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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.

20 YEARS AGO: Sept. 23, 1940 (Saturday). Methods at the Oregon state penitentiary are 50 years behind the times, according to Austin Flegel, democratic candidate for governor who spoke here last night.

20 YEARS AGO: Sept. 23, 1940 (Monday). Ex-Governor of Hawaii Lawrence M. Judd spoke in Medford yesterday and urged acceptance of that territory as the 49th state of the Union.

30 YEARS AGO: Sept. 23, 1930 (Tuesday). The Jackson county court has refused to grant aid to California indigents working here so they can conserve funds for home use.

40 YEARS AGO: Sept. 23, 1920 (Thursday). The state game commission has said it will stock no streams with trout unless the streams have first been screened.

50 YEARS AGO: Sept. 23, 1910 (Friday). State Railroad Commissioner Oswald West is expected to be almost the unanimous choice of Democrats as their party's candidate for the governorship of Oregon as a result of tomorrow's primaries.

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

1. Name the first Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. Necrophobia is the exaggerated fear of what?

3. Are Trappists Alaskan hunters, geometrical figures, or an order of monks?

4. In the Bible, why did Jesus come "from Galilee to Jordan, unto John"?

5. Was Al Capone convicted for hijacking, beer running, murder or evasion of income tax?

6. At the time of the South African Boer War, who was on the British throne?

7. In what Pacific naval action in WW II was the aircraft carrier "Lexington" sunk?

8. After assassination was Mohandas K. Gandhi's body embalmed and sealed in a crypt?

9. Name the inventor of the telephone.

10. The young of elephants, whales, moose and hippopotami are all called what?

Answers: 1. Trygve Lie. 2. Of death or horror of the dead. 3. Order of Monks. 4. To be baptized. 5. Tax evasion. 6. Queen Victoria. 7. Battle of the Coral Sea. 8. No. (Cremated). 9. Alexander Graham Bell. 10. Calves.

Hopeful Signs

Is the American public beginning to wake up to the unsavory menace—not to say inconvenience, cost, and unpleasantness—of growing air pollution?

There are signs that it is. Locally, the Medford city council is holding a series of meetings with various groups in preparation for submitting a city air pollution control ordinance.

A statewide conference on air pollution control, sponsored by the board of health and the bureau of municipal research, will be held at the University of Oregon next month. City representatives are invited to attend.

NATIONAL magazines have, at last, ceased poking fun at poor old Los Angeles alone, and waked up to the fact that air pollution is a widespread, national problem, and not limited to just a few areas.

Some cities have been remarkably successful (Pittsburgh, for instance) in eradicating the worst of their problem.

Other cities are finding that it will take some work to find out exactly what their problem is, and how it can be best countered.

Industrial firms are finding it to their own advantage to spend time and money cleaning up their own operations, before an aroused public forces them to do so.

SOME steps are being taken in Jackson county to clear the air. More will be taken. But it's moving awfully slowly, and meanwhile, as this is written, the smoke-laden air permits a visibility of less than two miles on the valley floor.

From a distant mountaintop, the air above is pure and clean, but the valleys are hidden by a blue-gray pall—all of it man-made.

And in Medford, the fall and winter bring the constant threat of a cold-air inversion, when all the smoke and cinders are held down under a blanket of warmer air above, and sometimes mixed with fog, to provide a dirty, sticky, foul-smelling atmosphere in which we must all live and breathe.

THERE'S a new ray of hope, though, in addition to civic efforts to clean up the mess. Two big companies—Weyerhaeuser and Georgia-Pacific—are actually making money by cleaning up the air. They're putting out a new mill product—charcoal briquets, made from fly-ash and cinders.

We quote from a memo on the situation which crossed our desk:

"... Weyerhaeuser mills at Springfield and Klamath Falls, in Oregon, and at Everett and Longview, Washington, cinders that would otherwise go up the smokestacks are bringing new income to the community. The collectors are catching cinders at mill power-houses where hog-fuel is burned to make steam and create electricity.

"It is understood that Georgia-Pacific mill at Toledo is trapping and collecting their cinders from stacks and selling them to the Oak Knoll Charcoal company, Corvallis."

AND finally, of much more significance to the Rogue valley, with its pears, peaches, and springtime smudge, the memo added:

"Inadvertently, Weyerhaeuser is also helping Los Angeles, over a thousand miles away, to reduce its air pollution problem, since California orchardists are coming to prefer the smokeless briquets over smog-making oil for their smudge fires."

Things, air pollution control-wise, seem hopeful.—E.A.

No. 6--Free and Helpful

"For once in their lives, taxpayers of Oregon can strike a blow for education—without costing them a cent.

"They can do it by voting for measure No. 6 on the state ballot Nov. 8."

This quote, from an Oregon Journal editorial, tells the essentials of the story in a nutshell. The details take a few more words.

FOR many years, Oregon's colleges and universities have borrowed money to build dormitories, cafeterias, sports facilities, and so on.

It has repaid the borrowed money by charging fees for their use. No tax money is used for their construction. About half of all the campus buildings are built with non-tax money.

But there is a limit on how much they can borrow (in the form of self-liquidating bonds). They have just about reached that limit.

And, because enrollment is going to increase by more than 60 per cent in the next 10 years, they are going to need more dormitories, cafeterias, sports facilities, and other non-tax buildings.

SO the limitation must be raised. Or else tax funds will have to be used to build the needed buildings.

Ballot measure No. 6 will increase that bonding limitation, so that more pay-for-themselves buildings can be built, to accommodate the many additional students.

So, when you go to the polls Nov. 8, just remember this: "For once in your life, you can strike a blow for education—and it won't cost you a cent.

"You can do it by voting for measure No. 6 on the state ballot."

Remember it—"State Bonds for Higher Education." It's No. 6.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO HAVE A BIG ONE HANGING OVER THE FIREPLACE!"

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.

Seeking Friendship: To the Editor: If you can spare a little of your precious time I would be appreciated very much.

What I want is this: I always wanted to make some friends of about my age your country through letter-writings. But I did not know how to do it. Recently, however, I am writing this letter as I have learned the name of your paper through an organization.

I have been prompted to write this letter to you by a sincere desire to do my share toward strengthening even further the ties of friendship that keep your nation and mine united as brothers.

I am interested in American life, how Americans live at home, how they think, the books they read, the hobbies they pursue, etc. I sincerely beseech you to help me in my quest for knowledge, as well as in my attempt to improve my knowledge of the English language.

If you can publish this letter in your paper I would more than appreciate it. In the event of receiving so many answers as a result of that publication it will be no problem for me, because our organization has so many members and I can divide those answers among the members.

Perhaps you can not afford any space. In that case I like to ask your favor to pass this letter to some youth clubs and urge them to cooperate with me.

I hope this did not cause you any inconvenience. Yours very truly, Noriko Sumida

P.S. Let me introduce myself briefly. I am 21 years old and graduated from Mihara High school three years ago, and am working a large school work organization. Attending to a dressmaking school at night. I am 5 feet 2 inches tall and my hobbies are ping pong, Ikebana, and dressmaking. I can reckon on the abacus. My address: Miss Noriko Sumida, 112 of 3 Higashi-machi, Mihara city, Hiroshima-prefecture, Japan.

My sister Jerumi Sumida very anxious to have someone to write to in the United States, too me. She is in the 2nd years class of Mihara High school. We thank you for your kind attention in advance.

Everything OK! To the Editor: Mr. Richard Nixon made a speech, said in effect that he would stand squarely on the platform of "What is right with America". There just couldn't be anything wrong. Haven't we reached the desired level of unemployment? And haven't we reached the desired level of interest rates? Haven't we made money scarce? The rich get richer.

Nixon allowed, quote, "It is the duty of the opposition party to point out what is wrong with America". Ah! But those pesky wrongs he would take care of, if elected, by giving them the old Republican treatments. He would talk them down, sweep them under the rug, veto them all, or he could just ignore them into oblivion.

Nixon, the fair haired boy of the internal conquering empires of high finance, of interest gougers, give him your vote and he will reward you by running you through their money wringers, that he will do as sure as the Nixonian money policies are tailored to their greed.

But red blooded Americans, not wanting to sink into Nixon-publican slumber, they have a better choice: Kennedy, the man who is owned by nobody, who is not a negative null, no Goldwater in vein, he has the will and the courage to remove the stumbling blocks to America's progress at home and abroad.

Sulen Drangen 417 Lane st, Yreka, Calif.

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My mother, Mollie Ross Stanley, was the first white girl born here, and my grandparents—Col. John E. and Elizabeth Ross—were the second white couple to be married here. They lived and thrived on the donation land claim, now divided into many smaller tracts and homes.

Some of the most influential people were born here. Many are on the hill, asleep in death, but I have been spared.

There are some things greater than money, though it takes money to make the show. The trees and hills, the quiet and peace—pleasant and quell come to the dooryard.

There are some beautiful yards. Mr. and Mrs. Loyd March have a yard all built with human hands. They live on the White place, a son-in-law of the late Thomas Reames.

Evan Reames was married to my mother's sister, Jennie Ross.

If you want to meet fine, good people, come to Jacksonville. I go away, and come back. It's home to me. Winifred Cantrill Jacksonville, Ore.

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Many Ashlanders have long considered Southern Oregon college "theirs". No doubt this misconception dates back to the old "Normal School". It evolved into Southern Oregon College of Education. Recently it has been authorized to grant degrees in academic fields other than education; thus the name Southern Oregon college.

As the college grows (about 15 per cent each year) so do the needs of the school and its students. The people of Ashland have failed in part to meet these needs and thereby have no right to refer to the college as "theirs".

The time has come when a portion of the SOC activities should be taken into the communities where the students' homes are; especially to Medford and Grants Pass. Ashland is a city of many elderly retired citizens and these people are not particularly interested in the problems of the college.

Mr. Singmaster cites the problem encountered by the Red Raiders' Booster club in raising money for athletic scholarships. Each year there are more students who need help, and this coupled with steadily rising tuition costs (up over 100 per cent in past 10 years) has caused an acute problem. If the businessmen and merchants of Ashland can't raise the money needed for scholarships, then they must look elsewhere for help.

Mr. Brantley suggests we Medfordites invite the SOC football team to play all their home football games in the MHS stadium. Many people have no doubt had this same idea in mind as a starting point for better relationships and understandings between the people of Medford and SOC. A few of the more evident reasons for such an agreement would be:

1. The physical features of MHS field are far better than those of the SOC field in Ashland.

2. Roughly one-half of the students enrolled at SOC are from the greater Medford area. Wouldn't these students, who commute to classes at SOC each day, rather see the Red Raiders play their home games at MHS until such a time as SOC can construct an adequate football stadium?

3. Many people in the Medford area are sports-minded and would turn out to see the Raiders in action on the home town field.

4. Financially, the college could do better by playing in Medford.

Should Southern Oregon College take a more active interest in the Medford area is it not possible they might get some of their badly needed backing from the citizens of this city?

Hammarskjold's Smashing Victory Gives Him New Power, Adds to U.N. Prestige

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor The man-of-the-week: United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

The place: U.N. headquarters, New York. The quote: "... My record is on the table with such completeness that it is unnecessary for me to add to it or to explain anything. I stand by it..."

There was an unaccustomed biting edge to Hammarskjold's voice as he replied to a vicious attack by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian A. Zorin, at the United Nations Security Council.

Zorin had accused the U. N. Secretary of putting out false information about the Congo, of seeking to "undermine" the government of Premier Patrice Lumumba and of siding with the "colonial powers" to prevent the Congo from attaining full independence.

Hammarskjold proved he could take care of himself in oratorial in-fighting, and the United States moved quickly to his side.

Said U. S. Ambassador James J. Wadsworth: "The Soviet Union does not want the United Nations to succeed in Africa. A strong United Nations means stability and order... the verbal attempts to discredit the Secretary-General—who enjoys our full confidence—and the United Nations would be serious enough."

"But it is ominous when we add to this the record of Soviet efforts to penetrate the Congo physically."

Whatever Zorin had hoped to accomplish, he failed. Instead of reprimanding Hammarskjold, the U. N.'s full General Assembly met and instructed him to continue his "vigorous" action in the Congo. The count was 70-0, including the important Afro-Asian nations.

Prestige For U. N. Hammarskjold had done more than win a personal victory. He had pushed the authority of the Secretary General to unprecedented heights.

In its earlier concept, the U. N. would be called upon to act only in situations which threatened international peace.

In the Congo, it was intervening to establish internal peace.

If Hammarskjold reasoned, the Congo and other emerging African nations were to be saved from the push and pull of the big power Cold War struggle, they first must be assured of stability within.

This was preventive diplomacy which Hammarskjold believed to be within the limits of his assignment.

Hammarskjold had foreseen the dangers as far back as 1953 when he first took over his job.

He traveled in Africa, studying the problem at first hand. Long before the Congo crisis erupted, he was ready with plans for assistance for these new nations, both economic and administrative.

This week the quiet Swede had won a massive vote of confidence and a new concept was being written into the U. N. charter.

Election Memo: Political Parties, Platforms, Phoney

By LYLE C. WILSON Washington (UPI)—Some angles the voters should consider with a national election coming up are these:

The political parties soliciting their votes are irresponsible and more fraudulent than real.

The political platforms more often than not and their promises are not binding.

Neither can platform pledges often be enforced by party discipline.

The dividing line defining the two-party system in the United States is mostly imaginary. It isn't there.

Easily Demonstrated The fraudulent nature of political parties easily is demonstrated. For example: Try to define the purpose of the Democratic party in specific terms mutually acceptable to Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota. Ditto to the Republican party in terms which would embrace Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona and Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York.

Platforms are phony in proportion to the extent to which party members in office ignore them. Presidents usually stick close to the platforms on which they sought election. Many members of Congress more often are irresponsible, refusing to endorse the platform promises. The platforms themselves usually are the product of cynical compromise and-or pure bait to attract various minority voting blocs.

we want him to continue representing us. First, Congressman Porter, you have advocated for some time that we grant diplomatic recognition to Red China, propose its admission to the United Nations and trade with it in non-strategic goods.

Question: In what way would such action decrease the threat of world communism? And, conversely, in what way would recognition and interchange promote the cause of freedom as we know it in the United States?

Second, Congressman Porter, as late as Nov. 1, 1959, you advised that Castro was, in your words, "not a dictator," that he was not "against the American people," and that he "has a large belief in human freedoms" and by inference from the foregoing that Castro was not a communist or sympathizer with the communist cause.

Question: In what way has Castro's rise to power and his subsequent actions promoted the growth of "human freedoms" for Cubans or for Americans in Cuba?

Do you still believe Castro is not a communist or a sympathizer with the communist cause?

Third, Congressman Porter, according to articles in the Eugene Register Guard, you have accepted money from Cyrus Eaton, winner of the Lenin Peace Prize, to pay your round-trip expenses to three disarmament conferences in Europe.

Question: In what way will the meetings you have attended serve to deter the communists from their goal of world domination, and did your attendance equip you to better aid in the ultimate defeat of world communism?

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ing their ballots, the realignment of political parties will move along quickly.

Presidential elections in 1928-48-52-56-four of the last eight—proved that the Solid South isn't solid any more. President Eisenhower in 1952 carried Virginia, Tennessee, Florida and Texas. In 1956 he carried these four plus Louisiana. Vice President Richard M. Nixon has a good chance to break into the South this year.

More significant than Eisenhower's score in Southern states was his popular vote. Southwestern in 1952 he polled 47.7 per cent; the vote in 10 Southern states to Adlai E. Stevenson's 52.3.

is made up of nitrogen, oxygen, hydrogen, neon, helium and other gases. When light passes through these gases, all the different rays are scattered. Some are scattered more than others. The shorter the wave length of the light, the more it is scattered. Blue is scattered the most, red the least. Therefore, the greatest part of the sky appears to be blue, as these scattered rays are reflected back to us from all parts of the sky.

If there were no atmosphere around the earth, part of the light from the sun would hit us directly, and the rest would simply go past. The sky would always LOOK BLACK with the sun, moon and stars shining in a GREAT BLACK CURTAIN.

This is the point: If and when man GOES BEYOND the earth's atmosphere, he will find himself whizzing through the BLACK VOID of outer space.

WE of course have to take that for granted. No man born of woman has as yet seen outer space and returned to tell the tale. But wait! It probably won't be long.

IN fact—George M. Low, an official of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, told a bunch of editors and publishers in Washington the other day that Russia is ready to send a man into orbit around the earth and MAY PICK U.S. ELECTION DAY FOR THE SHOT!

So—If and when this Russian gets back, he'll be able to give us eye-witness testimony as to whether outer space is black or blue.

THIS is what happens: The earth's atmosphere

How come? Did somebody goof?

WELL, it's like this: Major White flew higher than man had ever flown before, but he didn't fly out of the earth's atmosphere. At his highest point, he was up about 25 miles above the surface. The earth's atmosphere is somewhat more than 100 miles thick. Major White was only about a quarter of the way up through the atmosphere.

And—It is the light passing through the gases that compose the earth's atmosphere that make the blue.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

GEORGE HOXIE, famed photographer, known as "Hocus-Focus" in his home balliwick of Oxford, Ohio, has been studying the names of some of the settlements in the National Parks' Campground Directory, and calls our attention to the following: Detachment Meadow, Frog Hollow, Hobo Gulch, Honeymoon, Virgin's Bath, Pink Beds, Graveyard, and Purgatory. It would be fun sending friends picture cards with postmarks of some of these communities thereon.

Musee Walter Tumulty, just back from Reno: "A man never really knows his wife's true value—until a judge tells him what she's going to nick him for alimony."

Mourns a poetic father of a Princeton sophomore: "I worked my way through college. As heroes often do. Now I'm right back where I started: Working my son's way through."

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