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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.

20 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1932

(It was Tuesday)

Medford Mayor H. S. Deuel

proclaims April 6 as "Total War"

day; events take place of annual

"Army" day.

From Arthur Perry's Ye

Smudge Pot column: What can

you expect of a day which be-
gins with getting up in the
morning?

20 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1932

(It was Thursday)

Mrs. Carl J. Rasmussen, Pros-
pect, suffers broken back and

shoulder in 200-foot fall over

cliff at Red Blanket falls.

Oregon state highway com-
mission orders relief work halt-
ed on Jackson county roads for

an indefinite period.

30 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1922

(It was Friday)

Pacific and Eastern railroad

officials report work on line to

Butte Falls is "progressing nicely."

Johnny Weismuller, "17-year-

old aquatic star," equal's world's

record for 220 yards.

40 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1912

(It was Sunday)

Prospector reports making a

"very valuable gold strike" on

Williams creek; believes he has

located vein of ore in addition

to a large "pocket."

Evans Creek man reported in

critical condition after his team

of horses runs away and throws

him when frightened by auto-
mobile.

Millennium Warning

Given by Evangelist

Describing history as a drama

in which the entire world is the

stage and every member of the

human family an actor, Evan-
gelist Harold E. Metcalf told acapacity crowd in the Bible au-
ditorium, 910 South Central, Sun-
day night that the long-lookedfor time of peace will be ex-
perienced by those only who en-
list with Christ before he comes

on his triumphant tour.

He declared that the opinion

held by many that the world's

conversion would usher in the

millennium was refuted by the

Bible, which, he said, shows that

the nearer the end of the world

approaches, the more wicked, un-
believing and God-defying the

world will become.

Using visual aids, Mr. Metcalf

told his audience that there

would be only two classes, those

who believe the devil, and those

who have faith in Christ's writ-
ten guarantee of an eternity of

peace, happiness and security.

Southern Oregon Stamp

Club States Meeting

A meeting of the Southern

Oregon Stamp club will be held

at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at

the Girls Community club.

Charles W. Hill will be the

speaker, and will tell of his own

stamp collection, which is top-
ical and which features religious

stamps.

Members are showing interest

in a stamp auction being planned

by Roland Beach, reports said.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, March 28—As was to be expected Senator Taft went all-out for isolationism in Wisconsin. No double-talk there. No "yes-buts." He threw away his 16-ounce gloves and went after the United Nations, the Marshall Plan, economic and military aid to Europe and all the rest of the enlightened collective-security plan with bare knuckles.

WHY did the Senator from Ohio in his recent official declaration in U.S. News & World Report play down his isolationism almost to the vanishing point, and even sanction war with Russia (in case of attack); while in Wisconsin he returned to his pre-campaign proposal of national "selfishness"—letting Europe fight her own battles, and Uncle Sam shrewdly husband his resources for a rainy day?

The answer is simple. Ever since World War I Wisconsin has been known as the leading isolationist state in the country. The large foreign population there, particularly of German origin, has been consistently and militantly isolationist, so Taft is convinced such a stand will bring him votes. And he may be right. But imagine having in the White House at such a critical time as this, a man who would descend to such cheap demagoguery as that?

Senator Wayne Morse has come and gone. We would have liked to have seen him but he was in too much of a rush, giving a speech and holding one press conference, at hours and places that couldn't be adjusted to Ye Editor's schedule. According to "The Chronicle" our junior Senator said he is strong FOR Eisenhower and strongly AGAINST Taft. Morse thinks if the former gets the GOP nomination he will be elected by the greatest plurality ever given an American President, while if the GOP politicians gang up at Chicago and prevent this, the Democrats will win. In the opinion of this department Wayne as usual is 100% right—ASSUMING, of course, that the same politicians nominate the Senator from Ohio. We are not so sure if Governor Warren should be chosen as a compromise GOP candidate. The more we learn regarding Warren the better we like him. (It's a small matter but we do wish he would stop calling his attractive daughter "Honey Bear," just as we wish H.S.T. would stop calling HIS attractive daughter "Baby.")

However, with a Daddie's "BABY" in the White House, it would not be quite so incongruous to have a "Honey-BEAR" there.

The A.A.A. box-fight tournament—formerly the "Golden Gloves" ended last night with as fine a program of the art of self-defense—and concentrated MAYHEM—as your correspondent has ever had the privilege of witnessing. There were 19 final matches, each of three rounds and 99% of them, touch-and-go, punch-and-counter-punch, slam-and-be-slammed—from the first go to the last. Ira Blue—one of our favorite sports announcers—was one of the judges (the best looking and best dressed one, incidentally) and he plugged the show over the air as something no true box-fight fan should miss. Ira was right. Instead of having to fork up \$50 more for a ring-side seat the maximum was \$3!

The one outstanding contribution of this performance was the absence of professionalism—the genuine amateur spirit—which in sports, is as Ty Cobb recently remarked, the "sine qua non." When the amateur spirit goes the life-blood of sport goes. The boys did not get money, they got medals (if they won) and a probable free trip to Boston. (Only the more promising will be on the final team, however.) How these lads did work for that free trip and the medal—they were in there literally willing to die for dear old Rutgers all the time. Some of them failed just couldn't keep back the tears. Some that won couldn't repress a war dance to the dressing rooms. (Where is Mac L. now? Hope he still dances the M.T. wherever he is.)

There was, however, one surprising and depressing factor—the poor physical condition of so many of the contestants. With the desire to win so intense this was hard to understand. Why did so few of the boys cut out cigars and seriously train? Our guess is 99% of those who did, won, and poor condition was the main cause of the defeats. Is it true as army records indicate that American youth is deteriorating physically. Let us hope—and pray—not, for when physical deterioration starts, moral deterioration is not far behind—and vice versa!

If "Mr. Republican" can't get the Maine delegation, just what can he get outside of those colored boys in the South that can be bought? He might win (by the aid of McCarthyism) in Wisconsin, and still be a hopeless "Also Ran" before the Chicago convention opens.

Just how dumb will the voters of Wisconsin prove to be? How many will vote for Taft's isolationism on the assumption that such a theory of national selfishness—and cowardice—will be to their self-interest?

Once again Mr. Republican maintains we can recall all American troops from Europe, rely solely on our navy and air force and still keep the Russians the other side of the iron curtain. WHAT WITH? Any grade school student of history could pulverize this sort of specious argument in a 100-word thesis. What happened in Korea when we had complete control of the air and sea? The U.S.A. suffered one of the most complete and humiliating defeats in its history. Without U.S. ground troops aid no country or countries in Europe could stop the Russian march to the English channel for a minute much less throw it back. And nothing is more certain than this: Once assured that the Taft program would be carried out, the Kremlin would do what it has always done when weakness presented the opportunity—MARCH IN AND WITH THE AID OF A FIFTH COLUMN TAKE OVER! Ask the people of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Finland, Lithuania, Estonia, Bulgaria and Rumania what they think of such a policy? It is incredible that any American statesman—or any sane American adult for that matter—could seriously advance any such suicidal policy with the facts of life—and history—what they are.

Presumably the voters of Wisconsin don't want another world war, the people of America certainly don't.

But could ANY program more surely guarantee it—than this notice to the world, that the United States in case of a Russian attack, would refuse to raise a hand to stop it, EXCEPT by naval and air support?

Imagine what the cynical and shrewd old boys in the Politburo are saying to themselves as they read this sort of prospectus by the leader of one of the two major political parties in the United States—and a man who is still confident that this sort of cheap posturology will land him a free room-and-bath in the White House! (With a third World War on their hands where would the people of Wisconsin file those political promises of world peace and reduced taxes, of March 1952?)

Three days ago it was 83° in the shade. This morning, the sun is still shining, but the mercury only a short time ago was only ten degrees above freezing. No wonder the clothing stores around the bay do a land-office business. Those who dress according to the weather instead of the calendar—and most people do—surely have to have a varied assortment in their wardrobes, all the way from cotton cords to red flannels—from shorts to mink.

Much amused to observe the scare-head banners on the morning papers with the shocking and even more SURPRISING announcement that a killer whale bit a boat in two off the rocky shores of Petaluma.

That IS something for the book—for outside of "Moby Dick" who ever saw a "KILLER whale," and whoever heard of ANY whale with TEETH? Yet the news stories quote one of the Petaluma chicken experts as having a full view of this mad whale's array of molars and bicusps.

We have heard of sharks and dolphins with teeth, but unless our professor in Zoology I was a liar, even Jonah admitted whales have whalebone sieves in their mouths not teeth—nor even lower and upper plates! If T.R. were here he would have something to say about "nature fakers" and the "wayward press."—R.W.R.

Eisenhower Boom Spreads to Japan

Yokohama, Japan—(U.P.)—The trail a 150-foot long streamer calling on G.I.s to "vote for Ike."

Eisenhower boom has started in Japan.

Three G.I.s Monday rented a Japanese advertising balloon which they intend to hoist at noon Wednesday over their Yokohama "Eisenhower for President" headquarters.

The giant yellow balloon will

be connected with the Army, said

22-year-old Cpl. Francis Bliz-

ard, Chester, Pa. "The three of

us paid \$80 to rent the balloon.

"The main idea is to get out

the soldier vote," he said.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"When you can't get away some Saturday afternoon in June for a game of golf, don't say I didn't warn you!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

THE FRIGHTENED PROFESSIONALS

Washington—One more disaster to the candidacy of Sen. Robert A. Taft, like the major setbacks in New Hampshire, Minnesota and New Jersey, and the political base on which Taft stands is likely to turn into quicksand. This political base has consisted, of course, of the support of the orthodox Republican regulars nationally, and of the key organization men in the states. And this base is by no means made of solid rock, and never has been.

The great majority of the Republican regulars whose support is absolutely essential to Taft have been a good deal more cautious than is generally realized. A check in Taft's own special bailiwick, the United States Senate, shows how very careful the senators generally identified as Taft men have in fact been.

Consider the following list of names: Senators Butler, Cain, Case, Condon, Dvorzhak, Ecton, Hickenlooper, Jenner, Kem, Malone, Martin, Mundt, Seaton, Welker, Williams and Young. Surely the political and ideological leader of these men is Sen. Taft, and they might be expected to be out on the firing line, doing battle for their hero. Not a single one of these Taft colleagues is publicly committed to support of the Taft candidacy, although almost all of them would certainly like to see him nominated. Even Sen. Joseph McCarthy has conspicuously failed to return Sen. Taft's public embrace.

WHAT is true of the Taft-minded men in the Senate is just as true of the key organization regulars in the states. If anything, indeed, they have been more cautious. An occasional professional, like Henry Zweifel, of Texas, or John E. Jackson, of Louisiana, is publicly committed to Taft, just as an occasional senator, like Homer Capehart, of Indiana, and Everett Dirksen, of Illinois, has made the leap. But the great majority of the organization men have carefully left themselves an escape hatch, however much they may favor Taft in private.

Moreover, a certain tentative groping towards the escape hatch has very recently become noticeable. Pennsylvania's Mason Owlett, for example, of the famous Grundy-Owlett machine, and Michigan's shrewd National Committeeman, Arthur Summerfield, have both been considered strongly Taft-minded, especially the former. Now they are reported in "friendly contact" with the Eisenhower forces. And this groping for the escape hatch is certainly going on elsewhere.

A couple of months before the New Hampshire primary "Time" magazine published a state-by-state report of the comparative strength of Taft and Eisenhower. In its current issue, "Newsweek" does the same thing. The two reports make some interesting contrasts in a number of states. For example: ALABAMA. "Time": "Taft has eight or ten." "Newsweek": "Eisenhower has at least nine of the state's eleven votes. He may get all eleven."

GEORGIA. "Time": "National Committeemen Harry Sommers has made the jump for Taft." "Newsweek": "It's now probable that Taft won't get more than one or two of the seventeen delegates, with Eisenhower getting the rest."

ILLINOIS. "Time": "All Taft." "Newsweek": "Now it's probable that pro-Ike delegates will be elected in three districts."

MONTANA. "Time": "Taft will get the Montana delegation unless there is a dramatic move for Ike." "Newsweek": "It's likely that five will be for Ike, three for Taft."

SOUTH CAROLINA. "Time": "All Taft." "Newsweek": "How the state votes will depend on which group (pro-Taft or pro-Eisenhower) the courts recognize."

VIRGINIA. "Time": "Taft

claims the state. . . ." "News-

week": Virginia "probably will

vote for whoever seems most

likely to win."

And so on. What this means,

of course, is that the profession-

als are getting nervous, espe-

cially in the south, where being

for the winner is all important.

Any loud noise—like the noise

of Taft falling flat on his face

in Nebraska or Wisconsin—

could flush the professionals in

a covey, like so many frighten-

ed quail, in the direction of

Eisenhower. This is, of course,

precisely the objective of the

Eisenhower forces, who might

also flush the covey by pulling

off a grand slam, by publicly

capturing a couple of key states

like Pennsylvania and Michi-

gan.

Here it must be said, of

course, that Taft still holds the

bulk of the professionals and

organization men, nervous

though they may be, and that

he still holds the lead in com-

mitted or half-committed de-

legates. He is certainly not to

be counted out this early in the

game. But it is at least true

that he has lost his room for

maneuver. In New Hampshire,

Minnesota and New Jersey he

took three long steps backward.

He cannot afford any more such

setbacks. Now he can only move

forward, if he is to move at all.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Ho! Hum!

The news, as this is written,

is strictly that kind of news.

KOREA, for instance:

In Washington, Vice-Admiral Cassidy tells the House Appropriations committee that naval aviation is doing more shooting in Korea THAN IT DID IN THE OFFICIAL WAR AGAINST JAPAN.

He adds:

"So far in Korea we've fired about half as much ammunition, dropped two-thirds as many bombs and fired MORE rockets than we did in the entire Pacific war from 1941 through 1945."

Up to now in Korea, 309 navy planes have been lost to enemy action, all but one to ground fire."

WE COULD take another war,

if it were forced on us.

But heaven preserve us from

another police action.

POLITICS:

Governor Stevenson of Illinois tells a reporter four reasons why he doesn't want to run for president (on the Democratic ticket):

1. He can't let down the men who have joined him in his state of Illinois administration.

2. He doesn't want to go through the struggle of deciding whether to seek another job.

3. His work as governor of Illinois is not yet finished.

4. His withdrawal from the Illinois primary (for governor) would cause complete chaos among the people supporting him.

IN THE interest of complete

candor he should have added:

"But I'll TAKE the presidential nomination if it's handed to me on a platter."

ETHICS:

Up in Tacoma a young woman (age 26) heaved a rock through a tavern window and made off with EIGHT STEAKS.

Hauled in by the cops, she explained that she took the steaks because she was hungry.

SO WAS HER DOG, she added.

I SUPPOSE it never occurred

to her to GET A JOB (wash-

ing dishes or something) and pay for the steaks.

Such is the modern world.

Work is about the last thing

we think of.

LAW enforcement:

The federal government sold a Portland building formerly owned by two Oregon SLOT MACHINE OPERATORS who are now serving federal prison terms for TAX FRAUD.

The government says they owed \$997,000 IN FEDERAL TAXES.

IN OREGON, we forbid gam-

bling in every possible way—

starting with the state consti-

tution and going on down

through state law and munic-

ipal ordinances.

But we LOOK THE OTHER