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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. 20, 1947 (Sunday)
More than 80 parents and teachers attend informal meeting sponsored by the Jacksonville PTA Wednesday. From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "The Constitution was 160 years old Wednesday. Some of the country's more liberal thinkers hold it is unconstitutional and needs rewriting."

20 YEARS AGO

Sept. 20, 1937 (Monday)
Selection of jury in trial of local pinball agent charged with organizing and operating a lottery under way. The Southern Oregon Sales, Inc., packing plant opens to public.

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 20, 1927 (Tuesday)
Surveyors working in the Butte Falls timber district complete project and depart. James H. Owen, general manager of the Owen-Oregon company, starts remodeling and rebuilding the Frank G. Owen home on Siskiyou Heights.

40 YEARS AGO

Sept. 20, 1917 (Thursday)
The biggest feature at the Rialto theater so far this week is Gladys Hulette in "Candy Girl." Nine fires of suspected incendiary origins started in Jackson county timber.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Is mate a substitute for spices, sugar, tea, or rubber?
2. Is acrophobia the fear of depths or the fear of heights?
3. Bible: Are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John within that term designating "the definite article"? If so, name the article.
4. What position in the Armed Forces did Ovetta Culp Hobby hold during World War II?
5. To which group of islands in the Western Hemisphere are the terms "Greater" and "Lesser" applied?
6. With which large university was the name Nicholas Murray Butler associated?
7. Is the Welland Canal in Egypt, the Netherlands, Canada, or the United States?
8. Is tung oil obtained from the leaves, the fruit, or the root of the tung tree?
9. "He is a success and his painting is also a success." Is either "success" properly used in the sentence?
10. "An angel with a trumpet said, 'Forevermore, Forevermore, The reign of violence is o'er.'" Did Longfellow, Whittier, or Poe write this reference to peace?

Answers: 1. Tea. 2. Fear of heights. 3. Yes. (Writers of "The Four Gospels"). 4. Commanding Officer of the WAC. 5. Greater and Lesser Antilles. 6. Columbia University, New York City. 7. Canada. 8. Fruit. 9. No. (Success applied to a person or thing is colloquial). 10. Longfellow.

CORN CHALLENGE

Kokomo, Ind. — (U) — Iowa corn may be knee-high by the Fourth of July, but farmer John Cheek wants to know what it has done recently. Cheek has a 16-foot stalk of corn on his farm — a South American import.

Red Hats and UMC

Two wholly unrelated projects got under way this week.

They are the annual fund-raising drive of the United Medford Crusade, which began Tuesday, and the state-wide "Red Hat Days," which start today.

They are unrelated in purpose, but they do have one similarity which is worthy of note. They are both organized efforts of a lot of unselfish people to accomplish something for the good of the community as a whole.

THE United Medford Crusade should be well known to everyone in Medford, for it is an organization which has the double purpose of providing support for 25 worthy agencies, and only making one fund drive each year, rather than a separate one for each agency.

It is not strictly a "charitable" organization, although several of the agencies have charitable purposes. Mainly, however, money raised by the UMC goes to groups which have the purpose of making this a better community and a better state.

Who, for instance, can imagine an up-to-date and progressive city without a YMCA, without the Boy and Girl Scouts, without the Salvation Army or Camp Fire Girls or Red Cross? These are not "charities" exactly, in the sense that they customarily provide aid for the destitute. But they certainly are organizations which no city would want to be without.

IN ADDITION, UMC contributions go for the support of more than a dozen other organizations which do classify as charities — groups which care for unwanted or dependent or orphaned children, for unwed mothers, for prison improvement, and so on.

The third group assisted by contributions are the health agencies — those which provide research and educational funds for cancer, rheumatism and arthritis, mental health.

If one has any interest at all in the well-being of the community, the UMC could be classed as a great bargain. And that's just what it is.

"RED Hat Days," with a differing objective, also works for the good of the community — the safety of Oregon's thousands of hunters, and for the well-being of the ranchers and loggers and the rest of us who depend on forests and fields for our basic economy.

An unthinking shot fired, or a burning match or cigarette tossed away, can lead to tragedy.

The objective is to raise the level of thoughtful care of those who do use field and forest, to save lives, to prevent injuries, and to avoid fire.

The Red Hat pledge binds one "to be law abiding, to respect the rights and property of others, and to be careful with fire and fire arms." In other words, use your head and follow the Golden Rule.

It's simple enough, but it's extremely important. —E.A.

On Walking to Work

In today's mechanized society, the man who walks to work is in such a minority as to be something of a phenomenon.

A man who works in our office, who has been waging a lackluster (and losing) skirmish against encroaching avoidupois, recently joined the depleted ranks of those who walk—at least in the morning. How long his resolve will remain firm is a question in the minds of his family and co-workers.

BUT, for the nonce, he has the satisfaction of feeling self-disciplined and determined; he waves away rides with cheery abandon, and trudges happily through the fresh morning air.

The proffered rides, however, may ultimately be his undoing. The first day he was offered three in the course of the two-mile walk; the second day it was four; the third day five. He sometimes wonders how his will power can persevere in the face of such generosity.

Meanwhile, he has discovered things. He has discovered that one can get a really good look at a new building in the 30 seconds or so it takes to walk past it—a far more detailed inspection than is possible in the brief moment it takes to drive by.

HE HAS found that other householders, too, have crabgrass and dandelions, and it somehow pleases him to know that he is not alone in that problem. He has watched the Fire Chief drive by on his way to work, casting a professional eye at the trash fire en route. He has seen the early workers — the garbage men, milk men, and others — performing their matutinal chores. As his brisk four-miles-per-hour pace brings him into the downtown area, he finds pleasure in the window shopping which he is now permitted.

These are all on the "plus" side of the equation. And another plus has been the beauty of the mid-September mornings; cool, fresh, invigorating, colorful, and with the later heat of the day only a promise in the gleam of the sun.

The minus side contains the aching shin-muscles in legs long accustomed to sedentary ease; the damp glow of perspiration at the end of the journey; the generalized discomfort which he hopes one day soon may be translated into what his physician calls "good muscle tone."

AND what, he thinks forebodingly, of the winter days when darkness remains long after his arising and departing, and when pelting rain, or even snow, will dog his steps? What of those days when Roxy Ann wears a mantle of white, and gloves, earmuffs and overcoat are near-necessities?

That, he has decided, falls into the "we shall see what we shall see" category. —E.A.



It's a good little scooter. He gets about thirty-five miles to a pair of shoes.

Harriman, Armstrong Accuse President of Fumbling in Arkansas

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent

Washington — (U) — Such dissimilar public figures as Gov. Averell Harriman of New York and Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the hot horn, are alike in accusing President Eisenhower of fumbling the Arkansas integration ball.

Armstrong is a Negro, talented beyond most men. Harriman is the Democratic governor of a state in which the Negro vote is one of several powerful minorities. They evidently are alike in desiring a federal crackdown on Gov. Orval E. Faubus who called out the National Guard in Little Rock, Ark.

Harriman, with former President Truman, Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) accused Eisenhower of failing in duty in his relation with integration in Arkansas. Harriman and the others are members of an advisory committee which states policy for the Democratic Party.

Armstrong More Vigorous
Armstrong disapproved of the President in more vigorous language and, what with one thing and another, it appears that the Republicans have not yet made much political hay in the civil rights pasture.

It is strange that this should be so because many persons believe more has been accomplished for Negro citizens' civil rights during Eisenhower's White House tenure than in all the years Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman lived there. Roosevelt never got around to a powerhouse effort for civil rights legislation. Truman tried and failed.

Equally strange is the fact that Vice President Richard M. Nixon has escaped, so far, blame for whatever the administration's critics dislike in Eisenhower's handling of Faubus. Nixon has been the administration whipping boy, especially in the area of rights and the alleged violations thereof.

There has been over the years a substantial effort to get rid of Nixon before he could get his name on top of a Republican presidential ticket and, maybe, be elected. He probably would

be taking a public licking now for any administration sins of omission in dealing with Faubus but for the fact that the vice president long since has been firmly on record with respect to civil rights and Negroes.

He supported last January the effort in the Senate to curb filibusters by changing Senate rules. The proposal lost, 55-38. Nixon and Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) were chief administration strategists in the Senate maneuvers over the 1957 civil rights bill. Southern senators resented and denounced Nixon's show of sympathy for Negro voters.

As of now, Nixon equally with Knowland, would be likely to attract Negro votes if either were nominated by the Republicans for president in 1960. Whether Eisenhower would attract or repel Negro voters is a matter of less importance because he will not be a candidate again.

It is possible, therefore, that to say the Republicans have not made much political hay in the civil rights pasture is to oversell the case. The President may not have made much or any, Nixon and Knowland, however, may wind up with a full barn.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Senator Warren Gill of Lebanon tells a reporter that Oregon Republicans have agreed to a four-point program of action at the special session of the Oregon legislature that will start on Oct. 28. These, he says, are the four points:

1. Reduce existing tax rates so as to eliminate all but 10 million dollars of the state's 69-million-dollar surplus.
2. Repeat the automatic state property tax law.
3. Pass no appropriation measures for new expenditures.
4. Oppose the introduction or passage of new general legislation not related to reduction of taxes or surplus.

As a program, it is sound enough. The big question is CAN IT BE CARRIED THROUGH?

The Republicans are the minority party in the Oregon legislature. They can't guarantee anything.

I'd like to offer another suggestion—to Governor Holmes. CALL OFF the special session. The chances are strong that it will turn out to be another Pandora's box. Nobody knows what will fly out. Once the special session is opened, it will be on

Communications

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Family Doctor Needed

To the Editor: Seldom has Dr. Alvarez offered more valuable advice than that given recently in his Mail Tribune column when he urged those in need of a physician to seek "a good family doctor."

The Rogue valley has a concentration of able doctors, yet it is difficult to secure adequate medical care due to the unfortunate tendency of so many to limit their practice. Thus, instead of general practitioners, we have clinics abounding in which groups of doctors set up shop together, each concentrating on one special aspect of patients' maladies. Conceivably this has advantages. The doctor with limited practice can gain more knowledge in his chosen field than the general practitioner can hope to acquire.

It also has disadvantages in that no one in such set-ups ever seems to have time or interest in seeing the whole picture.

Thus when John Doe enters the clinic, Dr. A. checks his heart condition; Doctor B. devotes his attention to John's digestion; when in comes Dr. C. and decides surgery is indicated. Unless he is willing to take time to confer with his colleagues, which seems not to be customary, judging from a recent unhappy experience in my own family, it is possible for the patient "to die cured" since the surgery may be wholly successful, yet other aspects of John's medical history which Dr. C. loftily chose to ignore as being outside his field, may well prove fatal, or at the very least, serve to greatly hamper John's recovery.

Unless we are very young, most of us are not so fortunate as to have had only one ailment or one injury. As these multiply, each leaves its mark in our physical make-up, and each reacts with the others and with each new disease or injury we acquire. Hence the family doctor is better qualified to treat his patients adequately, precisely because he sees all persons as complete human beings. If more knowledge is required than he possesses, he refers his patient to a qualified specialist, but he does not step out of the picture. Instead he remains as the coordinating element which is so sadly lacking in our local situation yet which is so highly essential if patients are to be restored to health.

Name on File

McCann Balances Bad, Good News of Week

By CHARLES M. MCCANN
United Press Correspondent

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

Tough old Konrad Adenauer, chancellor of West Germany, won a big victory in a parliamentary election.

Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party and its allied German Party won 277 seats out of the total of 497 in the Bundestag, controlling house of Parliament, for a four-year term.

This gives Adenauer a majority of 67 votes over the combined opposition—the Socialists with 169 seats and the Free Democrats with 41.

It was a victory not only for Adenauer but for the Western Allies. It was a corresponding defeat for Soviet Russia.

Russia had campaigned openly and savagely against Adenauer in its propaganda broadcasts because he has brought West Germany into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and because he is a bitter foe of international Communism.

Premier Luang Pibul Songgram of Thailand was overthrown as the result of a military coup carried out by a group of army officers.

Internal political issues brought about Pibul's fall. But the overthrow was an unwelcome development. Thailand is one of the eight members of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization. SEATO's headquarters are in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. Pibul was firmly pro-Western.

The United States had strongly supported Pibul. Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat, who led the coup, is represented also as being friendly toward the West. But he and those associated with him may be influenced by a strong tide of "neutrality" which has been apparent in Thailand in recent months.

The life of France's 22nd post-war government was threatened on the issues of Algeria and farm price controls.

Premier Maurice Bourges

has been ousted.

Jumping from Oregon to the United Nations — which is a rather long leap—India has opened a drive in the U.N. to oust Nationalist China and seat Communist China in its place.

The United States and its allies hope to defeat the move as they have in the past.

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Greater Competition Foreseen by Babson

By ROGER W. BABSON
Babson Park, Mass. — Competition will increase constantly and severely during the next few years.

This "few years" probably means until a severe business depression comes which will wipe out the weak concerns and leave the field only to the strong.

The basic reason is that manufacturers—in order to counteract increased wage demands—are constantly reducing their other costs of production. Although the retail prices of most goods have gone up, yet, except for labor, the cost of actual manufacturing has declined. New machinery, electronics, automation, and other new developments are seeking to overcome the effects of higher wages. As a result, there is a constant struggle between the labor-leader and the inventor. This results in increased production and a surplus of goods. Manufacturers then are forced to create more customers and sell more goods in order to keep their plants running at full volume. Only as a manufacturer is running at full capacity is he able to pay higher wages and produce goods at lower cost.

Subsidies
Certainly if farmers—who are really manufacturers—receive subsidies and other help from Congress, many manufacturers

Maunoury sought desperately to work out a compromise that would win the support of his minority government by disputing Conservatives and leftists on a home-rule plan for Algeria.

The conservatives wanted the plan strengthened so as to safeguard French control over Algeria. The Socialists demanded enactment of the plan as written.

If Bourges-Maunoury got over the hurdle on Algeria, he would be faced by another fight on his system of farm price controls, which he imposed last month as a curb on inflation.

Farm interests, which have powerful representation in Parliament, demand that the controls be scrapped.

The United Nations General Assembly opened its 12th annual meeting in New York.

On its program for discussion were disarmament, Russian intervention in Hungary, a Communist and "neutralist" demand that Red China be admitted to membership, the future of Cyprus and the Algerian rebellion.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles opened debate with a warning that Soviet Russian ambitions in the Middle East might lead to aggression.

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What Retailers Should Do
The next depression will be brought on by automobile congestion or by the fear of fallout due to the threatened Russian "tests." Parking meters are helpful in preventing all-day parkers from hogging the streets; but parking meters may reduce the amount of merchandise sold.

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