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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

Oct. 23, 1947 (Thursday) J. Frank Brown of Eagle Point—widely known pioneer resident and former Jackson county commissioner, has sold his interest in a store and retired.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Mr. and Mrs. Claude Chipmunk of Oaks Manor have received word their oldest boy is now employed as an artistic toucher of dyed mink on a Persian Lamb coat down south."

20 YEARS AGO

Oct. 23, 1937 (Friday) A miscellaneous shower for the A. R. Mansfields of Butte Falls will be held in the Derby school community hall at 8 p.m. Wednesday. The family was recently burned out of their home and the family dog saved the 2 1/2-year-old daughter.

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 23, 1927 (Sunday) Fate of the Jackson county public health unit will be considered by the county commissioners next Tuesday. Then the commissioners will decide whether or not, after the next two months, the county health staff will be discontinued.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 23, 1917 (Tuesday) The Utah-Idaho sugar beet company's factory at Grants Pass began its operations for this year, starting this morning. The John A. Westerlund liberty bond fund for the school children of Medford has been extended by him to all children of the county, it was announced today.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Is the Ruhr in western or in eastern Germany? 2. What is the name of the highest mountain on the North American continent?

3. Bible: For what unique distinction is the son of Enoch noted? 4. Osaka, Nagoya, Kyoto, Kobe and Yokohama are large cities in which country?

5. Which floats more readily, a fat or lean person? 6. A garibaldi is a kind of hat, shirtwaist, or skirt worn by women?

7. Name the author of the noted "Uncle Remus" stories for children. 8. Which country is called "the land of the Midnight Sun"?

9. Fit the proper word to "either" and "neither": or, nor. 10. "Marry, this is myching mallico, that means mischief."—"Hamlet": Act 3. What does "myching mallico" mean?

Answers: 1. Western Germany. 2. Mt. McKinley. 3. Oldest Biblical character—Methuselah. 4. Japan. 5. Fat person. 6. Kind of shirtwaist. 7. Joel Chandler Harris. 8. Norway. 9. Or... either; nor... neither. 10. Skulking misdeed.

Autumn Thoughts

Sputniks, guided missiles, stock market declines, segregation outrages, lumber industry woes, sabre-rattling in Syria, and other assorted ills of the world to the contrary—there are still a lot of things to be glad about.

For instance:

After one of the most perfect summers we have ever seen, the rains came pouring down, wetting the forests and ending the threat of forest fires. Then came beautiful autumn weather—cool, crisp, fresh and invigorating. The leaves have turned, and brilliant yellows mingle with sober browns and greens.

The crab-grass has died; the acorns have started to thump on the roof, bump-bump-bump downward, and then, after a pause, go plop! on the lawn.

THE coat of the black and white puppy has become thick and glossy, and he romps with heightened vigor on the dew-damp grass.

In the mornings, the roofs across the way have been white with light frost, with a touch of it on leaves and lawn.

If, by chance, there are a few stray clouds in the sky as the sun climbs over the eastern hills, they are lit with color, and one knows why Homer referred to the "rosy-fingered dawn."

The lower parts of the valley are covered with wispy fog-banks until the sun burns them away, but higher up, the blue-green hills stand sharp and clear and fresh.

And when it rains, the windy wetness tosses and teases the leaves until they come whirling down, flurrying and eddying on the damp ground. The smell of the rain is fresh and clean, and the indescribable smell of burning leaves clings to the ground and to the clothes of passersby.

WE HAVE renewed our acquaintance with the fresh flavor of apple cider, we are again in the habit of wearing a jacket, instead of just a light sports shirt, and the click of the thermostat turning on the heater is again heard night and morning.

The fireplace again knows the cheerfulness of a fine, brisk blaze. The early-birds are starting their Christmas shopping, and the rest of us are beginning to think about it.

Fall is really here, and winter is coming soon.—E.A.

Two Cheerful Reports

There are two other cheerful reports in the news these days.

Forest fires in Oregon this past season were both few and small.

And, over the long haul, Oregon's highways are getting safer.

The fire-season of 1957, if the six-year fire pattern had been followed, would have been a "jinx" year, but it wasn't. The total number of fires was the fourth-lowest in the past 16 years, as was the number of lightning-set fires.

The number of man-set fires was the eighth-lowest in that period.

THE "jinx" year fire pattern was started with the Tillamook blazes in 1933, 1939, 1945 and another bad fire year in 1951.

Care in the woods, plus the lack of lightning strikes, paid off this season, for the acreage burned was relatively small—for which we can all be thankful.

The record is particularly commendable in view of the potential hazards this year. Spring rains brought out a lush growth of grass and brush, which dried to tinder late in the summer, providing a great quantity of dangerously flammable fuel. And in late August and early September, high temperatures and low humidities brought about some of the worst "fire weather" in years.

The combination of luck, caution with fire by woods-users, and better fire-fighting organization paid off.

AS TO the safety of Oregon's roads, the Oregon State Motor association reports that between 1951 and 1956, Oregon's traffic fatalities declined by 2 per cent—from 431 in 1951 to 421 in 1956. And this was despite a larger number of automobiles, up 20 per cent, and increasing population, up 13 per cent.

Elsewhere in the nation, the figure climbed—7 per cent throughout the country, and 10 per cent in the 11 western states.

In only one other western state did the total decline. That was in Washington, where the drop was 1 per cent. Montana traffic deaths increased 47 per cent between the two years, and in others they climbed by smaller amounts.

THIS record is a commendable one, and can be attributed to a number of things, such as better highways, efficient law enforcement, and better driver training and education.

But still, it must be remembered that 421 persons died in Oregon traffic accidents in 1956—which is just 421 too many.

Oregon's program of traffic safety is paying dividends in lives saved, but it must be continued and improved before any of us can be satisfied.—E.A.



"MY OTHER SHOE? OH, IT GOT CAUGHT IN A FENCE."

Civil Rights Debate Keeps Democratic Policy Battle Going

By LYLE C. WILSON, United Press Correspondent

Washington—That question about who makes official policy for the Democratic Party keeps bobbing up for answers as the politicians maneuver for the favor of Negro voters in the 1958 and 1960 elections.

Chairman Paul M. Butler of the Democratic National Committee keeps the question hot and sizzling. Butler's strategy appears to be to keep the civil rights issue boiling within the Democratic party by public demands for more and better racial integration.

Butler's latest maneuver brought here the members of the Democratic Advisory Council, an organization he created last year after President Eisenhower's lopsided reelection. Senate and House Democratic leaders refused to join.

When a president of the other political faith occupies the White House, congressional leaders traditionally have held that they were the official policy-makers of their party. It has been traditional, too, that national committees tend to party housekeeping and fund-raising while policy was being made by elected officials.

Butler bucks both traditions. Twice in a short span of weeks, he has arranged for the Democratic Advisory Council to pledge the Democratic party to all-out support of the Supreme Court's orders on racial integration of the public schools. Southern politicians challenge, resent and defy the council's policy statements.

The statements remain on the record, however, for such effect as they may have on northern Negroes whom the Republicans desperately hope to entice away from the Democrats in the coming elections. The Republican bid for Negro votes, of course, consists, first, of the Supreme Court order, itself, and then of the spectacular fact that the United States Army by order of the Republican President is enforcing racial integration in Central High school, Little Rock, Ark.

Both parties for years have been playing politics with the Negro vote. Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered northern Negroes to the Democratic Party. He

gave them better housing and job opportunities but not much more of civil rights. FDR's vote appear, however, still is strong. Republicans now offer firm if localized enforcement of racial integration of the public schools. Butler seeks to offset that enticing Republican enticement by keeping on page one evidence of northern Democratic support for at least as much and maybe more civil rights than Republicans might endorse.

Negroes May Decide Negro votes in big industrial states outside the South may determine the winner of next year's congressional election and of the presidential contest in 1960. All hands, including the Negroes, know it.

Butler is not merely reminding the nation of the great North-South division of opinion within the Democratic Party. He is following the 1930 strategy of Democratic Chairman John J. Raskob who went over the heads of congressional Democratic leaders to demand repeal of prohibition.

That caused a blistering outburst of party strife. But it worked. The 1932 party platform junked prohibition despite the battle of Southern statesmen to keep the party tied to the so-called dries.

Southern Democrats accepted repeal of prohibition because the North forced the issue on them.

In the Day's News

Outer space note: A sleek-nosed missile squats on its launching pad as this is written waiting for a green light from the weatherman. The missile is the Vanguard—the one our scientists reportedly plan to use to launch America's earth satellite into its orbit.

There will be no satellite in the Vanguard's nose if and when it is launched. The firing—if it comes off—will be merely a test run of the first stage engines of the missile that has been selected to carry our midjet moon aloft in March.

HOW would you like to be one of the scientists who are waiting for the Vanguard's test? Of this we can be certain: The weight of responsibility is resting heavily on their shoulders at this moment.

If the American missile fizzes—Well, in that event, their names will be MUD—and Russia will have won another big propaganda victory.

The result of that will be that the cold war will get warmer.

Editorial Comment

U.S. NEEDS SHIFT IN VALUES

Who gets the higher salary on the college faculty—any American college faculty—the head of the physics department or the athletic director? Who is the idol of the average red-blooded American boy, the scientist or the motion picture actor? The answers are obvious. Who, in fact, has the highest priority for Asian flu shots now becoming available to high schools and colleges? Why, the football squad, of course.

Some Americans have been a bit hysterical about Sputnik and what it means to America. But even the calmest among us must realize the prospects are not bright. There is no reason to believe that Russia's rulers have ever altered their purpose to dominate the world, by subversion if possible, by force if necessary. Sputnik is irrefutable proof that they have an important part of the means to such domination. Unless Americans choose to alter some of their basic values, there appears to be a good chance that they may lose freedom of choice with respect to life's values and everything else.—Oregonian.

Easing Turkish-Syrian Tension Strengthens Saud's Influence

By CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Correspondent

The Turkish-Syrian tension has strengthened King Saud's position as the chief moderating influence in the Arab world.

From the beginning of the dangerous situation which developed when Syria charged Turkey with plotting aggression, the Saudi Arabian monarch has worked untiringly to prevent an explosion.

Saud has conferred with the leaders of Turkey and of Arab countries. Finally, he offered personally to act as mediator between Turkey and Syria.

The big contribution of Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who likes to fancy himself as the No. 1 Arab leader, was to send Egyptian troops and warships to Syria at the most serious stage of the dispute.

Syria's pro-Russian leaders have breathed fire and offered to take on all comers—presumably including the United States, which was supposed to be in the alleged plot—in event of war.

The pitiful record of both the Syrian and the Egyptian armies in the Arab-Israeli war, and in last year's Israeli invasion of Egypt, did not seem to make a fight to the death likely against Turkey's powerful, tough army of 500,000 men.

Soviet Russia, of course, was a prime contributor to the tension and helped build it up stage by stage with threats against Turkey.

King Saud was not able to do anything as regards Russia. What he did do was to work with Middle Eastern countries themselves as an Arab and as a fellow Moslem with the Turks.

As the situation developed, Saud promised to side with Syria, one of its colleagues in the Arab League, against any aggressor.

Saud knew that neither Turkey nor the United States had any intention of attacking Syria.

'Citizens Now' Conference Set

A "Citizens Now" conference for registered Explorers in the three-county Crater Lake Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held at Southern Oregon college for three days beginning Nov. 22, according to Dick Clark and Mike Forbes, co-chairmen.

The purpose of the "Citizens Now" conference is to give the Explorers a better understanding of their privileges and responsibilities as citizens now in their home and community.

Besides Clark and Forbes, other Explorer members of the steering committee making arrangements for the conference are Wilson Gilinsky, Glen Allison, Kelly Somers, and Bill Benson. Several adult advisors are also working on the conference with the assistance of Dillard B. Shipley, council field executive, Grants Pass.

Features of the conference will include several outstanding speakers who have already been obtained to address the meeting, it was announced.

the new plant. That is interesting because it indicates confidence in the FUTURE.

ANOTHER straw: Cotton fabric prices are down to their lowest levels since price controls were removed shortly after World War 2.

As a result of this situation, consumers have been refusing to make FORWARD COMMITMENTS for large orders of cloth.

HOW come? It's quite simple. When prices are RISING (as they do in inflationary periods) people buy unhesitatingly and in larger quantities than they need at the moment. They do so because they're sure the price will be higher later.

When prices are FALLING (or likely to fall) people are inclined to WAIT on the theory that the price will be lower.

WHAT could explain the present "slowdown" in business. Buyers may be using up their present inventories instead of placing new orders—hoping that prices may be lower later.

If that is true, business will pick up again when inventories get low.

Under pressure, Saud also found it advisable to say that he never had formally accepted the Eisenhower Doctrine against Communist aggression in the Middle East. That was true. But Saud had accepted the doctrine in fact because with him Communism ranks beside Israel as an enemy. The Syrian-Turkish situation has been simmering down for some days, despite Russia's attempt to keep it boiling. Saud seems, in the process, to have made it clear that he, not Nasser, is the leading figure among the Arabs.

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.

Disgusted With T.V. To the Editor: This is about our T.V. station. If they keep on like they have for the last month or so we might as well get rid of our machines. They advertise a program in the paper then when it is supposed to come on they come out with another program not listed. Saturday night they had "People Are Funny" listed for 9:30 and then came out with "Life With Elizabeth." That is not the only one either.

Name on file. P.S. I am not the only one around here that feels this way. P.S. Please don't publish my name.

BEM, (Name on file) Rogue River.

Calls Little Girl A "Red" To the Editor: I note a letter from a little girl in the communications column in which I detect a dislike for any one who objects to rather high-handed actions of State officials in pro-socialist efforts to promote MORE controls all the time. I wonder who told her what to write.

Thomas Jefferson is reputed to have said "That government is best which governs the least." Our State officials evidently believe the opposite. As far as registration of wells for domestic water is concerned, on the surface it appears harmless. But on the other hand, what good would that do? Would that make the water any more pure? Would that increase the supply? Or perhaps Miss Walker or someone else can think of some other excuse for REGISTRATION OF WELLS.

I personally consider it as another step toward totalitarianism. Next they'll want us to register the air we breathe. May I ask Miss Walker how the above could be considered as making the State any better?

As for the game commission—I don't give a whoop who kills game—when it is killed—nor where it is killed... The important thing is, don't waste it. I myself, struck a doe one time with a car and, though the State Police were notified immediately, it took them TWO WEEKS to come after it. Rest assured I wasn't going to take it to them. I suppose they thought I'd leave it in the ditch to rot or pick up at their leisure. It is (the Game Commission) a racket.

I think Miss Walker, or whoever told her what to write, has Socialist leanings as I cannot see how MORE CONTROLS, MORE REGISTRATION OF THIS OR THAT COULD BE A BETTERMENT OF THE CITY, COUNTY, STATE, OR NATION. Miss Walker says "Could he approve drilling an unregistered well just to spite everyone?" You're doggone right—rest assured I WILL NEVER REGISTER ANY WELL—I'll not knuckle down to any doggone politician.

Floyd R. McCabe Mt. Pitt Star Station Butte Falls

Why Fear the Officials? To the Editor: As a barber I come in contact with many citizens of Medford. One just can't visualize to what extent our citizens have lost sight of the purpose of and protection provided each of us by our Federal and State constitutions.

On this matter of mine and others seeking adjudication of the present business license tax ordinance I give some of the statements and questions presented to me while discussing it.

"I agree with you but you can't buck the city."

"Aren't you afraid of what they will do?"

"Do you think you can stand up to the city clique and get away with it?"

One wonders what is happening to the people. What makes them think that way in a supposedly free country? Why do they think the government or its officials hold a club over their heads? Why should one be afraid to exert a right and question the doings or neglect to do things required of officials who represent us in government? After all they are working for the people. The people pay them for doing so. These same officials take an oath of office to uphold the laws and constitution of the United States and of the State of Oregon.

If the time has come that our citizens fear the power of our city officials and the manner in which they use that authority—then I say—it is time some changes should be made.

As to myself—if I didn't think that I could get justice in the city court I believe there are other courts for relief. After all it is my way of thinking we all—the city officials and all concerned—want only a lawful ordinance and are striving to that end.

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Hi-Lites IN THE HISTORY OF Pharmacy by ED HALL

There never has been any definite proof about the origin of the peculiarly shaped bottles (show glasses) filled with colored liquids which have been used as a sign of pharmacy. It seems they started in England Chemist Shops as an attractive power of the mysterious product (the colored liquid) obtained by the new art of chemistry...

In 1712 the compound of tincture of gentian first appeared under the name of "Stoughton's Elixer" a patent medicine... (More next week.)

"To foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism" is a part of the creed of every American Legionnaire.

Tennessee Man Heads Milk Industry Group

San Francisco—Hubert Garrecht, president of Klink-Reed Dairies Inc., of Memphis, Tenn., was elected president of the Milk Industry Foundation on Tuesday as the group ended its 50th annual meeting.

A student judging team from the University of Connecticut won the 23rd annual Collegiate Students International Dairy Products Judging contest. Ernest Fleurette of the University of Connecticut won top individual honors.

A Major Event One of the three major events in most everyone's life is marriage. To make the ceremony more lovely, more beautiful, C. M. Litwiler Mrs. Litwiler

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