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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. 9, 1950 (Saturday)
Medford Water Superintendent Robert A. Duff yesterday announced removal of summertime lawn and garden irrigation restrictions.

The Medford Rogues took a long step toward the Far West league playoffs last night when they trounced the pennant winning Klamath Falls Gems 18-6.

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 9, 1940 (Monday)
The federal surplus marketing administration announced in Washington today it would buy surplus pears in the Medford district.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "In Oklahoma an evangelist has offered a \$5 reward to anyone who could sleep through one of his sermons. If the preacher can't wake a sinner up, the choir soprano will."

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 9, 1930 (Tuesday)
Two men are being held in the Central Point jail today as suspects in yesterday's attempted bank robbery in that city.
A. S. V. Carpenter and Rawles Moore to represent the Rogue valley at an interstate commerce commission hearing in San Francisco.

40 YEARS AGO
Sept. 9, 1920 (Thursday)
A hunter was mistaken for a deer yesterday and was shot and killed in the Sardinia creek area.
A moonshine shortage has been reported in this city.

50 YEARS AGO
Sept. 9, 1910 (Friday)
Work is scheduled to start this winter on the \$50,000 Masonic building to be erected at the corner of Main st. and Riverside ave.
The U.S. government announced today that it will build a automobile boulevard around the rim of Crater lake and no horse-drawn vehicles will be allowed to use it.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. Is Scotland Yard in Glasgow or Edinburgh?
2. Name the two islands on which Napoleon Bonaparte was successively confined.
3. Can swans fly?
4. Is Niagara Falls receding?
5. Which President of the U.S. was shortest in stature?
6. What was the trade of "a certain man named Demetrius"?
7. Is Washington, D. C., north or south of the Mason and Dixon line?
8. From what serious disease did Julius Caesar suffer?
9. Has an a-cappella choir any musical accompaniment?
10. Is linseed oil made from the seeds of buckwheat, flax, or soybeans?
Answers: 1. Neither. London. 2. Elba and St. Helena. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. James Madison. 6. Silversmith. 7. South. 8. Epilepsy. 9. No. 10. Flax.

Kennedy on Lumber

Everywhere he goes — and that's a lot of places, these days — Sen. John F. Kennedy is well briefed on local problems, and on how he might be able to capitalize on them in his pursuit of votes for the Presidency.

The staff work which goes into these knowledgeable performances is impressive. It also is a sign that he would be an exceedingly well-informed President, should he win the election.

His visit to Oregon this week was no exception. When he spoke at the Oregon State Fair grounds in Salem, he discussed the problems of the lumber industry.

ACCORDING to the Salem Capital Journal, he pledged:
— To step up construction of forest access roads and increase reforestation activities, charging that the Republican administration had spent less than half the amount recommended for these activities by the secretary of agriculture.

— To lower high interest rates to stimulate construction of homes.

— To speed urban renewal and slum clearance projects, charging that the present rate of slum clearance is barely sufficient to keep up with the continuing rate of decay.

— To overhaul the mortgage insurance program of the federal housing administration to stimulate more home construction.

— To bolster federal services and aids to small forest owners and logging operators.

— To expand scientific research to find new uses for wood and more efficient methods of timber growth and harvesting.

IN MOST parts of the nation, such a program would have little appeal.

But in Oregon, where half the economy is based on the forest products industry, it has both significance and relevance.

And at other points of his Oregon tour he discussed conservation, recreational needs, and other matters close to the hearts of Oregonians.

He was, in short, well-briefed on important issues in this state, and made the most of them.

NOT all Oregonians, by any means, will agree with the solutions he presented.

But, on the other hand, the present administration has made a sorry record along these lines and is vulnerable to attack. And, no matter what, Kennedy's opponent, Richard M. Nixon, cannot completely disassociate himself from that record.

Investment in the timber resources of the nation is a solid investment, not wasteful spending, for the money is returned to the treasury many times over in the long run.

And the federal government, by reason of its ownership of great blocks of land in the Western states, has an obligation to the people thereof to see they are managed in the best way possible.

THE FEDERAL government, through its fiscal controls, can stimulate homebuilding by the "private sector" of the economy, and thus can benefit the lumber-based economy of Oregon.

The federal government, by a higher degree of access to and management of its timber resources, can help insure the health of that same economy.

The federal government, by expanding scientific research into lumber uses and lumbering methods, can broaden the field and help make it more efficient.

Senator Kennedy's knowledge of these facts, and his stated willingness to use the tools of government for these purposes, should have great appeal to Oregonians.

It is a "bread and butter" issue here, and to find a national candidate as well informed as he is both unusual and gratifying. — E.A.

The campaign is only a few weeks old, but already there has been enough talk to make a few "first impressions" possible.

Ours, off the cuff, is that the Republicans are playing the old Dr. Pangloss theme—"All's for the best in this best of all possible worlds."

The Democrats, on the other hand, tend to recognize the fact (and many will dispute that it is a fact) that things are far from rosy, and we'd better get humping if we want to keep our heads above water. — E.A.

Raining Fertilizer

In the past several weeks we have been treated to occasional thunder showers, intermingled with extended warm, dry periods.

Many of us have noticed, as a result, the phenomenon that is familiar to lawn-tenders everywhere — a good rain, or even a shower, will do more to freshen up a lawn than day after day of watering with hose and sprinkler.

One wonders why.

One possible reason is set forth in a book entitled "Ways of the Weather," by W. J. Humphreys.

HE EXPLAINS that lightning accompanying thundershowers will disrupt many of the oxygen, nitrogen and water vapor molecules as it zips through the sky. Many of these elements recombine into new substances. In the presence of water vapor, which is always in the air, ammonia and nitrous and nitric acids can be formed.

Humphreys adds:
"This ammonia promotes plant growth, and both nitrogen acids, on reaching the ground, produce compounds with substances in the soil which make excellent plant food, from which one correctly infers thundershowers above enrich the earth beneath."

The ways of weather are wonderful. — E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"SAVE ME THE GRASS, MR. WILSON! I GOT A DEAL ON FOR SOME RABBITS!"

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.

Let's Keep It

To the Editor: From all indications there will be a keen contest between Dr. Durno and Charles Porter for Porter's seat in congress. Dr. Durno is putting up a hard battle for the office.

However we believe that the doctor is a little premature in expending his ammunition. He is using a Nixon technique that can boom-rang. The contest will be determined largely on what happens throughout the world between now and election time. Things are happening so rapidly that the voters are dizzy.

We gather by events that religion is losing prestige. Conservatism is losing also. Reactionary Democrats and Republicans are in the same camp. Conservative religion has taken the road of progress while reactionary religion has taken the road back to the jungle. Bigotry is taking a licking. The sheep and the goats are being separated.

What is doing this? It is an economic and social crisis at home and a political crisis abroad. Our foreign policy is proving to be a man of straw. Our national prestige has taken a nose dive. History is vindicating Porter and his ideology and concepts. The ill clothed, ill fed, and ill senior citizens, and ill housed and ill cared for aged men and women, are a thorn in the side of the insurance companies and the organized doctors, including Dr. Durno.

Dr. Durno implies in his campaign that Mr. Porter has made an unsatisfactory showing in Congress, due to being ahead of his time. It is possible, and highly probable, with the speed of change, that come election time Mr. Porter will be abreast of them, while Dr. Durno could be behind along with the rest of the slow pokes.

These are times when we need men of vision and courage. Too many of our lawmakers have already demonstrated that they are incapable of appraising vital problems both at home and abroad. Fortunately Oregon is not in that category. We would do well to keep it that way.

Walter Reese
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Merlin, Ore.

No Ghost Town

To the Editor: An article in the Sept. 5 Mail Tribune mentioned an article written about Jacksonville, entitled "Life in a Ghost Town." Some read it and laughed sarcastically. I didn't, for I live here and like it.

Jacksonville is old; old like an old violin, but not a ghost town. The thousands who attended the jubilee last year know that it isn't even dead.

Here are many oldsters who can tell of its early life, very interestingly, too.

There are many old buildings, but few dwellings for rent. There are several hundred citizens, fine schools, a library and buildings for recreation.

The houses are modernized, the streets clean, the stores—none better. There's a background of timbered hills that make a setting of wondrous beauty. Jacksonville is picturesque, worth visiting and a joy to live in.

Visitors will like the museum, the shade trees and the fine churches. Meet our hundreds of friendly, livewire citizens.

Often there are so many cars that we cannot park near

Damage Suit Filed In Roseburg Blast

Roseburg — (UPI) — Another damage suit has been filed in circuit court here in connection with the Aug. 7, 1959, explosion and fire which wrecked part of Roseburg.

The suit seeks \$20,000 for the death of Wayne S. Townsend, one of 13 persons killed in the disaster. It was filed by C. A. Townsend, administrator of the estate. The defendants include Pacific Powder Co., Temino, Wash., and partners in Gerretsen Building Supply Co., Roseburg.

Kasavubu Man-of-the-Week for Opposition To Capricious Lumumba In Congo Crisis

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
The man-of-the-week: President Joseph Kasavubu of the Republic of the Congo.
The place: Leopoldville.
The quote: Premier Patrice Lumumba "has let the country down and has fomented tribal strife."

And, as an uneasy day was giving way to a still more uneasy night in the strife-ridden Congo, soft spoken, round Joseph Kasavubu went on Leopoldville radio and denounced Lumumba as a demagogue who had fomented tribal war.

He called on the 16,000-man United Nations force to take over entire responsibility for law and order.

For a very little while it appeared Kasavubu might be successful.

U. N. commanders assumed they were acting under a new mandate and immediately sealed off Leopoldville radio

and assigned extra patrols to duty.

But Lumumba reacted swiftly.

Through a confusion of orders or by means not yet explained, Lumumba gained access to the station, announced he was countermanding Kasavubu's orders and said that Kasavubu himself was fired.

In the already-confused Congo, a situation feared from the start had been set up.

Many times before, the high-handed and unpredictable Lumumba had threatened to ask direct aid from Russia, side-tracking the U.N. At his disposal for troop-carrying purposes, he had more than a dozen Russian planes, Russian trucks and Russian advisers.

It probably made no difference that Kasavubu was the man who triggered the action. A climax was nearing in the troubled Congo anyway.

But Kasavubu was Lumumba's logical opponent. In a test of strength on the eve of the Congo's independence, it had been touch-and-go which man would occupy what office. Kasavubu finally took over the presidency and Lumumba became premier.

At 43, Kasavubu is one of the older Congolese leaders. He almost became a Catholic priest but turned to government instead. He heads the Abako party, whose greatest strength lies in Leopoldville itself.

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS
Troublesome question: THAT OUGHT to be done in Africa-by the United Nations, by the United States . . . and ABOVE ALL . . . by the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, which is RUSSIA?

I think most of us common, ordinary, everyday Americans would answer off-hand that we ought to GIVE THE AFRICANS WHAT THEY WANT and leave 'em alone to work out their destiny-as WE did back in the 1700's.

But that brings up another question: What DO the Africans want?

IN AN effort to find an answer to that question, let's turn to a distinguished authority on Africa-Mrs. Elspeth Huxley, who was interviewed in London the other day by U.S. News and World Report, one of our leading weekly news magazines.

Mrs. Huxley told her interviewer that independence is certainly ONE of the things Africans want. She added: "I think one of the reasons why they want independence is that they have got terribly bored with this artificial peace that hangs over everything. It bores them to death. We've taken away with all their amusements. All their enjoyable orgies and tribal customs that were GAY have mostly faded out. Also, the intertribal wars, which were so exciting for the young men. These wars didn't kill thousands of people. Only, perhaps, a FEW were killed, but the tribal warfare and cattle raiding gave the young men a purpose in life."

ASKED if tribal wars are likely to start again if the Africans are left on their own, Mrs. Huxley replied: "Yes, I think so. We can't expect the Africans to develop without wars any more than Europe was developed without war. The Africans are not a milk-and-water people at all. . . . The future of Africa is going to be very turbulent and perhaps very violent in some places. Many Africans will find this a STIMULATING CHANGE from the often very boring lives they lead at laborers at low wages or as subsistence farmers."

Port of Call To Open Sept. 19

The Port of Call, a \$200,000 dining and cocktail lounge located in the former Luman building at the corner of Front and Fourth sts., will formally open Monday, Sept. 19, according to the owner Bill Taylor.

Taylor, who also owns the Captains Corner in Portland, has said the restaurant will have an international decor. There are seven murals inside of the establishment, each representing one of the seven wonders of the world.

The highlight of the restaurant will be the "fountain of fire" in the center of the main dining room. This fountain will consist of a small fire burning on a stand in the center of a pool of water.

Seats will be of red leather and the walls of dark wood paneling.

The food, including sea foods, will represent dishes served in different countries the world over.

Decision Waited In Elmo Smith Case

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon Supreme Court was expected to decide today whether Republican senatorial candidate Elmo Smith will be allowed to place material backing him for the Senate in the Oregon Voters Pamphlet.

The state Thursday asked the court to dismiss a writ of mandamus which ordered Secretary of State Howell Applegate Jr. to accept Smith's material or show cause.

The dispute stems from Applegate's refusal to accept Smith's voters pamphlet material on the grounds that it was presented too late. Smith contends, however, that the material was submitted in time to be placed in the pamphlet.

PAYS COURTESY CALL
Vienna — (UPI) — V. Yachoslav M. Molotov, former Soviet foreign minister and new representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, paid a courtesy call on IAEA Director W. Sterling Cole Thursday. Cole, a former U.S. congressman from New York state, and Molotov had a friendly 15-minute talk, a spokesman said.

Wilson Suggests Inquiry: How Much Would Promises Cost Us?

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington — (UPI) — The U.S. taxpayer is fumbling a good chance to ask a good question in this presidential campaign. Two good questions:

The questions are these: How much would it cost to make good on the new spending proposals in the Republican platform? In the Democratic platform?

These questions would lead directly to another: Would the spending proposals in either platform require increased taxes?

Out of that question would come still another to which the answer already is well, if not widely, known. The question: If taxes had to be increased, who would be stuck with the added burden?

Little Get Stuck
Who would be stuck? The little fellows, of course. Stabbed would be a better word than stuck for what happens between the U.S. Common Man and Taxes. The U.S. Little Fellow or Common Man is the patsy because there are so many of him.

The U.S. Treasury expects to collect about \$41 billion in individual income taxes in the current fiscal year. Most of this huge sum will be plucked from the numerous common man. The little fellow has a taxable income up to, say, \$4,500 a year.

About a year ago, the Tax Foundation calculated the total U.S. taxable income at \$153 billion. The amount of income subject to the first bracket rate is about \$108 billion. The first bracket rate is 20 per cent. That is the

West Has Unique View of Uses for Tourist Guidebook

By DICK WEST
Washington — (UPI) — I have developed a theory about tourist travel which might be met with a little bit of a howl.

A phorically defined as "locking the barn door after someone has stolen the cart before the horse."

It is my contention that the best time to read a guidebook is after — repeat "after" — you have visited the place described in the book. That way you know immediately what you missed.

Guidebooks written about places I am getting ready to visit hold no interest for me. But after I have been there, I enjoy them immensely.

This year, I decided to improvise on this theme a bit and carry it to its perhaps illogical extreme. Therefore, I spent my vacation in Texas and when I returned I read a guidebook about Washington.

The upshot is that I wish now I had spent my vacation here at home.

Guide To Capital
The book, called "A Modern Guide to the Nation's Capital," was authored by Michael Frome, a professional tourist who devised the Frome formula of matrimonial gratuity.

Briefly stated, the formula holds that a married couple setting out on a vacation will benefit financially if the husband lets the wife do the tipping.

Since tens of thousands of Americans visited the capital this summer, and since the tourist season here is almost over, I figured this would be a good time to review some of the highlights of the guidebook.

If you have never visited Washington at all, you might as well turn on to the comic page.

The first thing that caught my eye was this paragraph on tipping taxi drivers: "No need on short ride. On a longer ride a tip is in order and drivers will accept it with

Hatfield To Make Trip With Nixon

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield will make his first out-of-state appearance next week in the campaign for Republican Presidential Candidate Richard Nixon.

Hatfield's office revealed late Thursday the governor will fly to Washington, D.C. Sunday night to meet Nixon and board the campaign plane for the trip West.

Nixon is due to visit Portland next Tuesday. A spokesman for Hatfield said the governor will leave the Nixon party after the Portland and Vancouver, Wash., appearances.

Hatfield was in Washington earlier this week testifying in the Trans-Pacific air route case.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

BACK IN THE OFFICE looking tanned and refreshed, a broker was asked about his three-week vacation.

"You all know that over-the-counter dealer on the floor above," he replied. "Well, he invited me to his shack in the Adirondacks. No hot water, no electricity, no radio or television, and not a woman within a 50-mile range."

"Were you able to enjoy yourself in spite of all that?" he was asked.

The broker laughed happily. "Who went?" he shrugged.

Dr. Henry Russell has compiled statistics revealing that the average man who has reached the age of 70 has spent 3 years in education, 9 years in amusement, 6 years in eating, 11 years in working, 24 years in sleeping, 5 1/2 years in washing and dressing, 6 years in walking, 3 years in conversation, 3 years in reading and 6 months in worshipping God.

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