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Flight o' Time

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10 YEARS AGO

Oct. 15, 1952 (Wednesday) The city of Medford fire protection contracts with the Medford Rural Fire district became effective today.

20 YEARS AGO

Oct. 15, 1942 (Thursday) Movie Actress Ginger Rogers arrives in Medford to take part in war bond and stamp sale.

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 15, 1922 (Saturday) "Buckshot rattles off homes in Siskiyou Heights district" as hunters fail to get outside of city limits on opening day of pheasant season.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 15, 1912 (Sunday) Medford civic group sponsors appearance here of Thurston Lieurance and his company in an interpretation of American Indian music.

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 15, 1912 (Tuesday) Chicago man arrives in Medford to give stereoscopic lecture to group interested in building \$75,000 mausoleum here.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. What did Currier and Ives make? 2. Which of the following books are in the Old Testament: Mark, Luke, John? 3. Name the first four letters of the Greek alphabet.

Answers: 1. Prints (engravings). 2. None. 3. Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta. 4. He doesn't know if... 5. San Francisco Giants. 6. Ross Barnett. 7. False. 8. Rubber. 9. Home plate. 10. Eight.

CHEER U.S. SINGERS

Moscow - (AP) - A Russian concert audience went wild Sunday night over a rendition of "Dry Bones" and three Negro spirituals when the Robert Shaw Chorus sang as soloists in the Tchaikovsky Conservatory. It was a triumphal opening for the American group, here for a Soviet tour.

Rogue Project OK'd at Last

The last-minute accomplishments of Congress, squabbling until the end, were obscured both by the confusion in Washington and by the great storm on Friday. But this much appears clearly: The charges that Sen. Wayne L. Morse is "ineffective" and "never does anything for Oregon" are just so much poppycock, and can now be relegated to the realm of fairy tales.

NOT only did the Rogue Basin project authorization get through, in the omnibus Rivers and Harbors bill, but some \$100,000 in planning and pre-construction funds were approved for the project in another bill. This is almost unheard of in legislative circles. Usually it is a full year or more before any substantial funds at all are appropriated for a newly-authorized project.

More than that, the charges of Morse's ineffectiveness, based on the lopping off of several Oregon projects at the instance of Rep. Mike Kirwan (D-Ohio), will backfire.

This is even closer to a legislative miracle, for the projects were added in the Senate, then lopped off in the House, but three of the five were added to the bill in a final conference committee. How this was done we don't know, but we do know that it was tougher than pulling a rabbit out of a hat.

IN THIS area we have more interest in the Rogue Basin project than in the others. It is a major, multi-purpose river development bill, estimated to cost some \$107 million when completed. It is the final result of nearly 40 years of planning, and of more than 14 years of active work.

There are many people, some of them no longer living, that deserve credit for the enactment of this legislation, more people than can be named.

The history of the legislation is also a history of local cooperation, of long and arduous studies designed to satisfy all interest groups, and a final compromise of the differences which, in 1948, killed any major river development on the Rogue for what looked like, at that time, forever.

AFTER the public hearing of 1948, which found irrigationists, recreationists and other interests so badly split, the dreams of river development lay quiet for several years.

Finally, as a compromise, the Talent division was "split off" from the original basin plans, and was authorized as a separate project. At a cost of some \$22 million, it was designed to provide power, irrigation water, and recreational benefits. It is now virtually completed, with only minor finish-up touches to be done. The best-known effects have been the creation at Howard Prairie lake and the enlargement of Emigrant lake.

It was the serious flooding of the winter of 1955 - 56 which breathed new life in the Rogue project. The Rogue River Flood Control and Water Resources association was organized, and since that time this group has been instrumental in carrying on the plans, and in obtaining cooperation from various interests.

FORMER Congressman Charles O. Porter deserves credit for getting the legislative train on the tracks again. He introduced a Rogue Basin bill, not in the hope of obtaining immediate authorization, but as a means of allowing the various federal agencies to resume their studies of the basin.

The work has progressed steadily since then. The main compromise to be worked out was between the fishing interests and the other groups involved.

A major change in the thinking of the fishermen occurred during this period, when continued low flows of the Rogue in the summer time became a factor in fish survival. It began to be evident that the sacrifice of some few spawning beds upriver would be more than offset if higher minimum flows of the Rogue could be obtained through the high-country dams.

PLANS were revised and after detailed studies of the river were completed, they obtained the enthusiastic endorsement of the fishermen. That was the key.

Others playing a part included the Oregon Water Resources department, the Corps of Army Engineers, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the bureau of Reclamation, and the irrigation districts and ranchers involved.

Each of these, in addition to the others mentioned earlier, deserves great credit for hard work well done.

This project is no pork-barrel boondoggle, despite what some eastern Congressmen may think. It will become a major economic resource to the people of Southern Oregon, and will also provide immense recreational benefits, without major destruction of present values.

NO ONE in Southern Oregon will remain unaffected by the Rogue Basin project, although they will be affected in differing ways.

Vast new acreages of now-dry land will be placed under irrigation, with supplemental water going to lands now partly under irrigation. Summer streamflows will be increased, to benefit not only fish life but also other outdoor recreation enthusiasts on the lower river.

Campers, picnickers, boaters and others will benefit from the new reservoirs. There will be some added electric energy potential available.

Adding all these together, the project will provide an important economic resource, spreading its benefits throughout the area to be felt by everyone.

It is a day to celebrate.—E.A.

"Hope You Didn't Take Anything Personally—The Fact Is We Don't Even Get Along With Each Other"



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The Cause Eludes

To the Editor: Why not ask the kids? Undoubtedly this will be one phase of the proposed study on juvenile delinquency by Lane county.

We all remember how Tom, Dick and Harry acted, when they were our classmates and we remember, too, that we were pretty sure what caused them to act that way.

Perhaps, if we should distribute questionnaires to every student in, say, 10 four-grade high schools, "or their equivalent" picked at random throughout the state, the results would be revealing.

The questionnaires could list, say, ten possible causes, such as too much money, not enough money, working mothers, etc.

Of these, three would be picked by the student, in order of their importance.

The causes could be staggered on like number of copies, and student's name would not necessarily be required.

'T would be real interesting to read the results of some such survey.

The cause is what eludes us. But surely there's no harm in bringing at least part of the act home to roost.

It seems that if and when we find the basic cause, the "almighty dollar," as we know it, is almost sure to be found lurking nearby.

Paul F. Wilson P. O. Box 222 Talent, Ore.

Three Parties

To the Editor: I disagree with the following statement made by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower: "I don't think the President should be going around the country asking for a greater majority in Congress. He now has a 2-to-1 majority in the Senate and a 3-to-1 majority in the House."

Actually, there are three major political parties in the United States: Republican, Northern Democratic, and Southern Democratic. The President is anxious to have more Northern Democrats elected to safeguard his program.

David Frisch P. O. Box 292 White City, Ore.

Odd Stump

To the Editor: Some 40 odd years ago when the Chamber of Commerce building was located by the S.P. railroad tracks near where the new First National Bank now stands, there was on display a white oak tree stump about 12 inches in diameter, partially showing on the inside half that a new tree had grown from a former stump. The old or first stump appeared to have been cut off about one foot above the ground. A tag on the freak specimen gave the name of the owner as a Sams Valley resident we do not recall any more.

We have often wondered about where or what became of the oddity in the intervening years. Perhaps there are some people living in the valley who may have some information on this bit of natural history and will tell all about the stump?

Bert Kissinger 322 South Riverside ave. Medford

Free Verse

To the Editor: I have a portfolio of verse, for the publication of which my friends are seeking a sponsor, since it is next to impossible to get the first book (especially verse) of an unknown writer published without subsidy. Even Poe and Kipling sub-

stituted their own first volume. When shown to some of our English instructors, this collection was criticised for its lack of modern free verse. So I append my first and — so help me, my last — free verse.

THOS This is a poem You don't believe that? So what? Neither do I. But I am told, by those who know? That a bit of prose, Having depth or Beauty or pathos, and Strung into poetic lines, is a Poem.

Now this has depth, for What is deeper than an Oil well? And beauty too, For, like the well, it is Dry as the Painted Desert. And what is more beautiful Than The Painted Desert? It even has pathos. The Promoters got the pay, the Stockholders — the thos.

Which ends my poem? — With the usual amount of Sense and beauty found in Free verse

Jack Finel 368 North Second st. Central Point, Ore.

Christian Unity

To the Editor: This letter is not on fluoridation. The pros and cons of that subject have been tossed around until those on both sides, I fear, almost feel like giving one big dose of sodium fluoride to the opposition. I have been repeatedly asked to write on the subject. I did, to both valley papers, but so far never saw it printed.

As far as the writer is concerned, this is an important issue, but other earth-shaking events dwarf the fluoridation problem into insignificance.

The spread of Communism, the heinous crimes being committed, unrest, dissatisfaction everywhere, yes even the great council now in session in Rome, these should make us ponder and think.

The latter mentioned item was not intended to be classed with the others of the list. The ecumenical council I believe is a sincere effort on the part of some to iron out the world's difficulties. We should all pray with sincerity will focus their eyes on the only true source of peace, our Blessed Lord.

Many sincere men are trying desperately to bring about a union of all religious faiths. This on the surface sounds good to some. Yet let me say

by becoming more stupid than they really are, by dulling their senses and blunting their responses to life. This reaction itself is a symptom of unhappiness that can cope only by withdrawing in a bovine way.

We can see it beginning more clearly in a child; when a certain type of child is emotionally troubled, he will act stupid. He will shake his head at simple questions, he will seem thick and uncomprehending, and will retreat into a shell that seems to be stupidity, if we did not know him better. If persistent, this emotional upset can turn the child into a stupid-seeming adult.

It is axiomatic in the field of psychotherapy that, all things being fairly equal, the intelligent patient will recover faster and more fully than the less intelligent.

An intelligent person seems to be unhappy because he can articulate his discontent, and because he is more obviously sensitive to his environment; but this very sensitivity is what enables him to change, to grow, and to heal the psychic wounds.

I happen to believe firmly that most people are much more intelligent than they give evidence of being; that a great deal of what we call stupidity is really an emotional defense against pain; it is simply the way a particular kind of personality handles its problems.

In an article on Sonny Liston in a sports magazine a few weeks ago, the writer shrewdly observed, during an interview with the fighter, that Liston was smarter than the public impression he has given in the past. The writer went on to observe that:

"Liston is not stupid, but his insights are impeded by his neurosis. Emotionally he is a child — stubborn, obstinate, and completely lacking in flexibility."

Given his dreadful background, this is perhaps the only way the boy could have

"Brilliant idea... you're a brilliant campaign manager... where'd you get the trick dog...?"

Foreign News: Chaing Kai-shek's Health Good; De Gaulle Diplomatic Coup Seen

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst The "Gissimo"

On Oct. 31, Nationalist Chinese Leader Chiang Kai-shek will be 75 years old. Trusted associates say he is in fairly robust health after a long recovery from an operation last spring. The subject is a touchy one. During the hot summer



Newsom Chiang made no public appearances, although he did receive a few selected visitors in his residence from time to time.

But early this month, on China's "Double Ten" national holiday, Chiang, his cheeks full and his uniform fitting smartly, stood on the reviewing stand for 90 minutes with no sign of fatigue. The following day he stood through a tea party for an equal period of time.

De Gaulle Strategy

Persistent rumors among French officials say that President Charles de Gaulle is lining up some big diplomatic coup for announcement shortly before the Oct. 20 referendum vote.

The referendum is to decide De Gaulle's demand that future French presidents be elected by direct vote of the people. It is opposed by the rebellious French Chamber of Deputies and the final decision could determine De Gaulle's own political future.

De Gaulle might seek to impress French voters with an announcement of a De Gaulle state visit to Washington next year.

New Powers for Bishops

Church sources in Vatican City say one result of the current Ecumenical Council is certain: that, with Pope John's specific sanction, the 3,000 bishops attending the council

will emerge with vastly increased powers, both administrative and religious. There even is talk that they may extend the dogma of papal infallibility to their own pronouncements on faith and morals. The last church council a century ago proclaimed the infallibility dogma for popes, that Roman pontiffs could not err when talking strictly on matters of faith and morals.

NOVEL AND DANGEROUS

Washington — Something novel and dangerous has been added to this year's congressional campaign. It is becoming a personal and largely irrelevant contest between a sitting president, John F. Kennedy, and a former president, Dwight D. Eisenhower, neither of whom is running for any office.

What the voters here, there and yonder may think of either Kennedy or Eisenhower is no proper guide as to how they should mark their ballots for partly local offices in the House of Representatives or basically state offices in the U. S. Senate.

All the same, these two men who are not up for anything in this election are wholly overshadowing those who are up. It is commonplace now to see decisive comparisons made not as between Republican Congressional Candidate Jones and Democratic Congressional Candidate Smith, but rather between relative size and warmth of the crowds which greet Kennedy here, Eisenhower there.

ON THE Democratic side, Kennedy is in effect demanding a national referendum on his own administration two years ahead of the proper time, which will be in his own stand for reelection in 1964.

On the Republican side, Eisenhower is in effect demanding a national vote of confidence in an administration long since ended — his own. What Kennedy seeks here is premature. What Eisenhower seeks is unnecessary.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises, Inc.

IT IS fitting for yet another reason that he should become the GOP spokesman. For Soviet Communist infiltration of Cuba began in his own administration, though it has become far more open and perilous in the Kennedy administration.

Until lately, at any rate, Kennedy and Eisenhower have been joined in common awareness and agreement that this country could not afford harsh divisions of foreign affairs at this hour in history, however much they disagreed on home matters.

The kind of campaigning in which they are now engaged could tear apart this reluctant but incomparably important Kennedy-Eisenhower comradeship on this vital security concept. This is the greatest danger of all.

LET'S look now for a comparison. In California, at the coming election, there will be two proposals on the ballot designed to increase legislative salaries. One would increase legislators' compensation from the present \$6,000 a year (not a biennium) to \$11,250 and tag them permanently to half the salary paid U. S. congressmen (\$22,500).

The other proposal would grant the California lawmakers up to \$10,008 a year but would force the legislators to return to the electorate if they want more money at a later date.

If both measures should be approved by the voters, the one with the largest vote would prevail.

Precautions Taken In Kennedy Landing

Washington — Extra safety precautions were taken for President Kennedy's arrival at Washington's National Airport today from New York because of concern that his Air Force DC-6 had hydraulic trouble.

Five fire trucks sped to stations alongside the runway just before the aircraft landed at 1:32 a.m., EDT, but the plane landed safely.

It appeared, however, to have touched down farther along the runway than commercial planes that were coming in beforehand.

Persons aboard the President's plane noted no problems although they reported hearing squeaking sounds when the landing gear was lowered.

Five Maclaren School Escapees Captured

Woodburn — Five of eight boys who escaped from the Maclaren School for Boys Saturday night were taken into custody Sunday.

The boys took advantage of a power blackout caused by Friday night's storm and fled after overpowering a guard.

Developed. And what is true of him is true of millions of others who live angrily behind the iron curtain of the mind.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A citizens committee appointed to study proposals for changing the salary and reimbursement (for expenses advanced out of their own funds) of Oregon legislators has reported back to Oregon Senate President Harry Boivin.

The report recommends a salary of \$150 a month, and \$15 per diem every day the legislature is in session up to a maximum of 110 days. The committee recommended elimination of all present expense allowances with the exception of one round trip from the legislator's home to Salem at 10 cent per mile.

AS TWO primary goals to be achieved, the committee suggested:

1. That compensation be sufficient so that any public spirited Oregonian should be able to enter public service (as a member of the legislature).

2. That the amounts be low enough so that no one will be encouraged to run for the legislature as a full-time job — thus becoming what the committee terms a "professional politician."

The overall objective is to get Oregon's ablest citizens into the Oregon legislature.

HOW much will it cost? The committee recommending the increase says:

"The maximum possible compensation at the present time (under the existing system of payment) for a legislator over a 24-month period is \$4,500, and our recommendation involves approximately a 17 per cent increase on this figure."

THAT is to say: The present maximum possible compensation for a member of the Oregon legislature for a 24-month period (a biennium) is \$4,500. The committee recommends an increase of 17 per cent — which would amount to a total of \$5,265 for the biennium, or about \$220 a month for the two year period.

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QUESTION:

If either or both of these proposals should be approved by the California voters, how much would a California legislator get?

The Property Owners Tax Association of California, arguing against BOTH proposals, estimates that the pay boosts proposed in either case would mean an actual income to California lawmakers of from \$16,000 to \$17,000 a YEAR — or about three times the salary proposed for Oregon legislators for two years.

The California legislature meets every year. The Oregon legislature meets every two years.

WHY the committee report?

In 1951, Oregon voters approved a referendum authorizing the Oregon legislature to set the salaries of its own members, and imposing no restrictions on the amount.

The modesty of the recommendations the committee has just made justifies the confidence indicated by Oregon voters last year in the integrity of the members of the Oregon legislature.

AID IN MATHEMATICS

Salisbury, England — Mrs. Mathematika teacher J. Breakell said today he wants to put dartboards — England's favorite pub sport — in classrooms to help youngsters learn their numbers.

BELOW OLYMPUS By Interlandi



"Brilliant idea... you're a brilliant campaign manager... where'd you get the trick dog...?"