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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. 24, 1948 (Friday)

A doctor from Portland has written Medford Chief of Police Clatous McCredie, complimenting him on the courtesy of Medford drivers.

Teamsters start picketing the American News company, 1211 Court st., following a breakdown of negotiations.

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 24, 1938 (Saturday)

Crater Lake National park is scheduled to receive an allocation of \$35,500 for extension of its facilities.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The letter writing epidemic has passed. Several of the epistles were written with fountain pens the writer did not know were full of ink."

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 24, 1928 (Monday)

Medford's new veterinary hospital on North Central ave. is scheduled for completion within three weeks.

Bee-tree hunting is becoming a popular sport and industry in the valley, and Charles Pruitt has "harvested" 10 trees so far.

40 YEARS AGO
Sept. 24, 1918 (Tuesday)

Three bootleggers arrested in the Siskiyou where they tried to hide 175 quarts of whiskey and three dozen bottles of beer on a mountain-side after their car broke down were sentenced to 60 days and fined \$250 each in Ashland.

So far \$60,000 in liberty loan bonds has been subscribed in the current drive.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. Which is higher in rank, an embassy, or a legation?

2. Which currently-made American automobile is named for an Indian chief?

3. Which department of the executive branch of the government has charge of the issuance of passports and visas?

4. Name the alcoholic mixed beverage which has a name identical with that for a motorcycle attachment?

5. The handle of a sword or dagger is called the h — — ?

6. Is Costa Rica north, or south, of Panama?

7. How many red stripes are on the American flag?

8. What is a nom de plume?

9. Live lobsters are not red; true or false?

10. There are 90, 180, or 360 degrees in a circle?

Answers: 1. An embassy (which is headed by an ambassador.) 2. Pontiac. 3. Department of State. 4. Side car. 5. Hilt. 6. North. 7. Seven. 8. A name assumed by an author. 9. True. 10. 360 degrees.

South Sea Vikings

Thor Heyerdahl (the Norwegian anthropologist and archeologist of "Kon-Tiki" fame) has written entertainingly of his latest exploit—an extended voyage into the South Seas for further checking on his theory that at least some of the natives of Oceania originally came from South America.

Excerpts from his book have run in recent issues of the Saturday Evening Post under the title "Aku-Aku," and provide highly entertaining reading—stimulating to the imagination, informative, and interesting.

THE bulk of the articles were about his discoveries on Easter Island, that isolated bit of land thousands of miles from nowhere, where great monolithic statues defied the best theories of earlier scientists as to how they were erected. Heyerdahl, with the help of the natives and their legends and family traditions, solved this problem, and a number of others which had baffled investigators.

(The giant heads, for instance, were pried up with logs, an inch or so at a time, and each time a few rocks were placed under them to prevent their return; then another few-inch pry, more rocks, and so on until the stones were erect.)

EVERYWHERE he went in the South Seas, Heyerdahl found what he took to be evidence supporting his imaginative theory that the early, massive works—the monoliths, temples, forts and carvings—were done by descendants of adventurers from the mainland of South America.

His Kon-Tiki raft voyage was made to prove it could have been done; his later voyage was to find substantiating evidence.

Among these were the legends (hardly acceptable as scientific evidence, but fascinating) which told of voyagers of the long ago who came from the east—men with fair skins and beards, and some with red hair, who apparently were the ancestors of some, but not all, of the present residents of Oceania.

RED-HEADED, bearded seafarers of pre-history!!

It is enough to send one back to Edgar Rice Burroughs and his lost lands of Africa, or to the romances of the Vikings landing in Vinland and establishing colonies in the new world.

Heyerdahl never comes right out and describes what may be locked in the back of his head—the idea that his Viking forebears may indeed, by some ancient voyage, have come to South America and founded the great civilization of the Incas, and then crossed the Pacific to create a magnificent but long-vanished culture in the islands of the warm seas.

BUT the elements of such a fantasy are given in Heyerdahl's articles—implicitly, if not explicitly.

And—who knows?—it may have been the case. It probably can't be proven or disproven.

But the Vikings DID establish settlements in North America, Marco Polo DID travel to Cathay, the European kings DID go on their Crusades. Who is to say that it could not have happened—a ship of Vikings blown off-course, landing in Central America, and, vigorous and aggressive men as they were, establishing over the generations a whole new culture imposed upon the existing Indian civilization of the era.

We rather like the idea.—E.A.

Tax Committees

A proposal recently announced by the legislative interim committee on taxation, recommending formation of tax supervision and conservation committees in counties of 50,000 or more population, has had a mixed reception from Oregon's editorial writers.

They range from cautious and conditional approval to the belief that such bodies only could "nibble" at budgets, with no great savings to the taxpayers resulting.

THE idea for extension of the committee plan (up to now limited to Multnomah county) originated in Jackson county four years ago.

It was born in discussions by members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's governmental operations committee (at that time the 'legislative' committee), and was adopted as one part of a five-point tax program.

Subsequently it received the approval of the chamber's board, and was presented to the current legislative committee as well as the one which preceded it.

A TAX supervising and conservation committee, under the proposal, would exercise general supervision over the budgets of the various taxing units in the county—cities, school districts, water and sanitation and fire districts, soil conservation and irrigation districts, and so on.

While it might not be effective in cutting by any great extent overall budgets, it would serve as a force for uniformity of procedure, and certainly could be of great assistance in catching errors and pointing out deficiencies, many of which show up in budgeting, particularly by the smaller taxing districts.

And it would have the additional, and perhaps even more important, function of providing a disinterested, citizens' group which is aware of budgetary problems, and would be in an ideal position to interpret them to the other citizens of the county.

They might not be able to cut the tax load, but they could provide a greater understanding of it, and how and why it grows.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"I CAME OVER TO PLAY WITH YA, MARGARET. I CAN'T FIND ANY BOYS."

Big Turnover Seen For Congress This Year; 52 Minimum

HELP WANTED
Guides for new Members of Congress. Applicants must be familiar with layout of Capitol, help Senators and Representatives find way around.

That advertisement may appear in the Washington papers any day now, as political headquarters here prepare for the biggest crop of freshman legislators in recent history.

Already, it is certain there will be 52 new Senators and Representatives coming to work in January. That represents a 10 per cent turnover in the membership of Congress.

At least 6 new Senators and 41 new Representatives will be elected Nov. 4. They will replace the 10 members of the 85th Congress who are candidates for other office, the 6 who died and were not replaced during the past session, the 3 who were defeated in primaries, and the 28 who retire.

In addition to those 47 newcomers there are the two Senators and a Representative to be chosen Nov. 25 by the new state of Alaska, and the new Senator and Representative elected Sept. 8 in Maine.

The two new men are both Democrats, and Democratic officials here claim a high proportion of the other new members will belong to their party. All but 10 of the vacancies to be filled were held by Republicans in the last Congress.

The New York delegation appears to be slated for the biggest turnover. New York will choose one new Senator and at least seven new Representatives. California, New Jersey and Pennsylvania each will choose a new Senator and at least three new Representatives. At least three new Representatives will also be elected in Illinois, Massachusetts and Ohio.

The minimum of 52 new Senators and Representatives in the 86th Congress compares to 55 new members actually elected in 1956 and 68 actually elected in 1954. (Copyright 1958, Congressional Quarterly Inc.)

Successor to Adams Will Lack His Power

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UPI Correspondent
Washington — (UPI) — There may never be another Sherman Adams at the side of the President Eisenhower.

According to more than one political authority, Adams' position as "the assistant to the President" which he gave up this week was unique—not in title but in personal relationship.

Therefore, these authorities reasoned, any successor to Adams may succeed to his title but not to the encompassing authority Eisenhower vested in the man he called his "chief of staff."

The effort in the White House to spare the President all possible administrative detail will continue. But a single individual was not expected to succeed to the "yes or no" powers of Adams or to the finality of his influence over appointive federal jobs.

Eisenhower was fresh from the regulated chain-of-command life at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe when he first got to know Adams in the 1952 campaign.

He liked the crispness and clarity with which Adams helped to forge the successful Eisenhower "crusade" against the Communists.

Overnight readings in the 30s prevailed from Nevada north into Idaho, eastern Oregon and western Montana. Butte, Mont., reported an early morning temperature of 31 degrees and light snow. The snow flurry at Ely restricted visibility for one-half mile for a time Tuesday night.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE MISSUS was excused by the judge for breaking a china platter over her husband's head when the court learned what her provocation was. "I've got to plan dinner for tonight, Henry," she had said. "Do you like codfish balls?" The husband's answer (immediately preceding the platter-breaking) was, "I don't know. I never attended any."

An elderly gentleman insisted on seeing the president of a publishing house in person. When he gained admittance through the sacred portals, it developed that he wanted a copy of a certain book on the art of letter writing. "We let that go out of print long ago," laughed the publisher. "We have a new one ready on the same subject. Want a copy? It's got that dreary old stinker skinned a mile." "I do not need your dubious assistance in composing letters," the caller remarked coldly. "I happen to be the author of the dreary old stinker."
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Defectors to East Given Obscure Jobs; Hungarian Unrest Reported

By RUSSELL JONES
UPI Correspondent
Vienna — (UPI) — Communist publicity drums sound off with an exultant beat when a Westerner defects to the East. But despite the flourish of welcome at the start, most of these souls are relegated to

obscure, pedestrian jobs once their propaganda value withers. Noel Field was a senior U.S. State Department and League of Nations official before being jailed by the Hungarians. Now he's an editor of tourist guides and other literature put out by the government.

George Wheeler left a military government job for life in Communist Czechoslovakia. He is an ordinary statistician and his wife a translator. Their older sons, now in their 20s, "volunteered" for factory work as examples of "socialist endeavor." But all of them still claim U. S. citizenship.

ily turned himself over to the American military for court martial rather than give up his U. S. citizenship. Ironically, after several Western governments protested to the Romanians, the pressure on the foreigners was lifted.

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.

Editorial Misquotation

To the Editor: I was very much interested in your Sept. 23 editorial entitled "The Pill," primarily because of the discrepancy between your editorial and a previous article. I would like to say that you have possibly misquoted Dr. John Rock. Your editorial says:

"He said, because of the nature of the chemical reactions involved, it does not come under the church's ban on contraceptives, and that the church has no objection to its use for that purpose."

Aside from the fact that Dr. Rock is a layman and undoubtedly not qualified to give the church's ruling on the moral aspects of this new chemical, your previous article on Page 11, Sept. 18, 1958, says:

"Rock, a Roman Catholic, said his church had no objection to the use of the drug for regularizing a woman's periods. The church does object to its use as a contraceptive," he added.

I think your editorial might be misleading to some since there has been no official ruling handed down by the Roman Catholic church. Victor D. Kraft 1014 South Grape st. Medford

Editor's note: Our correspondence is correct. Dr. Rock was misquoted, through a careless inadvertence, which is regretted. We shall await with interest to see what official reaction there is from officials of the church regarding the uses of the new drug.

Political Questions

To the Editor: As a committeewoman I have many questions asked me in the course of a day on political matters. The most complete answers that can be found are in a Readers Digest article on page 157 of the October issue.

Everyone should read this regardless of party affiliation. If you do not take the magazine and cannot borrow one from a friend, you will find the article well worth the price of a copy.

Leila A. Morrow, 531 N. Bartlett st., Medford

More Politics

(Editor's note: The following is another in an exchange of letters between the Jackson county chairmen of the two political parties, published for their general interest.)

Mr. James A. Redden Chairman, Jackson County Democratic Central Comm.

Dear Mr. Redden: Thank you for your public letter to me in last Thursday's Communications in the Mail Tribune. Knowing that you are a respectable young attorney, I imagine it must have bothered your conscience somewhat for you to sign your name to a letter containing an outright falsification and then make that letter public.

The letter to the editor in last Thursday's Communications which bears your signature states "he (Governor Holmes) has, with the help of a Democratic house, and in spite of certain Republican senators, lowered taxes an average 20 per cent from the 1955 (Republican) level."

Mr. Redden, you know, and any Democrat legislator as well as any Republican legislator will tell you, that Governor Holmes fought against lowering income taxes 20 per cent. A phone call to the Governor's office in Salem will verify this. You also know, Mr. Redden, that the 20 per cent tax reduction was not from the 1955 (Republican) high as you stated in the letter. The 20 per cent tax reduction was from the 51 per cent tax increase Governor Holmes substituted after he kept his promise to the voters that he would repeal the 45 per cent surtax. "High Tax Holmes" has earned his title.

Now in regard to registrations I will let the registrars speak for themselves as I don't believe they desire anyone to dictate to them or to dictate for them.

Donald L. Stathos Chairman Jackson County Republican Central Comm.

Defectors Keep Passports

"Love that passport" is a keynote phrase in the behavior of this curious coterie. Although dozens, perhaps hundreds, of Westerners have "sought asylum" in the Communist countries, most of them cling tenaciously to their passports.

Few of them are willing to cut themselves off completely from home base. This was never more clearly illustrated than when Romania recently told foreign residents to take Romanian citizenship or get out of the country in 48 hours.

Jonathan Morris had deserted the U. S. Army after World War II to live in Timisoara, Romania. But, faced with the Romanian order, he volunteered.

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In earlier years, it was felt that camping facilities in state parks amounted to unjustified competition by the state with privately owned hotels and motels. It hasn't worked out that way. Experience has proved that after people have camped out for a week or two they like to get into hotels and motels to get cleaned up. Once they get there, they tend to stay longer than was formerly the case.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This piece is a brief account of a meeting in Portland and the return therefrom. The purpose of the meeting was to determine the size of the appropriation for tourist advertising of the state of Oregon for the year 1959.

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Why can't it be computed?

Well, for one thing, there were BENEFITS. The benefits were temporary, of course. They arose out of the necessity to SALVAGE the trees that had been killed. Out of these salvage operations there grew a BOOM in the production of lumber. This boom produced WAGES. It produced a TEMPORARY rise in the economy of the areas where the lumber was cut.

But this forced cutting of too much lumber in too short a period of time ROBBED the area of FUTURE development. You can see the results of this robbery in the Tillamook valley—where lumber operations are now relatively few and far between. As a result, the economy of the Tillamook valley has been thrown OUT OF BALANCE. Because of the timber that was destroyed in that frightful holocaust, the rich and beautiful Tillamook valley is compelled to depend almost entirely on its agriculture, whereas if the timber had been kept green and growing there would now be a better BALANCE between industry and agriculture.

That's something to think about every time you leave a campfire burning or toss away a match or a cigarette butt.

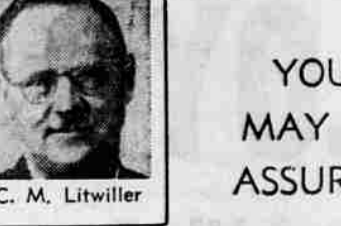
THE Tillamook valley, of course, is still rich. It is still prosperous. Its dairy industry is a wonderful industry. But it would have been MORE PROSPEROUS, if the great fire hadn't got loose.

HERE in Southern Oregon, there is a thought for us in this Tillamook burn. The thought is this: We're LUCKY because the great pine forests of the Klamath Indian reservation have been kept under sustained yield. If they had been sold at auction to the highest bidder, WITHOUT sustained yield restrictions, they might have been cut off without provision for systematic growth and reproduction.

In that event, our future would have been LESS BRIGHT. We too might then have suffered from a LACK OF BALANCE in our economy.

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