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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 23, 1942

(It was Monday)
First section of trailer camp
for workers at army cantonment
near here is completed; offers
space for 1,000 trailers.From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: A campaign
has been launched to prevent
forest fires in Oregon. When
striking matches in the woods this
summer, use your head, the forest
service asks.

20 YEARS AGO

March 23, 1922

(It was Wednesday)
Two persons with "strange
mottled" teeth reported here; local
dentists believe "affliction
may be caused by fluorine in
drinking water from deep wells
near Talent.County court announces that
carload of Indiana limestone is
scheduled to arrive here soon to
be used in construction of a
new county courthouse on Oak-
dale avenue and Main street.

30 YEARS AGO

March 23, 1922

(It was Thursday)
Chamber of Commerce and
Greater Medford club petition
city council to form permanent
planning commission here.United States house of repre-
sentatives approves bonus for
veterans of World War I by 333-
70 margin; bonus expected to be
killed by senate.

40 YEARS AGO

March 23, 1912

(It was Saturday)
Federal government conducts
funerals for 34 victims of the ex-
plosion of the battleship Maine
in Havana harbor in 1899.Jackson county Theodore
Roosevelt club organized; political
groups favoring William
Howard Taft and Robert LaFol-
lette also active.Vets Offered Former
Grades in AF ReserveCapt. Robert Roman, Air
Force liaison officer of Southern
Oregon, said Saturday that
it is possible for prior service
enlisted personnel to enlist in
the United States Air Force re-
serve in a grade equivalent to
that formerly held, regardless of
prior branch of service served.Veterans also may return to
active duty voluntarily with the
regular Air Force in their former
grade in any branch of the
service, regardless of length of
time since last separation. Veter-
ans interested are requested to
bring their last discharge papers
with them in applying for enlist-
ment. Additional information
may be obtained by contacting
Capt. Roman, 33 North River-
side avenue, or calling 2-9704.

4-H Club News

Sams Valley Club

Sams Valley Thimble theater
met March 18 at the home of
Vernale Hutchinson with 11
members and four visitors pre-
sent. A demonstration was given
on needles by Beverly Sander-
son, 4-H calendars were passed
out and refreshments were
served with a birthday cake for
Patty Straus.Verity Day,
Reporter.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, March 19—The weather still gets top billing
—this is the third consecutive day of rain and wind, aided and
abetted early this morning by hail and thunder. The Eisenhower
headquarters is not the only beehive of activity hereabouts, think
of the scurrying and running about in the main office of Jupiter
Pluvius. The imps up there must be pulling all the wires and
gadgets, having one "L" of a time, making the poor humans
down below miserable.Nothing succeeds like success!
If General Eisenhower is not a sure winner for the Republican
nomination, and even a greater cinch for the White House 10
months hence, there is going to be a surprised and disappointed
bunch of ecstatic "Ike" enthusiasts, now cavorting and celebrating
over the bay-area.The New Hampshire result was a terrific boost to their
morale, but nothing compared with the result yesterday in
Minnesota.When a man — ANY man — can stick to his job in far-off
Europe, not even have his name on a ballot, and yet get enough
WRITE-IN votes for President to nearly defeat a favorite son
like Stassen—that's NEWS—in fact that, added to the victory in
New Hampshire makes General Eisenhower the most phenomenal
vote-getter in the presidential class, this country has ever seen.We wouldn't advise our old "shanking-pal," E. T., to under-
write more than a million on it, but if this doesn't make Robert
Alonso Taft a "dead duck", PRESIDENTIALLY speaking—and
Mr. Truman also—the skipper of this department would be will-
ing to roll a peanut, with his nose, as far as he can hit a croquet
ball with a No. 9 iron. (That's fair enough isn't it, JUDGE?)Not that "Ye Editor" is making any formal political predic-
tions—"No, no, Nanette!" The undersigned vowed in 1948 that
no more would be made in this column after President Truman
made such monkeys out of the newspapers, dopesters, pollsters
and wise-guy pontificators. But unless all signs fail, the declara-
tion this department made several months ago that the POLITI-
CIANS want Taft but the PEOPLE don't, will be so generally
acknowledged to be true when the GOP convention opens, that
the overriding problem then will be NOT how to beat the Senator
from Ohio, but HOW to beat the U. S. Commander-in-Chief in
Paris—by those who don't want him.Living in a city, has some advantages—not many.
We enjoyed one of them yesterday when we took in "Town
Meeting" at the Curran theatre, featuring an 11 a.m. address by
Vincent Sheehan, well-known author, traveller, radio broadcaster
and Yogi addict. (Ah there Alice!)We have read Sheehan's books ever since he graduated from
the University of Chicago, and followed his career at home and
abroad, after a fashion, but never before had seen him "in person."
Well, he looks much more "old sod" Irish, much older, and
in manner is far less charming than we had imagined. But he
was interesting, well-informed and the undersigned had a special
reason for not begrudging the entrance fee, as Vincent upheld
practically all of the beliefs regarding foreign policy advanced by
this department, for the past three or four years.The theatre was packed and your correspondent was the
only member of the audience present, who wore pants—or if you
are a stickler for accuracy, make it TROUSERS—with perhaps
half a dozen exceptions. From where we sat in the front row,
we couldn't see a male in the place, but the ticket-taker claimed
there were "a few"—he couldn't tell how many. There is no
doubt of this: it would have taken a fine-tooth comb and a flash-
light to have found them. (Not many men in San Francisco can-
or if they could—would care to attend a lecture at the Curran
at 11 in the morning.)Mr. Sheehan has a high forehead, his grey hair—what is
left—is thick but receding, well-manicured and pomaded for
this occasion. He was not ill at ease exactly, but we did get the
impression that he was not enjoying himself particularly and
would be glad when the session was over. A little man with an-
other high forehead and glasses acted as moderator—apparently
a regular job—for he seemed on very informal and chummy terms
with members of Town Meeting, making a number of facetious
remarks, and more original and amusing ones than such occasions
usually produce.The chief point Mr. Sheehan made was this:
He believes there is very little chance of a world war in
the foreseeable future—much less danger than there has been at
any time since the Korean war started.The chief reason for this belief is not the Truman-Acheson
doctrine of establishing "positions-of-strength"—although that
has been a factor and the policy should be continued and ex-
tended, but—Because Soviet Russia, as a result of stealing atomic-bomb
secrets from the U.S.A., has at long last become wise to the
devastating possibilities of this super-weapon, and simply doesn't
wish to run any risk of starting an all-out war, and lay herself
open to atomic attack.Sheehan's explanation of the change in the Russian attitude
was particularly interesting and convincing.
Until Russia herself got into possession of the atom bomb
secrets she pooh-poohed the idea that this new weapon was any-
thing to boast about or be afraid of—it was all written off as
American bluff and bluncheon.But when the secret formula had been stolen and the German
experts had been imported to develop it, the Kremlin soon be-
came convinced as the work progressed that, not only had a new
and terrifying weapon of destruction been developed, but its possi-
bilities in the way of destruction—not of any one group or coun-
try, but of the world (including Russia)—that the order came down
from the All-Highest not to run any risk of any other country
using it—which, of course, any all-out aggression by Russia would
bring about.Too bad Senator Taft could not have been there. He might
have suspected his foreign policy—or what passes for it—is not
as popular with the people as he has imagined. At least it was
quite apparent this large audience of representative women in
the bay area, as a whole, agreed with the speaker when he de-
clared Senator Taft's views of the Korean war and the Far-East-
ern situation were fantastic and unrealistic enough to be danger-
ous if ever an attempt should be made to put them into effect.The Korean war, he pointed out, was not Truman's war, not
a war of any political party except the Politburo party, and had
the North Korean attack supported by Communist China and
Soviet Russia not been resisted as it was by prompt action by
this country supported by the UN, the free world might have
suffered such a blow to its prestige, and the Communist world
gained so much, that it might have taken a decade, and a far
larger and more costly war than the present one in Korea, to
have regained the lost ground. Taft's suggestion that Chiang Kai-
shek's army in Formosa be used against Red China on the main-
land, or in Indo-China, he added, was simply "madness.""Chiang could not leave Formosa without Mao taking the
island over," Sheehan explained, "and where would that leave
the U.S.A.? It may be true the morale of Chiang's army is better
than it was during the last days of its mainland demoralization
and collapse. It could hardly be worse. Also this country has
aided Chiang materially in arms, and training. Even so, anyone
who thinks his army of 500,000 men could be transported to the
Chinese coast, establish proper bridgeheads, and drive back
Mao's trained army of three or four millions, aided by Russian
tanks and airplanes, just doesn't know anything about the subject.
I was in China during the last year of Chiang's retreat and I
saw with my own eyes 700,000 of his troops with their new U. S.
equipment go over to the enemy, bait, hook and sinker."What does Senator Taft wish to do? Not only solidify China
and Russia behind Mao, but hand over more men and more
guns to the Red army? That is what would happen if anything
as foolhardy were carried out."As to the suggestion that Chiang's army be used to aid the
French in Indo-China, the objection to that, in the opinion of the
speaker, would be the refusal of France to accept Chiang's army
or his leadership—France would welcome American support, he
declared, but knows too much about Chiang and his defeated
forces, to want him on their hands, in Indo-China or anywhere
else.The net result of Sheehan's address, as far as the under-
signed was concerned, was increased regret there are so many
politicians in the country who talk so much about what should
be done, that isn't being done regarding our foreign policy, who
don't know what they are talking about.—R.W.R.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe

"Can you let me have some of that pain-killin' stuff, Doc?
I got a thrashin' comin' when I get home."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and
Stewart AlsopKEY WEST AND
SPRINGFIELDWASHINGTON—The favorite
political parlor game these days
is guessing what is going on in
the mind of President Harry S.
Truman as he sits himself at
Key West. Yet there is a good
deal of evidence which suggests
that the guessers are playing
the wrong game. They ought to
turn their attention instead to
what is going on in the mind
of Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illi-
nois, as he carries on his state's
business in Springfield.For the known facts point
rather directly to four conclu-
sions, which can be simply lis-
ted as follows:
First, President Truman real-
ly does not want to run again.
Second, he will not run if he
can be reasonably sure that Gov.
Stevenson will be nominated in
his place.Third, Truman will run again
rather than see any contender
other than Stevenson nominated.
Fourth, Stevenson is honestly
and deeply reluctant to make
the race.Consider the facts. In the first
place, at least three persons,
who undoubtedly carry far
more weight with Truman than
any number of White House
hangers-on, have consistently
urged him to bow out. These are
Mrs. Truman, reportedly still
adamant; Truman's trusted
friend, Senate Secretary Les-
lie Biddle, and Chief Justice
Fred Vinson, whom Truman in-
tensely respects. It is also known
that Truman tried over a peri-
od of a year to persuade Vin-
son himself to make the race,
in itself sufficient evidence of
the president's reluctance to run
again.IN THE second place, there
is no doubt at all that Truman,
in his long talk with Stevenson
at the White House on January
22, discussed most seriously the
possibility of Stevenson's run-
ning in his stead. And there is
very little doubt among knowl-
edgeable political observers
(who could, of course, be proved
wholly wrong) that Stevenson
would be nominated, provided
he and the president agreed on a
joint strategy in the fairly
near future.Among Stevenson's potential
rivals, Sen. Richard Russell of
Georgia, is credited with about
275 votes at the convention.
Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefau-
ver (now that he is likely to win
California by default) is given
175 or so. And Sen. Robert Kerr
of Oklahoma, it is believed,
might pick up a hundred.These figures are of course
the roughest sort of guess, but
they are enough to suggest that
Stevenson's rivals, even all to-
gether, are not likely to have the
616 votes necessary for victory.
And given a decision soon, and
a real campaign by Stevenson,
the Illinois governor should
rather easily collect the bulk of
the delegates in such big states
as New York, Illinois, Pennsylv-
ania, Michigan, Minnesota,
Massachusetts, Indiana and New
Jersey. With this sort of initial
strength, it is almost impossible
to see how Stevenson could be
stopped.Third, with Vinson refusing
to run, there is really no one
but Stevenson for Truman to
turn to. His feelings about Sen.
Kefauver are well known. Tru-
man could hardly support Rus-
sell, much as he respects the
Georgia senator. And the presi-
dent has told at least one recent
visitor that although he likes
Kerr, he cannot possibly sup-
port him, in view of Kerr's oil
connections and his civil rights
record. Rather than allow one
of these contenders to win by
default, Truman will very prob-
ably take the nomination him-
self.THUS the fourth point—Stevenson's willingness to run
—is the most crucial. It can now
be reported with assurance that
Stevenson had another talk with
Truman, this time by telephone,
shortly before Truman left forKey West. And it is significant
that Truman rather plaintively
remarked to another White
House visitor, after this talk,
that he could not see why he
should be the only man among
150,000,000 people to take on
his job.As this remark suggests, Stev-
enson is anything but eager to
run. His reluctance is not mere
coyness. It is perfectly under-
standable. Since his wife di-
vorced him, Stevenson has been
a lonely man. Truman's own
rather touching complaint in his
diary—"I'm always so lonesome
when the family leaves"—would
apply twice over to Stevenson
if he achieved the terrible iso-
lation of the White House. The
fact is that Stevenson is cursed
with an imagination, and per-
fectly aware of what might be
in store for him if he won.The increasing evidence of
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's
strength has not lessened Stev-
enson's reluctance. Stevenson
is intensely interested in his
job as governor, and although
he would be stoutly tempted to
take on Sen. Robert A. Taft,
he is not eager to surrender the
governorship in order to face
probable defeat at the hands of
a man he admires. These hesita-
tions, in turn, are certainly
having an effect on President
Truman, an uncomplicated man
who likes simple, uncomplicated
decisions. Meanwhile, the
country can only wait patiently
to see how this curious, historic
human drama will play itself
out in the end. The answer cer-
tainly lies as much in Spring-
field as in Key West.
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Editorial Comment

Junction City Future

Football Capital?

At the last meeting of the
State Board of Higher Education
Frank Van Dyke of Medford
made the suggestion that the Uni-
versity of Oregon and Oregon
State ought to get together and
build a great football stadium for
joint use as one midway point
between Corvallis and Eugene,
presumably Monroe or Junction
City, instead of staging hercu-
lean campaigns to bite the alu-
mi for separate stadia. These
trinkets cost in excess of a mil-
lion dollars apiece, depending on
size."The actual midway point
would be about on the Benton-
Lane line. The highway distance
is 39 miles and the midway point
would be 19½."As might be expected, there
have been immediate objections:
"What about homecoming for
the big games?"
"What about destroying the
feeling of 'hominess' which at-
taches to having the great games
played right on each campus?"
"What about the inconvenience
to patrons and students and
players?"All these are proper questions
but Mr. Van Dyke's suggestion
really deserves serious consid-
eration. The erection of any large
stadium assumes that college
football will always attract vast
crowds, that it will never be
completely "de-emphasized" and
that major games will continue
to attract anywhere from 30,000-
100,000 people, most of whom
will travel at least 50-100 miles
to see the game. Many of them
will use trains, buses, planes and
public conveyances, but most of
them will use their own cars. If
these facts are assumed, then
you have these questions:
"Is it possible to build any
large stadium in Corvallis or Eu-
gene which will have proper traf-
fic handling?"
It might pay to study what
happened at Berkeley last fall
on the day of the "crucial" be-
tween California Bears and the
Southern Cal Trojans. Although
every municipality in the Bay
Area contributed police, the traf-
fic became a complete snarl.
Hundreds never reached the
game at all. Thousands could not
get out of Berkeley until Sun-

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear
the name and address of the writer,
although under certain circum-
stances the use of a pen name or
initial for publication is permissi-
ble. The Mail Tribune reserves
the right to edit all letters with a
view to clarification and con-
densation. Letters submitted for pub-
lication must not exceed 400 words.

Why Taxes Not Cut

To the Editor: H. A. Stevens
of Phoenix infers that the citi-
zens can cause a reduction in
taxes by writing to their con-
gressmen and telling them they
don't like the high taxes.If Mr. Stevens were a con-
gressman would he reduce taxes?
When the Bureau of Budget
sends to the Congress an item-
ized list of the needs of the
armed forces to support an army
in Korea, to build some new
airplanes to support our borders,
some new submarines to pre-
vent a seaborne invasion, will
he say no? If \$6,900,000,000 for
European aid is requested so
that the Europeans may defend
their borders with their own sol-
diers so that Oregon soldiers
would not be needed, would he
say no?If the taxes are not raised to
support these expenditures and
yet we provide the soldiers, the
airplanes and the submarines,
the money would be borrowed
from banks. On the money bor-
rowed from banks, currency
would be issued to the total
amount. This issue of currency
is inflationary. Do we want an
unbalanced budget?If we reduce our armies, the
Communist forces create an in-
cident. The Korean incident oc-
curred when we were militarily
weak in that area. The Commu-
nists now, according to the lat-
est reports, have their eye on
the occupation of Japan. Can
there be any doubt that the Com-
munist have their eye right on
us, our factories, our modern
farms, our wealthy residential
sections?Whenever there is a reduction
in government aid to farmers,
to old age pensions or any other
aided groups, let us not omit
government aid in home build-
ing, then the letters to go to the
congressmen. In the case of re-
duced aid in housing, the pub-
licity will state that the govern-
ment is blocking home construc-
tion.I submit this writing, not in
support of high taxes, for sure-
ly some day they must be re-
duced, but in the hope that re-
duction of taxes must come about
with due regard to the obliga-
tions of a nation harassed from
without.
It must be doubted that any
reduction in taxes can be ob-
tained by petitions unless those
petitions contain itemized lists
showing how savings in govern-
ment may take place. Would we
be unselfish enough to petition
our congressmen that Camp
White should not be reactivated
because of unreasonable expense
in government, or hold enough
to say that a certain camp in
Florida does not serve an ade-
quate purpose for government
expenditure? Every reduction in
government expenditure hurts
some group to the extent of mak-
ing those hurt appeal to their
congressmen.

(Name on file.)

Wanted—More Skunks!

To the Editor: Most likely Jean
Jacques Rousseau has had too
great an influence and Voltaire
has not had enough influence
in American politics. I am glad
that you can agree to disagree
and I must admit that you use
some choice English to describe
what you do not like.
Personally I think that pole-
cats are a very important ani-
mal. God does not create ani-
mals lacking in value. You de-
scribe one senator as a polecat
because he does things you do
not like. Now I'll admit a pole-
cat has an awful smell but a
lot of things in Washington
smell awful. You certainly know
that one smell can chase out an-
other smell. That is why p.c.
fume is used and why it is in-
vented. I hope that you will see
the truth and realize how much
we need a few more polecats
in Washington, D. C. They have
tried perfume—as you well re-
call. Vaughn had something todo with that. Perfume merely
makes it endurable. What we
need is more polecats. Why can't
you understand this simple
truth?
John M. Bush,
230½ S. Central,
Medford, Ore.

Seeks Old Friends

To the Editor: In my photo-
graph album I have a prized
picture of a little group of school
children and their teacher. The
school was old North Phoenix
school (District No. 24). The
teacher—Mrs. Gladys Sloan. The
year — 1928. For some time I
have wondered how to get in
touch with each of the students
with the idea of obtaining a
snapshot of each one and his or
her family at the present time.
It would be fun to see what time
has done for all the "kids of
yesteryear." Enclosed is a list
of the eighteen pupils in the
photo. Could you print this let-
ter and list in your "Letters
to the Editor" column? It would
like each of the folks listed to
get in touch with me and en-
close a snapshot of him or her
and family. I will be glad
to reciprocate.Thank you sincerely,
Mrs. Joan Johnston-Vistaunet,
4780 Bryant Way,
Santa Clara, Calif.
The list: Mrs. Gladys Sloan,
Mildred, Marjorie and Gweneth
Poling, Carol Purry, James and
Robert Thomas, Lorena, Walter
and Paul Atkins, Bill and Elea-
nor Sheets, Truman, Rosemary
and Janet Bishop, Lois Rose
and Wanda Davis.day morning.
In most situations a football
stadium is a peculiarly "unecon-
omic" institution. Sometimes a
stadium can be used for track
and field sports or for occasional
public spectacles, but as a rule
it is a one-purpose structure
which sits idle between games.
Even football practice must be
held elsewhere to preserve the
sacred turf.
Of course, if college football
ceases to be a popular spectacle
either through de-emphasis or
through the competition of tele-
vision, then any vast expenditure
for stadia will be futile. If foot-
ball is to continue as is, there
are economic and traffic reasons
to consider—"joint use" be-
tween UO and OSC.
(The census bureau says that
the Eugene-Springfield area alone
will have 300,000 people by 1990
and the increase throughout the
Willamette Valley will be in propor-
tion.)
If college football continues
to be a big gate spectacle, then
the location of a stadium be-
comes a problem in traffic han-
dling. In many metropolitan
areas numerous colleges use the
same facilities for football. Dis-
tances mean little these days.—
Eugene Register-Guard.Slight Improvement
In News From Korea
Noted During Week

By PHIL NEWSOM

UP Foreign News Editor

The week's balance sheet be-
tween the good and bad news in
the hot and cold wars:

The Good

1. The news from Korea turned
from black to a tell-tale gray
but any change was for the good.
UN and Communist truce nego-
tiations reached virtual agree-
ment on points of entry for troops,
reducing points of difference to
the questions of Russia as a neu-
tral, prisoner exchange and con-
struction of military airports.
There was a possibility the talks
will go behind closed doors to
give the negotiators greater free-
dom of discussion.2. The Allies were taking their
time in replying to Russia's pro-
posal for an early Big Four
meeting on a German peace
treaty. The Russian proposal
seemed an obvious attempt to
prevent West German participa-
tion in a European army, but the
encouraging thing was that nei-
ther the Western Allies nor the
Germans were falling for the bait.3. France and Germany reached
preliminary agreement on one
of the greatest single issues pre-
venting wholehearted West Ger-
man cooperation with the rest
of Europe. It seemed possible the
two would agree on "international-
ization" of the coal-rich Saar
area, traditional sore spot in re-
lations between the two coun-
tries.

The Bad

1. After some hope for early
reopening of the Iranian oil
fields, settlement this week was
farther away than ever. Iran's
premier, Mohammed Mossaddegh,
accused President Truman of
trying to blackmail him into a set-
tlement with the British and chal-
lenged his own parliament to
vote "no confidence" in his hand-
ling of the international issue.
With the situation still at stale-
mate, the Iranian parliament ad-
journed until after the Iranian
new year.2. Despite heated official and
unofficial denials, Communist
nations continued their charges
that the United States was using
germ warfare against the Reds in
North Korea. Russia made the
charge official by bringing it up
in the United Nations, but the
Allied reply was a suggestion
that the Reds allow an Interna-
tional Red Cross team to investi-do with that. Perfume merely
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yesteryear." Enclosed is a list
of the eighteen pupils in the
photo. Could you print this let-
ter and list in your "Letters
to the Editor" column? It would
like each of the folks listed to
get in touch with me and en-
close a snapshot of him or her
and family. I will be glad
to reciprocate.Thank you sincerely,
Mrs. Joan Johnston-Vistaunet,
4780 Bryant Way,
Santa Clara, Calif.
The list: Mrs. Gladys Sloan,
Mildred, Marjorie and Gweneth
Poling, Carol Purry, James and
Robert Thomas, Lorena, Walter
and Paul Atkins, Bill and Elea-
nor Sheets, Truman, Rosemary
and Janet Bishop, Lois Rose
and Wanda Davis."Can you let me have some of that pain-killin' stuff, Doc?
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