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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  
Aug. 17, 1948 (Tuesday)

The painting exhibition in the Confidential Business agency by Medford Artist Clifford Platz closed today after attracting enthusiastic comment from local art-lovers.

Tickets are now on sale for the "Community Appreciation Day" ball game honoring the Medford Dodgers.

20 YEARS AGO  
Aug. 17, 1938 (Wednesday)

There are more entries every day for the contest to choose the little Southern Oregon girl who most resembles Shirley Temple.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Laundries are now using invisible ink for making of laundry marks on shirts. The mark is said to be harder to find than the shirt that didn't come back."

30 YEARS AGO  
Aug. 17, 1928 (Friday)

Table Rock melon growers are standing by with loaded shotguns to ward off thieves.

Three hundred seventy-five China pheasants were released in Jackson county recently by the state pheasant farm.

40 YEARS AGO  
Aug. 17, 1918 (Saturday)

Thanks to an early fruit harvest, Medford schools will open Sept. 16 instead of Sept. 30.

Tourists to Mt. Ashland report there is but one small snowbank left on the summit.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Which vitamin is important in the prevention of scurvy?

2. A half-wild horse of the South west plains is called a m—g?

3. Who has been called the Immortal Bard?

4. According to the Bible, whose father was Jesse?

5. What is the antonym of accidental?

6. What is the short name for the B. P. O. E.?

7. Which flowering plant has been called "The Queen of Flowers"?

8. Name the capital of El Salvador.

9. Georgetown University is in which city?

10. The rank of a Captain in the Army is equivalent to that of a Captain in the Navy; true or false?

Answers: 1. Vitamin C. 2. Mustang. 3. William Shakespeare. 4. David's father. 5. Oriental. 6. Elks. 7. The rose. 8. San Salvador. 9. Washington, D. C. 10. False. (Navy Captain equals Army Colonel)

President's Nominees Include Oregon Man

Washington—President Eisenhower yesterday nominated Hugh M. Milton II, New Mexico, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

The President also nominated Paul Kearney, Astoria, Ore., Sheriff of Clatsop County since 1936, to be U. S. Marshal for the District of Oregon.

The Free Souls

Sometimes, at the end of a long day (like the moment when this is written), we have a sneaking desire to emulate those hardy souls who prize independence above all else.

People like young Jeff Williams, who took off earlier this summer to hitch-hike around the world, and who now presumably is on the last leg of his trip—perhaps in the Orient, or on the Pacific headed for San Francisco.

OR LIKE another acquaintance of ours, a man of many travels and many parts, who thinks as little of taking off for the far corners of the world as others do of starting out for a picnic.

This man sailed Aug. 11 from Canada bound for Rotterdam. Aboard was his red-painted jeep. He's off for a jaunt through Europe, and in the fall will stop in Paris for a while at the Sorbonne, to brush up on his French.

He has just completed a couple of years at the University of Oregon, where he received his degree in journalism—resuming an education started years before.

BUT his "education" never really stopped, for he has soaked up knowledge all his life, in rambles all over the world. He has no particular source of income, and occasionally comes back to Oregon to work in a log pond long enough to raise another stake to take him again to far places.

And he says, "Frankly, I expect to see myself back on a pond in a year or so. I am too independent to care a hoot whether papers want my stuff or not."

And he added, typically, "You might be amused to know that my very tenuous connection with the journalistic world enabled me to ride in the official cortege when Princess Margaret was in Quebec. It was strictly a 'con' job."

More power to him. The world needs such people. But, also, it needs the stay-at-homes, the people who work 8-to-5 five days a week. The world needs, in fact, all kinds.

But it's fun thinking about the free souls, and envying them, a little.—E.A.

Move Ashland's Festival To Portland? No!

Adroitly, The Oregonian suggests the removal of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival to Portland, for the Oregon Centennial in 1959—seeing as how the people at Ashland are confronted with the problem of rebuilding their Elizabethan stage and the dressing rooms and service facilities attached to it to meet fire marshal's requirements.

This is another unscrupulous effort on the part of the metropolis to steal something good from the upstate which is really Portland's bread and butter. If the people of Ashland and Jackson county submit to this raid, they are dumber than we think they are. Portland does not give back.

SINCE it was established in 1935, under the inspiration and leadership of Angus Bowmer, the Shakespearean Festival has grown steadily in popularity and in artistic merit to the point where it has achieved national recognition. Through all of these years most of the special financing has come from the people of Ashland and Jackson county. Portland has contributed nothing to the growth of the enterprise (except the scanty and often incompetent "reviews" of its professed "drama critics").

Much more effective support has come from discerning and able friends in nearby California. Much of the charm of the Shakespearean Festival has derived from its site in the lovely little hillside city in Southern Oregon with its inexhaustible list of forest and mountain and countryside attractions to occupy the daylight hours between shows.

IN PORTLAND, the Shakespearean Festival would be just another side show. We would not pay a plugged dime to see it in Portland. The phroness of Portland's "one year" offer can be seen from these facts:

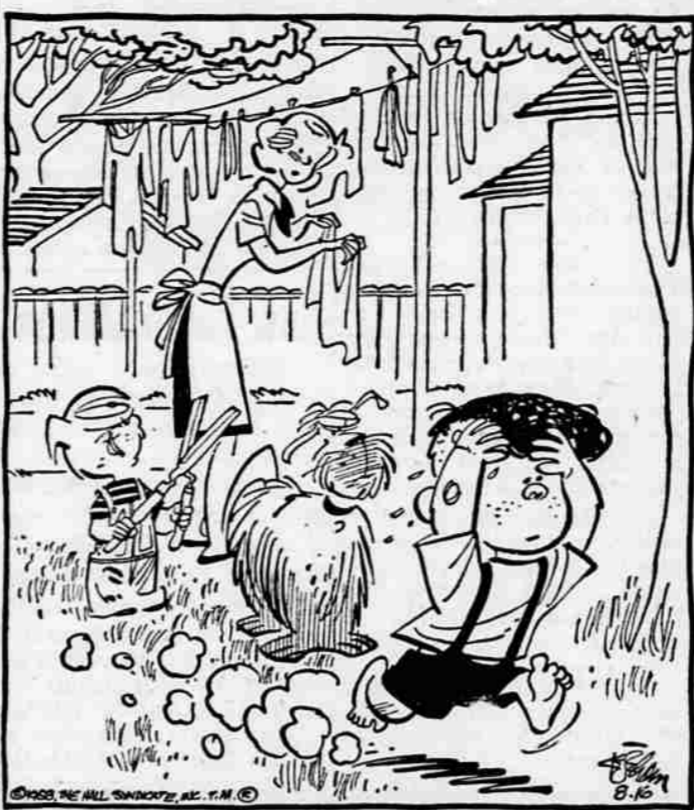
- 1. If plans are made now, Ashland's stage and backstage facilities can easily be rebuilt to any dimensions and specifications in ample time for the 1959 Centennial shows.
- 2. If Portland takes the shows for one year, Portland will not be able to provide more than a temporary structure which would be little better than present Ashland facilities.
- 3. If Portland houses the shows in anything but an Elizabethan theatre the character of the plays is destroyed.

Tony Brandenthaler, the energetic promoter of the Centennial has been trying hard to convince the upstate towns that though Portland is the only logical place for the Trade Exposition, Portland is not trying to hog it all, and that all other towns should push their special attractions and get their share of the Centennial tourist business. By raiding Ashland, Portland threatens to destroy the illusion.

NO DOUBT some of the theatre people at Ashland are plugging for a move to Portland. We know temperamental and ambitious theatre people—always "an itch," the pickings in Portland look awful good—at a distance. In Portland, their festival would probably become just one of the dozens of struggling and partially supported artistic enterprises.

For nearly a quarter of a century the Oregon Shakespearean Festival has had ROOTS in Ashland and Jackson county. Such enterprises do not transplant easily. As a patron of many years we'll say a loud NO on moving the event to Portland.—Editor Bill Tugman, Port Umpqua Courier.

Dennis the Menace



"AW, HE JUST GOT SCARED 'CAUSE I SAID I'D GIVE HIM A FREE HAIRCUT."

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

THE PAIN OF CUTTING LOSSES  
Washington—Until the President went off to join the U. N. vaudeville in New York, the American National Security Council was engaged in something very like an agonizing reappraisal of our world policy and strategy.

There has never been a time when the gap was so wide between the governmental facade and the things going on behind the facade. The facade "peace plan," including the development scheme so ironically borrowed from Aneurin Bevan.

The reality is the secret huddle of high policy-makers, anxiously discussing how to avoid total catastrophe, not just in the Middle East, but also in the very heart of the Western alliance itself. For the policy-makers know what they do not tell the country, that the rush of events in the Middle East will begin again, just as soon as the U. N. speech-making is over.

THE policy-makers know too that the real question raised by this rush of Middle Eastern events is the question, "What to do about Britain?" The second partner in the Western alliance is not just dependent on Middle Eastern oil; Britain's solvency is also directly dependent on Britain's ownership of the Middle Eastern oil sources.

The British, we may say, are like a family that not only needs water to live, but also gets a large share of the family income from the stock in the water company. Britain cannot stay in business as the second partner in the Western alliance after sustaining the kind of loss that now threatens in the Middle East. The British divisions in NATO and many other vital contributions are quite directly at stake in the outcome. All this was recognized in a grim presentation of the British situation Secretary of the Treasury Robert Anderson made to the huddled policy makers.

The seemingly easy way out is for Britain to use military force if need be—and the need seems likely to arise—in order to hang on to the enormously rich, rather easily defensible oil sources in Kuwait and the other British protected sheikdoms of the Persian Gulf but this expedient cannot possibly be adopted by the British without all-out American support, for obvious reasons of war-risk.

THE expedient also has two further, vastly more important drawbacks. Any such despairing British move will be to draw the desperately needed clear line, say at the Sudan and Libya, that Nasser must not pass without immediate war.

These are the advantages. The disadvantages are the cost, which would not be unacceptably great, and above all the difficulty of taking such bold, imaginative action without admitting past errors. This second difficulty would be very great indeed. Cutting losses and making a sensible new start is always, alas, an extremely painful process. (c) 1958 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

OBSERVING A POLITICIAN in action whose speeches always have overshadowed his actual achievements, humorist E. B. White concluded, "His words leap across rivers and mountains, but his thoughts are still only six inches long!"

Another E. B. White remark worthy of quotation is, "A despot doesn't fear eloquent writers preaching freedom, but he does fear a drunken poet, who may crack a joke that will take hold."

Do you know that the word "abecedarian" means "easy as ABC"? A Chicago dean slipped it into a letter last week. It's very useful for silencing hecklers.

Solemn warning sign in a suburb of Cleveland: "Beginning Monday, there will be absolutely no parking allowed in front of No Parking signs!"

Washington Report

By William S. White

GREAT DIVIDE

Washington—President Eisenhower's United Nations plan for quieting the Middle East may unexpectedly mark a Great Divide in America's entire foreign policy.

If he presses on for constructive and essentially economic solutions, in that area or elsewhere, he may well win a truly great ally. And it will be even a far greater need, as is expected, the new Congress chosen in November is again in Democratic control.

For the critically dangerous years of the Eisenhower tenure will be the final two years when his influence with the public, and especially with the Republican party, will be on its last declining curve. And this phase will open in January, concurrently with the new 86th Congress.

INDEED, the President's newly proclaimed policy could turn out to be a most useful one even if it should fail in the Arab world itself. For the significance of his approach goes profoundly beyond this immediate area.

He has at last made a deep appeal to the leading Democrats. This time they are privately and genuinely enthusiastic, though the feeling is tempered with skepticism that says: "Now, if he will only go through with it..."

For a long time before this, these Democrats had been only publicly and wearily going along with Presidential proposals on foreign policy—and solely because they were not willing to divide the country before the Kremlin.

The Eisenhower promise of American support to a regional Arab economic development scheme is good Democratic doctrine. It is wholly in line with what the senior Democratic member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, has been urging for at least four years.

He means Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India and the vast numbers everywhere who have persisted in suspecting us on the ground that we are "sterile" on the issues of pacifying the world.

They think, in short, that we are at last off dead-center, assuming that the President will strongly exploit the initiative he has gained. (Copyright, 1958, by United Features Syndicate, Inc.)

BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION

The General Assembly having met, there is some reason for thinking that there now exists a basis for negotiation on the immediate issue.

The issue is not in Lebanon, which does not pose an insoluble problem. The issue is in Jordan. The fact is that the kingdom of Jordan is not capable of being an independent and sovereign state, and that it cannot be maintained much longer even if the British troops remain there.

The only hope is that the U. N. itself, following along the lines indicated a few days ago by Mr. Hammarskjold, will make the territory of Jordan into a protectorate of the U. N. For Jordan cannot be a British protectorate. It cannot be absorbed into the United Arab Republic without arousing Israel. If peace is to be preserved, Jordan must be given a new and special status. Only the U. N. itself can do that.

ON this crucial point, the American position and Russian are within negotiating distance of Mr. Hammarskjold's proposals.

THE essential element of arrangements for Jordan is that its territory should be neutralized and demilitarized as between Israel on the one hand, Egypt and Syria on the other. Jordan cannot be partitioned without a great risk of war. It should, therefore, be preserved and be transformed into a buffer state, as is the Gaza Strip.

This requires concessions. It means that Nasser must renounce the notion of incorporating Jordan into his military system. It means, on the other hand, that the West must renounce the idea of preserving the kingdom under the Eisenhower doctrine as a "bastion" against Nasser and

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

That Russian rocket case (usually referred to, incorrectly, as "Sputnik"), has probably been the principal topic of conversation in the Rogue valley the past week.

Probably a majority of the residents have tried to spot it, and a lot of them were undoubtedly disappointed. It has been difficult to get precise information as to what the darn thing was going to do, and how long it is expected to be visible.

The object has caused a few casualties, too. One of the girls that works in our office received a "crick" in her neck peering up to see the rocket—so severely, in fact, that she made a visit to the doctor's office the next day.

He was quite wise about the whole thing. "You're my second Sputnik victim today," he told her. "The other was a man who looked up, stepped back and fell into a cellar window. He's now walking on crutches."

Funny thing about the sky-object—when you see it, you can't quite see how anyone could miss it, so bright and dramatic it is. But when you're looking for it and can't see it, you can't understand how it can be so elusive, and how everyone else can see it while you can't.

While, generally speaking, the opening of the one-way couplet involving Main and Eighth streets went smoothly enough, there were, as was to be expected, a few creatures of habit who just plain forgot about it. One of these, we are informed by a spy, was Mayor Snider, who was driving blithely eastward on Main street early one morning, and wondering what those cars were doing parked on the wrong side of the street.

There's also an unconfirmed report that Police Chief Charles Champlin was another of the forgetful transgressors. And the secretary of health, education and welfare of a family we know was horribly embarrassed after she'd turned out of her favorite grocery's parking lot into the honkings of oncoming cars, and the shout of a small boy, "Hey Lady, that's a one-way street!"

Four travel editors from various publications came through Jackson county not long ago, on an annual tour sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Travel association for publicity purposes.

Before they arrived here, the local chamber of commerce was making preparations for their reception, and among other things, forwarded a "Southern Oregon Survival Kit" for them to have ready when they arrived.

The kits contained a number of handy items, including a pack of Bull Durham for snake-bite, windshield wiping or smoking; a tin of a well-known pain-killer for headaches caused by cricks in the neck caused by watching Oregon's magnificent scenery; a kit for repairs of scratches, nicks and dents in the hide; a thin dime as a down-payment on a telephone call home in case of emergency; a pack of Pik Pak toothpicks for after dinner use following tough steaks, and a packet of No-Dog tablets to help them stay alert for Oregon's scenic wonders.

The visitors, by all accounts, were taken, not only with the kits, but also by the magnificent southern Oregon country from whence they came.

Kiwanis club members were upset the other day when someone referred to their organization as a "lodge." Whereupon, from the back of the room, came a voice in a molasses-thick southern accent, which said, "Wassal, suh, we-uns sho nuff are a lahdge Kiwanis club."

Bob Chandler, the editor of the Bend Bulletin, claims that there are many, many quiet indoor sports, but that the Big Three are dieting, quitting smoking, and going on the wagon. The biggest, by far, he says, is dieting.

Participants may be divided into types, he says, such as the quiet welsler, the quitter, the compulsive cheater, the martyr, and so on.

The authoritative tone of his little essay leads one to believe he has had personal experience in one or more of these sports, which in turn leads one to wonder in what type he classifies himself.

Overheard in the M-T newsroom, young lady to society editor: "Do you handle engagements?" Society editor to young lady: "We ANNOUNCE engagements."

Free world reaction to Ike's Middle East proposal: Western Europe generally welcomed President Eisenhower's peace plan as a realistic approach toward solving the problems of the troubled Middle East.

A Paris source says it would be difficult not to admit the honesty of the speech. In Amsterdam (Holland) the speech is greeted as very constructive. A West German spokesman says the plan is a "reasonable beginning."

RUSSIAN reaction to Ike's speech: The Russian press and radio sharply criticized President Eisenhower's Mideast program. Radio Moscow said the President "virtually ignored the most URGENT problem—withdrawal of U.S. and British troops."

THE Daily Bulletin of happenings in the sheriff's office.

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