33,412.47.

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce supports Curry county in its suit to enjoin designated mining in the Rogue River watershed.

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 18, 1927 (Sunday)

Marking the end of the first Grange fair ever attempted here, the Jackson County Products show closes following a three-day run.

Myron Carver, Portland, shot and killed while hunting in the Evans creek district.

40 YEARS AGO

Sept. 18, 1917 (Tuesday)

County fair opens with a barbecue served on the Natorium grounds.

Four young men caught trying to evade officers in bringing a quantity of liquor from Hornbrook to Medford area.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Is the capital of the Dominion of Canada located at Montreal, Victoria, Quebec, or Ottawa.
 2. A starfish has four, five, or six points?
 3. Bible: What kind of wood did Noah use to build the Ark?
 4. A puck is used in polo, hockey, or chess?
 5. What was Mohandas K. Gandhi's middle name?
 6. The "Highland Fling" is a folk dance of which country?
 7. Is there a known insulator for magnetism?
 8. Who was Vice-President when Herbert Hoover was U. S. President?
 9. Which of the following three words are misspelled: Accidently, geneology, privilege?
 10. "A wondrous bird the pelican; / His mouth holds more than his bellican/ He takes in his beak enough food for a week/ But I'm damned if I see how the hellican." This was the favorite limerick of which President?
- Answers: 1. Ottawa. 2. Five. 3. "Gopher wood." 4. Hockey. 5. Karamchand. 6. Scotland. 7. No. 8. Charles Curtis. 9. All three. 10. Woodrow Wilson.

STOPPED BY DIME

Milwaukee, Wis. — "Neither a borrower nor a talker be"—advice that would have helped James Harris, 27, who borrowed a dime to make a phone call. The lender turned out to be police detective Williams Brown—who heard Harris mention "police" on the phone. Brown questioned Harris and learned he was wanted for eight parking violations.

The Plane in the Lake

The news that three Roseburg men are attempting to salvage a wrecked aircraft from the bottom of Little Fish Lake, a tiny body of water in the Umpqua river drainage area in the eastern Douglas county, brings vividly to mind the dramatic circumstances of how the plane got there in the first place.

In late January of 1949, an alarm was sounded for a light, two-place plane, piloted by John L. Krause Jr., of Antioch, Calif., a student pilot making his first cross-country solo flight. He was northbound out of Redding, had been sighted in the Klamath Falls area, and beyond that no one knew where he might be.

AIR rescue units, using both aircraft and ground vehicles, moved to Medford from McChord field, and set up headquarters. The rescue plane, a lumbering old PBV amphibian, flew over much of the thousands of square miles of country where the missing plane could have gone down. Other private aircraft joined the search.

Five days passed, and the search, hampered by bad weather and snow-covered forests, was unavailing. The hunt was just about to be abandoned, on the theory that no pilot could have survived the rugged winter weather, even if he had survived the crash.

ABOUT mid-afternoon of the fifth day of the search, a B-26 bomber, bound for McChord field, swung several miles east of its planned line of flight (why it did so, no one was ever told), and the tail-gunner, idly looking down at the snow-covered hills, saw a dot on a patch of white. Curious, he mentioned it to the pilot, who swung the plane back and down to take a look.

As they roared over the steep hills, they saw the patch of white was a frozen lake, the dot was an airplane, and beside the airplane was a tiny figure, waving both arms.

The plane's crew knew nothing of the search, but radioed the CAA in Medford to ask if a downed plane had been reported. The bomber was asked to return, circle Medford, and then lead the big old amphibian over the lake.

THE PBV lumbered after the swift bomber for 45 minutes, and just as the early winter darkness was falling, swooped low over the lake. With the last rays of the sun glinting on it, the bomber dipped its wings, and resumed its flight north, while the amphibian began its laborious circling around, down into the canyon over the lake, then straining every fiber to climb out of the canyon again. Sometimes it seemed to brush the tree-tops.

On the first pass, a kit of medicine and food was parachuted down. On the second, an Army doctor, looking like a man from Mars in his heavy clothing, burdened down by equipment, and protected by a helmet and mask, plunged through the gun-blister of the plane, and floated down into brush at the lakeside. On the third turn, a corporal in the medics followed him. Those on the plane rushed to the side to watch, and nearly wrecked the ancient craft by tipping it with their weight.

MEANWHILE, rescue parties had started by snow-shoe and Sno-Cat for the lake, and "Lucky Johnny Krause" was parachuted out, unharmed, the next day. He'd made a safe belly-landing on the soft snow over the frozen lake, and had found a ranger's cabin with stove wood and food, and had been completely comfortable during the five day search.

The plane was burned before the party left the lake, as it might cause confusion in any subsequent search flights, and since then has rested at the bottom of the lake. The Roseburg men who hope to salvage it believe its remains should be in good shape and worth their efforts.

If they have as much luck as the pilot of the plane had in coming through a potentially fatal experience alive, they'll make it.—E.A.

Sunday Closures?

Should all stores, industries, places of entertainment and service industries close on Sunday? This question, or a modification of it, has been much discussed in recent months. It was reinforced as a matter for debate by the recent Roman Catholic church decree, which restated its old rule against Sunday work of a non-essential character for its communicants.

And another aspect to the debate was added by the Seventh Day Adventist church, which restated its position to the effect that while Sunday closings are a proper matter for consideration by church disciplines, it is not a matter for legislation of the "blue law" variety.

WE HAVE absolutely no objection if the Catholic church, or any other church, wishes to remind its members of the church's rulings and beliefs in the matter. We have no objection to the Adventists' desires to make their Sabbath, which is Saturday, a day of rest for its own members.

But we do have strong objections to ANYONE, ANYwhere telling other people what they should or should not do on Saturday, Sunday, or any other day. If a man who has no strong religious convictions, or differing religious convictions, regarding the Sabbath and its observance, wants to play golf, see a movie, mow his lawn or wash his car, or even keep his store open on Sunday and take his day of rest at another time, that should be his business.

Any widespread legislation or even social coercion designed to force compliance for over-all Sunday closures is destructive to the freedom of those whose beliefs differ, including that large minority—nearly half—of the population which has no church affiliation whatsoever.—E.A.



"YOU WOULD LAUGH IF SOME KID HAD DONE THAT ON TELEVISION!"

GOP Candidate Makes No Labor Concessions In New Jersey Race

By LYLE C. WILSON
 United Press Correspondent
 Washington — Republican Malcolm Forbes is campaigning for the governorship of New Jersey without any double talk to the leaders of organized labor in that heavily industrialized state.



Lyle C. Wilson

Forbes appeared last month before the state council of the CIO in Newark and told the assembled union officials: "I am not your man."

He also told them he rated as a priority their invitation to him to appear before them preliminary to the CIO's public endorsement of a gubernatorial candidate. He said the choice already had been made.

Called "Window Dressing" "The invitation to me to present," Forbes said, "is merely intended as a bit of window dressing to imply that the decision of some of your leaders was reached with an open mind after due deliberation."

However that may be, the CIO heard Forbes and thereupon formally endorsed his Democratic opponent, Gov. Robert B. Meyner.

Forbes says he nevertheless expects a lot of labor votes in November.

His blunt challenge to New Jersey's labor elite was in the tradition of the Robert A. Taft who based his last election campaign on related political theories:

—That stay-at-home Republican or semi-conservative voters could and would win elections if they had someone for whom to vote if they did go to the polls.

—That labor leaders could not deliver the labor vote.

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Race for Space Getting Hotter as U.S., Russia Vie

Washington — The East-West race to conquer space is getting hot.

The Air Force announced last Tuesday it will attempt to fire a research rocket to the unprecedented height of 1,000 to 4,000 miles late this month.

Simultaneously Russia hinted, with the dramatic words "The assault on the universe has begun," that it is about to launch its version of an artificial earth satellite.

From Balloon

The four-stage U.S. Air Force rocket will be launched from a balloon — supported platform 100,000 feet over Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific to help free it from the earth's gravitational pull.

The Air Force said the rocket will be fired strictly as an "exploratory research effort" with no attempt made to have it swing into an orbit around the earth in the form of an artificial moon.

But the rocket, if it reaches the desired height, would probably exceed the 300 to 1,500-mile altitude necessary to set an artificial moon circling the earth in a fixed orbit.

During IGY

Both the United States and Russia plan to launch an earth satellite — or several — during the 18-month worldwide scientific discovery period known as the International Geophysical Year. While this country has disavowed any race with Moscow, the world is watching with interest to see which of the major East-West powers puts the first artificial moon in the sky.

Radio Moscow, in a broadcast Tuesday, did not actually say when the launching will take place. It said only that Russia "will shortly take the first step into cosmic flight" by launching an artificial satellite early next year.

Military Coup in Thailand Seen As Bad News for United States

By CHARLES M. McCANN
 United Press Correspondent
 The military coup in Thailand is bad news for the United States and its allies in the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization.



Charles M. McCann

Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat, the army commander-in-chief

who overthrew him, is represented also as pro-Western, though he has not been very assertive about it.

But there have been indications that there is a growing trend toward neutralism in Thailand.

Weak SEATO Link
 Whatever happens, Thailand at the moment appears to be a somewhat weak link in the SEATO alliance.

Thailand is one of eight members of SEATO, an alliance was formed in 1954 to combat the expansion of Communism in Southeast Asia.

Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, is the headquarters of

SEATO. Only a few weeks ago, on July 1, Pote Sarasin, Thailand ambassador to the United States, was appointed to the new post of secretary general of SEATO. Hence any big political upheaval in Thailand is an unwelcome development.

One encouraging thing is that the new leaders as well as the old ones appear to be firmly anti-Communist.

Election Turbulent
 The political situation in Thailand has been getting more turbulent since the parliamentary election of last Feb. 26. Pibul's Government Party won 85 of the 160 contested seats for the National Assembly, the single-chamber parliament. Under the Thai election law, the government appointed an additional 160 members.

Pibul's political opponents charged that the election was stolen.

Last week a group of army officers led by Sarit demanded the resignation of the entire government. Pibul refused. His overthrow followed.

Applications Available For Civil Service Jobs
 Examination applications are now available at the Medford post office for the civil service positions of vessel and aircraft sanitation inspector, quarantine border inspector and quarantine inspector trainee.

The jobs to be filled are for duty with the public health service at quarantine stations within the United States and at certain foreign stations, the commission stated.

U.S. Defenses Don't Rely Only on A-Bombs

Seattle — It may be axiomatic in this Atomic Age that everyone's a loser in a nuclear showdown. But those responsible for the defense of North America aren't counting on it as a martial cure-all.

One of the top brass in the newly-organized North American Defense Command told why Tuesday in a briefing session with approximately 50 newsmen from Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alberta.

Army Brig. Gen. Tom V. Stanton said, "we cannot assure ourselves there will never be another Hitler." He added that North America is safe when the leadership of Russia is not clearly in the hands of one man.

The job of the new defensive partnership between Canada and

the United States is to guard some 15,000 miles of North American sky. Both countries are equal partners in the enterprise with headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Interceptors Frequent
 The three United States and one Canadian air defense officers agreed identification is the continent's prime problem in defense.

Maj. Gen. Harvey T. Alness, deputy chief of staff for the defense command, pointed out more than 600 international flights take off from or land in North America daily.

He indicated frequent cases of doubt require interceptors to go up and take a look to make certain no enemy aircraft is en route to a target.

"Besides defense, our job at Colorado Springs," Alness added, "is to determine when the war is on."

Command Orders Bomarc
 Prior to the briefing on the new defense setup, formalized Sept. 12 after inter-governmental agreement, newsmen were shown Boeing Airplane Co's Bomarc, an intermediate range ground-to-air missile now in production.

Alness said the Bomarc, a 47-foot supersonic rocket capable of carrying a nuclear warhead, would be incorporated into the defense command's arsenal "within the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 1958."

Portland Mayor Freed of All Vice Charges

Portland — Mayor Terry Schunk of Portland was free today of all charges brought against him by a vice-probing Multnomah County Grand Jury.

The last remaining Grand Jury vice indictment against him was dismissed Tuesday in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

Assistant Attorney General Arthur Higgs asked for dismissal of an indictment charging conspiracy to commit subornation of perjury against Mayor Schunk and three others. In each case he said not one of the 24 acts alleged in the indictments constituted a crime. He added, "not one was a conspiracy."

Schrunk 'Very Happy'
 Mayor Schunk said, "I am very happy that the entire situation has been resolved through the judicial system after it was looked at objectively by impartial deputies of the attorney general's office and the duly constituted courts of law."

All other indictments against Schunk have also been dismissed and he was found innocent of the one charge for which he was tried.

Indictments against Deputy Sheriff George Minelli, former District Attorney William Langley, and former Deputy District Attorney Howard Lonergan were also dismissed.

NAVY CROSS HOLDER DIES
 Atlantic City, N.J. — Murry Wolfe, 70, holder of the Navy Cross, senior national vice commander of the Legion of Valor and veteran of three wars, died Tuesday a few hours before he was to have addressed the American Legion convention.

GOP Women Urged To Help Weld Party

Estes Park, Colo. — Three Republican congressmen urged delegates to the National Federation of Republican Women at Estes Park Tuesday to help weld the party together to insure victory over the Democrats in 1958.

The addresses were delivered by two representatives from Colorado, William S. Hill and J. Edgar Chenoweth, and Rep. John Rhodes of Arizona.

VIENNESE LAWYER DIES
 Miami Beach — Dr. Armond Eisler, 77, a leading Viennese lawyer until his imprisonment in Nazi concentration camps, died Monday after a long illness.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer and must be typed. Circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

From Fair Board
 To the Editor: The Oregon State Fair Commission and its manager wish to express through your medium sincere thanks and appreciation to the people of your area who participated as exhibitors, workers or patrons of this year's 1957 Oregon State Fair.

It is the feeling of the Commission that the Fair belongs to the people of Oregon and the success or failure of the Fair is contingent upon your efforts. This year the support of the people throughout the State was enthusiastic and effective. The result was a most successful Fair.

Already we are working on next year's Fair and the Commission and its manager greatly appreciate any suggestions that they may have.

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Hi-Lites
 in the History of Pharmacy
 by ED HALL

The first Pharmacopoeia published under government authority seems to be the one published in Nuremberg in 1542 by a student named Valerius Cordus. This was a collection of medical receipts he had collected from the writings of medical authorities.

The College of Apothecaries at the University of Pennsylvania established March 1821 was changed one year later to College of Pharmacy and it was the beginning of the use of Pharmacy in the drug trade of America.

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