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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. 25, 1947 (Thursday)
Funds for construction of a store building in Eagle Point for a blind youth will be raised at a dance.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Snudge Pot column: "The first Californian from Lane county has shown up locally to warn the people against acceptance of the sales tax as proposed in this state."

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 25, 1937 (Sunday)

Ernest W. Winkle, past exalted ruler of the Medford Elks lodge, elected president of the Oregon State Elks association at a business session here.

Warrants charging proprietors of 14 Medford establishments with "promoting and setting up a lottery," served by sheriff's office.

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 25, 1927 (Sunday)

According to A. D. Helms, well-known valley resident, Hollywood agents have been dickering with him for the use of his ranch for studio purposes.

A large Fokker plane, carrying both passengers and mail, flies through Medford on way to San Francisco.

40 YEARS AGO
Sept. 25, 1917 (Tuesday)

The Third Oregon Infantry, except C company and several other companies which remain on guard duty in the state, passed through Medford en route to Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C.

To encourage youth to study state history, the Oregon Society of the Sons of The American Revolution offer prizes for the best essays on American Revolution subjects.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. A centimeter is a French coin, measurement, or small insect?
 2. Do bananas or avocados have the higher food value per pound?
 3. Bible: Was Joseph 24, 30, or 34 years old when he "went out over all the land of Egypt?"
 4. The Roman numerals CCC indicate what Arabic equivalent?
 5. Certain kinds of birds' nest are an article of food in which country?
 6. Is it true that snow never falls in Florida?
 7. What is the adjective derived from the name of a reptile, which describes development of intersecting cracks and ridges, said of films, paint, varnish or the like?
 8. Name the radio and TV ventriloquist who uses the character "Charlie McCarthy?"
 9. Does "folk" properly refer to relatives, friends, neighbors, etc?
 10. "Hew a minority, Reaching a majority, Hates a" what?
- Answers: 1. Measurement. 2. Avocados. 3. 30. 4. 300. 5. China. 6. No. 7. Alligator. 8. Edgar Bergen. 9. No. "Folks" refers to people in the sense of a group. 10. "Minority." —L. H. Robbins.

Taste and Judgement in Art

Judging by the "letters to the editor" columns of the Salem and Portland newspapers, the art exhibit at the State Fair this year created rather more controversy than usual.

The bulk of the letters was from advocates of the more conservative type of art—the representational, or "realistic"—as opposed to "modern" or "abstract" or non-representational art.

They complained that the admissions board chose too many of the latter type for exhibit, not enough of the former, and that in the awarding of prizes, the moderns had all the best of it.

MOST of us these days tend to agree with the classic comment of the man who said "I don't know anything about Art, but I know what I like." And what we like is what we are familiar with, and what we understand.

Therefore, since most people have had little in the way of an art education, and do not understand the methods, or even the approach, of modernistic art, they are much more apt to appreciate the quickly-recognizable, the familiar, and easily-understood paintings and sculptures represented by the non-modern schools.

All this is as it should be. But at the same time, it should be pointed out that with more time and thought and study, the moderns, many of them, have something to say, and many are saying it well.

ONE of the minority of the letters in defense of the moderns came from a Salem woman to the Oregon Statesman. She gives, clearly and concisely, a view which those interested in the subject could well consider. Here are excerpts from her letter:

"I am not going to try to clarify what the painter is saying in a modern abstract painting, but I wonder how many people who dislike distortion realize that the most conservative landscape painting is a distortion . . . This distortion is accepted by people. They are mostly not even aware that they are not seeing as realistically as they imagine. If they will accept the idea then, that all painting is in a sense a distortion of reality, perhaps they can begin to see painting as a language, whose symbols are to be learned. The paint and canvas themselves are a distortion in the sense that they are not air and light as we know them, and therefore a distortion of what we think is reality."

The difference, she seems to be saying, is one not of kind but of degree, with the artist of one school using his media in a traditional manner, and the artist of another in an experimental, but equally valid, manner.

And the point that she makes, that there is room for both, is a good one.

ART in all its forms, and by its very nature, can be judged only in a subjective manner. There are no universally-accepted "rules and regulations" as to what distinguishes good art from bad.

One man can tell another what he likes, and why he likes it, but can't make anyone else like it. Only additional background and knowledge and study can qualify one person as more competent than another in judging the value of a painting, or a piece of music, or a sculpture.

Tastes in art, as in eating, are acquired. It is no more reprehensible to be fond of liverwurst or caviar, which are acquired tastes, than it is to like modern paintings, which is another taste that is acquired only by exposure and understanding.—E.A.

Pole-Less Neighborhoods

Some of the accouterments of civilization, even the less lovely ones, come to be so familiar that little thought is given to them in their more objectionable aspects.

An example is the tall pole, dipped in some sort of preservative, which carries telephone or power wires. We are so familiar with them that we hardly see them, and only when we visit a community which has done away with them are we almost subconsciously aware that something different—and pleasant—is going on.

According to the magazine "Electrical Construction and Maintenance," an entire new community, Elk Grove Village, Ill., will be the first complete town in the nation without either utility poles or TV antennae.

THERE will be some 6,000 homes in this new 1,500-acre residential suburb of Chicago, and each of them will be served with telephone and power inlets underground.

The lower installation and replacement costs, plus the easier availability, probably mean that utility wires always will be with us, particularly in rural and industrial areas. But most people would admit that a pole-less residential neighborhood is a far more attractive one than a block where wire-strung poles dot the landscape.

The magazine reports that installation costs are considerably higher, but that there are compensating factors to the utilities in lower operating and repair costs—meaning trouble-free distribution without tree-trimming or damage caused by wind, rain or ice-storms.—E.A.

Arab Advances To \$8,000 Level

New York — Kamal Mansour, a member of the Arab Druse sect from Isfia, Israel, answered correctly the \$8,000 question on a television quiz show Tuesday night.

In the "Islam, Christianity and Judaism" category on "The \$64,000 Question" Mansour named the city where Mohammed was born (Mecca), the city to which the prophet fled (Medina), and identified a "hadi" (a pilgrim-mage to Mecca).

Then Mansour, the son of a sheik, identified the largest Christian denomination in the world (Roman Catholicism); gave the name of the monk who sparked the birth of Protestantism (Martin Luther); and translated a Jewish prayer.

Michael Smele, 11, Flushing, N.Y., reached the \$1,000 level on the program before time was called. His category is baseball.



"GET YOUR RED HOTS!... I DID PUT MUSTARD ON IT... GET YOUR RED... BEAT IT, KID!... GET YOUR... LISTEN, KID!..."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, Little Rock, Ark., holds the center of the news spotlight. What happened at the Central High school there the other morning was unfortunate because it involved violence. It was fortunate because the violence involved was minor rather than major.

That is to say—It resulted in BRUISES instead of bloodshed. Bruises are easier to forget than the spilling of blood.

A lot of wise and tolerant forgetting is needed at Little Rock.

SOUTHERN governors are holding a conference at Sea Island, in Georgia. Governor Faubus of Arkansas is there. Asked by reporters for comment on the happenings in the capital of his home state, he said the racial violence in Little Rock was the thing he acted to prevent when he called out the National Guard. He adds that he has no plans at this time to call out the Guard again.

That sounds like he is ready to do some forgetting.

At the Sea Island conference, Governor Collins of Florida says:

"If the South wraps itself in a Confederate flag and consumes itself in a racial furor, it will bury itself politically for years."

He was speaking on the subject: "Can a Southerner Be Elected President?"

He says YES, but the Southerner must be "a man of competence and achievement whose alliance to the NATIONAL interest must be forceful, absolute and unquestioned."

NOTE, please, that at this conference of Southern governors no bloody shirts have so far been waved. One reason is that as yet no blood has been spilled on any shirts.

Let's hope it stays that way.

ON a less controversial but still rather interesting subject, we find in the news today this bit of speculation:

The atomic energy commission fired the first known underground nuclear explosion in Nevada last week. THE BLAST MAY HAVE CREATED A TREASURE TROVE OF GEMS FOR SOME FUTURE GENERATION.

The heat and fusion of the underground explosion undoubtedly produced rubies and sapphires AND POSSIBLY DIAMONDS.

H-M-M-M-M-M-M-Do you reckon there is ANYTHING that modern scientific research may not yet be able to achieve?

Market Overselling Said No Guarantee Against More Decline

By ELMER C. WALZER
United Press Financial Editor
New York — Wall Street experts say the market has overdone it again—that it's oversold.

But that does not necessarily mean that there will be no further decline. There's an old market axiom that the lows seldom are set on volume and Monday's shakeout was accomplished on the great activity of the year.

This building up of a decline is a matter of public psychology, according to Mitchell of Canada, noted for his picturesque phrases on the ways of Wall Street.

"One of the most amazing things you can see in the workings of the stock market is the way very intelligent men may be taken down the line by people with much lower IQs," he says.

Try To Keep Calm

"When their stocks start going down, they try to keep calm, but as they see others frantically selling on all sides the herd instinct suddenly takes over and they panic. It is just like a cattle stampede."

"Then when they see a stock that's riding high, an irresistible urge compels them to do what everybody else is doing and climb on the bandwagon."

"Chances are they buy a lot of shares from the smart operators—who bought the stock just after a recent panic at low prices and thus clean up a tidy profit."

"Blind emotions as a guide to picking stocks can only lead to one sure thing—a howling wolf at the door."

Best Way To Profit

"Emotional reactions can never attain the high degree of rationality that is vitally necessary for successful speculation in stocks."

Mitchell suggests that in this market the best way to make money is to liquidate on rallies and buy back on reactions.

He believes the market still is in a bullish long term move and advises against selling quality stocks because the market takes an impenetrable turn for the worse.

"Accumulate only the strongest stocks and short only the weakest," he says.

"So no matter which way the market turns you'll continue to make money."

Multnomah GOP Elects President

Portland — Alan Green, local battery manufacturer, Tuesday night was elected chairman of the Multnomah County Republican Central committee.

Green received 129 votes to 63 for Mrs. Elizabeth Sailor, who was the only other contestant for the position made vacant when Francis I. Smith, Portland attorney, resigned.

A resolution passed by the group approved President Eisenhower's decision to use federal troops in the integration controversy at Little Rock, Ark.

School Absences High at Portland

Portland — School absences in three Portland high schools remained high today but officials said they still didn't know if Asian flu was responsible.

J. W. Edwards, superintendent of schools, said there were 331 absences at Wilson, 314 at Lincoln and 238 at Jefferson Tuesday, more than twice the usual number at this time of year. There were 45 teachers absent.

Tillamook — About one fourth of the high school student body was reported absent from classes Tuesday and school officials said they believed Asian flu was responsible. Some 163 students were absent.

Salem — About half the onion crop of Malheur county has been moved into storage.

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Polish-Occupied Territory in East Germany Seen Future Issue

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent

The future of the East German territory now occupied by Poland is likely to become a big issue before long.

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is expected to take the first step soon toward eventual establishment of formal diplomatic relations with the "independent" Communist Polish government.

When that time comes, the status of the 38,900-square-mile area of Germany east of the Oder and Neisse rivers will become a

topic for discussion and for negotiation.

The territory has been occupied by Poland since 1945. Then, at the Potsdam Conference, the United States, Great Britain and Soviet Russia put the rich territory under Polish administration pending the conclusion of a final German Peace treaty.

Still No Treaty

Twelve years later, no such treaty has been signed. But Russia and Poland regard the Oder-Neisse line as the permanent frontier. The East German Communist puppet government has formally "recognized" the area as permanently Polish. It lacks any authority to give such recognition, of course. The United States, Britain and West Germany still regard the territory

as German, under Polish occupation.

There have been indications for several months that Adenauer thought it would be a good idea to establish relations with Poland.

Adenauer has said repeatedly and emphatically that Germany never will go to war to recover the territory.

Blow Against Adenauer

But the West German government was deeply disturbed when President Tito of Yugoslavia, welcoming Polish Communist Leader Wladyslaw Gomulka to Belgrade for their conference this month, called for the establishment of the Oder-Neisse line as the permanent border.

That development might have ended any prospect of early establishment of relations between West Germany and Poland.

But Adenauer kept his head, and even took things a bit farther in a CBS television-radio interview in Bonn Sunday. When he made it known that he intended first to seek closer trade and commercial relations and then "proceed step by step."

Adenauer did not go into details. But he seemed to imply plainly that he might not insist on the unconditional return of the territory.

Little Rock Dispute Only 'Preliminary' To Deep South Fight

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent

Washington — The dispute over racial integration of Little Rock's Central High school is no more than a preliminary incident in the developing contest over the educational comingling of white and Negro children.

It is not likely to establish a quickly effective precedent.

The showdown will not take place in Little Rock, no matter how President Eisenhower applies federal force unless, perhaps he should proclaim martial law to place a military governor in charge. Arkansas is a border state, evidently substantially divided on integration of the schools.

The showdown will come—if at all—in a wholly southern state such as Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia or Mississippi. Virginia, for example, has erected a bulwark of state law against integration. There is no token integration in Virginia as there is in Arkansas.

Interview With Byrnes

South Carolina law is similar. U. S. News and World Report recently interviewed James F. Byrnes, former associate justice of the U. S. Supreme Court who later served as governor of South Carolina. He was asked if South Carolina would close its public schools to frustrate integration.

"It is already the law of the state," Byrnes replied, "that, if a student be transferred from a Negro school to a white school or from a white school to a Negro school, by order of the court, all appropriations for that school shall immediately cease."

The interview continued:

Q: Wouldn't that be a violation of the Supreme Court order that no state shall take any action along the lines of preventing integration?

A: "Well, I should add that the law says the appropriation shall cease for the school to which the Negro student is transferred and, also, all appropriations shall cease for the school from which he comes."

Q: Does the federal government have power to cause South Carolina to spend money it does not want to spend?

A: "The administrators would not be able to spend it."

Q: Has the federal government any power to compel a state to appropriate money it does not want to appropriate?

A: "No, I can see no way by which a court could order a legislator to vote 'aye' on an appropriation bill instead of 'no.'"

These state laws and any others, of course, must stand or fall

before the Supreme Court.

Thereafter, events in Little Rock, wherever they may lead, probably would be duplicated in greater stress in the deep South.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Oregon Senators Praised

To the Editor: Here is a copy of a letter recently sent to Mr. Art Pullen, U.S. National Bank, Grants Pass, Oregon:

Dear Art: I must protest the remarks which a member of your bank by the name of Baker Ferguson, made concerning our Senators Morse and Neuberger driving new industry away from Oregon, when he apparently addressed a Real Estate convention in his capacity as representing your bank.

As a lumber salesman, I have traveled through most of the States selling lumber, and in so doing, have talked with a number of small and large businessmen, and also people representing corporations and industries of size.

A year ago, when spending two weeks in Washington, D.C., appearing before the I.C.C. to obtain better treatment from the railroads for Oregon Lumber shippers, also when appealing our case before the Senate Foreign Relations committee, which has jurisdiction with the I.C.C., I found our Senators cooperative in every way and they left no stone unturned to aid the Oregon Lumber industry. I certainly consider their efforts as conducive to new industry—after all, over 50c of Oregon's dollar is from lumber. While talking with lumbermen there, plus people in everyday walks of life in that city, which I may observe, are prone to look upon Senators with a jaundiced eye, I can assure you that both of our Senators from the State of Oregon are considered amongst the foremost as men who have encouraged progressive legislation and have the interest of their constituents and new industry at heart in their own State.

Throughout the United States I have further found them to enjoy a good reputation as progressive legislators, and they certainly do not possess the stigma in the eyes of the American public as being servants to the "favored few."

Due to knowing you, I thus protest, as one of your depositors, the remarks of this man, and may I inquire, what industries has the U.S. National Bank brought into the State that our good Senators haven't? I believe when he makes this criticism it should be pointed out what constructive efforts his organization has made that they haven't, and what results they have produced that our Senators have not.

Dana McBarron
Rogue River, Ore.

"A Little Old White Church"

To the Editor: While driving around Sunday, we came upon the scene described below.

I came home with a much happier feeling, and a prayer of thankfulness in my heart, because we selected this lovely valley, as our future home.

Sgt. and Mrs. Owen Williams
Rt. 2, Box 165-B,
Central Point, Ore.

The tall spire of a little old white church, standing stately and dignified, among the mighty oaks, on a quiet street, in a quiet little city.

I step inside, purple lights shining down across the pews and carpets, fine old, yet lovely, stained glass windows, said to be shipped laboriously from Italy by boat, then by oxen, to its present site, a century ago.

The exquisite beauty, and silence, broken only by soft music from an old organ. You feel God's presence very near.

Outside, in a grove of trees, in lovely fall colors, tables set up.

Proud fathers, mothers, fine sons and daughters busily preparing a banquet, in honor to the "salt of the earth" founders. One feels Heaven must be made up of "things and people" like this.

I quietly drove away as a quartet sang—"on a hill far away—"

Fears Pay T.V.

To the Editor: In regards to your "T.V. and Public Welfare" in tonight's paper, this pay for "special" programs for those who wish may be O.K. But what guarantee have those who may not care for it that sporting events such as Game of the Week, the World Series and pro football will not be placed in closed circuit for the "pay" viewers, and lost to those not caring for it?

It would seem that others also among our most popular might be lost to us because of this slot machine T.V.

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