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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 19, 1922

(It was Thursday)

Federal Petroleum Coordinator Harold Ickes announces "rigid" gasoline rationing to go into effect in Pacific Northwest as soon as ration books can be printed.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Jackrabbits in the rural areas are multiplying faster than the rumors in town.

20 YEARS AGO

March 19, 1902

(It was Saturday)

Medford high school basketball team wins fourth place in state tournament, Medford Guard Maurice "Red" Scheel named to all-state team.

David Holmes, Medford, re-elected president of Oregon-Washington Pear bureau.

30 YEARS AGO

March 19, 1892

(It was Sunday)

Imperial Kleagles of Medford Ku Klux Klan issue statement denying part in kidnapping and threats of death to local citizen; claim Klan similar to any other secret fraternal organization.

Southern Pacific railroad installs "giant turntable" at Ashland roundhouse.

40 YEARS AGO

March 19, 1852

(It was Tuesday)

United States post office department orders name of Woodville post office changed to Rogue River after residents vote to change the name of the town.

Medford fire department goes on strike; asks for \$100 a month for the chief, \$85 for the assistant chief and driver and \$75 for each of the three firemen; city offers \$85 for chief, \$75 for assistant and driver and \$65 for firemen.

Four-Year College At Portland Debated

Portland—(U.P.)—A proposal to establish a four-year, state-supported college in Portland was debated here Tuesday in the second day of the annual meeting of the Oregon Education association.

Speaking in favor of the college was Dr. George Ebey, assistant superintendent of Portland schools, who pointed out that one-third of Oregon's population resides within a 30-mile radius of this city.

Dr. Walter Giersbach, president of Pacific university, said he feared another state-supported school would add to a "growing trend toward statism."

And Dr. Richard Steiner, pastor of the First Unitarian church, declared there are too many "mediocre colleges" in the state already.

HANDS ACROSS BORDER

Laredo, Tex.—(U.P.)—Students of public schools in Laredo and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, just across the Rio Grande, are exchanging visits to their schools in an international exchange of grade school students. They observe and study classroom procedures and just learn to play together.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, March 17.—St. Patrick's Day. If all the jokes about St. Patrick's Day and the last day to pay federal income tax, were placed end to end, they would make the "Man in the Moon" put plugs in his good ear. Not a radio commentator nor a newspaper columnist we heard missed making some crack about both events being hooked up with the "long green"—and just a moment ago "Chet" Huntley joined the procession.

Chet Huntley, incidentally, is one of our favorite political commentators—as are most of the ABC experts. But like all of them they get off the beam occasionally, as Chet did this morning in commenting upon Robert Alonzo Taft. Mr. Taft, he claimed, was distinguished by his stability and undeviating devotion to basic principles. This was true of the B.C. (before the campaign) Taft, but nothing could be less true of the Ohio Senator since he was bitten by the presidential bee—and it TOOK so virulently!

As evidence, we wish Chet would read the exhaustive—and exhausting—interview with Mr. Taft in the U.S. News and World Record of March 14. It covers 12 pages, is generously illustrated with candid-camera shots of "Mr. Republican," and naturally is not only extremely favorable to Taft, but could be properly regarded as an authorized and official pronouncement of his present principles.

Yet we challenge Chet Huntley, or anyone else, to read it and find the slightest evidence to support the myth that Senator Taft is a person of strong, uncompromising, clear-cut convictions, consistently held through the years and which he can be depended upon to uphold if, by any unfortunate chance, he should become the next President of the United States.

In fact there is scarcely an important issue, domestic or foreign, upon which "Mr. Republican" takes a clear-cut, unequivocal stand, and in many instances he takes a position in this article which is repudiated by his record, not of long ago, but of the past 12 or 18 months.

"Mr. Republican" even failed to adhere to his original position regarding his own brain-child the Taft-Hartley law. For, as many Oregonians will recall, when Senator Morse first asked, not for repeal of the law but its modification, the Ohio Senator opposed any material change whatever. Now he agrees to a number of amendments but blames the Truman administration for preventing their acceptance!

And there, en passant, is Mr. Taft's ONE consistency, and one strength. He IS 100% against the Truman administration and the Democratic party—entirely, completely and uncompromisingly. One gets the definite impression, in fact, after reading this lengthy pronouncement, that by the vigor of his opposition and his 100% partisanship, he believes he can not only unite the members of the Republican party behind him, but get enough "Independents" to win the presidential election—"Mr. Republican" giving innumerable indications that at the time of the interview he believed his nomination practically assured. (Needless to say this was BEFORE the devastating New Hampshire primary!)

The most extraordinary feature of this extraordinary interview, however, is Senator Taft's conception of the INDEPENDENT voter and his importance in the body politic at the present time. This is so naive, unrealistic—and insulting—as to be almost incredible! Listen to this quote—Senator Taft Speaking—

"Most of the independents are people who are little interested in politics. I don't think they read political news in the papers. I don't think they listen to serious radio. They have no fixed opinions on government. If you ran a poll on them they might be interested in Eisenhower because they know he is a great General, or they might be for Robert Taylor because he is a great movie actor. . . . I think the only way you can get them is through the enthusiasm of your own following."

Now we maintain, that is the most unbelievable demonstration of abyssmal ignorance of "THE FACTS OF LIFE" politically speaking, that has been made by any prominent person in public life since the second battle of Bull Run! Can it be the Senator from Ohio is so blinded by partisanship, so completely insulated from political reality that he doesn't know there are millions of Independent voters in this country today—probably five or six million registered as such—whose votes he MUST have to get within 20 blocks of the White House, much less in it.

We wish some ardent Taft supporter—just ONE—would get up on his hind legs and explain what his hero means by this portion of an official and authorized statement. In all seriousness, the only explanation we can see is that Taft is a political illiterate—which would be hard to believe—or has been so poisoned and unbalanced by the virus of that bite of the presidential bee, that he has simply lost his mind for the time being. Not to have any use for voters not 100% partisan would be understandable; but to go out of his way to insult the very voters he must have to get what he so desperately wants, just isn't. And for the final payoff—"Mr. Republican" believes the only way to "get them" is by showing them the enthusiasm of his 100% partisan and completely machine-made FOLLOWING!

There is one other possible explanation which might have more validity, and would certainly be more charitable, namely, and to wit—The present writer attended the Republican convention in Chicago that nominated Senator Taft's father, for reelection—President Wm. Howard Taft—and it was apparent at that time, that the man whom Teddy Roosevelt chose to succeed him, had a blind devotion to 100 per cent partisanship and a blind-spot as to the political realities of THAT period, almost as overwhelming and incredible, as this exhibition by his son. Perhaps, therefore, it is not a matter of temporary aberration but INHERITANCE!

This is not the only strange deviation from the rational, however. In the same interview the Senator from Ohio solemnly declares former President Hoover is no more an "isolationist" than he (Taft) is.

Once more the impartial reader must skate over the thin ice of COMPLETE isolationism.

Who IS Hoover NOT an isolationist?

Who IS, then?

The record is so plain even those who can't run could READ. Former President Hoover as properly deserves the title of "Mr. Isolationist" as Mr. Taft does that of "Mr. Republican."

If Mr. Hoover isn't America's No. 1 isolationist, then there is no such animal in the length and breadth of the U.S.A.

But there is the claim in black and white in the Republican party's semi-official publication "U. S. News and World Report."

If the anti-Taft forces are smart they will broadcast the interview complete!—R.W.R.

Around Hollywood

BY ALINE MOSBY

United Press Correspondent

Hollywood—(U.P.)—If history holds, the boners pulled at the 22nd annual academy awards Thursday night will furnish most of the drama.

Vivien Leigh and Marlon Brando are favored winners to make the headlines for the best acting of 1951. But Oscar time is also the night when somebody doesn't follow the script.

One war year producer-director Cecil B. DeMille brought down the house when he introduced the ambassador from Awa-goers have never forgotten the time winner Olivia DeHavilland snubbed sister Joan Fontaine backstage . . . or the year the projectionist got excited and showed the winning movies upside down.

Police Make Mistake

Producer Samuel Goldwyn, master of the tongue slip, once

introduced composer Hoagy Carmichael as "Hugo." Another year the police guarding the entrance kept out nominee director John Farrow by mistake.

At the 1950 event a bearded stranger posed happily with winners Broderick Crawford and Olivia De Havilland, while news photographers clicked away. Nobody ever did find out who he was.

Stars' acceptance speeches often have more drama than the dialogue from the winning movies, too.

Frederick March, who may win this year for "Death of a Salesman," tied with the late Wallace Beery in 1932, the first and only tie in Oscar history.

By coincidence the March and Beery families had each just adopted a child.

"Which makes it seem a little odd," March told the audience, "that Beery and I were given awards for the best male performances of the year."

Mary Pickford was struck speechless when she won in 1932. Later the stars recovered their voices and delivered

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"My kids have been putting the heat on for a television set—and the closer it gets to baseball season, the more I'm beginning to weaken!"

United States, Spain About To Close Door On Commie Advance

By PHIL NEWSOM

U. P. Foreign News Editor

The United States is about to close another door against the advance of international Communism.

Toward the end of this month, the new U. S. ambassador to Spain, Lincoln MacVeagh, will sit down with representatives of the Franco government in Madrid to make a deal for use of Spanish military bases.

It is the final seal on the Mediterranean.

It means that powers with close Western ties will control every entrance and exit from Suez and the Dardanelles to Gibraltar.

It provides a great land mass from which allied warplanes could take off for the defense of both the remainder of Europe and of Africa and a final bastion from which Allied armies could fight in the event of Communist aggression from the East. The Pyrenees mountains, dividing Spain and France, provide one of the great natural defense lines of Europe.

Ground Work Completed

Preliminary ground work for Spain's cooperation with the Western powers already has been completed. Spain will not be a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, yet the effect on the Western defense organization will be the same because of her ties with the United States.

MacVeagh will negotiate for use of air and naval bases in Spain, Spanish Morocco and such other areas as the Balearics.

The exact number of bases never has been disclosed, but an American military mission last year was reported to have surveyed six air fields. The Spanish port of Cadiz is one of the naval bases under consideration.

For Mutual Benefits

The deal between democratic United States and totalitarian Spain is being made for mutual benefits.

One of these to Spain will be \$100 million already earmarked under the mutual security program.

Others will include modernization of her army which has about 400,000 men, with 2,000,000 more available, but is lacking in modern equipment.

Finally writer Donald Ogden Stewart put an end to that with his speech, "I want it understood that I alone am responsible for the success of 'Philadelphia Story.' Nobody turned a finger to help me."

Since then the academy recognizes stars to say practically nothing.

Sowing of Cotton Crop Reaps New Church

Morris, Ala.—(U.P.)—Members of the Liberty Baptist church believe that you reap what you sow. They talk about "sowing" cotton while they hope to "reap" a new church.

Taking a donated 1½ acres of land, church members worked the land and planted cotton. The object was to sell the cotton for a church building fund.

They harvested their cotton with members doing most of the picking. The returns: 13 bales (ginned free) for \$2,600.

ling in weapons, especially heavy artillery.

Another will be modernization of her highway system which is archaic.

One of Franco's long-range ambitions under the program of cooperation with the West will be the return of Gibraltar to Spain. The Spanish take the position that with all of Spain made available to Western defense, the British no longer have any real reason for hanging on to Gibraltar.

British In No Mood

But the British who have held the "rock" since 1713 will be in no mood to give it up.

In fact, both Britain and France, two of the original members of NATO, have objected to the proposed U.S.-Spanish alliance. Both have opposed Spanish entry into the Atlantic organization on the grounds that the Franco dictatorship was incompatible with the aims of the treaty among the nations.

Would Restore South's Vote

That would restore the South's usually effective veto on presidential nominations and give Southerners their old time voice in party policy. They could go on from there in 1956.

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On The Side

By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

In the three greatest periods of advancement and achievement in British history, the occupant of the throne was a woman. That is, Queen Elizabeth, Anne and Victoria. Will history repeat itself? Also how do you think the United States would get along with a woman President? Can you think of any promising presidential material among women currently eligible for the job? How about Vivien Kellems? Understand she has very strong ambitions in that direction.

Among the Married

"It may interest you to know," writes a New Yorker, "that six married men of Manhattan have organized a sort of a Husbands' Protective association designed to improve the breed of wives. As yet we have not decided on a name for our club and will welcome suggestions. One of our first moves will be to offer a prize for any wife of any of our members who does not lose an earring this year. Of course, we hardly expect there will be a winner of that. So we have announced we will give the prize to the wife who loses the smallest number of earrings."

Asides

As reported, the Japanese have been manufacturing shillelghs. Now some Japanese are reported growing shamrocks to sell in the United States on next St. Patrick's Day. . . . Kissing Point Road is the name of a street in Sydney, Australia. . . . It was La Rochefoucauld who observed: "One can find women who have never had one love affair, but it is rare indeed to find any who have had only one."

Favorite

My favorite ringman, of all I have seen, was Harry Greb. Harry was one of the most courageous fellows ever to step into a ring, yet he was afraid to sleep in the dark. Always kept the lights on. He also was afraid of dentists. He loved to fight. During one period of his career he had at least one bout every week. He nearly always bet his end of the purse on the outcome of the fight. From all the purses of his important fights he gave \$500 to the church of Immaculate Conception in Pittsburgh. Harry was 31 years old and had only one eye when he staged one of the greatest battles of his career with Mickey Walker in 1925. Greb was not, as generally supposed, a heavy drinker. He often staged fake wild parties before important bouts to give the opposition the idea he wasn't training and wouldn't be in good shape for the fight.

Passing By

Sonja Henie. Ice skating gen-

Change in Democrats' Majority Vote Rule Cut South's Power

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington—(U.P.)—The party rebellion which Georgia's Sen. Richard B. Russell leads was invited nearly 16 years ago by a roll call in a Democratic national convention.

That was the 1936 Philadelphia convention at which Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated unopposed for a second term.

The seed of trouble sown there was a change in the rules by vote of the convention.

Simple Majority Rule

The rule then abolished had for many years required a two-thirds majority for the nomination of a Democratic presidential candidate. The Philadelphia convention decided that a simple majority could be sufficient thenceforth.

The South had a usually effective veto power in Democratic conventions so long as the two-thirds rule prevailed.

This veto maintained for the South a large degree of control over Democratic candidates and platforms. It was not 100 per cent control, but it was sufficient to guarantee Southern politicians a respectful hearing or better any time they had something to say.

FDR and James A. Farley, his political manager, maneuvered the abolition of the two-thirds rule. Farley probably has regretted it since. Mr. Roosevelt never did. His re-nominations in 1940 and 1944 would have been considerably more difficult to achieve if the two-thirds rule had been functioning.

Political realists believe the Southerners would settle happily this year if they just could gain control of the Democratic party organization, establish themselves in command of convention machinery—and restore the two-thirds rule.

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if Mr. Truman licks Russell for the nomination.

The 1952 rebellion already had worked up more horsepower than any which preceded it.

Editorial Comment

E. P. Leavitt

After nearly 42 years of work for the National Park Service, the last 15 as Superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, E. P. Leavitt will retire. His assignments have extended from Yosemite to Hawaii and back to parks in Colorado and California before the last one in Oregon. Under his direction many improvements, especially in roads have been made at Crater Lake; and increased use made of the area for winter sports. Leavitt has worked faithfully to help the public enjoy this great scenic wonder, and deserves a word of praise as he retires from this responsible public employment.

—Oregon (Salem) Statesman.

Engine Photos Sought

To the Editor: Thank you very much for sending the four papers with the locomotive article, and so promptly too. It is a very good article and we are quite pleased to have the copies of it.

The article mentioned that many of the old timers are still residing in Medford and Jacksonville who rode on the Little Porter. We would love to have any interesting information regarding the Porter that they might have—also perhaps some of them might have old photographs of the locomotive of which they would let us have copies made.

We are keeping a scrap book on the locomotive and anything pertaining to it, either articles or pictures, we would love to have.

If at any future date there should happen to be an article run in your paper about the Porter we would like to have a few copies of the paper.

Mrs. Chadwell O'Connor,

433 North Wilson,

Pasadena 4, Calif.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

SON WILL BE FRIENDLY IF MOTHER GIVES CASH

"I am a widow with one son living in a distant city. When my husband lived, he handed out money by the hundreds whenever my son asked for it. Now he's cross at me and doesn't write because I told him I can't give money. I had to turn him down in the fall when he asked for \$2,000. He knows I get only a very small income and I'm afraid of tapping my savings. He isn't in need as he makes \$100 a week. It hurts me not to receive letters from him. Shall I keep writing to him or not?"

—Mrs. W. L.

A. By all means, write to your son. And don't hesitate to tell him how lonely you are, how much you miss him, and how much you miss receiving letters from him. Make it clear to him that you have a mother's love for him, even if you cannot help him financially.

Be sure to explain to him in full detail how much your husband left to you and what your annual expenses are. Explain, also, that you do not want to use any of your savings because, as the years creep on, illness sometimes strikes and this can be a heavy drain on your financial resources.

Surely, if you son is any kind of man, he will see how unfair he is to ask you to give him any money now that you are a widow and must live on a greatly reduced income. If he is so selfish, self-centered, and grabbing that he cannot see this unfairness, then there is nothing you can do but allow him to sulk in silence.

Don't, however, make the mistake of giving in to his requests for money to keep his favor. If your son will be friendly with you only so long as you hand out money at his every request, he is not worth bothering about, even if he is your own son.

He Should Give Money

As a grown man, earning his own living, it is he rather than you who should be handing out money. After receiving money from your husband as he formed

erly did, he should feel obligated and want to do something to please your life easier and pleasanter now that your husband is dead and you have no source of support.

Give your son a reasonable amount of time to assimilate the facts you write to him about your financial status. If, then, he continues to turn a cold shoulder to you because you are not sending him money, stop writing to him and look upon him as an unworthy son.

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