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What is Non-Partisanship?

To the Editor: I am wondering if I am alone in my opinion of how the newspapers should conduct themselves during a political campaign.
An editorial in the Medford Mail Tribune of October 15 was speculating on how many people change their minds on account of political editorials and I would like to state my opinion and that of a number of my friends with whom I have discussed this question.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon



Washington, Oct. 18.—Daring without judgment is required to predict the outcome of this election. Even the polls seem to be giving it up. The eminent Dr. Gallup, who has never been at a loss for an answer, has lost this one. His October 15 forecast, with the day of reckoning 3 weeks off,

The Crossley Poll
C. I. O. 73% for Roosevelt, A. F. L. 61%

By Archibald M. Crossley
Considerable difference between the labor organizations was found among those interviewed in pivotal states. Seventy-three per cent of members of the C. I. O. expressed preference for Roosevelt, compared with 61 per cent of members of the American Federation of Labor.

Farm voters interviewed in pivotal states are 56 per cent for Dewey, who has held about nine out of ten of the Willkie voters. Roosevelt's loss of popularity among farmers is shown by the fact that he has maintained the loyalty of only two out of three of his 1940 farm voters—the lowest score among any of the occupational groups.

The importance of the farm vote varies considerably by states. Many of the so-called farming states are definitely for Dewey and unlikely to shift. Included among the pivotal states with over 20% of total population in 1940 on farms are Minnesota 33%, Missouri 30%, West Virginia 28%, and Oregon 24%.

Persons over 21 in the pivotal states, not citizens, not residing long enough at present locations, not registered, or otherwise disqualified, totaled 9% in September. This will rise after failure to register of some of those who were uncertain as to what they would do.

Table with 2 columns: % Disqualifications in Sept., and % Disqualifications in Sept.
Men 7%, Women 10%, 21-29 years of age 8%, 30 years and over 9%, Negro 16%, Italian 24%, 1940 Non-Voters 23%, 1940 Roosevelt voters 3%, 1940 Willkie voters 2%.

ling both the coal and oil situation until householders in cold climates look forward this winter to burning the ironing board and the kitchen chairs for a little warmth. In spite of his lively knocking to John L. Lewis, coal mining is still in chaos; and independent oil men assert that his oil policies are destined to liquidate their business.

With his own \$15,000 job at stake, Mr. Ickes' zeal for the fourth term is understandable. Conscious of his shortcomings as a cabinet official, it is also understandable that he should feel impelled to render to his benefactor the service to which he is best adapted, smearing the opposition. In the interest of Governor Dewey, we hope that "Honest Harold" will keep up his good work.

NEVADA GOAL SET
Reno, Nev., Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—Nevada's goal in the sixth war loan drive, which opens Nov. 20, has been set at \$11,000,000. Forest Lovelock, state chairman of the war finance committee said today.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.



In Army
George Weyerhaeuser (above), 18, victim of the notorious 1933 kidnap plot and son of prominent Tacoma, Wash., lumber family, was inducted into the armed forces at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Mr. Ickes Functions
(Editorial from The San Diego Union)
Mr. Harold L. Ickes, who has been a hang-nail on the public thumb for some 11 years as an accessory to the new deal in the department of the interior, is now functioning in the only capacity in which he can earn his \$15,000 annual salary from the public treasury—as head of the Roosevelt smear-Dewey brigade in a war-time campaign, when millions of American homes are shadowed by mourning and anxiety.

Gas on Stomach
Ladies! In 15 minutes you can get relief from gas, acid stomach and indigestion. Without the use of medicine, without the use of laxatives, without the use of pills, you can get relief from gas, acid stomach and indigestion. Without the use of medicine, without the use of laxatives, without the use of pills, you can get relief from gas, acid stomach and indigestion.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must show the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen name is optional. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

Those Who Live in Glass Houses
To the Editor:—The editor is correct in concluding that the effect of newspaper editorials, as well as campaign oratory, on the thinking of the average is negative. The voter has learned to think for himself. To get the facts he must ferret them out for himself. He has discovered that the "facts" handed him in editorial columns are apt to be cut on the bias by the publisher's own political and economic axe. The voter is wary of them.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
October 18, 1934
(It was Thursday)
Estill Phipps, named editor of Oregon Daily Emerald for balance of school year.

State bonded indebtedness cut over \$10,000,000 past six years.
County Teachers' institute to open tomorrow.

Fair, High 64, low 35 degrees.
Duck season to open tomorrow with many hunters heading to Klamath county.

Legion post plans Armistice day celebration.
Housing project increase slated to increase relief jobs.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
October 18, 1910
(It was Saturday)
Secretary of War Work denounces growth of "demagogic and socialistic notions to catch votes," in campaign speech.

Hay market is steady and selling at \$19.09 per ton. Potatoes selling at \$1 to \$1.10 per sack.
Home demonstration agent gives millinery lessons at Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown of Eagle Point are visiting in Bend.
Big planting of fall grain made in the Eden Valley district.

Gold Hill all excited about coming city election.
Fair and warmer. High 67, low 34 degrees.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
October 18, 1910
(It was Tuesday)
Otto Kuhn, international banker of New York visits city and valley.

Farmers complain of reckless shooting by bird hunters.
Portland residents report seeing huge comet.

Vaudeville Show
For Craterian's Anniversary Week
Dedicated to a week of fun and laughter the Craterian theatre will celebrate its 20th anniversary the week starting Sunday, October 22.

Inaugurating the week of fun will be the new Olsen and Johnson comedy hit, "Ghost Catchers," which will be shown Sunday and Monday only. Medford's first big time vaudeville show in several years will take the spotlight on the stage on Tuesday and Wednesday with Lum and Abner in "Goin' To Town" as the screen attraction on the program. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the picturization of one of the most popular radio shows "Take It Or Leave It," starring Phil Baker, will be in the top spot.

Especially selected short subjects—technical cartoons, novelty reels, musical subjects, "March of Time" and "America Speaks"—will round out the programs.

Daily Weather Report
Forecast: Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.
Oregon: Clear tonight and Thursday. Local fogs early Thursday in valleys of west portion. Little change in temperature.

Temperature a year ago today: highest 35; lowest 30.
Total monthly precipitation 78 inches. Excess for the month 14 inches.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 1.58 inches. Excess for the season 1.29 inches.
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 37%; 4:30 today 93%.

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise 7:28 a. m. Sunset 6:24 p. m.
Past 24 hours: High Low Prec.
Boston 65 50 ---
Chicago 69 41 ---
Dewey 71 56 ---
Eureka 56 43 ---
Havre 67 25 ---
Los Angeles 76 58 ---
Medford 78 41 ---
New York 69 50 ---
Oreana 75 57 ---
Phoenix 92 50 ---
Portland 70 50 ---
Reno 76 58 ---
Roseburg 74 45 ---
Salt Lake 65 37 ---
San Francisco 73 46 ---
Seattle 65 44 ---
Spokane 69 39 ---
Washington, D. C. 67 45 ---
Yakima 73 45 ---

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WOMEN IN '40's
Are You Embarrassed By HOT FLASHES?
If you, like so many women, between the ages of 35 and 45—suffer from hot flashes, nervous tension, irritability, are a bit blue at times—all due to the functional middle age period peculiar to women—try Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound. Compound to relieve such symptoms.

For almost a century thousands upon thousands of women—rich and poor alike—have reported remarkable benefits. Many wise women take Pinkham's Compound regularly to help build up resistance against such annoying distress.

Across From Craterian Theatre—Phone 4174
SINGLE \$4.50 to \$6.00
DOUBLE \$7.50 to \$12.00
New Spring Mattresses—Free Showers (Clean Rooms)

Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Gov. Dewey in his Pittsburgh speech asks how can the New Deal administer the business of America abroad any better than it has managed affairs at home? There is always the chance, when things get down to diplomatic cases, Messrs. Churchill and Stalin will not be handled any better than John L. Lewis and Caesar Petrillo of the musicians' union.

Tragedy stalked the rustic scene Sunday. A pair of pants hanging on a clothesline, were riddled by mistake for C. Pheasant. Fortunately, for the owner, he was not in them.

Portland parents who permit their children to stay out all night to attend movie "horror pictures" may face police action as curfew violators. It is hoped the law will not be ruthless and compel the parents to attend the "horror pictures" with their kids.

FATE ONLY FROWNS
(Salem Capital-Journal)
"Scio—Only a snuffly ocid befall Mrs. Dell Holland on her Friday the 13th birthday here, when her anniversary rolled around to the fateful Friday on which she was born."

"Nazis in all-out effort to keep Bologna"—(Headline this paper)
—Politically, the same thing is underway in this country.

Indian summer now prevails, along with perfect days. They are so magnificent the climate committee of the C. of C. thinks they should share with the Indians some of the credit for their creation.

Hungary is now at the same cross-roads, as in 1918. The "a" has been shot out of Hungary.

"They plan to stay about two weeks during which time Kay will enjoy hunting deer and water fowl. Sarah will exchange gossip with her many friends."
—(New Pine Creek News)—The Social Ear-full.

The impossible has happened again, Senator Truman, the New Deal vice-presidential candidate, has seized the honor, formerly held by Alf M. Landon of Kansas, G. O. P. nominee for president in 1936, as the poorest speaker, ever to look a microphone in the eye.

HOW DEERS BEHAVE
(Pine Creek News)
"Artie V. Reid also caught a chance to come up from Alameda to try his luck shooting the illusive antlered targets that roam the hills and dales at night and hide in the thick brush by day—(until after hunting season!)"

A survey shows communism no longer is considered "cute" at tax supported colleges and universities of the land. The brains and beauty of a community no longer drain off to schools.

"Too many voters in this country go for light stuff and sometimes I think a candidate who would sing and play a hot cornet could beat both Roosevelt and Dewey."
—(New York Sun)—The So-called "Intelligent Voter."

The above communication is selected from many we have received commenting upon the editorials in last Sunday's issue, because it is typical—represents, apparently, a widespread local misapprehension as to what a nonpartisan newspaper really is.

A nonpartisan newspaper is not a newspaper without political opinions. Nor is it a paper that hesitates at any time to express them.

A nonpartisan newspaper is simply a newspaper that does not blindly follow ONE party. It does not act as a spokesman for ONE party. It supports, in short, candidates and principles and issues, in which the paper believes, regardless of party.

THAT is what the Mail Tribune has done for a great many years—in fact, it has been an independent paper rather than a partisan paper, ever since it was established, nearly 40 years ago.

But that does not mean it has been a paper that has perched on the fence during every political campaign, or failed to take sides in all important political contests, local, state and national.

Not at all.
The Mail Tribune has taken definite sides in this campaign as it has in all previous presidential campaigns—and will so continue as long as it remains under its present management.

EIGHT years ago we decided, after attending the two national conventions, that it would be better for the country to give Franklin Delano Roosevelt the conventional second term, than turn national affairs then over to Governor Landon of Kansas.

That decision may have been wise or unwise.
That is not the point. The point is a partisan Republican paper would have stuck to the Republican party, regardless of hell or high water.

The Mail Tribune being a nonpartisan paper was under no such obligation. It was free to support the party and the candidates it believed would do the better job. And that is what it did.

AND that is precisely what we are doing this year.
After attending both party conventions and studying the situation for a considerable time, we became convinced that, all things considered, a CHANGE at Washington this year instead of continuing the Roosevelt New Deal administration for four more years—16 years in all—would be best for the country and all the people in it.

AGAIN, the point is not whether that decision was wise or unwise, right or wrong.

The point is the decision was made honestly and after considerable study, and once convinced the victory of the Republican party would be best for the country at this particular time and with the postwar problems what they promise to be during the next four years; obviously it was not only the right, but the duty, of the Mail Tribune to do everything in its power, to bring that victory about.

SO there is the situation as far as newspaper non-partisanship is concerned and we trust the misapprehension of our above correspondent and apparently many other readers who oppose the political views of this paper in this campaign, that nonpartisanship is a synonym for nonparticipation in politics, has been removed.

INCIDENTLY it is rather amusing to recall that the same complaint was made by many of our Republican friends in the 1936 campaign, only we will admit they were far more bitter regarding what was then termed our turn-coat PARTISANSHIP than the Roosevelt adherents are today.

But that is all in the day's work if you happen to be running a NON-party newspaper.
Can't have your cake and eat it, too, in this here "wail of tears." Nonpartisanship, like partisanship, has its price that must be paid!

Shirley Suspects Films Not Always True to History

New York, Oct. 18.—(U.P.)—Shirley Temple said today that she loves motion pictures, but feels she must warn her fellow schoolmates that Hollywood is not always accurate in making historical films.

The 16-year-old star, speaking at a youth session at the New York Herald-Tribune forum, praised the movies for presenting history "in a more interesting way than just through books," but said there was "just one thing" to watch out for.

BEYOND this abnormal civilian doubt there are two other factors which make the election practically impossible to forecast. There are 8,000,000 men and women of voting eligibility away from home in the services and at least 4,000,000 of these are expected to vote. It would be against the law for anyone to poll these votes from what I hear inside, they are being split fairly evenly between Roosevelt and Dewey, and not being cast in bulk for either side.

In both army and navy (particularly navy), where career men rely on political appointments for advancement, the votes are going to Mr. Roosevelt. A regular might ruin his chance for promotion if he became known among his superiors that he voted against their wishes.

Reserves from civilian life and a good number of the enlisted and drafted men, however, are voting for Dewey as fast as they can—and rather openly. But this service vote is not only an unpollable influence for advance guessing, it may not permit the outcome of the election to be known for some weeks after election day. Eleven states have deferred their count of these ballots.

MOST important is doubtful, vital Pennsylvania where the military count will not be begun until November 22, two weeks after civilian voting. As more than 650,000 military ballots are to be counted in Pennsylvania it is conceivable that the state could remain doubtful until they are totaled. (Roosevelt carried it by only 281,000 four years ago.)

California is to start counting the military vote November 24, Colorado November 22, Delaware and Missouri November 9, Florida November 7-17, Nebraska November 8-13 (but not to make public the result until December 5), Rhode Island December 5, Washington November 13-17, Utah November 12, North Dakota November 25, December 3.

Under this arrangement, fixed by state laws, it is possible no one will know who will have been elected president November 7 until nearly a month later, December 5.

THE theory of these states in delaying the soldier count was that men at remote fronts should have plenty of time to get their votes in.

The second factor which makes the election extremely difficult to gauge is the continuous fluctuation of war populations. California and other west coast war centers have been losing many thousands a week for the last few months. These people are seeking permanent peacetime jobs and may be going back home (largely midwestern and south).

Will they vote? Will those remaining in war centers over-throw the normal partisanship of those states (southerners, for instance in Michigan)? How can anyone weigh these influences accurately?

If you average out all these enigmas and calculate reasonable expectations, you will give a slight edge to Mr. Roosevelt, but a better-chance-than-Willkie had to Dewey.

My election advice is this: Wait this year until the votes are counted.

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