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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
Feb. 7, 1948 (Sunday)
A five-point road development program is adopted as a joint recommendation from Josephine and Jackson counties.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 7, 1938 (Monday)
Steady rains of the past week reach a peak of destruction in southern Oregon today; principal highways in all directions blocked by land slides or snow and train service disrupted.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 7, 1928 (Tuesday)
Clothes for infants and children and sick room supplies are needed by the county health unit.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 7, 1918 (Thursday)
Conservation of food is given as one of the main aims of the home economics committee of the Jackson County Agricultural council.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. How many days are there in a bissextile year?
2. Bible: In Revelation, the place where the last battle is to be fought on Judgement Day is named—what?

3. Croton bud and water bug are names for what common household pest?
4. Is the obverse side of a medal the side bearing the principal image (or inscription) or the opposite side?

5. The ibex is a type of evergreen, a wild goat, or a card catalog?
6. The hair used in violin bows is from what animal?

7. Cribbage is played with dominoes, dice or checkers?
8. President T. Roosevelt lost 1, 2, or 3 sons in war?

9. Is a troy ounce lighter than an avoirdupois ounce?
10. Is Caraway the name of animal, an aromatic herb, or a conveyance?

Answers: 1. 366 days. 2. Armageddon. 3. The cockroach. 4. The side bearing the principal image. 5. A wild goat. 6. The horse. 7. No. Playing cards. 8. Two. Kermit. World War I; Theodore. World War II. 9. Heavier (about one-tenth). 10. Aromatic herb.

Forest Grove Man Dies As Truck Hits Guy Wire
Forest Grove—Howard R. Morton, 44, Forest Grove, was killed Thursday night when a light truck struck a power pole guy wire about 2 1/2 miles west of here.

The Washington county sheriff's office said he apparently died from a broken neck.

Interesting Election Coming

Voters will be faced — again — with a long ballot at the general election this November.

Under Oregon's system, where the voters retain the right to pass on almost any act of the legislature, and to initiate laws not passed by the legislature, it is inevitable that there will be long ballots.

While this imposes a chore on voters, to inform themselves on the issues so they can decide intelligently, it is, we believe, a good thing, for it makes voters feel as though they are actually playing a role in government, which, of course, they are.

IN ADDITION to the measures which already are referred to a vote by the legislature, there is still time for initiatives to be proposed, and several may be before the deadline in August.

Also, there will be a number of officials to elect, on the national, state and local level. These include the four congressmen, and governor, superintendent of public instruction, labor commissioner, and two supreme court justices, on the state level. In the county, the positions of one county commissioner, the county clerk, sheriff, coroner, two circuit judges, district judge, two state representatives and state senator will be at stake.

THE measures which are already assured of a place on the ballot total 12. They range from a measure which has to do with minor alterations of the boundary between Oregon and Washington, to abolishment of the death penalty.

They will be debated in detail between now and November, but for those who wish to give them some preliminary thought, here are the ballot titles as prepared by the elections division of the secretary of state's office:

Fixing State Boundaries
Purpose: Repeals obsolete constitutional provision describing state boundaries. Authorizes modifying of existing state boundaries by interstate agreement with approval of congress.

Temporary Appointment and Assignment of Judges
Purpose: To authorize the Supreme Court to appoint temporary judges to the Supreme Court and lower courts, and to assign lower court judges to serve temporarily outside of the district for which they were elected.

Increasing Funds for War Veterans' Loans
Purpose: To increase from 4 per cent to 6 per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the state as the maximum limitation on the amount of state bonds that may be issued to raise funds to make farm and home loans to World War II and Korean War veterans.

Special Grand Jury Bill
Purpose: To authorize the legislature to enact laws permitting the calling of a special grand jury.

Capital Punishment Bill
Purpose: To eliminate the death penalty for first degree murder.

Salaries of State Legislators
Purpose: To amend Oregon constitution by increasing salaries of state legislators from \$600 to \$1,200 per year.

Authorizes Discontinuing Certain State Tuberculosis Hospitals
Purpose: To permit the board of control to discontinue using the Eastern Oregon and University State Tuberculosis Hospitals, in whole or in part. Board could designate the use for any other state institution or agency.

County Home Rule Amendment
Purpose: Authorizes the voters in any county to adopt charter to provide for the exercise of authority over matters of county concern. Initiative and referendum powers also are reserved to the legal voters of counties adopting a charter.

Authorizing Different Use of State Institution
Purpose: Authorizes the legislature to alter, reduce, enlarge or terminate the use or purpose of any state institution located outside Marion county any time after 10 years from the date of the election which located the institution.

State Power Development
Purpose: Empowers the state to acquire and develop water, thermal and nuclear power generating facilities. State may develop electrical energy for transmission and sale on wholesale basis or directly to industries using 10,000 kilowatts or more.

Modifying County Debt Limitation
Purpose: Authorizes legislature to fix maximum limitation on county bonded indebtedness incurred in carrying out purposes prescribed by law.

Financing Urban Redevelopment Projects
Purpose: Makes possible for property taxes levied against property included in an urban redevelopment or renewal project to be divided so that taxes levied against any increase in value of such property shall be used to pay any indebtedness incurred in carrying out the project.

AS CAN be seen, some of these proposals are minor in nature — just "housekeeping" bills without controversial aspects. Others, of course, will draw fights.

The four on which attention is apt to center will be the Capital Punishment Bill (for both sides are articulate and convinced of the rightness of their position); the legislators' salary measure (which, in one form or another is a hardy perennial — Oregon traditionally has been niggardly with its lawmakers); the county home rule amendment (bound to be fought by many county office-holders who have a stake in the existing, outmoded system); and the state power development bill, which brings to the fore the old public vs. private power controversy. It looks like an interesting year ahead.—E.A.



Showdown Nearing For German Funds

By K. C. THALER
United Press Correspondent

London — Britain appears headed for a showdown with West Germany over her demand that the Bonn government underwrite part of the maintenance costs for the Army of the Rhine.

A German compromise offer to deposit 100 million pounds sterling (\$280 million) in London for future arms purchases, instead of outright support cost payment was termed unacceptable by authoritative government quarters.

The government summoned its ambassador in Bonn, Sir Christopher Steel, for urgent consultations. The quarrel threatened seriously to disturb the harmony in the North Atlantic Alliance which has been called upon to deal with the emergency.

British Remain Insistent
The British government remained insistent that West Germany pay part of the support costs of the British forces stationed on the latter's territory.

The amount sought by Britain from Germans is in the neighborhood of 50 million pounds sterling (\$140 million) this year. Failing this Britain intends to withdraw more forces from Germany, at least another 5,000, in addition to 8,500 whose withdrawal this year was sanctioned by the seven-member West European Union Council last week.

NATO planners were seriously worried about this prospect, because of the adverse effect it would have on other members of the alliance with forces in Europe and because it would further weaken NATO's thinned-out defense shield along the tripwire of the Iron Curtain borders.

Determined Not To Pay
Latest Bonn reports stated that Germany was determined not to pay outright support costs. The latest compromise offer was instead for an interest-free 100 million pounds sterling deposit in Britain as an advance payment for future arms purchases.

While withholding formal official comment government quarters let it be clearly understood the offer is not acceptable. The British line of argument is that the maintenance of forces in Germany throws a burden on the budget as well as on the balance of payments and the foreign currency position. Neither would be lessened by the German compromise offer, the sources said.

They said a German deposit would temporarily ease the foreign currency strain, but the money would in effect be earmarked for normal commercial transactions with the firms who make the arms. Britain Fears Germany

Moreover, Britain fears that Germany will not make large scale arms purchases in the end, basing her fears on recent rejections by Bonn of various British arms offers. The British government is at the same time under pressure at home for economies and for cutting down defense commitments; there have been strong demands for cuts in Britain's overseas forces.

The important Times of London warned editorially that the interests of the alliance as a whole are affected by the dispute and called on NATO to find urgently a way of meeting Britain's claim for financial help.

"The situation is now becoming serious, for there are limits to the amount of financial bargaining that an alliance can stand without damage," the Times cautioned.

Three Named to Red Cross Board

Three new members were appointed to the board of directors, Jackson county chapter, American Red Cross, at the regular board meeting Thursday noon at the chapter house, 60 Hawthorne ave.

They are the Rev. John Thompson, Ashland; Mrs. John Harr, Rogue River; and William Salade, Medford. They were introduced by the chapter chairman Manville Heisel.

In an effort to overcome a \$4,000 deficit in the chapter's fund drive, the board decided to solicit the Central Point and Jacksonville areas which were not covered in the previous fund drive.

Members of the board, together with additional volunteer workers, plan to leave immediately following the March 6 board meeting and conduct a door-to-door canvass of the

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In a speech delivered at Athens, Ohio, United Nations Secretary Dag Hammarskjold offers some observations on publicity that are worth serious consideration here in the United States of America.

He warned his hearers that TOO MUCH PUBLICITY may hamper international negotiations. Mass media, he said, (meaning all the newspapers, all the radios, all the TVs, etc.) can be MISUSED under certain circumstances for harmful propaganda.

He added: "The best results of negotiation can not be achieved in the full glare of publicity."

FOR example: Suppose you were considering selling your business if you could get an attractive offer. Suppose that at every negotiating session with prospective buyers you called in all the reporters—thus, among other things, tipping off all your competitors to everything you were doing.

What would happen? The chances are you wouldn't make a deal.

THE people's business, as well as private business, needs to be transacted WISELY. It is seldom wise to carry on negotiations—which, in the case of the PEOPLE'S business, can be so touchy and delicate as to involve the possibility of WAR if something goes wrong—in a fish-bowl or on a soapbox at a street corner.

In negotiations dealing with the public's business, it needs particularly to be remembered that there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip.

LET'S take a look at this Vanguard satellite business.

The failure Wednesday morning, coming on the heels of other failures, has cast a reaction of gloom over the country and has HEARTENED our enemies. It has dimmed the glory of the army's SUCCESSFUL launching of a satellite.

It has given the Russian propagandists an opportunity to point to the world in general as a nation of bunglers who get a break now and then but can't be depended on for consistent and businesslike PERFORMANCE.

We'll have to admit that the Russians were smarter than we in their satellite project. Nobody knows how many times they tried before they hit it. Maybe DOZENS of times. But they kept MUM about it. Thus they were able to present the world with a FACT ACCOMPLISHED.

If they had failures along the line, nobody knew anything about them.

THEY probably DID have these satellite-launching missiles deal with principles that are new in the world. They are filled with fabulously intricate and complicated machinery. If ANY component fails to do its assigned job, the whole thing flops.

The Russians had the good sense to keep their mouths shut until they had licked their preliminary problems.

WE of the press (newspapers, magazines, radio, TV) need to do a little serious thinking on our own account.

We must NEVER, of our course, permit government to tell us we CAN'T print the news. But we owe it to our country to use discretion and good judgment in our handling of news dealing with developments so delicate and potentially explosive that MISHANDLING of them can endanger our country's position in the world.

Nine midwestern states account for 49 per cent of the nation's meat animal population. These are Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri, Indiana, Minnesota, South Dakota, Ohio and Kansas.

More than 50 board members heard a report by Maj. Gen. Joseph Hicks on the county's civil defense status, and a run-down on publicity plans for the Feb. 12 bloodmobile visit given by Jennings Pierce.

The blood quota has been set at 290 pints, which will require 350 donors. The hours will be 1 to 6 p.m., at the chapter house.

Competition is the basic cause of the railroads' difficulties today. The various restrictions put upon rates and practices by the Interstate Commerce Commission were instituted when the railroads had a real monopoly. Today, the railroads have no such monopoly. These rate and other restrictions should be eliminated. In fact, I believe that the business of the country, and of the railroads, together with their employees and passengers, would be better off if the Interstate Commerce Commission were entirely eliminated.

The competition is not only

Gossip About Harold Stassen Continues; Future Uncertain

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent

Washington — Harold E. Stassen probably is aware by now that last Sunday's hat check job

on him was the work of Sherman Adams, President Eisenhower's chief of staff.

Adams passed the word to a group of newsmen that it had been decided that Stassen's usefulness had ended as White House disarmament aide. The word was: If Stassen did not resign, his resignation would be requested.

The Eastern Metropolitan Press spread the word in Sunday morning editions for Stassen and others to read with their breakfast coffee. The President, in this week's White House news conference, substantially confirmed what had been printed.

Persons not usually regarded as friendly to Vice President Richard M. Nixon are

spreading the opinion around town that there is considerable political substance in support of Stassen's ambition to be elected governor of Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania party regulars are cold on Stassen, but the state's regular Republican organization is in disrepair. In behalf of Stassen's candidacy it is argued that he would attract Young Republican, Independent, and perhaps, even some Democratic voters.

If he were elected governor next November, Stassen would control the numerous Pennsylvania delegates to the 1960 Republican National Convention. He would be expected to oppose Nixon's nomination for president and perhaps might seek the nomination himself. The present governor is George M. Leader, a Democrat.

Babson Sees Gloomy Future for Rails

By ROGER W. BABSON
United Press Correspondent

Babson Park, Mass. — The recent suicide of Mr. Robert Young, Chairman of the New York Central Railroad, brings to my attention the problems of the whole railroad industry. As a matter of fact, President Alpert

Haven Railroad recently asked the Public Service Commission of Massachusetts to close over 50 railroad stations and discontinue a large number of trains, including crack trains, between Boston and New York.

One of the main reasons given for the railroads' troubles is that commuter passenger business does not pay, and is provided only at a large loss to the railroads. This is the business of bringing great numbers of people into a big city every morning, and out again at night, all within short periods of time. In order to provide such service, many stations and much new equipment must be kept in prime condition all day for this very short use.

Your local stockbroker will tell you whether this situation applies to the railroad whose stocks you now hold. With the Union Pacific and Santa Fe, the proportion of commuter business is very small in relation to the total passenger business. On the other hand, with the Pennsylvania or New York Central, the proportion of commuter business is very large. Every railroad must be judged independently. We should not generalize about them.

Another reason for President Alpert's appeal for aid is the taxation levied on railroad real estate. Such taxes enable the cities to raise funds to build turnpikes, airplane terminals, etc., which help the competitors of the railroads. The railroads beg relief from these taxes; otherwise, they threaten to liquidate. Liquidation would, in most cases, give bondholders full payment for their securities but would leave very little for the stockholders. Here again, it will be found that entirely different situations exist with different railroads.

For instance, the New York Central owns much valuable real estate in the vicinity of the Grand Central Station, New York City. Certain short-line railroads are almost real estate companies rather than railroad companies. The Southern Pacific and Great Northern have valuable oil and ore leases which secure their bonds. Here again, your broker will tell you what real estate and what railroads have not. You cannot generalize.

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Republicans already are beginning to duck a fearsome ballistic missile which they know will be heading their way even though it will not be fired until Washington's birthday, Feb. 22.

The missile will be fired in the form of a give-em-hell speech by former President Harry S. Truman. The occasion will be a \$100-a-plate fund-raising Democratic dinner in which HST will sound the opening note of the 1958 congressional campaign.

Some Republican must answer Truman and the question as of today is: Who? President Eisenhower would be the natural and most effective Republican to make a TV appearance an evening or so after Truman speaks. The President, however, has no stomach for the political wars.

He was explaining at this week's news conference why he left it to Chief of Staff Adams in a recent Minneapolis speech to rip into the Democratic defense record in answer to the attacks of Truman and others on the record of the Eisenhower administration.

Phoenix to Purchase Civil Defense Radio
Phoenix—The Phoenix city council recently authorized the purchase of a short wave radio for civil defense use in this area.

The radio, which can be used in vehicle or building, will cost about \$330, according to officials. They said the set will be put in the custody of Phoenix police chief.

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