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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

April 1, 1942

(It was Wednesday)

Many of 120 ranchers in Camp White district state they are dissatisfied with appraisal prices offered by federal government for their property.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Candidates are now in the field, ahead of the farmer's coat lapel instead of his plow handles.

20 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1922

(It was Friday)

Nine summer homes reported demolished by snow at Diamond Lake; thousands of trees said down across Union Creek highway.

"Prink" Callison, former coach of state championship Medford high school football team, reported to be in line for head coaching job at University of Oregon.

30 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1922

(It was Saturday)

Local residents point out "great opportunity" to establish truck garden markets in Klamath county.

Marshall Joffre, French World War I leader, expected to arrive in Medford during tour of Pacific northwest; accepts chamber of commerce invitation to ride on Pacific highway.

40 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1912

(It was Monday)

Mass meeting called at Medford theater for discussion of city sponsorship of a railroad line to the Blue Ledge copper mine 30 miles southwest of here; concentrates from mine expected to amount to \$2 million a year.

Barney Oldfield, "world renowned speed king," announces he will visit Medford during tour of Pacific coast.

Editorial Comment

Congratulations to the Mail Tribune

The Mail Tribune at Medford on Sunday entered its 47th year as a county publication and to the owners and staff of this fine newspaper, The Times says:

"Congratulations, and many more successful years!"

The newspaper that is now The Mail Tribune was founded on March 22, 1906, as the Medford Tribune. It succeeded earlier papers, including the Medford Mail, founded in 1889; the Southern Oregonian, founded in 1902; the Democrat Times, founded in 1872, and the Ashland Times, which was founded in 1906 and later moved to Medford and consolidated with the Tribune.

For nearly a quarter of a century The Times editor has been connected with newspapers large and small; has judged their faults and their good points. We can say in all earnestness that the present Medford Mail Tribune is a good newspaper, representative of the county seat city and we wish them further success in the years ahead—Rogue River Times.

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Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, March 31—According to one radio announcer President and Mrs. Truman wept as they were driven from the Armory in Washington, D.C., Saturday night following the Jefferson Day speech at the close of which the President said he was not, and would not be, a candidate for re-election.

If this report is true they must have wept with joy—at least SHOULD have.

For surely Mrs. Truman must have been greatly relieved to know there will not be four more years in the White House—where she has never been really happy; and while the President has been happy there for seven years, he must realize—and must have realized for a long time—that he would not be happy if he had to live there for four MORE years. (And almost as unhappy were the people of the United States to demonstrate by their votes they did not want him there.)

So if there WERE tears—sometimes radio announcers are more romantic than factual—we feel quite certain history will record they were joyous ones.

They should have been joyous for another reason. For never before did President Truman appear in public to greater advantage than he did Saturday night, March 29, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

Why?

Because HST was in his element! As he stated in his speech, he likes politics and there he was—in the midst of them also. He is completely devoted to the Democratic party. He is a two-fisted outspoken fighting 100% PARTISAN.

Just as such qualities are in great demand and appreciated more at Lincoln Day dinners by REPUBLICANS than at any other gathering; for the same reason they are more appreciated by Democrats at the annual Jefferson Day dinner, than at any other time.

As stated, the President was therefore in his element. He had as good a time twisting the elephant's tail, and kicking the old pachyderm in the rear section, as our late and lamented Colonel Bob Washburn used to have at those Lincoln Day jamborees at the Hotel Medford belaboring FDR and the Democratic donkey.

Moreover those qualities of extreme partisanship and narrow prejudice which might have been regarded as improper from a President of the country—all the country—on any other occasion, were completely fitting and in good taste at this rowdy party gathering.

So HST just let himself go—had the time of his life—and with the field day over and his decision not to run again over also, he undoubtedly felt like a million dollars and had cause to.

Only slightly less interesting and enlightening than the President's perfectly-timed "bomb-shell," were the political repercussions thereof. This was especially true in the Republican ranks.

How characteristic was the comment of "Mr. Republican," for example, when he first heard the news. It was, of course, just another "blow" for our political Ichabod Crane. But always thinking first of votes, and calculating the purely political aspects of any situation, the last thing Taft intended to do, was to show it. So he played safe by more noncommittal double-talk, to wit:

"This is purely a Democratic concern.

I have no comment."

A perfect Taftian HALF-truth.

Technically, of course, the refusal of Truman to run again was—and is—chiefly a problem for his party, but no one realized more acutely than Mr. Republican that it completely changed his own status and that of the Republican party.

For the theory of the Taft reactionaries from the outset has been that Truman could be beaten by ANYBODY. The unpopularity of the Korean war, they believed, the tax and corruption scandals, added to the natural popular desire for a "change," would make him—or any prominent member of his administration—a "dead-duck" politically speaking. So it would make no material difference, who the GOP nominee might be—the '52 campaign for the GOP would be a "push-over."

That argument, in fact, was the strongest obstacle the Eisenhower forces had to overcome. For it was generally conceded even by many of Taft's strong supporters, that General Eisenhower would be a better vote getter than "Mr. Republican." But WHY go out of the sacred inner and upper circles of the Grand Old Party when the candidate whoever he might be, couldn't lose?

Why indeed?

But now what a difference!

Former Governor Stassen told the truth when he said, quote:

"This will make the Democrats more difficult to beat!"

It WILL!

In other words, the retirement of President Truman may very well so completely transform the entire political situation, that Senator Taft won't even have a majority of the ORGANIZATION votes when the GOP convention opens in Chicago in July. It may be so clear then (even to the "blind-men") that unless the Republicans choose the strongest candidate they can get they are in for another beating. This may be so self-evident, that the candidate recognized as the weakest with the people (Taft) will be out of it, as a REAL contender before the 3-ring circus opens. (Please note in the above, the subjunctive case!)

Equally typical and revealing as to the essential character of the man—and men—was Governor Warren's reaction when he heard the news, quote:

"I can quite understand President Truman's decision. I wish him and his family the best of luck."

Spoken like the gentleman he is—broad-gauge, generous, above mean, cheap, petty partisanship—a candidate showing every day in every way, more and more clearly he is of genuine presidential calibre.

And the pay-off for cheapness and mean, picayune, partisanship? This naturally was produced by the "second choice" of the Taft cabal, Senator Dirksen of Illinois, quote:

"The country is to be congratulated!"

(The Democrats are also to be congratulated upon having a man like this Kickapoo Indian revivalist from the Sucker State, as one of the Republican party's favorite spokesmen, and honored leaders!)

Another terrible juvenile crime shocks the city of San Francisco—or does it? Shortly after President Truman "chose not to run" a score of teen-agers full of beer and corn whiskey, scrambled out of the Butchers annual ball in Civic Center and started what is known as a gang-war. This usually is a test of strength and brutality, between groups armed only with brass-knuckles, belt-buckles, and perhaps shoes with steel cleats, with fists, of course, added. But this time, one of them—a handsome boy of 19, Robert Ranson by name, leader of the Portola gang—had a 45 automatic in a shoulder holster. Taunted by the Fillmore Street leaders he started shooting and when the smoke cleared two boys were dead, one dying, four others wounded, two SERIOUSLY!

Now the local chief-of-police is rounding up these "rowdy gangs" and "giving them the works"—whatever that means. Why doesn't he find out FIRST, who gave the kids the beer needed with corn? There is a local law against serving or selling intoxicants to minors. There is also a law against carrying firearms without a permit—or buying guns with one, for minors.

Where do these teen-agers get their liquor and their firearms? Finding out would not solve the problem of crime but finding out would help—just as law enforcement would help.

Meanwhile that other "handsome lad" also under 21 who admitted he brutally attacked and killed a teen-age S.F. girl, also had enjoyed a few drinks of beer spiked with whiskey. Now he has changed his story (after a consultation with the city's leading criminal lawyer) and now says the fisticuffs were "ONLY IN PLAY"; the defenseless high school girl, dead and buried in an unmarked grave who can't tell her story, he says, "died of other causes!"

—R.W.R.

Washington Welfare Cases Given Increase

Olympia, (U.P.)—About 120,000 state welfare recipients began receiving cost-of-living increases ranging up to three per cent Tuesday.

The average old age assistance grant has been boosted about one and one-half per cent. Aid-to-dependent children grants were increased about three per

cent, while disability assistance and general assistance grants became about two per cent larger.

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Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"All this stuff represents an outlay of about fifteen hundred bucks. But that includes clothes and cosmetics I had to buy my wife in order to get it."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

AFTER TRUMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Washington: One thing at least is clear about President Truman's flat-voiced announcement that he will not run again. Perhaps by concert, perhaps by design, it puts Gov. Adlai Stevenson, of Illinois, on a very hot spot indeed.

Sen. Estes Kefauver may be out winning primaries. Sen. Robert Kerr may be campaigning in Nebraska. Sen. Richard Russell may have—in fact undoubtedly does have—the whole Southern group of delegates in the bag. But as of today, the really massive support of the big states is most likely to go to Gov. Stevenson, provided he is even a mildly co-operative candidate. Thus Mr. President has in effect abruptly forced Gov. Stevenson to decide whether to talk himself out of the Democratic nomination.

Perhaps he will be well on his way to doing just that before these words are printed—he had a strong tendency to do so before the president spoke. But if only for history's sake, it is at least worth recording the results of a careful nationwide survey of Stevenson's potential strength, which was conducted in part by President Truman's own request and communicated to the president before he went off to Key West to make his final decision.

The surveyors, who were headed by Gov. Paul Dever, of Massachusetts, one of the most astute political professionals in the business, found strong indications of the most powerful support for Gov. Stevenson among Democrats in almost all Northern and border states, from Connecticut right across the country to Oregon. It is no tabulating states, since the situation is indefinitely too uncertain for anything of that sort, but the leaders who have tentatively indicated Stevenson proclivities (1) the story to any politically practiced eye.

IN CONNECTION, Sens. McMahon and Benton are on the list.

So are the chiefs of both factions in Indiana, Gov. Schriener and Democratic National chairman McKinney. So are Gov. Williams, of Michigan, Sen. Murray, of Montana, the principal leaders in New York and New Jersey, and National Committeeman David Lawrence in Pennsylvania. Massachusetts, where Gov. Dever, the original pro-Stevenson professional, absolutely controls the delegation, and Illinois, Stevenson's own state, must also be listed, as may be the delegate strength of a big chunk of Ohio, and probably Minnesota and Missouri.

This roster adds up to is the conclusion that Stevenson has much the best chance to get the nomination, provided first that he wants it, and second that he does not spend the next three months with his foot practically permanently lodged in his mouth.

The best indices of the form so far (which probably influenced the timing and character of the president's announcement) are the two talks Stevenson is known to have had with Truman at their January meeting at Blair House. Truman said he probably would not be a candidate again, indicated he personally favored Stevenson and asked the Illinois governor to become a candidate.

In a later telephone conversation, Stevenson left the door of the future open, but said that he was committed to run again for governor of Illinois and urged that he could not simultaneously become an announced candidate for the presidency, even on a tentative basis.

The president is known to have been more than a little put out because the Illinois governor failed to meet his original generous overture at least half way.

Otherwise, the president's announcement would probably have been accompanied by some sort of sign, informal or other,

that Stevenson was his chosen successor. But as the president certainly knew, the absence of such a sign by no means greatly reduces Stevenson's potential strength. It may even have some advantages, if Stevenson does not continue to shrink from the prospect opening but before him.

THE reasons for the president's personal decision, long forecast in this space, hardly need be set down again. In deciding to withdraw, Mr. Truman has shown once more his curious knack of rising to big choices, often the very day after he has stumbled over the smallest ones.

Since Mr. Truman kept even the Democratic leaders who are closest to him (including Democratic chairman McKinney) on tenterhooks of lingering uncertainty until the very last moment, no one on earth can foretell the outcome of the resulting turmoil in the Democratic party. Especially if Gov. Stevenson continues to be coy, the party professionals are quite likely to find themselves landed with Sen. Kefauver or even Sen. Kerr. The announcements of other candidates may also be expected in due course.

It is fairly easy to foretell, on the other hand, that the president's decision will at least strengthen the current Republican tendency. Sen. Robert A. Taft's campaign strategy has been built on the theory of an eventual fight against Mr. Truman. And even a big victory to balance off Sen. Taft's recent reverses in the primaries will hardly overcome the effect of the unkindly and perhaps wholly unreliable polls, if these now continue to show Sen. Taft being defeated by almost any Democrat but the president himself.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Munsan, Korea: "United Nations truce negotiators said today that ONLY THE KREMLIN knows why the communists adamantly insist that Russia help police an armistice (if an armistice should be agreed on)."

If I had to guess, I'd say they know we won't (and can't) accept Russia as a neutral armistice referee and inspector, that they want to keep us embroiled indefinitely in Korea, and so they stand pat on their "accept Russia or else" demand.

General Collins, army chief of staff, told a subcommittee of the house of representatives the other day that the Korean campaign has already cost the ARMY alone more than EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS.

That isn't bad, even in a country as big and rich as ours. If I were Stalin, I'd certainly figure that if I could keep the United States pouring money down the Korean rat-hole at that rate I was cutting a fat hog.

HAVE you been following this Nishioka business that has bobbed up in Oregon? If not, you've been missing something. It's interesting.

At a recent session (it was in 1951, as I recall it) the Oregon legislature enacted a fair employment practices law. The law prohibits discrimination by employers because of race or religion.

That is to say, if you have a job open and if a Jap or a Chinaman or a Hindu or a Hottentot or an Eskimo applies for it and qualifies for it you can't refuse to employ him because of his race or his color or his creed.

Well—A while back Sagie Nishioka, a Japanese-American war veteran (who was wounded in France, among other things) took an Oregon civil service examination for a job with the Oregon income tax division.

European Tax Payers Have It Tough, Too

By PHIL NEWSOM

U. P. Foreign News Editor Now that the March 15 tax deadline has passed and the return to your 1951 income been played, the

United Press got to wondering the other day about the man like you and me in Europe—the taxpayer that is.

The answers from London, Paris, Bonn, Rome and elsewhere were all

pretty much the same. Things are tough all over.

We didn't uncover anyone very prominent in jail for evading the government's rightful dues. Not even a tax collector.

But in learning that governments everywhere are tightening up their tax systems, as well as raising rates, we also came across some pretty cute tricks that might work over here, if that is, you don't mind flirting with a spell in jail.

In France, for example, if you're a salaried worker, you haven't got a chance. The tax collector will get you because your income is reported under the social security system. But if you're a businessman, shopkeeper, professional man, Ah!

No Written Records

First, you might do all your business in cash, keeping no written records. That's an old gag over here, too, but the French carry it one better in a sort of cat and mouse game which both sides enjoy.

A prominent professional man reports a ridiculously low income, and so the tax collector checks up on his standard of living.

Meanwhile, the professional man lives the year around in a beautifully furnished apartment, surrounded by his art objects and other evidences of expensive living. That is, he is surrounded by it. All but one day of the year.

In Midst of Poverty

That's the day the tax collector stops by and finds his intended victim who has been tipped off in advance sitting in the midst of poverty, his fine furnishings gone, and giving every evidence of being lucky to have a roof over his head.

The result—no taxes. Thousands of small French farmers spring from generations who never paid taxes, regard a tax collector in about the same way our cartoon hillbillies look at a "rev'nooter" and will toss him off the property on sight just as a matter of pride.

Conservative estimates place France's tax losses through evasion at more than \$1,000,000,000 per year.

Charged as Expenses In Germany, it's common practice for a company to furnish car, chauffeur, home and staff to top employees and charge it off as operating expenses. It saves money for both company and employee.

It used to be in Italy that tax collectors tracked down people they thought should pay taxes and finally arrive at an agreed

figure after long haggling. Italy required income tax returns this year for the first time. Fines, but no jail terms, are the penalties for not filing or for filing fraudulently.

Britain and Switzerland both have tough income tax laws, with stiff penalties for frauds.

In England last month, an Irishman living and working in England was sentenced to a year in prison for inventing a wife and two children and claiming a higher exemption.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Hunting Upheld

To the Editor: Obviously Mr. Abbott, whose letter appeared in the Mail Tribune, has been misinformed. First, let us take the pheasant. Though a great number are domestically raised, this by no means implies that once released they remain tame.

If Mr. Abbott has ever hunted pheasants, as I have most of my life, he would have found that after a few shots have been fired they are as hard to find as the old biddy hen's teeth. They are masters at the art of hide and seek.

Now let us take the dove. The hunting of these is an art in itself. Dove hunting isn't crowded in this valley and if you can show me a hunter that can consistently kill doves, even with our modern weapons, I'll take off my hat to him.

It seems obvious to me that Mr. Abbott hasn't had much experience in the field or else he hasn't profited by it. I've had more than one deer outsmart me and I'm not alone in this experience.

Let me clarify another point. The expense of raising pheasants doesn't fall on the public but is paid for through the fees from hunters themselves.

If unwarranted killing is morally wrong please explain Genesis, the ninth chapter and verses 3 and 4 which read in part: Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

"But flesh with the life thereof which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat."

M. M. M., World War II Veteran and Enthusiastic Sportsman. (Name on file)

News of 4-H CLUBS

Canyon Club

The Canyon club of Prospect met recently and time management books were given out. We discussed having a swimming party at the "Y" after we finish our record books. Helen Jantzer was elected secretary.

Andrea Millard, Reporter.

and, if need be, he should be given a bodyguard of Oregon state troopers to see to it that his rights under the law are not interfered with.

AS I see it, A LAW IS A LAW. When we tolerate the practice of looking the other way while laws are being violated, WE TEAR DOWN RESPECT FOR LAW. We build up in the minds of the people, particularly the younger generation, DISRESPECT for law. If a law isn't a good law, if it was put on the books merely as a pious gesture and so by common consent isn't strictly enforced, we should insist that it be repealed.

Goodness knows, Oregon's disrespect for the laws prohibiting gambling are setting an example that is bad enough. Let's not ADD to the list.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 9:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

PERSONALLY, I don't believe in these fair employment practices laws. I don't think situations like that can be or should be handled BY LAW, which involves force. I think they can be better handled by education, human tolerance and fair-mindedness. That method takes longer, but it will work better in the end. I think situations like this one involving Nishioka will keep recurring, and each recurrence will bring ill will and hard feeling that will INFLAME race prejudices instead of ending them.

BUT—There is the Oregon F.E.P. act.

It is a law. It is on the books.

AS LONG as it is the LAW OF OREGON, it should be enforced. No one in Oregon should be allowed to LOOK THE OTHER WAY while it is being violated.

If, under Oregon's F.E.P. act, Nishioka is entitled to the job he applied for and qualified for he ought to be given the job.

Metal Workers Delay Strike for One Week

Portland—(U.P.)—A threatened strike by 3,000 Portland area AFL Metal Trades Council members was postponed for one week as the union and employers met Tuesday in an attempt to draw up a new contract.

Council Secretary Al Bird said the postponement was approved by the group at a meeting Monday night. The United Metal Trades Association, an employers group representing 12 plants, made a new contract offer to the union last night but it was rejected by the metal trades council. Terms of the offer were not disclosed.

Employees have asked for improved wages, additional paid holidays, greater vacations and other benefits.