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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 24, 1942

(It was Tuesday)
Medford designated as critical
housing area by federal govern-
ment; construction of 75 hous-
ing units authorized here.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: A "breath-
ing spell" for state income tax
payers for one month is ad-
vocated. After all the late and
frequent punting, the taxpay-
ers stand in need of both breath
and sponducks.

20 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1922

(It was Thursday)
Connie Back states Philadel-
phia Athletics will use same line-
up as in 1931 in trying for their
fourth American league cham-
pionship in a row.

Jackson county prohibition
fund drops to \$2,300 used for
enforcement of law compared
with \$11,000 10 years before.

30 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1922

(It was Friday)
United States Senate ratifies
four-power treaty among Pacific
ocean nations.

Farm work in Rogue valley
delayed by heavy downpour of
rain for second time in two
weeks.

40 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1912

(It was Sunday)
Thirteen-year-old Medford girl
drowns in Bear creek while try-
ing to cross stream on log near
McAndrews ford north of town.

H. K. Hanna files for Repub-
lican party nomination as Jack-
son county district attorney.

Truman Cronies Face

Grain Shortage Quiz

Washington — (U.P.) — Two
Missouri political cronies of Pres-
ident Truman will be quizzed
this week in the investigation of
multi-million dollar shortages of
government grain, has been
learned.

The disclosure was made as it
was revealed that two more agri-
culture department employees
resigned recently while under
fire in the spreading inquiry.

The presidential friends are
Dan Nee, former internal re-
venue collector at Kansas City,
Mo., and Harry Easley of Webb
City, Mo.

The two agriculture employees
who quit are Harold F. Chorn of
the department's production and
marketing administration office
in New York, and Carl G.
Rausch of the PMA office in
Kansas City.

The Grange

Griffin Creek Grange H.E.C.
met at the home of Mrs. Mark
Slyter on Thursday for a cov-
ered dish luncheon. Mrs. Ralph
Dillon was co-hostess. Two gen-
tlemen were guests for lunch.
Eighteen members and nine vis-
itors were present.

Rummage committee would
like to have all rummage in be-
fore Wednesday so they can
mark it Wednesday evening.
The Grange anniversary din-
ned has been postponed to the
first meeting in April. Remem-
ber our scrap drive.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at
noon Saturdays.

Economy Note

Those who believe that public officials should
give more thought to economy and care in spending
the taxpayers' dollar will note with interest the re-
cently announced crackdown on state publications.
According to word from the state capitol at Salem,
Oregon's director of finance, Harry S. Dorman, has
found that too many state department publications are
being printed on expensive bond paper and too many
carry material that he does not think of interest to
the general public.

THE finance director cites the current issue of the
agriculture department's magazine as a case in
point. The magazine, he points out, is devoted almost
entirely to pictures and articles regarding members
of the department staff, from the director down to
the secretaries. This may be nice for the employees,
says Dorman, but he doubts that the running of such
articles is of any general interest to the agricultural
people of the state.

The finance director also hopes to convince offi-
cials of the board of education that the number and
size of publications issued by the various schools and
departments operating under jurisdiction of the board
could be reduced without undue hardship.

DOZENS of state boards issue publications monthly
or quarterly and some get out informational re-
leases at various times. Many of these find their way
into newspaper offices of the state and if the expe-
rience of this newspaper is any criterion, there would
be no hue and cry raised if practically all such publi-
cations were eliminated.

The effort to cut down on publications may not
be too successful, so far as saving money is concerned,
however, for we were told recently about another
economy move which proved later to fall somewhat
short of the objective.

AS THE story came to us from a state official, a
number of office machines were bought for use
in a certain state department, the purchase being
made on a bid basis. Low bidder was some out-of-
state concern which handles such appliances manu-
factured abroad. A few dollars were saved on the
price per unit, but when the machines arrived it was
discovered that they were of a non-standard type
which could not be readily used.

The department for which they were ordered
shelved the machines and rented sufficient units lo-
cally to do the necessary work.

According to our informant, the foreign machines
were still gathering dust at the time he told the story.
—E.C.F.

Hoop Titles A Habit

Jackson county's B class basketball teams are
copping state titles with a regularity which must be
becoming somewhat monotonous for other Oregon
schools.

It was up to Rogue River's Chieftains to keep
their county in the limelight this season and Coach
Myndret Busack's charges delivered in workmanlike
fashion to give this area its third title in a row.

THE Chieftains, by defeating Knappa in the final
game of the Salem tournament for B class schools,
repeated their performance of 1950 when they nosed
out Alsea. Phoenix, District 5 entry in the 1951 state
tournament, copped the title that year by defeating
Powers.

This year's championship makes five collected in
the last eleven years of B school competition, Butte
Falls having won in 1942 and Jacksonville in 1948.
Butte Falls was runner-up twice prior to 1942.

JACKSON county B class basketballers have also
been prominent in the matter of all-state selection
for several years. Bob Hoefs of Butte Falls entered the
charmed circle in 1939 and again in 1940, being ac-
companied by his teammate Ed Ellis in the latter year.
In 1942, Butte Falls again placed two—Johnny Kent
and Art Verment. Bruce Davidson of Rogue River was
an all-state choice for the second team in 1946; in
1948, two Jacksonville players—Don Harris and Don
Wendt—were all-state selections. Pete Purrier of
Rogue River was chosen on the 1949 quintet and in
1950 Rogue River really clicked with three on the
first team—Gene and Glen DePuy and Pete Furrier.

Phoenix stars Keith Thompson and Max Hite
made the grade in 1951. This year Rogue River again
stole the show with Jim Boulter and Jim Wehren on
the first team and Byron Kile on the second.

ACCORDING to those who have seen most of the
boys of District 5 in action this year, our B schools
have enough promising material coming up next year
to assure Jackson county continuing as a power to be
reckoned with in Oregon basketball.—E.C.F.

Cities League Chief
To Tour East Oregon

Portland — (U.P.) — William A.
Bowes, Portland city commis-
sioner and president of the
League of Oregon Cities, Monday
began a tour of eastern Oregon
cities for a series of conferences
on municipal problems.

He was accompanied by Her-
man Kehrl, executive secretary
of the league, and Raymond
Coulter and Arnold Westling,
members of the league staff.

The party will visit John Day,
Burns, Vale, Condon, Fossil,
Baker, La Grande and Pendleton.
Bowes said Oregon cities are
becoming increasingly concerned
with problems of rapid growth
of fringe areas, allocation of tax
money, fluoridation of water
supplies, and reassessment of
taxable property.

Missing Walla Walla
Flier Found Dead

Seattle — (U.P.) — The body of a
40-year-old Walla Walla archi-
tect whose light plane crashed in
the snow-swept Cascade
mountains was removed to
Seattle Sunday.

Stanley G. Page disappeared
after taking off from Boeing
field here on the return flight
from Vancouver, B.C., to his
home. His wrecked Bellanca was
discovered Saturday, ending a
three-day search by more than
60 civilian and military planes.
Page's smashed watch had
stopped just 19 minutes after he
left Seattle, Coroner John P.
Brill Jr., said.

The Panama Canal is 50.52
miles long. It was opened to
traffic April 15, 1914.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I can't see why men like to stand around and sing
a bunch of old songs!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and
Stewart Alsop

IF NO ONE WON

Washington — If President
Harry Truman does in the end
decide to run again, a down-
right nightmarish constitutional
crisis may quite possibly result.
For the Republican professionals
still want Sen. Robert A. Taft,
despite the recent events in New
Hampshire and Minnesota, and
a Truman decision to run would
encourage them to believe that
Taft could become president.

The Southerners have already
served notice that they will bolt
if Taft and Truman are the ma-
jor party candidates. And it is
only too easy to see what all
this might mean.

Some Southern strategists
make no bones about it. In case
of a Taft-Truman race, they in-
tend to throw the election into
the House of Representatives, by
denying to both Taft and Tru-
man the constitutionally required
majority of the 531 electoral
votes. The Southerners expect
to take at least 98 electoral votes
with such a candidate as Gov.
Alan Shivers of Texas, and the
south's whole quota of 129 votes
if Sen. Richard Russell of Geor-
gia, agrees to become the south-
ern candidate.

This means that either Taft
or Truman would have to beat
the other by a decisive majority
of as much as 266 electoral votes
to 136, and at least 266 to 157,
in order to be elected. If Taft and
Truman ran even fairly close,
no one would be elected, and the
nightmare crisis would be on.

HISTORY is not very helpful
in trying to determine what
might happen then. The election
has been thrown into the House
Twice before in the past. The
first time was in 1800, when
Thomas Jefferson and Aaron
Burr tied in electoral votes.
The second time was in 1824, after
the passage of the twelfth amend-
ment, when Andrew Jackson
led the ballot with 99 votes, but
failed to get the necessary ma-
jority.

Yet neither of these previous
crises provided an exact pre-
cedent, partly because the twen-
tieth, or "lame duck" amend-
ment has been passed in the meantime,
and partly because other circum-
stances were so different. On
both these past occasions, a third
party acted as a catalyst, break-
ing the constitutional logjam. In
1800, this role was played by
Alexander Hamilton, who hated
Jefferson, but hated Burr (whom
he called, among other things, "a
cold-blooded Catiline") much
more. When Hamilton backed
Jefferson, Jefferson was elected
after six days of tense, bitter
balloting, during which the
young republic seemed in danger
of coming apart at the seams.

In 1824, the logjam-breaker
was Henry Clay, who threw the
election in the House to John
Quincy Adams, although Adams
had fifteen less electoral votes
than Jackson. Clay hoped to be-
come Adams' heir apparent, but
only succeeded in so enraging
the electorate that Jefferson was
elected by a landslide in the next
election.

But who might be the logjam-
breaker if it happened again?
Constitutional lawyers are not
even entirely sure what the pro-
cedure would be. The best inter-
pretation seems to be that the
newly elected Congress would
meet on January 3, 1823, and
the House would begin balloting,
each state having a single vote.
This would continue until one
of the top three candidates had
received a majority of the votes,
or until January 20, when the
president, according to the Con-
stitution, takes office.

IN THESE circumstances, Presi-
dent Truman might act as the
catalyst, throwing his support
to Russell (whom he admires) in
order to end a constitutional
crisis capable of tearing the
country apart. But it is hard to
see the stubborn president doing
this, and harder still to see him
bowing out to Shivers or any
other Southerner. And it is al-
most impossible to imagine Taft
or Truman giving way to each
other, or the Southern bloc
backing Truman or Taft.

If the deadlock in the House
lasted until January 20, the de-
cision would pass to the Senate,
which must elect the vice presi-
dent in the same way. If the
Senate had given a majority to a
vice presidential candidate, he
would become acting president.
Given a second Truman-Barkley
ticket, this opens up the possi-
bility of Alben Barkley becom-
ing president, since he might
well be an acceptable North-
South Democratic compromise.
But if the Senate also failed to
agree by January 20, the suc-
cession statute passed in 1948
would presumably come into
operation. Thus House Speaker
Sam Rayburn or Representative
Joe Martin would be in line to
become acting president, depend-
ing on which party won the
House.

This interpretation of the Con-
stitution (which is over-simpli-
fied, in order to make it under-
standable at all) is open to dis-
pute, since there is no exact
precedent. But it is enough to
suggest the hair-raising complex-
ity of the constitutional
crisis which would result, and
which might split the country
right down the middle, in the
midst of a desperate world crisis.
Even to think about this hap-
pening may seem like borrow-
ing trouble. Yet the nightmare
may become real enough, if Tru-
man runs again. One can only
wonder whether President Tru-
man, himself an enthusiastic
amateur constitutional lawyer,
is taking this lurking danger in-
to account, as he ponders the de-
cision which confronts him.
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Congressional Quiz

Questions and Answers on What Goes on at the Capital
Furnished by Congressional Quarterly News Features

Q—I am a widow, supporting
myself and two small children.
When is Congress going to let
me count baby sitting expenses
as an income tax deduction?

A—Rep. Edna F. Kelly, (D-
N.Y.)—herself a widow with two
children—is sponsoring a bill
to allow widows and widowers
to deduct, within limits, the cost
of getting child care while they
work. She said Feb. 29 she was
seeking an early hearing on the
bill before the House's tax-writ-
ing Ways and Means committee.

Q—What "teeth" would the
mine safety bill put into the
present federal inspection sys-
tem?

A—The bill approved Feb. 26
by the Senate Labor and Public
Welfare Committee would au-
thorize federal mine inspectors
to order withdrawal of miners
from unsafe areas and make re-
fusal of mine operators to com-
ply a felony. It also would au-
thorize the Secretary of the In-
terior to set mine safety stand-
ards. The House is holding hear-
ings on a similar bill.

Q—What's the "fair trade"
dispute about?

A—Congress is considering
bills to restore "fair trade" laws
to the position they held before
the Supreme Court last year
ruled that price agreements did
not apply to non-signers. Advoc-
ates of the bills say they would
promote "fair play" and protect
small retailers "from exploita-
tion." Opponents argue that
"fair trade" laws work "against
the consumer" and "eliminate
competition." A bill to extend
"fair trade" to non-signers was
approved Feb. 27 by the House
Commerce committee.

Q—My son was drafted and I
want to know how long he will
have to serve.

A—If he was inducted before
June 19, 1951, he has a choice.

CHILDREN LIKE IT!
Pure orange fla-
vor makes this
specialized ap-
ple so easy to
take. Tablets are
1/4 adult dose. 30c

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

General Eisenhower says in a
statement issued at SHAPE head-
quarters in Paris:

"You gentlemen (he was speak-
ing to reporters in Paris who
were beseeching him for com-
ment on what happened in Min-
nesota) probably realize how
astonished I was by the results
of the Minnesota primary.

"THE MOUNTING NUMBERS
OF MY FELLOW CITIZENS
WHO ARE VOTING TO MAKE
ME THE REPUBLICAN NOMI-
NEE ARE FORCING ME TO
RE-EXAMINE MY PERSONAL
POSITION AND PAST DECISION."

HE IS obviously referring to a
statement he issued in Paris
on January 7, the day after his
backers announced they were
going to enter him in the New
Hampshire primary. In that
statement he said:

"Senator Lodge is correct in
terming me a Republican. He is
also correct in stating that I will
not SEEK nomination to political
office."

He then added:
"In the absence of a CLEAR
CUT CALL TO POLITICAL
DUTY, I shall continue to devote
my full attention and energies
to the performance of the vital
task to which I am assigned."

IT SAY the General's statement
on Wednesday indicates he is
about convinced that New Hamp-
shire and Minnesota constitute a
clear cut call to political duty.

A NOTHER development:
President Truman says in
Washington that Eisenhower is
at liberty to return home ANY
TIME HE DEEMS IT SAFE AND
PROPER.

DEAR IKE:

I'm inclined to agree with
you about New Hampshire and
Minnesota. They're wonderful.
In my adult lifetime, nothing like
that has ever happened in a po-
litical campaign. It's beginning
to look like the people have de-
cided that THIS YEAR the office
should seek the man and that
you're the man to be sought.
If that is true, Ike, it is some-
thing shining and splendid. It
hasn't happened since George
Washington. Even Lincoln had to
fight to get the Republican nomi-
nation. If what seems to be de-
veloping in your case turns out
to be true, it could mark a turn-
ing point in our national life. It
could mean that we are turning
back toward the ideals of the
Founding Fathers.

So, whatever you do, DON'T
do anything to shake this FAITH
AND TRUST that (on the evi-
dence of New Hampshire and
Minnesota) your countrymen
seem to repose in you.

Go on doing your job and
being yourself. That's how
you've won these two expres-
sions of confidence.

A NOTHER thing, Ike:
Don't be fooled by Harry's
crack that you're at liberty to
return home ANY TIME YOU
DEEM IT SAFE AND PROPER.
On the surface, it looks like a



CHILDREN HELP EACH OTHER—Children at the Easter
Seal Agency's Hospital School in Eugene help each other consid-
erably during their hours at school. Here, Jane McVay, 10-year-old
polio victim from Eugene, gives a hand to 7-year-old Gary Inks, a
cerebral palsy victim from Rockaway. Jane deftly buckles little
Gary's leg brace from her wheelchair. The school is operated by
the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., which
is currently sponsoring its sixth annual Easter Seal sale.

Results of Primary
Elections Put Heat
On Sen. Taft in Ohio

By LYLE C. WILSON

Cleveland — (U.P.) — New Hamp-
shire returns and Minnesota's as-
tonishing write-in vote for Gen.
Dwight D. Eisenhower have put
some heat on Sen. Robt. A.
Taft right here in his own state.

The Ohio primary takes place
May 6. Ike isn't in it. But Harold
E. Stassen has filed a slate of 46
delegates, 10 short of the max-
imum.

Can't Afford To Lose
Here in Ohio Taft cannot af-
ford to lose any delegates. His
prestige will be riding on pri-
mary returns in the state which
knows him best. Ohio voters do
not have the write-in privilege.
There is no reason to believe
that Stassen packs any great
political wallop in Ohio, either.

But what if Stassen tied his
primary campaign here in Taft's
backyard to the Eisenhower
movement? He might not have
to tie up so closely as to run as
an Ike stand-in. Perhaps a lesser
trick than that would do the trick
—the trick being to give Eisen-

sportsmanlike gesture. But in it
an old wolf would smell a trap.
If you come back and start
campaigning, your enemies will
claim that in view of the impor-
tance of your job in Europe it
WASN'T SAFE AND PROPER
FOR YOU TO COME BACK.
Before you leave your job over
there, be very sure indeed that
it's safe and proper to do so.

HERE's something I think you
ought to know, Ike.

This amazing support for you
that has shown up definitely and
tangibly in New Hampshire and
Minnesota isn't hero worship and
it isn't glamor chasing. It goes
deeper than that.

Those of us who are for you
WANT ABOVE EVERYTHING
ELSE ON EARTH TO BELIEVE
IN YOU. We are sick and weary
of politics and politicians. WE
WANT LEADERSHIP WE CAN
TRUST. Never, I fear, in our
history was there such COM-
PLETE LACK of faith in our
leadership.

That is dangerous, Ike. It
could destroy our country and
our way of life. So,
you see, those of us who are for
you are more than just for you
as a Republican candidate for
President. We're pinning our
hope of the future on you.
That's about the way the situ-
ation stands.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

Wife Talks Up

Geo. N. Taylor

Joe drank and cursed and "My life
was as smelly as a pole-cat," says he,
Sue his wife urged him to believe on
Christ as dying for him be saved. But
Joe would not be-
lieve. Then die and
go to hell, said Sue.
Later on Joe did turn
and he said it was
Sue's shot as to hell
that had a lot to do
with it.

They who do not
believe die lost and
are cast into the
Lake of Fire. This is the Second
Death—Revelation 20:15.

A dayman's family sends this line
that you may have assurance to your
last breath.—Adv.

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The Grange

Central Point Grange
HEC of Central Point Grange
will meet for a dessert luncheon
at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday, March
26, at the home of Mrs. Clem
Ault on Taylor road. This is
better known as the old Sey-
more place.

The program will be in
charge of Margaret Jensen, with
"Color Harmony in Our Daily
Living" as the topic.

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