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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1942

(It was Thursday)

Medford board of water commissioners sets date for hearing on installation of water meters within the city; meters said needed to aid in conservation of water for proposed army camp here.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Reports from upstate indicate a number of fifth column dogs have started sabotaging victory gardens.

20 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1922

(It was Saturday)

Medford basketball team and fans prepare to leave for Salem where team will take part in state high school basketball tournament.

Local politicians predict many last minute filings as deadline for primaries approaches; few candidates have declared their intention to run.

30 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1892

(It was Sunday)

"Bomb shell exploded in Elks club minstrel show" as Jerry Jerome, "star end man," is reported ill with influenza day before show opens.

Medford Chamber of Commerce forum meets to discuss problem of maintaining purity of city's water supply in Bear creek.

40 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1852

(It was Tuesday)

Medford city council passes law requiring licenses for all businesses; maximum fine for violations set at \$100.

Le Brun Grand Opera company presents "Martha" and three acts of "Il Trovatore" in Medford opera house.

Future Milk Supply In Basin Area Slim

Pullman—(U.P.)—A Bureau of Reclamation official predicts that the Columbia Basin will have to look elsewhere for its milk supplies after 10 to 15 years.

John Toews, Ephrata, told the 21st annual dairymen institute here Tuesday that the basin will not be able to produce enough milk to supply its increased population. He said 50 per cent of the basin's irrigated land would be devoted to hay and pasture. About two-thirds of the farm produce would go to dairy herds and one-third to other livestock enterprises.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of March, 1952, at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at the residence of E. H. Wylie, approximately 23 miles east of Ashland on U.S. 66, Box 47, Klamath Falls Star Route, Ashland, Jackson County, Oregon, I will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the defendant, John Doe, in and to the following described personal property, situated in Jackson County, Oregon, to-wit:

175 building lot, approximately six inches by 5 feet.

Said sale is made pursuant to foreclosure of a mortgage chattel lien filed in the office of the County Clerk of Jackson County, Oregon, on the 6th day of February, 1952, in a certain suit therein, wherein E. H. Wylie and Thelma Wylie, husband and wife are claimants and John Doe is defendant.

Dated this 11th day of March, 1952.

Howard Gault, Sheriff

Jackson County, Oregon

Marcelle Bryant, deputy

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, March 12—(Special by Wire)—"If Taft cannot defeat Eisenhower in a strong Republican state like New Hampshire after his all-out, capably organized personal campaign, while General Eisenhower refused to raise a finger or say a word in his own behalf, what would happen if he should really take his coat off and go to work? I hate to think of it! Great an admirer as I am of Bob Taft, I concede this settles it as far as Taft's chances are concerned."

The above is an authorized statement by the strongest Taft supporter we know in San Francisco.—R.W.R.

San Francisco, March 10—By the time this gets into print the New Hampshire primary will be over, and our prediction is the Taft forces will be celebrating. We may be wrong—hope we are. But there has never been much doubt in this department that the 100 per cent Republicans—and these 100 per centers usually predominate at party primaries—are in very much the same mood they were 30 years ago when the Wilson administration was nearing its close.

They are not so much FOR their own party, as they are AGAINST the opposition. They deny the charge of isolationism because they think it might hurt them politically, but they are not only isolationist—they are secretly proud of it, passionately devoted to it—want to sponge the sale clean of all foreign entanglements, east, west, south or north; and then have what they have so longed and prayed for all these years—a "NEW DEAL" OF THEIR OWN!

Will this mean the end of Eisenhower and the certain victory of Taft in June? Not necessarily. It will be so interpreted, of course, by Taft and his leaders, but there are too many Republicans—and influential ones—who will fight Taft to the last ballot for this to happen. And there are many more who have nothing against Taft and who, if he is nominated, will support him; but still are convinced that Taft CAN'T WIN.

And they have arithmetic behind them—figures of party registrations which don't and can't lie. Just as there is no doubt how strongly PRO-Taft the regular Republicans are; there is even less doubt how strongly ANTI-Taft, the Democrats and the independent voters of the country are.

So, while the New Hampshire result (assuming it comes out as predicted above) will give the Taft forces a great boost, and the Eisenhower forces a severe jolt, it neither assures the former's victory nor the latter's defeat at the Chicago convention. Greater than support for any candidate in the Republican party when the convention comes to order in June, will be the desire to WIN.

Governor Warren is campaigning in Wisconsin for the GOP nomination. If he gets as many votes as he deserves he will make a fine showing.

But that is not the way elections go—UNFORTUNATELY. A state that could send a man like Joe McCarthy to the U. S. Senate, and keep him there, can't be either sound, smart or discriminating. In fact its moral boiling-point must be lower than the Salton Sea—while Warren's is high.

Judging by what your correspondent has heard, roaming around the city parks and newspaper offices here, Governor Warren, in spite of bitter opposition by the Taft reactionaries, has a tremendous and irreducible popular following from the Siskiyou to the Mexican line. The stand-pat opposition he now has, it seems, he has always had. In fact, one of the main counts against him by the Taftites, is his strength among the independent voters and—horror of horrors!—the DEMOCRATS! In other words the Governor has bi-partisan support. A Republican must have that in this country at the present time to be elected to ANYTHING. But the GOP chiefs can't see it. If they do what they want to do and nominate Taft—they WILL!

Characteristically Governor Warren supported Universal Military Training in Wisconsin, in spite of the fact the proposal is not popular in the country at large.

This is only added proof of the man's genuine STATESmanship. He has definite convictions. He believes what he says and says what he believes. And unlike Robert Alonzo, he really WOULD rather be right than be president.

We tried to get the roll call in the House on the UMT measure but surprisingly enough neither press associations here carried it. When we do get it, we venture to say, our own Congressman's vote will cause no surprise.

The American Legion, and other veteran organizations, supported UMT strongly. Also NATURALLY. For the war veterans fought for their country and KNOW what modern war means. They could hardly have acted otherwise. For they saw with their own eyes what rushing raw boys WITHOUT PROPER TRAINING into the front lines meant—and means. It means NEEDLESS killing. "War is murder" but it should not be NEEDLESS murder. The absence of a properly trained reserve in case of war means just that.

This is a time when the country needs above EVERYTHING else LEADERSHIP—courageous, patriotic, fearless leadership. But anyone who would have expected this from the present House of Representatives, was either completely uninformed or blind.

We hope this country never goes the way of Greece or Rome—and see no good reason why it should—but if it DOES, the reason fundamentally will be this same Achilles heel in our body politic—the failure of our representatives in public life, to place the welfare of their country above their own political SELF-INTEREST!

The last time we saw an important billiard match, was in Chicago around half a century ago—between a certain Willie Hoppe and a young man known as Jake Schaeffer. It was quite an occasion, with the contestants dolled up in dinner coats, the umpire ditto, and a few well-upholstered women scattered about, dressed as if for the opera. The seats were comfortable, the air good, it was a ritzy occasion and unless we are greatly mistaken the underdog, Schaeffer, won.

Well, over on Market there is a "World Series" billiard tournament now going on and the same Willie Hoppe, is the favorite to win a title he has had off and on, for all these 50 years. That is surely a record to be proud of, and a tribute to the indestructibility of the man who started to play billiards when as a boy he had to stand on a stool to reach the rail.

But what a change in the atmosphere and surroundings! No dinner-coats, no ladies in decollete, no fresh air and only hard seats rushed over from the nearest mortuary parlor for 500 spectators packed into a strange, billowy-celled sort of Bedouin tent, like sardines, and a Jap gal in gold slacks—with gold teeth to match—playing some young chap from Binghamton, New York, who, we suspect, was once a pool-hall racker in that famous "Lackawanna R.R. division-point."

It was a tough spot, however, for the non-ritzy young man. If he defeated the young lady from far-off Nippon—the (first of her sex to play in an international billiard tournament)—he would gain no applause and no glory. While if he were beaten by her, then he would never be able to hold up his head—or his cue—again. He chose the lesser of the two evils and won, much to the disappointment of the 496 men and 2 women present.

Never again, however—at least not at night. The temperature in that strange billowy tent-affair and the funeral chairs was at least 102° in the shade, and 3-cushion billiards (which for some strange reason is the popular game now instead of balk-line) is too slow, to hold the interest of anyone except a confirmed billiard fiend, or one of the profession. We may drop around some AFTERNOON, however, when Hoppe performs again and there is no crowd.

The big sport attraction here at present is a box-fight between the Middleweight Champion, "Sugar Ray" Robinson and "Bobo" Olson of Honolulu, a few nights hence. The boys are working up the bally-hoo now, in an effort to get a crowd. But these "benefit" affairs however worthy—and this is extremely so—fail to interest the real, pigs-eye, box-fight fans. For it is no match really. "Sugar" only gets a dollar giving the rest of his purse to the Runyon cancer fund, while Bobo gets \$7500 win, lose or draw. When all is said and done, professional prize fighters are not out to take any chances when there is no title and no money in it. The wonder to this department is how many fans there are in a smart sports-town like San Francisco, to pungle up \$15 for a seat, at such a cooked-up affair as this. (Which recalls the time Joe Louis fought Max the German Paratrooper in New York and the writer refused to go because it too was to be no contest, and only easy marks would attend. Joe was knocked out by Schmeling in the 10th round!)

—R.W.R.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Put the stuff back on the truck, Mike. She wants to take another swing through the wallpaper books."

South Africa Social Troubles Blamed on Supremacy of Whites

By PHIL NEWSOM

U.P. Foreign News-Editor

The Union of South Africa—an area not quite three times the size of Montana—is the world's richest gold and diamond country with one of the world's worst social problems.

The difficulty was pointed up again this week in the native rioting at Johannesburg.

Rampaging gangs of blanket-clad Basuto tribesmen ranged through the native township of Newclare, attacking with sticks, stones and knives, killing and looting.

Thirty-seven persons were killed and 600 injured in similar riots which started last Christmas Day. The Union of South Africa, a country of two languages among its white population and of many dialects, traces its social difficulties to the differences between its three main population groups—European white, native African and Indian.

Europeans in Control

The 2,000,000 Europeans are in control of some 9,000,000 Negroes and about 250,000 Indians, and frankly intend to stay that way.

Only whites of European descent may serve the country's parliament, the others having only strictly advisory representatives.

Strict segregation laws have brought bitter protests from both India and Pakistan which have charged that Indians in the South African union are subject to the worst kind of "Jim Crow."

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Eisenhower's Political Creed

Self-Reliance Part of General's Character

By KEVIN McCANN
President, Defiance College
(These articles are based on the book "The Man from Abilene," by Kevin McCann, to be published by Doubleday & Company.)

To any McKinley conservatives surviving in the second half of this century, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower must seem to be an unconstructed Populist. Certainly, he is not afraid of an idea merely because it seems at odds with convention—so long as it does not conflict irreconcilably with a demonstrated truth or require for its effective practical application the exercise of arbitrary and unlimited power.

In the spring of 1950, when he was an elector to the Hall of Fame, he was confronted with a choice of between Henry

George and Stonewall Jackson. He chose the former.

Saturated in Faith

His earliest and most enduring influences stemmed from a family environment that was saturated in faith—faith in self, in country in Divine Providence. The dignity and value of work was at its core. Work was everyone's portion and without work there was neither rest nor reward.

A man of great energy, raised in such an atmosphere, is likely to avoid the habit of allegiance to rigid conventions and accepted ways of doing things. Such self-reliance is clearly a part of Gen. Eisenhower's character.

In addition to the quotations from Gen. Eisenhower in the foregoing articles, there have been incidents in his life and anecdotes about him which also help to show what kind of a man he is and what he believes in.

In Paris there turned up not long ago a major general who had been his contemporary at West Point; on one evening in the barracks the future major-general, horrified, watched Cadet Eisenhower roll a cigarette and smoke it.

"You know," Gen. Eisenhower reminded in Paris, "I still can't understand how so-and-so got those two stars. He's always been afraid to break a regulation."

Minds Get Ingrown

He once reflected on clubmen: "Their clubs are no change from their offices—almost identically the same mahogany furniture, well-fed gentlemen, complaints about the government. Their minds get ingrown. Yet, they're supposed to set the pattern for the country that the rest of us live. Why don't they go home where they can have all sorts of people in and learn from them? We'd all be better off!"

In 1942, at Gibraltar, he sat at an oaken table and wrote on a pad:

"Inconsequential thoughts of a commander during one of the interminable 'waiting periods.'"

"War brings about strange, sometimes ridiculous situations. In my service, I've often thought or dreamed of commands, peace commands, battle commands, administrative commands, etc. One I now have could never, under any conditions, have entered my mind even fleetingly. I have operational command of Gibraltar! The symbol of the solidity of the British Empire—the hallmark of safety and security at home—the jealously guarded rock that has played a tremendous part in the trade development of the English race! I am he. Hundreds of feet within the bowels of the Rock itself I have my CP. I simply MUST have a grand old time when I'm fishing, grey-bearded, on the banks of a quiet bayou in the deep south."

Back in September, 1943, when Gen. Eisenhower was last at the General's headquarters at the Rock, he was surrounded by the assault against the European continent (nowhere in hundreds of pages and thousands of words of his correspondence is there any hint that he ever suspected that he himself might be chosen), he wrote the Chief of Staff:

"I gather that you are to have two armies. I think you should consider Patton for the command of one of those armies. Many generals constantly think of battle in terms of first, concentration, supply, maintenance, replacement, and, second, after all the above is arranged, a conservative advance. This type of person is necessary because he prevents one from courting disaster. But occasions arise when one has to remember that under particular conditions, boldness is ten times as important as numbers. Patton's strength is that he thinks only in terms of attack as long as there is a single battalion that can keep advancing. Moreover, the man has a shrewdness that operates in such a way that his troops always seem to have ammunition and sufficient food no matter where they are."

Chosen Top Commander

Patton did lead an army. But the top commander chosen by

Marshall himself was Eisenhower.

In 1951, when Gen. Eisenhower, home from the Philippines, was on maneuvers with Gen. Kreuger's 3rd Army in the south, he wrote to his old friend, (then Brig. Gen.) L. T. Gerow:

"One of the things that is causing the greatest trouble is that of eliminating unit officers, of all grades and of all components. It is a hard thing to do, and in many cases it is too hard for some of the people in charge. But it is a job that has got to be done."

In January, 1942, when he was working on war plans in Washington and things were going badly in the Pacific, he noted on a desk pad:

"... what job to work with Allies! There is a lot of big talk and desk hammering around the place—but far few doers. They announce results in advance—in a flashy way and make big impressions, but the results often do not materialize and then the workers get the grief."

Gen. Eisenhower also had written a memorandum to himself. "The struggle to secure the adoption by all concerned of a common concept of strategic objectives is wearing me down. Everybody is too