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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 16, 1942

(It was Monday)

Medford hardware and sport-

ing goods stores receive gov-

ernment order to halt sale of all

types of firearms.

From Arthur Perry's Ye

Smudge Pot column: No "two-

fisted" candidates, the kind that

repulses the foe with one hand

while cutting taxes in two with

the other, have as yet appeared

on the horizon.

20 YEARS AGO

March 16, 1922

(It was Wednesday)

Government employees use

bulldozer to crack crust of ice

and snow covering roads in Cra-

ter Lake National park.

Medford high school defeats

University high of Eugene in

opening game of state high

school basketball tournament.

30 YEARS AGO

March 16, 1922

(It was Thursday)

Three candidates file for coun-

ty offices on a platform of "strict

enforcement of the prohibition

laws."

Medford law enforcement of-

ficers receive report that two

kleagles of Ku Klux Klan are

active here.

40 YEARS AGO

March 16, 1912

(It was Saturday)

Twenty-seven members of In-

ternational Workers of the

World "wobblies" leave Med-

ford for California after receiv-

ing a free meal from city offi-

cials.

Local group urges citizens to

write friends in the Midwest,

telling them of the beauties of

the Rogue river valley.

DAV Members Plan

Salvage Collections

Jackson county chapter No.

8, Disabled American Veterans,

in response to calls from national

conservation committees for

salvage metal and other useful ar-

ticles that will reduce the require-

ment of material for civilian use,

How Dumb Are the Voters?

Just how dumb are the voters of America?
The professional politicians assume, apparently,
the mass IQ is about minus 30.Take Senator Taft's political chiefs-of-staff in
their comments on the New Hampshire primary, for
example—Messrs Ingalls of Ohio, and Brewster of
Maine.

Said campaign-manager Ingalls:

"The only mistake was in having Senator Taft campaign
such a short time in New Hampshire. Instead of two or
three days it should have been two or three weeks. We
won't make the same mistake in Wisconsin. There will be
a very different result there."Said Senator Brewster, the champion isolationist
and double-talker of 100% Republicanism of Maine:"It really wasn't a victory for Eisenhower in New Hamp-
shire. It was a victory for Taft in view of the fact the Re-
publican organization was for Eisenhower, and we had no
organization in operation. Yet we carried the metropolis of
New Hampshire—Manchester, 'every precinct.'"NOW who do these two high-powered politicians
think they are fooling?The primary in New Hampshire was a CRUSH-
ING defeat for Taft, as everyone knows.The Ohio Senator, in fact came as close to ad-
mitting it as a candidate could. He could not hide
his keen disappointment Wednesday morning when
he refused to make any comment, and later said frank-
ly he had expected to do better, and somewhat wist-
fully, believed he would do better in Wisconsin. Well,
whenever Taft does not have to meet Eisenhower and
has the well-oiled GOP machine behind him, as in
Wisconsin, he probably WILL do better. But it is as
certain as anything in politics can be, that where the
people have a chance to ditch "Mr. Republican" in
favor of "Ike," they will do so—and with bells on!A MORE pathetic example of whistling in the dark
could hardly be imagined than these two state-
ments by Taft's top campaign managers. They should
have looked up their pre-election press releases be-
fore they perpetrated such transparent and phoney
alibis.Not only did their releases boast about the Ohio
Senator covering THE ENTIRE STATE from the Can-
adian line to the Massachusetts border, but every-
where they declared, he had tremendous crowds and
aroused the greatest enthusiasm. Taft again showed
more sense and only claimed he would win four or five
delegates; but Taft headquarters predicted a "land-
slide." (In one direction they were successful—they
scared the less experienced Eisenhower directors to
the point of collapse.)But how can they SERIOUSLY maintain more
campaigning would have changed the result when
Gen. Eisenhower won easily without ANY?THE point we are particularly interested in, how-
ever, is—WHY experienced practical politicians—
seasoned adults—like Messrs. Ingalls and Brewster
should make such assinine statements? The only an-
swer we can see is they must seriously believe the
voters of the country are such easy marks and mor-
ons, that they will swallow such silly nonsense if it
fed to them. If this were not so, they would follow
Mr. Truman's example and say nothing.We predict not only the remaining primaries, but
the election in November will demonstrate how sad-
ly and completely they were—and ARE—mistaken!
—R.W.R.

How About Truman?

Wise politician that he is, President Truman when
informed of the result in New Hampshire kept his
mouth shut.Secretary Short, on his behalf, merely told the
newsmen the President felt fine, enjoyed his brisk
early morning walk, and the result in New Hampshire
would have no effect whatever upon his decision to
run—or not to run—for reelection.WELL, we would take that statement also with a
few grains of salt. Our idea from the first, at
least, has been that the President would not run again
—had no intention of doing so UNLESS the demand,
for his doing so, from his own party, became insistent
and OVERWHELMING.THERE is no point in trying to dodge the fact the
result in New Hampshire did not indicate any
such development, it was as stunning a blow to the
Truman hopes—if any—as to Senator Taft's. The
Democrats of that state, not only repudiated the Presi-
dent, but turned a deaf ear to the pleadings of their
own party leaders, and registered an emphatic pref-
erence as President for the man who led the crusade
against crime and corruption during the Truman ad-
ministration.IN OTHER words, if Mr. Truman had any doubts
as to any overwhelming demand within his own
party for his renomination—now, or later—the results
in New Hampshire, must have removed them.So while it may be entirely true this surprising
defeat in New Hampshire did not change the Presi-
dent's decision NOT to run again; it could hardly
have failed to have had the effect of greatly strength-
ening it.—R.W.R.

Cheap Wine Too Much Liquor Clerk Hears

Houston, Tex.—(U.P.)—A rough-
ly-dressed man walked into a
fashionable Houston liquor store
and asked for a bottle of cheap
wine.Mrs. Ruby DeLozier, the clerk,
said the store didn't handle that
brand. He asked for another
cheap brand. Again the clerk
didn't have it.

The man put his hand in his

coat pocket as if holding a pistol.

"This is it . . . now show me
the cheapest wine you got," he
gruffly demanded. Mrs. DeLozier
pointed to a 59 cent bottle."What, you don't have any for
49 cents?" the man asked in
amazement. "Fifty-nine cents is
too much."

He walked out.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



Roland Coe

3-15-52

Hard On Newbold

According to the newspaper grapevine, former
Mayor O'Dwyer's friends in New York were respon-
sible for the selection of Newbold Morris as the right-
eous St. George to slay the crime and corruption drag-
on in Washington.They wanted Newbold politically liquidated and
thought this would be a neat way of doing it.

If so, it looks as though they would succeed.

FOR while Newbold's honesty can not be questioned,
—nor his simplicity and purity of heart—there
appears no doubt his law firm was hooked-up in
SOME way with one of the profiteering Chinese ship
deals, and under prevailing conditions that should
be enough to damn him, as far as the success of his
role of moral crusader is concerned.IN NEWBOLD'S vigorous verbal counter attack
against Senator McCarthy our sympathies were
all with him; but we fear, the old adage about the
penalties of trying to tangle with a polecat, will be
painfully demonstrated before the engagements ends.
A Senate committee in such encounters just holds
too many trump cards, for a solitary opponent.The writer was in New York during the mayoralty
campaign two years ago, and has a clear recollection
of the charges of crime and corruption made by Mor-
ris against Mayor O'Dwyer, also the latter's attitude
of indifference and sneering contempt for his op-
ponent.So the claim that the O'Dwyer machine was be-
hind the selection of Morris for this suicidal assign-
ment, would not be surprising—the motive, at least,
would be there.ON THE other hand, it is hard to believe President
Truman would have entered into any such con-
spiracy, or that had there been one, he would not have
quickly become suspicious, before taking any definite
action—and called it all off.However that may be, it is refreshing and some-
what consoling to come across such an honest and
unsophisticated—at times almost painfully naïve—
man in public life as Newbold Morris, born to wealth
and social position, who immediately upon his gradu-
ation from Yale, started out to clean up his native
city, and proceeded to tackle single-handed such a
formidable and ruthless opponent, as the Tammany
Hall machine.Too bad he did not have the shrewd political in-
stinct and rugged two-fisted pugnacity of his Gotham
predecessor of a generation ago, ex-President Theo-
dore Roosevelt.—R.W.R.British Acceptance
Of Increased Budget
Features Week's News

By PHIL NEWSOM

U. P. Foreign News Editor

The week's balance sheet be-

tween the good and bad news in

the hot and cold wars:

THE GOOD

1. Britishers accepted calmly

the new budget introduced by

Prime Minister Winston Church-

ill's conservative government.

It meant higher excess profits

taxes, fewer imports and higher

prices on commodities ranging

from gasoline to bacon. But it

also relieved approximately 2-

000,000 Britons in lower income

groups of paying any income

tax at all; it was a concrete move

to maintain the credit of the

pound sterling, and it promoted

individual incentive for greater

production through bonuses and

other benefit payments.

2. The three western powers

—the U. S., Britain and France

—nearly the successful conclu-

sion of negotiations to grant West

Germany almost complete sov-

ereignty.

3. The North Atlantic treaty

nations completed their per-

manent organization with the ap-

pointment of British General

Lord Ismay as secretary general

of NATO.

THE BAD

1. French Premier Antoine Pin-

ay's new government got off

to a shaky start, approved only

because of a revolt in the ranks

of Gen. Charles De Gaulle's

Rightist party. Money with

which to pay France's mounting

debts and the need of a plan to

halt mounting French inflation

were Pinay's chief problems.

2. Communist stalling tactics

in the Korean peace talks had

reached the point where it seemed

that only new decisions from

Washington, Peiping or Moscow

could break the stalemate.

3. Russia proposed an early

conference with the United

States, France and Britain to

reach a peace treaty with Ger-

many. The move was regarded

as only a thinly-disguised at-

tempt by the Russians to prevent

West Germany participation in

the European army.

Two Registered Dogs
Sent for Training

Larry Turner, owner of the

Kal-Or kennels, near Gold Hill,

said last week that he has ship-

ped two grown registered male

German shepherd dogs to the

Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc.,

at San Rafael, Calif.

Turner donated the two dogs

to the school for training and

to become property of some

blind person, he said.

Several months ago he offered

to give a German shepherd pup

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I'm inclined to think that
among Americans who lean
slightly toward the idealistic
side in their politics, there is no
more fascinating thought than
this:"The exalted office of Presi-
dent of the United States of
America should SEEK THE
MAN. It is too sacredly im-
portant to all of us for us to per-
mit it to be hawked about among self
seeking politicians—which is
what happens when ambitious
men SEEK THE OFFICE."AS A theory, it is certainly in-
triguing—but in practice
we've never come within guided
missile shooting distance of giv-
ing it a trial.WE MIGHT give it a try this
year.IF WE try it, it will be with
Ike. Ike's candidacy is an odd
political accident. Certain Re-
publicans, looking (probably
with mixed motives) for a can-
didate who can WIN, decided
that he has what it takes—that
is to say the CONFIDENCE OF
THE PEOPLE.So they went to work on him.
Eventually, he said to them:
"Why, yes. If the Republican
party wants me to be its candi-
date, I will accept the job. But
I will do NO campaigning. I
have a job that will keep me
very, very busy. If the GOP con-
vention should nominate me, let
me know. My address will be
SHAPE headquarters in Paris."

Just like that.

THESE politicians, of course,
didn't think he meant it.
Their political minds couldn't
encompass the thought that ANY
man, tempted by the possibility
of becoming President, wouldn't
drop EVERYTHING ELSE and go
after it hammer and tongs.It turned out that Ike did
mean it. Having given his an-
swer, he put on his uniform and
went to work building an army
in Europe. It has been a tough
job. Much tougher than expect-
ed. One of the toughest ever
tackled by any American. It's a
long way from finished yet.But Ike did exactly what he
said he'd do. He kept his mouth
strictly shut and tied into his
job in Europe.THE politicians who had climb-
ed upon his band wagon got
uneasy. Then they got STILL
MORE UNEASY. With the New
Hampshire primary in the offing
and Ike still sawing wood and
saying nothing, they GOT
PANICKY.Politicians know only their
ancient shibboleths. One of the
ancient and dependable political
shibboleths is that you can't
BEAT SOMEBODY WITH NO
BODY. Taft, rolling up his
sleeves and wading into the New
Hampshire hustings, was a dis-
tinctly somebody. Ike, sawing
wood in Europe and saying noth-
ing, looked to the politicians like
a political nobody.

They were TERRIFIED.

They made frantic overtures
to Ike for Pete's sake to get
home and get busy. He ignored
the overtures and stayed on with
his job. His political backers,
with their futures at stake,
HEDGED. They lied. They said
it wasn't true and never
had been true that Ike was a
cinch—in New Hampshire, or
anywhere else. They allowed as
how if he got even half the N. H.
delegates and barely scraped
by in the popularity poll it
would be a great victory.

And a lot more political tosh.

WELL, they guessed wrong.
Ike swept the primary, get-
ting ALL the delegates and win-
ning the popularity contest hand-
somerly.

What happened?

Why, the people SPOKE! They
said WE LIKE IKE. We have
confidence in him. We think he's
the kind of man we need for
President. They went farther
than that. The New Hampshire
Democrats trumped on Truman
and gave to Kefauver the same
kind of vote of confidence their
Republican contemporaries gave
to Eisenhower.

There the situation stands.

WHAT does New Hampshire

mean?

I don't know. I'm no prophet.

But I think what happened in

little New Hampshire is grass

roots stuff. I think (and hope)

it is what we newspaper people

call a GROUND SWELL.

If it is, LOOK OUT! TRUE

GROUND SWELLS OF PUBLIC

OPINION can't be stopped by

political shennannigans. No fact

in political history is better es-

tablished than that. It doesn't

happen often, but when the

times come around when the

people mean business, THEY

MEAN BUSINESS. And they

stand for no monkey-business.

As I said before, I HOPE this

is one of those times. We need

that kind of attitude on the part

of the people.

to any group here wanting to

conduct a contest to raise funds

for training a grown dog by the

Guide Dog institution for a Jack-

son county blind person, Turner