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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 Sept. 2, 1950 (Saturday) Jackson county will receive a total of \$335,123 as payment in lieu of taxes from the Oregon and California land grant administration during fiscal year 1950.

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 2, 1940 (Monday) All city schools, elementary, junior high and senior high, will open Monday, Sept. 9.

30 YEARS AGO Sept. 2, 1930 (Wednesday) A huge fire of incendiary origin threatens Owen-Oregon timber in the Butte Falls district.

40 YEARS AGO Sept. 2, 1920 (Saturday) Ashland public schools will open a week from Monday.

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 2, 1910 (Friday) An estimated 40 per cent of the residents in the Butte Falls area are opposed to incorporation of that town.

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

1. Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, is located on what river?

2. Which planet has the same name as a famous armless statue of a woman?

3. Did the betrayal of Jesus take place before or after midnight?

4. Correct the following: "Jim is the best of the two men."

5. In which island group, made famous in W.W. II, is Bougainville?

6. Which two cities are referred to in the "Tale of Two Cities"?

Sour Grapes--Or Truth?

It may be a case of sour grapes. Then again, the man may have something. We refer to the criticism, voiced in Portland the other day by Weatherman Irving P. Krick, of the Rogue River Valley's pear growers for discontinuing their hail-prevention program.

Dr. Krick's organization was the one employed to operate the silver iodide ground generators that were used, and it's probably only natural that he would be unhappy about the cancellation.

He said it was "a great loss to the public," in a talk before the Portland Downtown Rotary club, reported the Oregonian.

THE Rogue River valley, as a matter of fact, was one of the pioneer areas in weather modification, as discussed here recently.

But there is now no local activity, since the California Oregon Power company abandoned its winter cloud-seeding over the mountains which are the source of their hydro-electric power.

And elsewhere such attempts have also been abandoned, as Dr. Krick himself reported.

But he said: "Water is a resource that brings nothing but benefit to everyone and harm to no one when precipitation is increased in natural storage areas."

"Hail is one of the most destructive forces in nature. It can wipe out a year's work in a few seconds. To stop hail-suppression in the Rogue River Valley in favor of a 'study program' is silly. We know how to make hail. What we need to know is how stop it. And we are pretty well able to stop it now."

DR. KRICK, as pointed out, is not a disinterested party. He's in the business of selling his services, and now has a world-wide organization which provides weather forecasts as well as weather modification programs.

But we think his criticism of the local fruit growers, and by implication of Copco, for discontinuing their programs, is a little hasty.

The fruit growers and the power company are not in business for their health, and based on statistics compiled over the past several years came to the conclusion that the results did not justify the rather considerable expense involved.

AND the "study program," which Dr. Krick criticized, seems to us to be an entirely logical and foresighted way to go about the business.

Dr. Krick simply didn't "sell" the fruit growers on his claims, and they decided to institute their own program, with the cooperation of state and federal research agencies.

Dr. Krick's claims, as a matter of fact, sound a bit extreme in another field, too, although we have no basis for claiming them to be so. They just sound that way.

He told the Portland Rotarians: "We can now forecast the daily weather as far ahead as 1980, through the electronic computer central at Zurich, Switzerland. The Olympic committee chose the date for the Winter Olympics in California two years in advance from our forecasts, and the weather was ideal. If the Olympics in Rome had used the service they wouldn't be having heat prostration now."

Dr. KRICK also had some hard words for the weather bureau, deplored "bureaucratic sniping at weather modification," and minimized the value of weather-observation satellites—at least as far as the weather bureau is concerned.

He said: "Tiros (satellite) provided accurate pictures of the weather, which was of value to us but not to the weather bureau. Tiros observations will never enable the weather bureau to make long range forecasts, because its methods are antiquated. We can, because we have developed a new method over the years. The day may come when the weather bureau will contract with us to furnish long range forecasts. We are ready now."

Dr. Krick may, of course, be right. And no one can accuse him of lack of confidence.

WHETHER he can, indeed, tell us today what the weather in Medford will be like on Sept. 2, 1979, or whether this is an exaggerated claim, there is no question but that the science of meteorology is going to make giant strides.

Along with it, will come advances in weather modification, which holds tremendous possibilities for substantial benefits, to orchardists, utilities, and everyone else.

But whether Dr. Krick is as far ahead of the field as he claims to be is something we'll have to wait and see. He's stated his case, but we don't think he's proved it yet.—E.A.

She Wasn't Wrong

We disagree with that unidentified woman about whom there was a Mail Tribune story yesterday. She "admitted being in the wrong" in tossing back empty beer bottles which had been tossed on her lawn from a nearby parking lot.

We don't think she was wrong at all. If some young jerks have no better manners, than to litter her yard with their beer bottles, we think she's entirely within her rights.

And why were the police questioning HER instead of preventing the vandalism—to say nothing of illegal use of liquor—in the first place?—E.A.

Easy

It was inevitable, probably. Someone has gone and invented a "tin can" (which itself is a misnomer—but that's another story) which has a do-it-yourself, zipper-style opening, no can opener necessary.

Actually the new gadget, not yet in production, is made of aluminum and paper-board, and has a ring to be pulled which "zips" it open.

How easy can life get?—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"ALL I SAID WAS 'HERE KITTY, KITTY, KITTY!' AN' BOY!"

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.

School Boundary Change To the Editor: I realize a lot has been written on this subject, but I would like to add my bit.

I can understand the smaller school districts have problems, and I have heard the Phoenix schools are good, especially the commercial department in the high school, but I just can't understand why part of Medford, or anybody who has property within a mile or two of the city limits of Medford, should have to go clear to Phoenix school.

Most of the people living or owning property on the S.E. edge of Medford have jobs in Medford, go to church here, and mix with their friends through other organizations, all in Medford, so it seems queer that their children should be forced to go to a school in another town.

We and some of our friends, after going to school here most of their lives, just can't see changing their friends and loyalties to new schools, and we feel the same way.

If we moved within a mile or two of a neighboring town, we would expect to go to their schools, but certainly not as a suburb of Medford.

When another change is made in the school districts, we feel a larger area should be considered and the opinions of the people and their children living therein or owning property should have the most influence.

Mrs. K. E. Pickens 24 Hamilton St. Medford

Maggie Speaks To the Editor: I glanced through your editorial as I was eating my dinner Wednesday night. (I usually get my paper a day late, you know.) I nosed away the meat scraps and read on.

I was so surprised I dropped my chop bone! Have I lost any freedoms lately? Really, E.A., how can you be so insensitive? I suppose I should say good riddance to the freedom to go hungry and live in sub-standard housing. And I guess I shouldn't be thinking so much about squirrels' around. But you know us old dogs! RRRuff!

Yes, things are getting pretty tough already. The pedigree poodles and petted pomeranians snicker at me as I go by. "You're nothin' but a pound dog," they say. Phooey on the pampered pups. Those country club caines sure think they're classy. I'd like to get them out in the open spaces where dogs are dogs!

Yes, the situation is desperate when a self-respecting dog like myself quotes a cat! In the words of the immortal Mehtabel - "tousjours gal is my motto, kid." So, it's up to you, E.A., to get them out in the open spaces where dogs are dogs!

I have mentioned only a few of the gripes. The Odd-fellows should show some interest in their cemetery.

I never like to complain, but consider it unfair to blame the neighbors (I live on the west side of town), since the children appear to be very nice to me. It looks like the sexton is trying to pass the buck.

Harold Frye 803 West Second St. Medford.

Vote Registration To the Editor: I am writing to ask your support and cooperation in urging all eligible citizens of voting age to register.

You are aware, I am certain, that there are 30, to 40 million citizens in this coun-

Bomb Blast Brings Hussein Back Into News As Man-of-Week; Threats Continue

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor The man of the week: King Hussein I of Jordan. The Place: Amman. The Quote: "I lost a good friend and a devoted servant in the Arab world... I assure you of one thing: Jordan itself is stronger than ever and more united after this blow. This crime brought us together."

Neither violence nor the plots and counter-plots that are a part of the Middle East are new to the 25-year-old Hussein.

He was present when an assassin's bullets killed his grandfather, the famed Emir Abdullah, in a mosque in Jerusalem in 1951.

His own life came into danger when Iraqi revolutionaries assassinated his cousin, King Feisal of Iraq, in 1958.

Plots against his throne have been numerous. This week, his premier, Hazza Al-Majali, died in the bomb-blasted rubble of the Jordanian foreign ministry.

In Amman, there was no doubt that the bomb had been intended for Hussein.

For a while after Monday's assassination, armored cars swarmed through Amman's dusty streets. The airport was closed. But then the image of courage which the youthful king has built for himself among his people reasserted itself. Troops were withdrawn from the city. Air travel resumed.

In less than 48 hours, Amman returned almost to normal. It appeared that in missing their main target, the assassins had doubly failed. For in Jordan, Hussein was riding a new crest of popularity.

Not that he was a better insurance risk. Among Jordan's half million Palestinians there were many who would regard Hussein's violent departure as removal of the largest obstacle barring union with the United Arab Republic and eventual return of their lands taken by Israel.

In Cairo, U.A.R. President Abdel Gamal Nasser had accused him of selling out the Arab cause to the United States and Britain.

Nor did Hussein, in his nation's latest moment of crisis, do anything to improve his strained relations with the U.A.R. Instead, he accused the U.A.R. of "direct complicity" in the assassination of Majali.

Amman radio said "Damascus already is harboring the murderers."

There were at least two good reasons why Nasser's revolutionary government would welcome Hussein's passing. For one, the Jordanian monarchy is an unpleasant reminder of British influence in the Mideast. For another, Hussein adamantly blocks Nasser's plan for a separate Palestinian state.

But still another factor bars any direct action against Jordan by the U.A.R. Nasser knows that a well-armed and determined Israel would not stand idly by while Jordan was dismembered.

Labor Accepts Johnson More Easily Than ADA Could Do It

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington - (UPI) - Organized labor has accepted, with grace and enthusiasm which surprised the American Democratic Action could not match, the presence on the Democratic ticket of Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas.

Big Labor is not noted for generosity to an enemy, not even to a reformed enemy, unless the reformation be all out and surely permanent. It would appear from the record, as of now, that Big Labor accepts Johnson as no longer an enemy, but reformed, whereas ADA has its doubts. Very serious doubts.

ADA last week endorsed Sen. John F. Kennedy for president, acclaimed the Democratic platform but neglected to name Johnson at all. ADA did not ignore Johnson absolutely because its statement endorsing Kennedy and the platform called, also, for support of the Democratic ticket. Even so, the facts in the case seem to be unmistakable.

The facts include these: Last July 16, after Johnson's nomination for vice president, there issued comment from Joseph L. Rauh Jr., a former chairman of ADA, as follows:

"It (the nomination) may prove to be a disaster in November, but more important in my opinion, is that it throws doubt on the sincerity of the entire party in adopting that wonderful platform."

Rauh's distress about Johnson's nomination was spelled out in an ADA statement circulated on June 30 in opposition to Johnson's nomination for president. The statement was headed:

"He (Johnson) is a conservative, anti-civil rights, gas-and-ol' senator. He has supported all of the major anti-labor legislation enacted during the past two decades and bragged about it."

Johnson's labor record includes votes as a representative to pass the Taft-Hartley Act in the first instance and again to enact it over President Truman's veto.

This voting record may have been in the mind of a labor leader in Los Angeles last July who commented after the Democrats had adopted their platform, nominated Kennedy for president and

finally, named Johnson for vice president. This man called the Democratic national convention the occasion of the briefest victory ever, for organized labor.

By last week, Big Labor was seeing the situation differently. The AFL-CIO general board endorsed the Democratic ticket with emphasis on Johnson as Kennedy, but with a bit of qualification.

Reporting this action, the AFL-CIO News said: "While the AFL-CIO has not agreed with Johnson's concept of the role of Congress in a divided government and has not agreed with his entire voting record, on balance he has a liberal record that has become 'increasingly liberal with the years.'"

That assessment seems not to lie in exactly with ADA's.

In the Day's News

From Havana: Premier Fidel Castro brands as "treason" the anti-communist declaration issued by 19 American republics at San Jose, in Costa Rica. Speaking to an assembly of school teachers, he described as "puppets and sardines" the Latin republics represented at the San Jose meeting and said the U.S. was a "shark that had gone to the conference with a pocketbook in one hand and a hangman's noose in the other."

Working himself into a towering rage that surprised even veteran correspondents, he charged that the Pentagon had placed its paratroopers and marines on combat alert during the meeting. "Why," he declaimed, "this impatience to send paratroops to Cuba?" He added: "Why should we Cubans renounce Soviet support, thus leaving ourselves alone and weak?"

HMMMMMMMMMMMM. Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad. Let's hope they're working on Castro.

FROM Washington: As of June 30, the Department of Agriculture reports the number of dairy cows in the U.S. was down nine-tenths of one per cent from a year earlier, compared with a 1.2 per cent drop last December and a 3.2 per cent decrease in January, 1959. The number of milk cows in this country has fallen every year since the mid-1940's, except in 1953.

Offsetting the decline in cows, production per cow has been increasing about 2 per cent a year. Total milk output probably will continue to run ahead of last year through the remainder of 1960.

THAT is to say: Fewer AND BETTER cows improve the dairy situation in the U.S.A. They produce more milk and cost less to feed.

A thought: Maybe fewer AND BETTER humans would improve the situation throughout the world. Watching Castro in Cuba and Lumumba in the Congo, one can't help wondering.

SOBER second thought: Maybe people AS A WHOLE are better than we think.

THERE'S the case of the California barber who converted all his possessions into cash and started back to his native Yugoslavia to retire. He put all his property, including \$15,000 in money, in a suitcase, and when he went to a New York hotel he hid his possessions under the bed. Departing the next morning he FORGOT THE SUITCASE.

When he remembered, he was naturally frantic, but it turned out that the next occupant of the room discovered the bag, found the money in the course of rummaging through the contents in search of the owner's name and turned bag and money in at the hotel desk, where it was returned to the distraught owner—who muttered in amazement: "I didn't know people were that honest."

THAT brings up the rather astonishing number of people in our "State of Jefferson" who have been finding lost wallets, some of them containing rather large sums of money, and going to considerable trouble to return wallets and money to the owners.

Just the other day a Klamath Falls Herald and News carrier boy, while delivering his papers, found a wallet containing \$55.00 in cash. Locating the owner by means of cards in the wallet, the carrier hunted him up and delivered it to him. It turned out that the owner was a youngster who had been working in the mills to help pay his way to college, and badly needed the money.

PEOPLE are better than we sometimes think. We hear all about the bad ones but fail too often to hear about the good ones—who hide their light under a bushel, heeding the advice of the Scripture: "When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

Drivers Urged To Obey School Signs

Children have been injured or killed because drivers ignore school zone speed signs, Medford Police Chief Charles P. Champlin said today as he urged drivers to obey school speeds now that schools are reopening soon.

Some drivers, he said, get out of the habit of slowing down during the summer and others assume children will not be out of classrooms except at certain hours.

Chief Champlin warns that a child can appear at any time in and near school zones.

To help remind motorists of their responsibility, school safety patrols will be out in force at the peak hours. "By respecting their warning flags," he said, "not only are you being a safe driver, but you're helping the children to learn safety."

He urges drivers to "bone-up" on other "back to school time" laws, such as the procedures to follow when meeting or overtaking a school bus.

"September is no time to take a vacation from driving responsibility," he concluded.

sexton, sometimes an old man, would stop by to chat. But not all persons have had the privilege of stern education along these lines. In these days of Americans on wheels, many children and parents, too, are far removed from any family burial spot, and Memorial Day is merely a holiday and time of trips and enjoyment.

(Name on file) Jacksonville, Ore.

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