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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. 11, 1948 (Saturday)

The Jackson County 4-H fair opens next Tuesday for a 3-day session at the county fairgrounds.

More than 20 Medford business firms have contributed $556 to an "appreciation fund" for the Medford Dodgers.

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 11, 1938 (Sunday)

A group of pastels by Dane Sherry, 707 Oak st., is currently on exhibit at the Medford Stationery store, 210 East Main st.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The plunk of a human hoof propelling a football is again heard in the valley."

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 11, 1928 (Tuesday)

The Jackson County fair opens tomorrow with exceptionally fine exhibits expected in the enlarged facilities.

With a grand total of 656 voters casting ballots, Medford's proposed street-repair bond issue was defeated by a margin of 70.

40 YEARS AGO
Sept. 11, 1918 (Wednesday)

Proceeds from the forthcoming Chautauqua are earmarked for the Red Cross.

Jackson county livestock men are meeting to discuss a proposal to withdraw 100,000 acres of former railroad land from public use.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Is the sun a star, a planet, a meteor, or a constellation?
2. In what country is the famous summer resort named Banff?
3. Is the ohm an electrical unit of current, pressure, power, or resistance?
4. In lieu of counties, what subdivisions exist in the State of Louisiana?
5. On which continent is the Belgian Congo?
6. Is rigor mortis, autopsy, or habeus corpus another name for post-mortem?
7. In the U.S., who is sometimes designated "Second Lady of the land"?
8. Members of a national sunbathers association are commonly called n.....s?
9. Which of these French ports is nearest the English coast—Cherburg, Brest, Calais?
10. The receptacle that contains a ship's compass is a b.....e?

Answers: 1. Star. 2. Canada. 3. Resistance. 4. Parishes. 5. Africa. 6. Autopsy. 7. Wife of Vice President. 8. Nudists. 9. Calais. 10. Binacle.

THAT'S FAR ENOUGH

London—(UPI)—A judge has ruled a woman won't travel a mile to get her hair done. Bernard Kaye went to court to try to prevent Richard H. Howe, a former employee, from opening his own beauty parlor three miles away. Kaye said Howe should be at least four miles away. Justice Edmund Davies set a one-mile limit.

Long Road

The Medford city council's unanimous approval last week of Mayor John Snider's plan for a recreation and parks commission is a first small step on a long road which ultimately can do much for Jackson county.

The city has had a small recreation program, but it has been administered on a catch-as-catch-can basis, and largely through the extra work of already overburdened city officials.

The work done up to this point has been well performed and meritorious — but it hasn't been enough.

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THE commission can go further — and we hope it will: much further.

It can make a realistic assessment of recreational facilities and needs; it can lay out a program, and, eventually, it can assist the city council in supervising and administering a full-fledged recreational program.

And such is needed. While recreational facilities do not constitute the whole answer to anything, they do constitute an important part of a well-rounded life, and a well-rounded community.

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THE city now has one swimming pool, and soon will have another. It has one excellent and well-patronized community park, and several others which are pleasant to see and to visit. It has Prescott Park on Roxy Ann Butte — unmatched in potential almost anywhere in the United States, but still the unwanted step-child of the city, county and state park systems.

There is a tremendous field here for a recreation commission, and we sincerely hope it will lay out a program which will make Medford a leader (instead of a far-behind follower, as at present) in serving its people — its youth, its elderly, and the rest in between—with the facilities, the leadership and the guidance necessary to a well-rounded and efficient recreational program.

It will pay dividends in the long run.

We wonder when the county will take a similar forward step.—E.A.

Medieval Art

The "Star Gazer"—the astrological feature carried for some years by the Mail Tribune—is one of the most popular in the affections of many of our readers.

Just why this is so we have never been able to figure out, exactly. Surely not too many people take its forecasts seriously.

But there appears to be a certain fascination in taking one's own zodiacal sign, spotting the numbers arbitrarily assigned to it, and then picking these numbers from a list and working out a "message" for the following day.

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AS INDICATED, we don't put any stock in the "messages." But they are shrewdly drawn to cover a wide range of circumstances, and almost always something happens which can be related to the forecast.

For instance, a few weeks ago our (Virgo) forecast for the day we took a trip to Portland indicated we would need the services of a carpenter, a plumber or a handyman. That was the trip where the water pump on the car started making obscene noises, and had to be replaced in Roseburg—resulting in a lengthy delay and a substantial check.

And for yesterday, the advice was to "Hang onto your money for dear life." That is sage enough advice—for any day of the week.

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OUT of idle curiosity, we worked out the "messages" for yesterday under all 12 signs of the Zodiac. Here are the other 11:

Aries—Act in haste and repent at leisure. (Good advice for anyone, at any time.)

Taurus — Charm the world with your magnetic personality. (Also good advice—for those who have magnetic personalities.)

Gemini—Tempers may flare, a calm demeanor will help. (Good anytime.)

Cancer—You'll have to ride out the storm today. (Isn't that nearly always the case?)

Leo—Put your ingenious mind to work today. (Hmmmm.)

Libra—Certain important people want to cooperate with you. (Election time is coming.)

Scorpio — Guidance from your associates shouldn't be ignored. (Should it ever?)

Sagittarius — A clever move should bring worthwhile benefits. (True. Also true 364 other days of the year.)

Capricorn—Affairs seem to be somewhat in the air. (We don't know about YOUR house, but at OUR house, that's always the case.)

Aquarius—Don't let worry or gossip lead you astray. (Sound—very sound. But not limited to Aquarians, or to Sept. 10.)

Pisces—Your personality shines today. You'll impress people favorably. (See Taurus.)

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THERE'S something for everyone here—cheer, caution, old maxims, confidence-builders.

And, as mentioned, they are so constructed that they can be interpreted to apply to a hundred different circumstances.

But they are amusing, and do no harm, probably, as long as one takes them with a grain of salt, realizing that the stars are a long, long way away, and that the influences of the immediate environment are far more important in shaping a man's destiny than the medieval and discredited art of horoscopy.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

OUR ENTANGLING ALLIANCE

At the week end it became clear that the military actions of Red China around Quemoy have limited objectives, that they are strictly controlled and carefully calculated. After a two-week bombardment, the Red Chinese had proved that they could blockade Quemoy. They had forced Chiang's government to admit that without American intervention Quemoy with its large garrison was surrounded and lost. As a result, the President had been faced with a decision he himself had hoped not to have to make, and all the world, our own people included, have been made to see that we might have to go to war for a fiction, for the pretense that the island of Quemoy is necessary to the defense of Formosa.

Walter Lippmann

Having scored these points – which illustrated Chiang's weakness and the American entanglement – Chou En-lai turned off the military pressure for some two days while he proposed negotiating with the United States. The President jumped at this chance to put off the horrid possibility of having to fight for Quemoy.

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NO DOUBT it will be argued that what caused Chou En-lai to propose negotiation was the decision taken at Newport by Mr. Dulles to fight for Quemoy. But to argue this way is, I believe, to misunderstand the fundamental character of the Red Chinese policy in respect to Chiang and in respect to the United States as an ally of Chiang.

When Red China says, as it does on every occasion, that it will "liberate" Formosa, it does not mean that it can and that it will invade and conquer Formosa. It means that there will be a revolution in Formosa against Chiang or against his successor, and that Formosa will be taken out of the American sphere of influence in much the same way as Iraq was recently taken out of the British sphere of influence in the Middle East.

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WE, ON the other hand, having no answer to this kind of development, have concentrated all our attention on defending Formosa against what cannot and what will not happen – namely, the invasion and conquest of the island. This is a military impossibility. The Formosa Strait is a hundred miles wide and the water is rough. Red China has no navy, the United States has a great navy, and the Chinese and Russian Communist leaders are not fools.

Why do we concentrate our attention on the fictitious problem of the defense of Formosa? Because the President has legal authority from Congress to defend Formosa, and everything Mr. Dulles wishes to do in the area – which is chiefly to keep up the morale of the Chiang regime – has to be justified as somehow related to the military defense of Formosa.

Thus, in Quemoy the real issue is not whether the Communists are to have the island as a stepping stone to the invasion of Formosa. Quemoy has nothing to do with the invasion of Formosa or with the defense of Formosa – except that Chiang has recklessly locked up a third of his army in Quemoy. If he lost that army, the rest of his army, which is in Formosa itself, might overthrow him, and so Chiang has Mr. Dulles entangled in Quemoy. For if Quemoy is lost, the army is lost. If the army is lost, Formosa is lost. If Formosa is lost, southeast Asia is lost, etc., etc.

All this comes of founding a policy on untruths: on the untruth that the Red Chinese are planning the military conquest of Formosa, on the untruth that the offshore islands are related to Formosa, not to speak of the still bigger untruth that the real government of China is in Formosa, and that it will some day move back to the mainland.

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AMERICAN policy in eastern Asia has become a holding operation, a rear guard action, centered upon Chiang's government in Formosa. According to the official apologists, we have gotten ourselves into a fix where our influence and prestige in eastern Asia depend upon an old man who presides over a feeble government which has been driven off the mainland. So entangled are we that we are not allowed to consider among ourselves, much less to explore it publicly, what is to become of Formosa when Chiang departs. The open discussion of such realistic possibilities, it is said, would demoralize Chiang's government. Thus our diplomacy in eastern Asia is paralyzed.

In the diplomatic contest with the Communist world Red China is able to act on the conviction that eventually Formosa will come to terms with the mainland. But we have no conviction about the future on which we can act. We are defending Chiang and we are depending on Chiang. But Chiang is not immortal. And Chiang will not let us talk about what might come after he goes. Thus we are unable to propose anything in the nature of a constructive policy. All we can do is to stand by Chiang until the day comes when there is no Chiang to stand by.

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OUR relations with Chiang are a classic example – the most far reaching in our history – of an entangling alliance. Far from its being, as the official apologists say, indispensable to our prestige and influence, this entangling alliance is an enormous liability which, if it does not entangle us in war, is surely and steadily losing us the respect and confidence of our friends.

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Editorial Comment

REMINDER

The yellow school bus, which all summer carried children to summer camps and the bean fields, is back at its primary job – transporting Young America to school. And lest drivers forget the dictates of safety and the Oregon law, we remind them of their obligation on the highways.

Stripped of its legal language, the law provides that you can't pass a school bus that is stopped to discharge passengers. You must stop, too. You may proceed only after the bus proceeds and after children who intend to cross the highway have crossed it.

The same rule applies if you meet a school bus that is stopped to discharge passengers on a two-lane highway. On a four-lane highway, as we read the law, the driver need not stop if he is meeting the bus. But he must not overtake a stopped school bus, no matter how many lanes the highway has.

The driver must stop behind the bus, if traveling the same direction. If meeting the bus, he must stop before the front bumper of his car is in line with the front bumper of the bus.

Penalty for forgetting all this is a fine of not more than $100. And it could be an even greater penalty–the lifelong memory of a small body on the highway.–Eugene Register-Guard.

Conservationists Pleased at All But One Of Achievements of Congressional Session

BY A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington — Conservationists are sore because the 85th Congress finally authorized preliminary planning of Bruces Eddy dam on Idaho's Clearwater River, but otherwise they believe "great gains were made in attaining goals for the protection and wise management of the nation's soil, forest, water and wildlife resources" during the past two years.

A. Robt Smith

This is the opinion of the Wildlife Management Institute, headed by Dr. Ira Gabrielson, an Oregonian who formerly was chief of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The achievements the conservation organization is happy about are:

Six Achievements

1. Klamath bill—the marsh on the Klamath Indian reservation will be made into a national wildlife refuge for the ducks and geese on the Pacific flyway. It is an important feeding ground for these migratory birds, many of which go to Alaska for summer nesting.

2. Pesticides research—the widespread use of chemicals for insect and plant pest control has taken an alarming toll of birds, mammals and aquatic life. So Congress enacted a pesticides research law and appropriated $125,000 which will permit the Fish and Wildlife Service to research means of combatting this menace.

3. Outdoor recreation facilities — a commission was authorized to make a two-year survey of America's outdoor recreation resources now and what will be required by the country's rapidly expanding population. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger and Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore.) were both appointed as members.

4. Military reservations — Congress enacted a prohibition against the Defense Department withdrawing from other public use huge tracts out West of greater than 5,000 acres, unless Congress approves it. This is to prevent the military from making vast military reservations without justifying them to Congress, especially allowing for local residents, including sportsmen to have their say. Provision was made to require the military to observe state hunting and fishing and trapping laws to prevent these reservations from becoming privileged hunting preserves for military officers.

5. Duck stamp — starting July 1, 1960, virtually all receipts from the new $3 duck stamp will be channeled into an accelerated program for the purchase and lease of wetlands needed to maintain desirable duck and geese populations. The duck stamp bill closed loopholes in the old law, preventing duck receipts from being used for other programs, and assuring that refuge acreage goals can be attained in about 25 years.

6. Pollution control — more funds were appropriated for grants to cities for building sewage treament plants under this program which is less than two years old. But a move to double the program, making $100 million available annually, was pigeonholed.

Long Around

The Bruces Eddy authorization came in the rivers and harbors bill. The project had been kicked around for years, mostly with Sen. Neuberger leading the fight against it on grounds it would flood out some elk feeding grounds in the Bitterroot Mts. and cause damage to migratory salmon and trout in the Clearwater, a main tributary of the Snake River.

Two decisions by the administration also received plaudits from the conservationists. One was Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton's order making the primary function of federal wildlife lands that of preserving wildlife, banning further oil leasing on refuges except in exceptional cases. The other was the Internal Revenue Service failure to implement regulations opposed by sportsmen requiring sporting goods dealers to keep permanent records of firearms and ammunition sales.

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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper, in fact the contrary is often the case.

Registration Needle

To the Editor: The following letter has been sent to Mr. Don Stathos, chairman of the Jackson County Republican Central Committee:

You may recall a letter from the Democratic Central Committee of some time ago challenging the Republican Central Committee to a nonpartisan registration and get out the vote race. Under the proposed plan, registrars appointed upon the request of both committees were to make registration facilities available to as many of the estimated thousands of unregistered voters as possible. The registration booths and mobile units were to go "unlabeled" to insure a non-partisan effort.

We heard nothing from you but did read with interest a large front page article in which you announced plans for a massive drive for registrations. To date, nothing has been heard about any actual effort on your behalf, although our sponsored—but unlabeled—units have served the public in Prospect, Central Point, Medford and Ashland. We have registered an estimated 500 or more citizens, and we have just begun.

Due to your slow start you undoubtedly will not accept our challenge, but we write to you to ask you and your committee to commence your drive, reminding you that we have less than a month to go! We cannot possibly reach every un-registered voter in the county, although we will try. With some help and support from you and your committee, more voters will go to the polls in November.

By the way, I read some leaflets printed for the opponent of Governor Holmes the other day and could not find anywhere in it what his political party was, yet it claimed that everyone "knows where he stands." Is he "partyless" or is he ashamed of his party?

Jim Redden, Chairman
Democratic Party of
Jackson County

Planned Development

To the Editor: A special commendation to Mayor Snider, and Medford City Councilmen Hansen, Baccus, Hall and Robinson for the time and effort they expended in making a field trip into this residential area to check the site of the auto wrecking yard on Hilton rd.; for their thoughtful deliberation in the matter; and, for their forthright decision.

Our thanks, also, to the Medford Mail Tribune for its outstanding editorial support for planned urban development, and for the courtesies and thorough coverage extended in this matter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown
Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Martin

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

USING NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Washington — As these words are written, this reporter is about to leave for Formosa, in the manner of an aging but not quite fatally spavined firehorse. Before these words can be printed, however, the fire in the Formosa Strait may have sputtered out in renewed Sino-Amercian negotiations.

Joseph Alsop

One must pray for that result more earnestly, since this trouble in the Formosa Strait is a much more dangerous business than most Americans imagine. The very greatness of the danger perhaps has persuaded the Chinese Communist leaders to start talking about negotiations, as soon the the President and Secretary Dulles had committed themselves to using American troops, if need be, to defend Quemoy and the Matsus.

The great danger is not that the United States will be drawn into the fighting in the Formosa Strait. The great danger is, rather, that the United States will first be drawn into the fighting, and will then be drawn into using nuclear weapons — at least what are called "tactical" nuclear weapons—in this local fight.

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THE highest Pentagon authorities in fact maintain that the U. S. Armed Services will be almost compelled to use tactical nuclear weapons. It is said that simple air and sea operations to break the blockade of Quemoy would not create this terrible alleged necessity. But the prevailing view is that nuclear weapons would have to be used and ought to be used for all other missions, even including mere interdiction of the Chinese Communist air bases on the mainland.

Thus tactical A-bombs are to be used without hesitation in any fighting beyond the scale of a mild spat. That is the best way to sum up official Pentagon doctrine.

The doctrine is the natural outcome of the present situation, plus the Eisenhower defense policies of the past. In Communist China, the American armed services confront a formidable enemy, with 1,800 Soviet jet fighters and bombers, much other modern Soviet equipment, and a vast ground army.

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MEANWHILE, because of the sacred budget, the U. S. ground and air forces of the Pacific are very much weaker, except in nuclear weapons, than they were when the Korean War began. Until the recent reinforcement of the Pacific fleet, our naval forces in the area were also weaker, again except for nuclear weapons, than they were at the tragic moment when American weakness invited the Soviet aggression of 1950.

These comparatively small American forces furthermore show the clear imprint of "bigger bang for a buck" defense-planning. Among the Air Force planes in the Pacific, for instance, only the absolete F-86D fighters were designed to us entirely conventional armament.

The much better F-100 fighters are conventionally armed for the air combat, but they are primarily adapted to use tactical nuclear weapons when they are employed as fighter bombers. The light B-57 and B-66 bombers were designed with nuclear weapons almost evclusively in mind. The B-47 medium bombers of the Strategic Air Command are literally unable to deliver any bombs at all except A-bombs and H-bombs.

Long Around

Nor does the story end there, by any means. When President Eisenhower took his budget-minded "new look, at our defense planning, he issued a formal directive to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. That directive, subsquently confirmed and elaborated on other occasions, authorized the Joint Chiefs to plan to fight only nuclear wars. By order of the Commander-in-Chief himself, any fighting more serious than a police action was to be nuclear.

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THUS the generals, the admirals, and the Pentagon's civilian high command cannot be blamed for the danger of a nuclear war for Quemoy. Furthermore, the phrase, "a nuclear war for Quemoy," considerable misrepresents the issue.

The policy-makers have painted the United States into a fantastic corner, in which we have to choose between joining in the defense of these wretched little offshore islands, or suffering incalculable further losses all over the world. If the Chinese Communists can drive the United States to fight for Quemoy in these circumstances, then two very great powers will be at war with one another. We may attempt, and we should attempt, to treat such a war with Communist China as a limited war. But the success of this attempt will inevitably depend on the Chinese Communist leaders and not on the Pentagon.

Enough has been said at any rate, to suggest why it is well to pray for a renewal of the meaningless round of peaceable negotiations.

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IKE TO MEET DIPLOMATS

Washington – (UPI) – President Eisenhower is reported planning to welcome personally the foreign ministers of 20 Latin American countries when they arrive here Sept. 32 for a review of Western Hemisphere relations.

SOCCER GREAT DIES

London–(UPI)–David Jack, 60, one of the all-time greats of English soccer, died here Wednesday.

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