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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. 29, 1947 (Monday)

City police called to investigate burglarizing of three buildings, two of them on the same street.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Snudge Pot column: "Rain is badly needed to start fall grass growing on the hillsides and under feet. It would also make the flower garden weeds easier to pull."

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 29, 1937 (Wednesday)

Charged with selling liquor to Indians, 11 Klamath county men will appear in federal court here.

The Townsend meeting Friday night will be conducted by the ladies' auxiliary.

30 YEARS AGO Sept. 29, 1927 (Thursday)

Rancher of Trail district in critical condition at Sacred Heart hospital with a bullet wound through the abdomen as a result of a moonshine raid at his ranch.

Emergency ordinance passed by the city council closes schools, theaters, places of amusement and public thoroughfares for an indefinite period for children under 16 years of age to protect them against danger of an infantile paralysis epidemic.

40 YEARS AGO Sept. 29, 1917 (Friday)

First annual convention of the Southern Oregon Christian Endeavor societies scheduled Saturday and Sunday.

The Ashland Record contains a "pipe dream" of an alleged meeting between the mayors of Medford and Ashland at the county fair on Ashland day.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Did the Germans occupy Denmark during World War II?

2. ASPCA is an abbreviation for which humane society?

3. Bible: Matthew calls "his own city"—the one place which always took priority during the ministry of Jesus. What is the city?

4. At low altitudes, the boiling point of water is 212 degrees F.; would it require a higher or a lower temperature to boil water on Pike's Peak?

5. Hair does, or does not, grow after death?

6. Does the U.S. Constitution prohibit the election of a President and Vice-President from the same State?

7. Persons born between March 21 and April 23 are born under which zodiacal sign?

8. Name the former ex-Nazi chief in Paris who hanged himself in his cell in Chertres Midi Prison in February, 1948.

9. What is the English pronunciation of "halfpenny"?

10. "The pride of the peacock is the glory of God." Is this reference to vanity from the "Book of Proverbs" or "Psalms"?

Answers: 1. Yes. (April, 1940 to May, 1945). 2. American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. 3. Capernaum. 4. Lower, it would require a temperature of only about 188 degrees F. 5. Does not. 6. No. 7. Aries the Ram. 8. General Otto von Stuepnel. 9. Halfpenny. 10. No. "Psalms of David" by William Blake.

Why Kid Ourselves?

Running through many of the comments, official, editorial and otherwise, regarding the situation in Little Rock, is a strong implication that while the law regarding school segregation should be obeyed, the Supreme Court made a gross error in its interpretation of the Constitution, concerning it.

Those who take this view, we think, should spend a few minutes reading the Constitution, and spelling out exactly where they believe the Supreme Court erred.

NO. 1: They could hardly deny that in Arkansas, and many other southern states, laws have been passed, or official actions taken, which would deny equal rights to school children because of their race and color.

On the ground of color, and that ALONE, they would place all the whites in one set of schools and all the blacks in another.

Now if that isn't a direct violation of the XIV amendment and of the entire spirit of the American freedom and tradition—then what is it? The XIV amendment clearly declares:

"No state shall make or enforce any laws which shall abridge the privileges . . . of the citizens of the United States . . . or deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Were the privileges of those colored citizens of Little Rock who wished to send their children to the Central High school "abridged" or weren't they?

Were their children given equal protection of the laws, or by force did the Governor of Arkansas refuse to grant that protection?

The answer in both instances, appears to us, obvious.

NOW the opposition to such an interpretation in the "Deep South," where, in at least one state, the blacks outnumber the whites, is quite understandable.

But such opposition on the basis of the CONSTITUTION of the United States IS NOT.

In other words, instead of the southern "Nullificationists" asking that the Supreme Court change its decision, it should ask that the U. S. Constitution be changed.

Let the 14th amendment be repealed as the 18th was. Let the people of this country and the world, know that this is no longer a land where all citizens are equal regardless of "race, color or creed," but where the white race is supreme, and where the non-whites are welcome, so long as they behave themselves and willingly accept a curtailed and "second Class" citizenship.

WHY kid ourselves! Or our friends abroad.

That is in a few words, what the South wants, and what many of its most prominent leaders today express a willingness to "fight and die for."

So why not be honest about it?

Instead of picking on the Supreme Court and demanding its change and reconstruction, why not face the facts and pick on the "letter and the spirit" of the Constitution and see that by due process of law, both are CHANGED.

THAT, we grant, would require a major operation.

But as far as the Black South is concerned, that would, we should think, be preferable to the present pretense and hypocrisy, and killing of our traditions of "freedom and equality before the law" by nullification.—R.W.R.

The Fulton-Faubus Hook-Up

The only prominent figure in the newspaper, radio or "T.V." field we have read or heard, who agrees with Governor Faubus, is Fulton Lewis Jr.

We don't know whether the Arkansas Governor heard Lewis over the air the other night, and decided to follow his "line," or whether he thought up his scurrilous attack on the Eisenhower administration himself. In either event here are a couple of ideological Siamese twins as far as the duty of upholding the fundamental law of the land is concerned.

As Lewis pointed out, in effect, it is up to a state whether or not it wishes to enforce the Constitution, as interpreted by the Supreme Court. Also whether it wishes the National Guard—a Guard supported by the government—to turn against the Government and prevent the enforcement of its laws and decrees, or the reverse.

IT was a most inflammatory and subversive harangue, truly shocking, to come from such a supposedly responsible and conservative source. It should lead to the dismissal of Lewis from the nation's airways, or at least the withdrawal of his sponsors, but we don't suppose it will result in either.

We so soon forget!

THE Arkansas Governor followed the same line, compared the calling out of U.S. troops, and the taking over of the National Guard, to the abuses of Hitler's storm troopers in France, and the Kremlin's use of tanks to mow down unarmed and defenseless opponents of Communist tyranny in Hungary!

The Faubus speech was a smoother effort, delivered in an exaggerated tone of pious self-righteousness and martyrdom. But buried beneath that appetizing hunk of "oratorical ham" the sharp jaws of the "bar-trap" were open. If that demagogic appeal obviously triggered especially for home consumption, doesn't lead to further rioting in Little Rock, it won't be because the Arkansas chief executive didn't TRY.

TO anyone who has been in the newspaper business for any length of time, the Faubus type is very familiar.

This type has no regard for facts, no interest in



Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

THE DRAGON IN THE BOX

Little Rock, Ark.—One native of this unhappy city used an odd phrase to describe the situation here. "It's kind of like you put a dragon in a wooden box," he said. "That dragon is sure as hell gonna escape."

In the last few days here, the dragon has all too visibly escaped from the box. For what has happened here has revealed, with awful clarity, the bitter tensions that underlie the placid surface of American life.

Little Rock is, after all, a rather typical American town—throughout the crisis, life has gone on here much as elsewhere, with fall bargain sales and bridge teas and meetings of the Optimists Club. Little Rock is not even a real Deep South town—the proportion of Negroes here is not much more than half that in Washington, D.C., and there is nothing here like the solid Negro city-within-the-city you find in Philadelphia or New York or Chicago.

Little Rock's race relations have been uneventful in recent years, and the racial extremists have found no support in the press, which is not true in some other Southern towns. The Negroes vote here in important numbers, and the Little Rock integration plan is more symbolic than real.

FOR such reasons, "knowledgeable" people have advertised Little Rock's integration in advance as a model of what peaceful integration ought to be. Instead, the dragon of racial violence has escaped, leading to the greatest constitutional crisis since the Civil War. And the end, almost certainly, is not yet.

To be sure, Orval Faubus, Arkansas' devious and ambitious Governor, let the dragon out of the box. The point not to overlook is that the dragon was there all the time, lurking beneath the calm exterior of this seemingly typical American city.

The unreasonable fears and frustrations and ugly hates which surround the race issue—and not only in the South—have boiled horribly to the surface. You could read them on the contorted faces of the housewives screaming outside the high school on Monday morning, or in the sheepish-secrets-uller faces of the crowds retreating before Federal bayonets on Wednesday.

THE optimists believe that Presidents Eisenhower's intervention has nailed the dragon in the box again. It will, in the words of one optimist, "restore the doctrine of inevitability." Even the most passionate extremists will recognize that some degree of integration is inevitable, and when the Federal troops are withdrawn, local police will be able to protect the Negro children in the high school, and maintain order.

Others are not so sure. In the streets around the school house on Wednesday morning, you could hear muttered phrases in the sullen crowds: "They're gonna have to pull out those soldiers some time," or "If they

want a fight, by God they'll get a fight."

Even the optimists admit that the ugliest sort of racial violence is still possible here, whether in the city itself beyond the reach of the troops at the school house, or at the school after the troops have been withdrawn. But even if the optimists are right, and the dragon is safely nailed in the hog-box here in Little Rock, what has started here is unlikely to end here.

For it is grimly significant that even his bitterest enemies agree that, as of today, Orval Faubus is a hero in Arkansas. If an election were held tomorrow, he would win hands down against all comers. The Faubus formula for political success might read as follows: Defy the Federal government, and thus create a situation in which mob violence and Federal intervention are inevitable, and bask thereafter in the warm glow of popular approval. The meaning of the Faubus formula is not lost, surely, on other politicians of the Faubus stripe.

ALREADY, moreover, the extremists have achieved a blackmail power in a good many parts of the South, so that it takes real courage to take a moderate stand in public. Interview a moderate on the integration issue in Little Rock today, and you are almost certain to hear the timid, meaningful phrase: "But don't quote me."

On the other side of the ledger are the good sense of the majority of Southerners, and the recognition by responsible Southern leaders that violence is a sharp-cutting, two-edged sword. But Little Rock makes one thing clear. If the dragon is not to escape from the hog-box again, and in an even more terrible way, President Eisenhower must achieve a near-miracle of national leadership at once boldly firm and infinitely cautious. For no one who has witnessed the ugly events in Little Rock in the last few days could doubt that there is in the racial issue the stuff to tear the country to pieces.

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Editorial Comment

FEDERAL FORCE AND INTEGRATION

One wonders whether Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong's quick and extreme reversal in his expressed feelings about President Eisenhower and the U.S. government carries with it regret over having popped off in the first place.

Last week Satchmo called the president "two-faced" and said the government "can go to hell," because it had not intervened with force in Little Rock.

Now that it has, everything is just dandy, the president is wonderful, and Satchmo will change his earlier decision not to go to Russia in behalf of the government.

One can understand why Armstrong and other prominent Negroes, some of whom also sounded off against the president, are deeply disturbed over the Little Rock situation. But there ought

to be the truth. Its only interest is what will stir up the animals and bring in votes. The demagogue appeals, therefore only to the fears, prejudices and hates of the people, with no regard for what may happen to his community or state, so long as he escapes and retains power for himself.

And the type, almost invariably, has a great gift of gab, a shrewd sense of mob-psychology and timing, and the subtle specious persuasiveness of speech akin to that of a gold-brick salesman.

Finally, as experience here in Southern Oregon has often demonstrated, the sad fact about this extremely dangerous demagogic type is that so many people who, by education and experience, SHOULD know better, fall head over heels for it.

Fortunately, they are not going to "fall" here in Oregon. But we greatly fear too many of them will in the Deep South and particularly in the ill-fated state of Arkansas.—R.W.R.

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.

Favors Esperanto

To the Editor: Americans should not sit back and expect the international language problem to be solved by the rest of the world's learning English, one of the most difficult of languages. This attitude fosters more ill will abroad than most of our complacencies. Esperanto, already long proven and widely used, is the logical choice for an international "auxiliary" language.

While the Esperanto movement stresses Esperanto now for the convenience and pleasure of those who wish to widen their international interest and contacts, it also looks to the eventual aim of teaching it to school children universally.

One government, possibly our own, might initiate the movement in the United Nations. Then, when a generation of internationalists grows up to take its place at the helm of world affairs, the use of a neutral, simple, but richly expressive international language will permit the closer sharing of common interests and concerns.

The language barrier, now more effective than an Iron Curtain, will have been surmounted. Mrs. Lee W. Gibson, Route 1, Box 13, Mulino, Ore.

Suspicious of 'Termites'

To the Editor: So the termites have pulled in their horns. The giant has begun to stir; he was awakening; that is to say—the "inarticulate public" was beginning to mutter.

The county "subdivision" idea was shelved—for the moment. The termites would wait for another chance—when the muttering ceased. Then it would be put over secretly and the foul deed would be "A fait accompli." Cunning, are they not?

Shall the public go back to sleep? If it does, it deserves all the termites can hand out, which will be plenty.

Why are they so anxious to "put it over"? There must be a very potent reason. Let's see. Must be that there is a goodly bunch of "simoileons" in sight somewhere.

Oh, yes, a good sized bunch of officials will be needed, with goodly salaries. Also, "business" must get a finger into the pie somewhere, or "business" would NOT be interested. So we can take things for granted.

Who is slated to pay the bills? Why, the fool taxpayer, of course, who else?

The taxpayer should know, but likely does not, that a tax once levied is seldom gotten off his neck. It is intentionally put there for keeps, barring his awakening to the facts of life and politics.

We, the people who must foot ALL the bills of government, must stay awake.

Who knows, another damnable sneaky attempt to foist an additional load upon us may be in the making at any time. Just like the "subdivision" plan that so nearly succeeded, and would have done so, except for an unintentional leak from the above mentioned termites.

It would seem, to a man up a tree, that we should, at the next election, choose men for our county offices who will truly have the interests of the man who pays the bills under consideration at all times, and not just his own desires. Especially when it adds to the burden of the common man.

Why not retire, permanently, the present incumbents, constituting the County Commission.

to be equal understanding of the president's reluctance to take the extreme step which he finally did in ordering U.S. troops there.

That the federal government has the power to enforce integration with troops has been obvious, but nobody will be very happy if that is the only way it can be accomplished. President Eisenhower and the other responsible, sober-minded people have been hoping that this drastic step would not be necessary.

There needed to be a real demonstration that it was necessary. Agitators and hoodlums in Little Rock gave that demonstration. It was sufficient to outrage the decent people in the South and to prove to them that federal intervention had to come. Many of them who would otherwise have strongly opposed the use of federal troops are conceding the president had no other choice. Southern newspapers are courageously voicing this view.

In the long run, the success of integration depends on its acceptance in the minds and hearts of the people. President Eisenhower knows federal troops cannot force this acceptance. His only purpose in ordering them to Little Rock was to prevent anarchy. His action held grave risk of inciting wholesale hostility in the South. It was a risk that many responsible Southerners are seeing in this light is a hopeful sign. — Oregon Journal, Portland.

ers, AND the County Judge?

Let us not give them another chance to "put over" something we do not want, now or ever. Andy L. Unger, 634 Pennsylvania ave., Medford, Ore.

Mistaken Identity

To the Editor: We were somewhat surprised this morning when we learned from our Medford Branch that the Medford Mail Tribune had published its entirety a letter from Dana McCarron of Rogue River addressed to the writer. Upon receipt of Mr. McCarron's letter of September 23rd we immediately checked on Baker Ferguson and just this morning received information that he is an officer in the Business Development Department of The First National Bank of Portland.

A. V. Pullen, Assistant Manager, Grants Pass Branch, United States National Bank.

Aid Is Appreciated

To the Editor: As we look back to the past week end when the Centennial of this church was celebrated, we realize that there were many people whose assistance helped to make the occasion such a great success. We felt that we were most excellently served by the Tribune, both in the special feature article and photographs, the follow-up announcement and the illustrated report of the actual proceedings. We feel that both Miss Hutchinson and the photographer deserve high commendation for the way in which they handled this assignment.

We are grateful to you, and with our thanks come our best wishes.

Robert T. Bridge, Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Ore.

Deer Season

To the Editor: Again we see an instance of the tail wagging the dog.

Clark Walsh of the game commission, assistant director, said to add a week to the season would necessitate lots of adjustments, and would necessitate a special commission meeting.

Were the men appointed on the commission so important that they can and do disappoint the three or four hundred thousand deer hunters that expect them to see that we get the full benefit of the short season allowed us now?

Just because it would necessitate a special meeting of the five high and mighty.

Charles E. Rose, 643 Pierce rd., Medford, Ore.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Business note No. 1:

The commerce department reports that consumer buying continues to climb to record highs while business spending is expected to level off at about its expected RECORD rate. The department says record retail sales of 17 billion dollars in July and 17.7 billion dollars in August were well above the same months last year.

Higher prices accounted for part of the increase, but more than half of the rise represented higher physical volume. That is to say, more THINGS were sold.

GOOD news?

The answer is YES. Here's why:

Inventories have been piling up—at the manufacturing level, the wholesale level and the retail level. When inventories pile up too high, production has to be cut down. When production is cut down, workers have to be laid off. When workers are laid off, payrolls decline. When payrolls decline, prosperity suffers.

If people can keep on buying, inventories will decline and production will again pick up.

BUSINESS note No. 2:

Japan is bargaining with the United States to purchase some 47 million dollars worth of surplus agricultural products. Japanese foreign minister Fujiyama has opened talks with our secretary of agriculture Benson on the deal.

Payment for the surplus products would be in JAPANESE YEN.

WHAT raises this question: What would we do with Japanese yen?

Our manufacturers and merchants won't take Japanese yen for their merchandise.

THE answer is simple. The only way we can use Japanese yen is to BUY JAPANESE GOODS WITH THEM. When we buy Japanese goods our producers of similar, competing goods howl like wounded wolves.

What to do?

It works out like this: The more goods we buy from Japan, the more goods JAPAN CAN BUY FROM US. If we can work out a way whereby we can sell Japan a big chunk of our

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

We've heard of the "face in the fog," but the "face in the smoke" was a new one, until last week. If you still have a copy of Tuesday's paper on hand, hold Page 1 up to the light, and look at Photographer Bob Vroman's excellent forest fire picture. The pixie face of a rag doll in the pattern on Page 2 appears, peering through the smoke.

A Salem newspaper reports on the mystery of the missing milk.

A part-time farmer complained to the sheriff's office that each morning, after returning home from his night work, he'd go to milk his cow, and find she'd already been milked. This had been going on for a couple of weeks, and he wanted the deputies to apprehend the culprit.

The deputies checked around the neighborhood, and found a neighbor who reported his calves didn't seem to be hungry when he fed them. At the suggestion of the deputies, he agreed to keep them penned up at night, and the case of the missing milk was solved.

A staff member noticed that a publication entitled "Dig," dealing with teen age music, is on sale locally. He was moved to inquire if that shouldn't really be the name of the morticians' trade publication.

During the cool, pelting rains of Wednesday and Thursday, a staff member recalled that last Sunday he was amazed to watch a group of enthusiasts playing tennis energetically, despite the 96-degree heat.

He added that when it cooled off to 93, even more tennis appeared on the baking courts.

Not only is County Agent Ben Tucker a man of conversative tastes; he also picks food appropriately. Recently, when he and others in the extension office were playing host to some visiting farmers from Chile, the group stopped for a Latin-American type meal. Other members of the staff picked out the hottest type of food a la Mexicana, but Ben was seen eating a chiliburger, naturally!

Practice makes perfect, they say, so there's no reason to be upset about the Medford High School band, which usually is so well-drilled as to be letter-perfect in its formations.

But during one early-season appearance, part of the drum section fouled up slightly, and instead of the formation spelling out "MHS," it came out "MIS." Sort of a near-miss.

The father of a family, intrigued by one of the small, foreign-made cars, received the word from his wife, to wit: "You bring that thing home for your family to ride in and I'll throw it at you."

Last week's rains caused a great bringing-in and storing of patio and lawn furniture and such, but it didn't bother one Medford family, who habitually eat their meals out-of-doors in the summer, using a fully-equipped al fresco kitchen to do so.

The other night, in the midst of the rain, a friend of ours saw them in the back yard, raincoats on and electric heater going, eating their evening meal.

A Salem newspaper columnist declares now that fall is here you will start seeing next summer's TV shows for the first time.

Down in Coos Bay, an editorialist on the World reports the end of an era. In the front window of a record shop he saw a sign which said: "All Presley records — two bits."

So be it, said the editorialist. We agree.

A brand-new husband, confronted for the first time with the age-old problem of the tooth paste tube squeezed in the wrong place, solved it recently. He bought two tubes, and labeled one "His" and the other "Hers."

surplus agricultural products—which Japan needs—our stored-up surplus of farm products will be reduced and will hang less menacingly over our agricultural markets of the future.

In this business of trade, one hand tends to wash the other.

ANOTHER word on the curtsy. It's OUT!

It happened like this: Washington's unofficial social arbiter—a Mrs. Carolyn Hagner Shaw—decided it is too risky. Digging back into social history, she dredged up the case of a plumpish dowager who got all snarled up when she tried to curtsy before the Duke of Windsor at a Washington affair and FELL FLAT ON HER FACE.

So it has been decided in the upper echelons that when Queen Elizabeth comes over to visit us next month a HANDSHAKE will be de rigueur.

It's probably just as well.