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FLIGHT 'O TIME... Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO... Eugene Bennett, Medford artist, wins a place in the Portland Art museum's first annual Oregon exhibition.

20 YEARS AGO... A leisure arts class for Medford children in the fourth to ninth grades is to start tomorrow.

30 YEARS AGO... Jacksonville will vote June 20 on a bond election for procuring Medford water.

40 YEARS AGO... Four Medford banks are named depositories of state funds.

50 YEARS AGO... The Medford city council passes a resolution providing for water mains on many city streets.

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

1. In the latest Gallup Poll more persons interviewed did, or did not, object to Kennedy as a Presidential candidate because he is a Catholic?

2. In the administration of which President was diplomatic recognition extended to Soviet Russia?

3. Because sand does not absorb water it weighs as much when dry as when wet, true or false?

4. What is the name for a triangle with two sides of equal length?

5. What does an ill wind blow?

6. The sum of the angles of a square is how many degrees?

7. In which two gospels is the birth of Jesus recorded?

8. The American flag flies day and night over the United States Capitol, true or false?

9. May a bank refuse to receive your deposits?

10. Generally, may a person injured in a football game obtain a damage judgment against the player who hurt him?

High Desert

For years now we have been reading Bill Jenkins' columns in the Klamath Falls paper praising the virtues of the "High Desert."

To be honest, we didn't know what he was talking about, and cared less. We learned better earlier this week, when a chance presented itself to see at first hand what it is.

As many Jackson county people know, the High Desert is just that — a tremendously large area of south-central Oregon, much of it ranging upward from one mile in elevation, marked by rimmocks, unlimited expanses of sage and rabbit brush, most of it barren and desolate and lonely — and yet with an almost inexplicable attraction.

THE High Desert is virtually indescribable in words, but it's worth a try.

At some spots for as far as the eye can see there is nothing but mile after mile of rolling hills, gray-green with brush stretching to the horizon, and the narrow, rutted and dusty road in front and behind to mark man's existence.

At another spot, two curious antelope watch warily as the car bounces by. At a fork in the road one finds a battered, slightly tilted sign, almost totally illegible.

At still another spot, near a Lake county road construction camp, a sign informs the viewer County Cork is 6002 1/2 miles away, by way of the Winnemucca-Lakeview cutoff.

ONCE every mile or so a cow nudges under the brush, seeking the scarce, sparse grass. At this time of year, many of them are accompanied by wobbly-kneed calves. We were told that it takes 40 acres of this empty land to produce enough forage for one beef animal.

Occasionally one will see a rim rock surrounded by a few junipers, and in a few spots, aspen. The knowledgeable members of the party tell you that this is the kind of spot to look for that "big buck" in season.

The thousands and thousands of acres of nothingness are occasionally dotted with dry lakes, either flat and smooth and bare and brown, or lightly overgrown with brush. Beyond one of these is Daugherty's Slide — a massive escarpment more than 1,000 feet high, diagonally scarred with the beginnings of a new road to the Nevada line.

AT OTHER places on the High Desert one can see the snow-capped range of the Steens mountains, or high, flat-topped Hart mountain. Elsewhere there are peaks and hills and summits which, while they may have names, blend anonymously into the ever-changing but ever-similar landscape.

The only visible difference between Oregon and Nevada at one point is that one is on one side of a weatherbeaten, four-strand, barbed-wire fence, and the other is on the other side. At another point the only difference is that the road is relatively smooth and wide (two cars could pass, if their outer wheels edged into the brush) on the Oregon side; narrow and rocky on the Nevada side.

Everywhere the overriding impression is one of space—illimitable space.

THERE are a few oases. The Warner valley is one. Here the huge Kittrick ranch spreads over the floor of what was once a lake, and which gets enough water in winter and spring to bring up lush crops of hay. At this time of year, each roadside ditch is water filled to the brim. It is a popular goose hunting area in season.

At a few points, tall poplar trees and patches of green indicate ranches, most of them donation land claims, where house and barn are located next to the only water available for mile after dusty mile.

Near the "town" of Wagonire (it consists of a service station, cafe, and a few shacks) is a ranch below the rimmock where gunfire once decided rights to a valuable spring.

AMONG the most impressive sights of the High Desert are Abert lake and Abert rim.

The former is a brackish body of water some 20 miles long and perhaps half as wide. If it were a couple of hundred miles from, say, Los Angeles, it would be surrounded by marinas, bars, motels and campsites. It is, in fact, somewhat reminiscent of the Salton sea.

But, located as it is "miles from nowhere," there is nothing to indicate any human interest in it at all — not even a boat-launching ramp.

Abert rim, parallel to the lake, is said to be the highest geological fault in the United States, a huge escarpment 25 miles long and a couple of thousand feet high.

DRIVING through this desolation, hour after hour, with only an occasional respite in the form of a creek or grove of trees, one wonders if it couldn't be made more useful and more productive.

One member of the party declared that what is now sage land once was grass land, and that overgrazing destroyed it. Several experimental stations are now at work trying to find a way to eliminate the brush and bring back the grass, to support double or more the number of livestock which now graze there.

Another suggested that if sagebrush and banana trees could be crossed, "Lake county would have bananas running out its ears."

For the foreseeable future, the High Desert will remain high desert, hot in summer, cold in winter; dry and dusty, or buried in snow; an attraction only to those who like to hunt, or watch the protected antelope, or to the few ranchers and stockmen who find loneliness a way of life.

Dennis the Menace



"HE PUTS STUFF ON IT TO MAKE IT GROW, AN THEN HE WONT LET IT!"

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 initials 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.

On Dog Control

To the Editor: According to an item in the Mail Tribune concerning Medford's dog problem, it appears that Councilman Hansen is unaware that Medford even has a dog problem. In view of the fact that recent issues of the Mail Tribune have publicized the danger from dogs at the Medford airport, and the numbers hanging around school playgrounds, plus the numerous items of dog bite cases, it would appear that not only is he lacking in knowledge of Medford's affairs, but he does not even bother to read the newspaper, and I would therefore suggest that his resignation would be in order in favor of a person sufficiently interested in Medford and its doings to at least keep up with those things which warrant newspaper mention.

Councilman Hall's attitude seems to be one of dollars and cents. The safety of children and elderly people, who are usually more afraid of dogs, does not seem to rate very highly in his considered duty to the city and the people thereof.

Council President Dunlevy, along with others is to be congratulated on having the guts in coming out in favor of an enforced ordinance.

Any city which considers itself to be progressive must eventually take measures to prevent public nuisance, even though those measures may not be popular with a large number of people. Taxation is hardly popular, but no one would deny its necessity.

Medford is plagued by dog owners who are indifferent to the nuisance of their dogs to neighbors by persistent barking, chasing and snarling at children who ride bicycles through the streets, or elderly people walking, not to mention their filth on lawns and pathways, and to imagine that voluntary cooperation will achieve anything is simply wishful thinking. I can cite the example of my own case where two personal visits to secure cooperation achieved nothing, and results were finally obtained with the assistance of the city police, who do a jolly good job under difficult circumstances.

The old saying, "It's an ill wind that blows no good," can be aptly used in this case. An increase in dog licenses to \$20 would either provide welcome revenue to the Medford treasury, or overload the dog pound with requests to eliminate many "best friends." Whichever way it went the city would benefit.

George F. Wilson, 418 Lynnwood, Medford.

An Experience

To the Editor: Dr. Loren's appearance at Medford high several weeks ago has apparently stirred up quite an interest on both sides. His remarks were quite thought provoking. At least I overheard one individual state after the session, "There is a fellow someone would like to take to the chopping block."

Several years ago a certain young preacher talked at a local radio station. Through the deluge of phone calls and letters that followed the station was led to give a leader of the opposition free time in this minister's place on three successive Monday nights to state his views. The minister was forced off the air late hours and branded Communist, etc.

Along about the same time a certain minister of the gospel whose wife is a cousin of

Sukarno Fails in Attempt for Greater Power, But Survives as National Head

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

Man-of-the-week: President Sukarno of Indonesia. The place: Hollywood. The quote: (From a spokesman for Sukarno) "If it were a critical situation the president would have stayed home."

Observers in Jakarta, Indonesia's capital, were saying this week that Sukarno had suffered his greatest political defeat. The army had banned all political activity, and Sukarno's bid for near-dictatorial powers had come a cropper in the face of stonewall Moslem opposition.

Jakarta reports said the army moved to prevent the nation plunging into chaos. So, if the situation were not critical, it could do as one until a better and more critical situation came along. But of all this Sukarno himself gave no sign.

Visits Hollywood In the midst of a globe-circling tour, Sukarno was in Hollywood exploring the mysteries of movie-making and having his picture taken with no less a film luminary than Miss Joan Crawford. He showed no indications of hurrying home.

At the core of the difficulty was Sukarno's demand for creation of a five-year cabinet, with himself at the head, which would rule Indonesia "without interference of opposition as conceived by the system of liberal democracy."

It would be the first step in his concept of "guided democracy" for Indonesia, a socialist concept eliminating capitalism.

It received strong support from Indonesian Communists who would participate in the new government on a basis of equality and who could hope from this stepping stone eventually to take over the government.

Moslem opposition arose not so much from a dislike of the "guided democracy" plan as from Sukarno's refusal to assure them in advance of a prominent place in the new government.

Sukarno has declared Western-style democracy unsuitable for Indonesia and his present actions indicate he considers his defeat to be temporary only.

During a visit to New York in 1956, Sukarno declared that "neither rubles nor dollars can buy a scrap of our freedom."

But as a successful revolutionary in his own right, Sukarno has expressed open admiration for the accomplishments of Soviet Russia and has paid tribute to Soviet leaders for helping to shape his ideas for a "working cabinet" which would "guide the people and channel their ideas to achieve their needs and desires."

Sukarno, 58 years old on June 7, spent 12 of those years

either in jail or exile. He is the son of a Javanese father and a Balinese mother. The father saw to it he got an education, culminating in a doctorate in engineering. Collaborated With Japanese But even before he obtained his degree, he already was an experienced and eloquent revolutionary against the Dutch who had held the East Indies for 100 years.

He collaborated with the Japanese during World War II but at the same time kept in touch with the Indonesian underground. In 1949 he took over as head of an independent Indonesian government with way over 80 million people on 3,000 islands. As a revolutionary he was phenomenal. As an administrator he has not been so effective. Indonesia's economy

is in bad shape. The fanatic Darul Islam sect raids with impunity on the island of Java, and the smoldering civil war continues on other Indonesian islands. But Sukarno remains the undisputed personal leader and hero of Indonesia. Even the anti-Communist army, which is the real force in Indonesia, hesitates to challenge him.

Embattled Strauss Faces New Committee Trial by Senators

By FRANK ELEAZER

Washington (UPI)—Some senators, as you may have read, just can't see Lewis L. Strauss,

President Eisenhower's embattled nominee for secretary of commerce. For the moment anyway, Sen. Spessard L. Holland (D-Fla.) had to be counted

Holland, presiding at an appropriations subcommittee hearing Thursday on House cuts in the Commerce Department budget, surveyed the long witness table at which eight top commerce officials awaited his pleasure.

More Parliamentary Type Responsibility Seen Need in U.S.

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington (UPI)—President Eisenhower backed away fast from his own suggestion that

maybe, our machinery for national government is so creaky as to require big emergency repairs. He shouldn't have run so fast.

Eisenhower Lytle C. Wilson was in good company but didn't know it. What the President said at this week's news conference was in response to a question about how government shall function if the voters persist in giving to one party the White House and to another the Congress. He answered like this:

"I detect... support for some change, even... basic constitutional change, so that we could incorporate into our system some of the features of the parliamentary system."

Some minutes later he revealed that he and John Foster Dulles often had discussed the problem—finally deciding it would be better "to stick with what we have, but try to make it work a little better."

No Party Responsibility The facts are, of course, that the functioning of government and the prosecution of government policies are dangerously hampered by lack of real party responsibility in either the Democratic or the Republican parties.

This lack of responsibility is due largely to the fact that there is neither party discipline nor means of enforcing it. The truth is, neither the Democratic nor the Republican party is really a political entity. You might say there is no such thing as a Republican or a Democratic party at the national level. In Congress, for years past, there have been members of the same political party who rarely if ever voted together on any major piece of legislation.

Such a situation is dangerous to a party in power and dangerous for the nation over which that party attempts to exercise power. Perhaps no proper discipline ever will come or be desirable in the

Chaplain Assigned To State Institutions

Salem (UPI)—P. J. Squier, superintendent of the new state correctional institution, said today that the Mount Angel abbey had assigned The Rev. Edward Spear to be Catholic chaplain at the institution.

The Rev. Spear also will attend to religious needs of the Oregon State Tuberculosis hospital, Fairview home and Hillcrest School for Girls.

Youngster Drowns In Klamath Canal

Klamath Falls (UPI)—Tommy Tucker, 6, drowned in the Klamath Irrigation District canal late Wednesday. The body was recovered.

Since Secretary Strauss wasn't here, Holland began, somebody else had better proceed.

Strauss, who no doubt thought he already had experienced every misfortune likely at the hands of a Senate committee, rose in manifest anguish at this latest affliction, and corrected the oversight.

Possibly Holland's trouble was that Strauss arrived late, and took his seat amidst his assistants while the chairman was reading a few opening remarks. If Holland didn't see Strauss at once, everybody else did.

TV lights bore down on his forehead and bounced off his rimmed glasses. Movie cameras rattled and clicked, re-

cording his presence. Still pictures were being shot from all angles. Reporters jostled each other, elbow to elbow, at the press table.

Strauss, unbowed veteran of 16 recent bouts with the Senate's Commerce Committee, smiled, pulled out his statement, and read, while a movie man stretched a yellow tape from his lens to the top of Strauss' head, affirming the focus.

Another cameraman fanned up and down the arched committee table, recording the welcoming smile of Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine) and the absence of same in the faces of Sens. Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.), Mike Monroney (D-Okla.), and Gale McGee (D-Wyo.).

Attack Fails To Develop

This trio of Strauss' adversaries, fresh from the Commerce Committee battleground, were here as members also of the appropriations subcommittee, and word had been passed that one of them, anyway, had come equipped with a new plan of attack.

If so, it didn't develop at once. Holland asked Strauss, as he read, if he preferred questions now, or when he had finished his statement. Strauss said politely he would bow to the chairman's wish in this matter but that he preferred the latter arrangement.

The fact was, he said with a smile, his assistants would probably have to answer the questions. He himself, he reported, had been too busy lately to keep up with his homework.

Sens. Magnuson, Monroney, and McGee didn't see this as notably funny. Except for several reporters, in fact, nobody laughed.

Deplores Budget Cuts Strauss completed his statement, deploring the House budget cuts. Mrs. Smith asked about Commerce Department morale. An assistant secretary said it was bad. Too many folks faced with losing their jobs, he reported, straight faced.

Monroney had a question on roads. An undersecretary promised an answer next week. Magnuson asked who picked the model home for the U.S. exhibit in Moscow. An assistant secretary said he'd get the answer.

"Sen. McGee, any questions?" asked Holland. "No questions, Mr. Chairman," said McGee.

A sigh went up from the press table. The reporters began to get up and leave. The cameramen started packing their gear. Strauss asked, "May I be excused?" Holland said yes, and thanks very much.

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