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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. 17, 1948 (Friday)
Dr. Leslie Kent, Eugene, will be installed as president of the Oregon Medical Society at its annual dinner tonight at the Rogue Valley Country Club.

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 17, 1938 (Saturday)
The Lake of the Woods resort will remain open for the hunting season this year for the first time.

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 17, 1928 (Monday)
The Rogue River academy opened its sessions today with an enrollment of 90.

40 YEARS AGO
Sept. 17, 1918 (Tuesday)
Women are urged to help in cannery work as the opening of school depletes the ranks of workers by more than 50 per cent.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. What kind of fruit is a Rhode Island Greening?

2. A fortnight includes how many days?

3. Which of these are light wines: claret, champagne, port, sherry, sauterne, burgundy, muscatel?

4. The morbid fear of passing near high buildings and structures is called b..... ophobia?

5. Poi, a favorite Hawaiian dish, is made from pineapples, taro or coconuts?

6. The capital of Belgium is Antwerp, Brussels, or Liege?

7. Name the president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

8. What is a "yellow dog" contract?

9. The Rules of Racing require that names for race horses be limited to 12, 14, or 16, letters?

10. In which New England state did Shay's Rebellion, an insurrection against the State government, occur in 1786-87?

Answers - 1 Apple. 2 14 days. 3 Claret, champagne, sauterne, burgundy. 4 Bato-phobia. 5 Taro. 6 Brussels. 7 James Hoffa. 8 One in which a worker agrees not to join a union. 9 14 letters. 10 Massachusetts.

A Problem of Gravity

What is gravity? Shucks, everyone knows what it is. It is the force that makes objects fall when they are dropped; it is the force which keeps us from floating off into space, or the earth from scooting away from the sun.

But the exact nature of the force—how it is generated, how it works, why it works—is one of the major unsolved mysteries now facing science. And, up to this point, science isn't much nearer a solution than was Aristotle, who contended that materials fell because of a quality of "heaviness," or rose because of a quality of "lightness."

This described the effects, all right, but did no more to explain the nature of gravity than do the descriptive computations of today's physicists.

GRAVITY can be defined in terms of what it does, and it has been, in detail. Sir Isaac Newton, the "discoverer" of gravity, wrote the "laws" of gravity many years ago, and most of them are applicable today.

And before him, Galileo's experiments had formed the basis of the theories of Newton.

But still, gravity is described, in effect, by saying, "If such-and-such is the case, thus-and-so will happen."

No one as yet can say why.

MOSTLY, man's efforts in the physical sciences have been to counter gravity, not to negate it.

From the first time that a man picked up a stick or stone to use as a weapon; after he first started carrying home game on his shoulders, he has been in a ceaseless battle against gravity. This battle has resulted in the sled, the wheel, the rails and surfaced roadways. It has resulted in most of the basic inventions, the pulley and lever and inclined plane.

This battle, however, has been against a force which is just as necessary to life as is the air we breathe—more so, for in fact without gravity, there would be no air on earth, and no earth either, for that matter.

SOME men have given thought to negating gravity. Roger Babson has even set up a foundation to study it and to seek an anti-gravitic force—so far without success.

Will it ever be conquered? We'll simply have to wait for the answer to that question.

But it may be. As scientists probe ever deeper into our universe, and learn more about what makes it the way it is, they may some day stumble on to the secret of the force that holds everything together. And it may well be related to the binding force of the atom and the still imperfectly-understood force of magnetism. Perhaps all of them are just different embodiments of the same force.

IF AN "anti-gravitic force" is within the realm of possibility, and if its secret ever is discovered, it will make more changes in human life than any single discovery so far, more than fire, or the wheel, or steam, or electricity, or even atomic energy.

It would make mankind undisputably the master of his worldly environment, and probably, too, master of the solar system or even the universe.

This is exciting speculation. But it remains, at this point, nothing but speculation. And how much more productive it would be if mankind had equal hope, and expended equal effort, in the problem of how to get along as human beings.—E.A.

Needed: Bigger Hoops

We don't like to brag... But we've outwitted if not mastered the hula hoop. We admit we're exhausted. We admit that now that we've successfully kept it in orbit for a minute we never intend to again. We admit also that a three year old does it better the first time out.

But we have a message for adults. Nobody else should have to go through this to find out. It isn't the same for youngsters and adults.

Though thickish of middle we studied the neighborhood youngsters and decided that we could, after all, wiggle fast enough to keep the hoop flying. After all, the kids don't strain themselves. They revolve the hoop at the rate of about 30 r.p.m.

WE FOUND we could keep up the same pace but the hoop fell repeatedly. Not even one orbit.

With a coronary-inviting effort, though, we finally learned the secret. An adult needs more r.p.m. to do the job because he's thicker.

A tad with a 20-inch waist can manage fine. An adult with a 36-inch waist, because of some law of centrifugal force, needs about 50 r.p.m. if he uses the same size hoop. It has something to do with the ratio of the axis to the radius of the orbit. The greater the ratio, the less the speed needed for orbiting. Because of this a waist-line in the mid-30s is about the limit for even a fairly short effort.

What's needed—as long as young ones are going to keep darning their folks—is a diet, or, better, a bigger hoop to give the adults the same axis-radius ratio as the small fry. Of course a little more wind wouldn't hurt, either.—Salem Capital Journal.

Dennis the Menace



“HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR NEW CLUBHOUSE, MOM?”

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. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Hip, Hip, Hoopsters
To the Editor: Today, all the boys and girls have Honolulu hip hoops. We used to have the same thing, when I went to school, only we didn't call them Honolulu hip hoops. We called them barrel staves, off the old cider barrel. We didn't roll them around our hips, we rolled them down the railroad tracks. Everybody had hip hoops, but we didn't have hoop hoops. Without hoop hoops, you can't hip hoops, but I don't give a hoop. Everett Acklin, Box 233, Ashland.

Statistical Reporting
To the Editor: With reference to the "Potluck" item last Sunday, in which it was pointed out that the proposed subdivision ordinance has a sentence with 144 words, 20 commas and 1 period, the section refers to "Penalties."

Jack Eaton
Planning Technician
Jackson County
Planning Commission

Quit Shovin'
To the Editor: Perhaps many of the newcomers to this valley do not understand how we old time residents feel in this section.

Now the unions come in with their organizers and goons and tell us what we can do and what we can't do.

HE DOES SO HAVE THEM
Knoxville, Tenn.—UPI—Allison Laugherty was in City Court Tuesday on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses, forgery, escape from jail and failure to pay alimony.

Seawolf Appears To Hold Undersea Mark
Washington—UPI—The atom-powered submarine Seawolf apparently has eclipsed all undersea endurance records.

Try and Stop Me
By BENNETT CERF

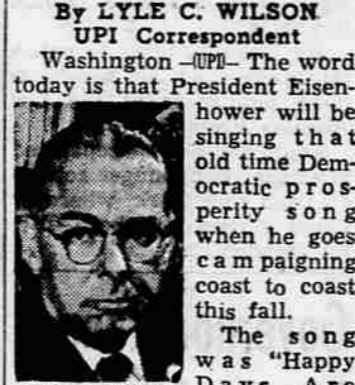
SAM HIMMELL, who delights in digging up off-beat items that sound incredible, submits the following:
1. David, King of Israel, was twice as rich as the richest country in the world. His wealth, in present-day purchasing power, would equal \$120,000,000,000.
2. Albert Einstein flunked the entrance exams of the Swiss Polytechnic college, Zurich, when he was 16.
3. Lindbergh was only the 67th man to make a non-stop transatlantic flight. Alcock and Brown were the first in 1919.
4. George Washington was not our first President. It was John Hanson of Maryland.
5. Thanksgiving Day originally was a fast day. The Pilgrims, until 1631, celebrated their annual day abstaining from food.

“I have checked none of Mr. Himmell's facts (maybe some TASM reader will), but I am convinced that S. H.'s secret ambition is to be the M.C. of a TV quiz show!”
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HERE'S A RARE ITEM.

'Happy Days... Again' Seen Ike's Theme As Recession Fades, Election Nearing



Lyle C. Wilson Here Again, and none ever will forget it who attended the 1936 Democratic national convention at which FDR accepted his second term nomination.

ors have shown a substantial slowing of the decline and the beginning of the rise. These advisers are confident that by late October the encouraging signs will have multiplied in number and in degree, thus enabling the President, if he desires, to tell the voters that the United States is on the way back to record prosperity.

By LYLE C. WILSON
UPI Correspondent
Washington—UPI—The word today is that President Eisenhower will be singing that old time Democratic prosperity song when he goes on a paingning coast to coast tour this fall.

By BERNARD BRENNER
UPI Correspondent
Washington—UPI—The Agriculture department reported today that farm income for the first nine months of 1958 will top the same 1957 period by 19 per cent.

1958 Farm Income Rises 19 Per Cent Over 1957 Period
The reminder that farm income is still running well ahead of last year's rate was expected to be particularly heartening to GOP candidates fighting for farm belt seats. Farm price levels have been declining since mid-April. Top administration farm hands, headed by Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson, have been claiming that an upturn in the farm economy this year will produce a GOP gain in farm areas in the congressional elections this fall.

Early 1958 Rise
A spectacular rise in the early part of the year shot the farm price index up to 266 per cent of the 1910-14 average on April 15 and brought

Eisenhower Resisted
Eisenhower resisted, in the last session of Congress, Democratic efforts to spend the nation out of recession and unemployment. FDR's record was pretty good evidence that it cannot be done.

Year - long, Eisenhower has been telling the public that the current slump would be temporary. His economic advisors are telling him, now, that the worst is well over, that since June most economic indicat-

Foreign affairs—which are getting hot again: Diplomatic representatives of the U.S. and Communist China are sitting down in Warsaw for talks on the Formosa crisis. American Ambassador Jacob Bean will confer with Red Chinese Ambassador Wang Ping-Nan. The talks will be held in a fabulous 18th century palace.

The Soviet press is predicting that little will come of it.

I'M AFRAID that for once the Soviet press is right. Personally, I'd feel better about it if this man Robert Murphy of ours were doing the talking for our side.

He has a REALISTIC outlook on world affairs.

MORE foreign affairs: New York this morning the next United Nations General Assembly session (which is scheduled to begin tomorrow) may be the most important session in several years.

He adds that there will be vital problems of consolidating peace, disarmament and economic development to deal with.

THERE will be something else: Red China isn't gunning for just the insignificant offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu. She isn't gunning merely for FORMOSA.

What is she gunning for? She's gunning to BE CHINA. She's gunning for Nationalist China's seat in the United Nations organization, which is now held by Nationalist China.

Nationalist China is very, very big. Secretary Dulles is certainly not overstating the case when he says the session of the U.N. General Assembly that will open tomorrow will be one of the most important in several years.

ON THE U.S. integration front, all four of Little Rock's high schools closed this morning on orders of Arkansas Governor Faubus.

In Virginia, the Front Royal high school is closed. Virginia authorities hint this morning that before the day is over eight more Virginia schools—in Norfolk and Charlottesville—will be closed.

A QUESTION: In this closing of schools in the South, who will suffer most?

The answer is simple. The CHILDREN, who will be the next generation, will be the sufferers. Can the South afford that? I doubt it.

There will remain the tough and dangerous problems of currency inflation rising prices, shrinking dollar purchasing power. All will be a long way from well on the domestic front. But Republican tacticians are hopefully confident that recession will not be so damaging to them in

November as they had feared in May.

Eisenhower, of course, will depend wholly upon his economic advisors in his 1958 campaign speeches. He is no economist, himself. Confronted on taking office in 1953 with the economic controls enacted after outbreak of the Korean War, Eisenhower abolished them after discussion at the first business meeting of his new cabinet.

The big decision having been taken, the cabinet meeting broke up. As Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey came by, Eisenhower caused him to pause.

"George," said the President, "I hope to heaven you know what you are doing."

Estimate Basis
The estimate was compiled by using preliminary figures for July and August and adopting a guesswork figure for September assuming it will show the usual seasonal change from August.

The 19 per cent increase for the nine-month period was due, economists said, to higher average prices, increased marketings, and larger soil bank payments. These factors would more than offset a further increase in production expenses.

For the first eight months of 1958, the report added, farmers' cash receipts totaled nearly \$19,500,000,000, 10.5 per cent more than in the same period last year.

EXPENSIVE FINANCING
The Medford school board this week sold a \$1,000,000 bond issue to finance construction of schools and school additions in the district. The effective interest rate on this issue will be 3.7409, according to the Medford Mail Tribune.

The cost to the school district of servicing this bond issue will be \$452,995, or almost half the amount received from sale of the bonds, according to the Medford newspaper. That makes the proposed school project really expensive.

But why, some may ask, a 3.7409 rate on tax-exempt bonds? Most of us can remember when 2 1/4 or 2 1/2 per cent interest on such gilt-edged issues was considered tops if a municipal corporation had to pay more it was regarded as too expensive.

The answer lies in the crash that has occurred in the bond market since last July. Literally billions in bond values have been erased in this decline, which still has not been fully checked. A wide variety of really high grade bonds today can be purchased for as little as 90 cents on the dollar.

Conversely, the stock market is at an all-time high in some categories. Stocks on the New York and other exchanges today are selling at prices so high that dividends do not equal the revenue from bonds.

This is because the majority of investors now have become convinced that further serious inflation is inevitable. With the government committed to another \$12 billion deficit, and no real attempt to curb federal, state and local spending, it begins to look as though the sky is the limit. So investors now are seeking hedge, and the purchase of common stocks is a traditional means of betting dollar declines.

Bond buyers, however, have taken a terrible beating over the past 15 or 20 years. They have received low interest in return for the assumed "security" of their investments, then have been paid off on maturity with 48-cent dollars.

Only a real sucker takes the same bait twice.—Grants Pass Courier.

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BRITISH SHIPS WARNED
London—UPI—The Admiralty has warned British ships to steer clear of the Formosa Strait during the current crisis, an Admiralty spokesman said today.

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