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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: Oct. 7, 1949 (Friday). An eager Medford youngster hops into the city's youngster new swimming pool and splashes happily about until warned by employees that the three feet of water in it is just there for testing purposes.

20 YEARS AGO: Oct. 7, 1939 (Saturday). Theatres are urged to try out for Noel Coward's "Hay Fever" as E. H. Hedrick's community theater project gets rolling.

30 YEARS AGO: Oct. 7, 1929 (Monday). A New York dock strike halts shipments of Rogue Valley pears.

40 YEARS AGO: Oct. 7, 1919 (Tuesday). American Legion plans a big Armistice Day parade here Nov. 11.

50 YEARS AGO: Oct. 7, 1909 (Thursday). Medford Commercial club lays plans for its annual High Jinks musicale.

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

1. In an old song, whose "throat is like the swan"? 2. What country did Napoleon call "a nation of shopkeepers"?

3. Whom did the spider invite into her parlor? 4. One U.S. Vice-President resigned that office to become a Senator from South Carolina; who was he?

5. In the Biblical story, when Lot's wife looked back, what happened to her? 6. Did the U.S. acquire the American Virgin Islands from Spain, Denmark, or The Netherlands?

7. The army of what U.S. General defeated the Mexicans at Buena Vista in 1847? 8. The practice of polygamy was once an article of religion of the Shaker, the Quakers, or the Mormons?

9. What is a baby frog called? 10. In what city is there a famous section known as "the Left Bank"?

Answers: 1. Annie Laurie's. 2. England. 3. The fly. 4. John C. Calhoun. 5. She turned out to salt. 6. Denmark. 7. Gen. Zachary Taylor. 8. The Mormons. 9. A tadpole. 10. Paris, France.

Is Re-Thinking Needed?

What is the purpose of the new Oregon Correctional Institution? This is a question which is receiving some serious attention these days, and is the center of a controversy among members of the legislature and the board of control.

About the only thing upon which all parties concerned are agreed is the idea that it is designed to rehabilitate first offenders. At this point agreement ceases.

JUDGING by appearances, the board of control believes that the correctional institution should be a maximum security prison, surrounded not by one tall wire fence, but two—so as to give guards time to shoot, or recapture, a prisoner if in an escape attempt he gets over the first fence.

Legislators, conversely, seem to think that the idea of the correctional institution is to receive prisoners who have a good chance for rehabilitation, that it should not be a "maximum security" prison, and that prisoners needing such tight custody should go to the state penitentiary.

On the face of the evidence at hand, and at this distance, it would appear that the second argument is the better of the two.

THE matter of the fence isn't one of principle and theory only, either. Cost estimates for it range upward to \$150,000—which is a lot of fence, although it is a drop in the bucket in the overall state budget.

Last week the state emergency board, composed of members of the legislature who have interim spending authority of funds appropriated to it for emergency purposes by the legislature, turned down a request for money to build the fence.

The board is now being criticized for failure to provide the facilities needed by the institution if it is to operate as planned. But where is the "emergency"? And still unexplained is the need for a second fence for an institution which nominally is for first offenders with a good chance for rehabilitation. If they are apt to go over the first fence, let alone the second, should they be there at all?

THE correctional institution has one cell section set aside for maximum security cases. Surely this should suffice. If not, shouldn't the same amount of money have been spent expanding the existing penitentiary, rather than building an entirely new, separate, expensive institution? This all seems to add point to the desirability of a state correctional authority, perhaps similar to that in California, which administers all penal institutions.

With such an authority, prisoners could be sentenced to certain terms, but the authority would determine in what institution, with what degree of security, and with what chances for education and rehabilitation, the sentences should be served.

IT HAS been said (by the Oregon Statesman) there has never been an institution in this state "which was studied with as much care and by as many informed persons as the correctional institution."

This may well be true. But was it studied in light of the state's overall penal needs, in connection with youth work camps, MacLaren school for boys, Hillcrest schools for girls, the penitentiary itself, and the state board of parole and probation?

Maybe some more careful and informed thinking is needed.—E. A.

Clear Track

Glancing through the Roseburg News-Review the other day, we came across a Page 1 headline which said, "S. P. To Keep Tracks Clear."

The first paragraph said: "The Southern Pacific Co. and Roseburg city officials reached an agreement Monday night whereby railroad tracks will be kept clear during traffic rush hours."

The rush hours were defined as 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

WE'RE jealous of Roseburg. It must, of course, be acknowledged that the situation in Roseburg (chiefly lumber) is different than in Medford, where fruit packing houses cluster along the tracks just south of the busiest downtown rail crossings.

But it does seem, somehow, that a thoughtful approach to the problem might come up with a similar solution.

As it is, day after day, we have seen heavy, rush hour traffic held up for as much as 5 or 10 minutes at a time, by switching cars, backing automobiles up for blocks on the main east-west thoroughfares.

IT MAY not be wholly germane to this discussion, but it was interesting to note that last spring, when switching held up cross-town traffic in Roseburg for about 20 minutes, the trainmaster was given a "ticket," and the S. P. paid a \$20 fine in municipal court for "overparking."

Dennis the Menace



"AW, DO I HAVTA GO TO BED? I WANTED TO SEE MR. REID TALK THROUGH HIS HAT!"

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.

Not THAT Kind of Club: To the Editor: Two ladies came to the door of the Fifty Plus Club meeting. I heard one say "Where is all that lovely music coming from?"

The poor soul doesn't know what she is missing. Reminded me of another time I asked a friend to come to the Fifty Plus club with me. She replied, "I am sorry, but I don't drink."

I was flabbergasted, until she explained, "I know what a club is." She named a dozen drinking houses. Then I knew—for most of the taverns—saloons—call their places "clubs."

They are so mistaken. The Fifty Plus club meets every Friday night at St. Mark's Guild hall, N.E. corner of Fifth and Oakdale, Medford.

Nothing goes on in that hall that would displease our Savior if He were here in the flesh. We do have clean fun.

Pent-up griefs, lost ones, sickness and troubles need to be shared with friends. Every Fifty Pluser is friendly and wants to help others. I have reason to know.

That lovely music mentioned was rendered by Alexander's fine Hawaiian band, and no person has been "found dead" at our meetings.

In fact, those who were ill when the club was organized in April, 1958, all revived and today are as merry as happy youngsters.

Don't take my word. Come in and get acquainted. Pearl Spackman, Box 33, Jacksonville.

Join Objector: To the Editor: This is to commend the Rev. Le Roy Nidever for his "letter of objection" in Sunday's paper.

As parents, we too object to such ads in a newspaper, any newspaper, but especially where it is the one daily paper read by so many folks in this area.

It is our considered opinion that the editor and whoever paid for that ad, and her like, are more of a threat to the future of our young people than Mr. Khrushchev and all his communist comrades.

Mr. and Mrs. George Guthrie, Route 2, Box 220, Central Point, Ore.

Love and Peace: To the Editor: Isn't the increase in juvenile delinquency largely due to progressive education and thinking? It has unbridled the "Devil" that is born in all of us.

So what? We need to teach morals and social relations as well as the three R's, science and art. We must teach our children to overcome their weaknesses, how to live with them, and not indulge in self-pity.

If we allowed ourselves to love one another as God has commanded, there would be little evil. We would try to protect and defend instead of hurt and destroy.

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By BENNETT CERF

DELINQUENTS BEAT BOY: New York—(UPI)—Two boys aged 13 and 15 were booked as juvenile delinquents Tuesday night for allegedly beating a 16-year-old Puerto Rican boy with a baseball bat on Manhattan's lower East Side.

NEW MANY WEAR FALSE TEETH: Eat, talk, laugh or sneeze without fear of insecure false teeth dropping, slipping or wobbling.

Supreme Court Ruling Could Invalidate Union Shop, Outlaw Political Monies

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington—(UPI)—Stand by for some big labor news from the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Looper case, which originated in Georgia, finally is up there for decision. Right behind it and on the way is another labor case which originated in North Carolina.

A decision against organized labor indirectly would invalidate union shop contracts in all federal jurisdictions. The Looper case was brought in Georgia against 15 standard railroad labor organizations.

The AFL-CIO News a year ago explained the situation like this: "Two cases (Georgia and North Carolina) now moving up through the lower courts are expected to provide the test whether union shop agreements can in effect be invalidated by exempting from their requirements any em-

labor finances its political activities are likely to hit harder against the union shop concept than did the right-to-work effort in the 1958 congressional election. This effort to outlaw the union shop by constitutional amendment in several states was a spectacular flop.

The Corrupt Practices Act forbids any union organization to contribute or to spend in connection with any federal elective process. This prohibition has been substantially nullified by a Supreme Court ruling that unions may, however, spend for political education. That ruling led to the establishment of well-heeled COPE, the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education.

The hub of the Looper and North Carolina cases is whether organized labor gets all of its political education money from voluntary contributors or, instead, dips into dues and assessment funds. That is a big question, and it is subject to a big dispute.

In a 1956 decision, the Supreme Court held that there had been raised before it the question whether the union shop "forces men into ideological and political associations which violate their right to freedom of conscience . . . protected by the bill of rights."

That very question now has been raised before the court by the Looper case. A fair estimate of the situation is that there is a conviction among some members of the court that the use of dues money for political purposes would render the union shop unconstitutional.

In the last installment of this column, we talked about frivolous things—the lighter side of life. Let's talk today about more serious things. Change of pace is good for us.

TODAY'S big story is the latest Russian moon sock. If it does what Soviet scientists hope it will do, it will establish an oval orbit out in space. This orbit will be shaped much like an automobile race track, with the moon at one end of it and the earth at the other. It will circle around the ends much as a racing auto goes in circles around the ends of its oval race track.

AS it passes around the moon's end of this oval track in space, it will take crude pictures of the back side of the moon, which earthlings have never seen, and flash them back to earth exactly as your TV flashes to you pictures of today's world series game.

AS THIS is written (about this mid-morning Monday) it isn't known whether Russia's Lunik III will make it around the moon end of its planned orbit, but the Russian scientists at least have confidence enough that it will make the grade to tell about it and brag a little about it in a restrained sort of way.

IT could flop. It could skid out of control—as a ball swung around your head at the end of a string could do if the string broke—and plunge off into the depths of space . . . Or . . . it could stall . . . turn . . . and plunge back to a fiery death in the earth's atmosphere.

The Soviet scientists say they should know soon which way it will be.

A QUESTION: A what good is a moon satellite of the kind that has been described for us this morning?

I wouldn't know. I doubt if anyone who reads these lines today will know.

But—If the Russians can create a moon-and-earth-circling satellite, such as they are talking about, THEY CAN DO A LOT OF OTHER THINGS.

Other court decisions prevent deportations to Red China, and lawyers said the new ruling virtually would halt deportation of Chinese nationalists by this country.

Judge Alexander Holtzoff quoted Eli Maurer, the State department's assistant legal adviser for Far Eastern affairs, as saying that while the United States recognizes the Republic of China's "authority" over Formosa, the island never has become "a country" under international law.

U.S. immigration laws allow a person to be deported only to "a country."

The judge ruled in the cases of Cheng Fu Sheng and Lin Fu Mei, both of San Francisco. They came here in 1952 and 1953 as Chinese Nationalist Air Force officers for military training. They defected from the Nationalist government and decided to stay. The Immigration Service moved to deport them.

WAKE UP RARIN' TO GO: Without Nagging Backache: Now! You can get the fast relief you need from nagging backache, headache and muscular aches and pains that often cause restless nights and miserable tired-out feelings.

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Try and Stop Me: SPEAKING of the past U. S. Presidents, historian Rex Tugwell noted, "It is a remarkable comment on the Presidency that the processes of party politics, so often corrupt, boss-managed and infiltrated with venal arts, have never deposited a man in the White House who was wholly unworthy."

Try and Stop Me: During the Taft administration, the White House staff suddenly became convinced that ghosts of departed Presidents still were roaming about the premises. Things reached a point where President Taft had to forbid any mention of ghosts—though he admitted privately he liked to hear about them himself!

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