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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County His-
tory from the files of the Mail
Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years
ago.

10 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1942

(It was Friday)
Lela Rogers leaves Rogue
river ranch to appear in motion
picture, "The Major and the
Minor," with her daughter Gin-
ger Rogers.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: To curb in-
flation the government proposes to
"stagger prices." Hit 'em a
good swat, as they have been
staggering the purchasers long
enough.

20 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1922

(It was Sunday)
Southern Pacific railroad an-
nounces "cent-a-mile" fares for
persons vacationing between
April 28 and May 1.

Medford business firms offer
high school boys opportunity to
gain one day of business expe-
rience on National Boys' day.

30 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1922

(It was Monday)
Owners of Medford cannery
urge local farmers to plant large
acreage to beans to fill increased
demand for canned beans from
this area.

Analysis of "white mule
booze" seized in northern Cali-
fornia shows it contains por-
tions of creosote, ether and nicot-
ine sulphate.

40 YEARS AGO

April 24, 1912

(It was Wednesday)
Medford clothing store adver-
tises mens high quality shoes,
\$2.19, women's high quality
shoes, \$1.49, men's sweaters 98
cents and women's skirts \$2.79.

Medford bank deposits in-
crease \$113,000 during March
and April as general improve-
ment in business conditions
noted.

Panel To Discuss
Estate Problems

Typical estate problems which
face the majority of American
families will be discussed at a
special estate and trust forum to
be presented by the United States
National bank 7:30 p.m., Tues-
day, April 29, in the Pioneer
room of the Jackson hotel, ac-
cording to Allan F. Perry, man-
ager of the Medford branch.

A three-man team from the
United States National's head of-
fice in Portland will conduct the
program, which is to be a non-
technical presentation of facts
and methods of estate manage-
ment applicable to the average
family. Both estate planning and
tax economies will be included.

Estate owners today are tax
conscious and in search of ways
and means of minimizing estate
taxes and of securing experi-
enced and permanent yet eco-
nomical management, it was
pointed out. The purpose of these
forums is to present some of the
answers to such problems.

Opportunities will be provided
for questions from the audience,
according to Perry, who will act
as presiding officer. A social
hour will complete the program.

In the time it takes our planet
to go once around the sun,
earth turns on its axis about
365 1/4 times. That is, there are
365 1/4 days in the year.

Voters More Inquisitive

Time was when about all the average voter wished to know about candidates was their party label and how high they stood in their party organization. But that is becoming a thing of the past, especially on the state and county levels. Nowadays many voters, and particularly those of the younger generation, are concerned as to the aspirants' exact qualifications—their education, training, experience and general background.

One Jackson county voter has even gone so far in his quest of information on candidates in the coming primary, as to get up a questionnaire of his own which he has mailed for them to fill out. As this voter explains, if he were hiring a man to do a job he would want to know quite a bit about him. And, as the voter helps pay the salaries of public officials, the former feels he has a right to know a candidate's fitness for the position sought.

THE official Voters' Pamphlet now being mailed out to Oregon's registered voters by the secretary of state's office is, of course, one of the best sources of information on candidates. Unfortunately, however, the Voters' Pamphlet does not give space to aspirants for county office and neither does it carry statements from all those seeking state or national offices—inclusion of statements is optional with candidates.

The Mail Tribune has obtained statements from all Jackson county men who have opposition in the May 16 primary and these are being published, one each day in alphabetical order. This is being done as a service to voters who wish factual information on county candidates.

SOME of the Grange chapters of the county, and other organizations, are inviting candidates to appear at their meetings, get acquainted with the members, state their views and explain their qualifications.

Such contacts between the voters and those who are seeking office are all to the good, and there can't be too many of them, for there is no better way to correctly size up a man than to meet him and talk things over with him personally. E.C.F.

As to the Primary

As usual this time of year The Mail Tribune is showered with requests for political support—PREFERABLY with a 2-col cut on the first page gratis!

Strange how the time-honored pattern repeats itself, year after year. There are always a certain percentage of candidates who regard a primary as an election not SELECTION; and their own candidacy of world-shattering importance, simply because they happen to be personally concerned.

A PRIMARY election is of importance of course—EVERY election is. In many states, particularly in the South, the primary settles the matter, while nationally the presidential candidate a party chooses may determine, not only the immediate fate of the party, but the country.

On the local, or state level however, primaries are not so vital unless a civil war, or armed insurrection or something equally catastrophic is raging.

That is why so few papers take an active part in primaries. Some take no part at all.

The theory is that the candidates a PARTY selects, are chiefly a concern to the members of the PARTY, not the people of a community as a whole, and the members of a party are quite capable of deciding the candidates they wish without any outside pressure, or inside advice, journalistically or otherwise.

THAT is valid enough as a general rule.

But like most rules there are some exceptions. And the Mail Tribune for many years has made exceptions expressing a preference for a few candidates in every primary when in its judgment they were outstanding, or some issue of importance seemed to be involved—otherwise not.

THAT course, we expect, to follow this year.

But that doesn't mean we are going into the campaign preceding the primary, or pledging support and endorsements on the scale apparently expected by some of the highly vocal and peripatetic aspirants for office who treat this and every other newspaper office in the campaign as honey-bees do the hive.

So this is a fair warning to all and sundry primary candidates that a large percentage of them won't be endorsed or opposed in this primary by this paper—their fate will be left up to the tender mercies of the members of the party.

This doesn't mean the sanctum-door will be locked, or that candidates, local or state, won't be very welcome for a handshake and a chat at any time.

But it does mean that those who are seeking editorial support between now and May 16th won't get it; and those who wish an editorial preference expressed just before election will get it just as certainly if they don't ask for it—via a half hour speech—as if they do—the chances might even be better. Therefore—if this warning is heeded—a good deal of energy and time will be saved by all concerned—and perhaps disappointment in some instances, will be avoided.

—R.W.R.

No Sign of Life Seen
At Alaska Crash Site

Anchorage, Alaska (U.P.)—
Two helicopters reached the
scene of a wrecked C-47 Air
Force plane and reported no
sign of life.
The plane, with five men
aboard, crashed in Merrill pass
in the rugged Alaska range
Monday.

Two AWOL Sailors
Under Arrest Here

Two sailors, who admit that
they have been absent without
leave from the Whidbey Island,
Wash., Navy base since April 20,
were arrested here by state po-
lice last night, officers reported.
The men are Konrad Needham
Kethley and David Anthony
Pheiffer. They are being held for
military authorities.

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 conden-
sation. Letters submitted for pub-
lication must not exceed 400 words.

Easter Seal Success

To the Editor: As chairman of
the Jackson County Easter Seal
drive I want to thank all for their
generous support of the
1952 campaign. It appears that
we have surpassed our goal, and
I now this was made possible by
the fine cooperation we received
from both clubs and individuals
in the county.

This letter not only expresses
my gratitude but the heartfelt
thanks of hundreds of crippled
children and adults who will be
aided in their quest of rehabilitation
by the Oregon Society for
Crippled Children and Adults.
The Easter seal drive is their
source of funds to carry on their
numerous projects.

Mrs. C. B. Partch
Motor Haven Motel
Medford, Oregon

Wants Clarification

To the Editor: I would like to
clarify a few statements pub-
lished in Tuesday's Mail Tribune
regarding the speeches made to
the Republican Women by me
and Carlos Morris, the present
county coroner.

Mr. Morris stated that I had
misrepresented the facts, and
went on to declare that coroners
may not order autopsies, that
the district attorney must do so.
The truth is that in my own
speech, made just before Mr.
Morris spoke, I said exactly the
same thing. I have never stated,
nor meant to imply, that the
coroner, even though a physi-
cian, has any more authority in
authorizing autopsies than a
non-physician coroner. In cases
where an autopsy is authorized
I, as a licensed physician, can do
them, whereas Carlos Morris
cannot.

Mr. Morris also stated that
the county health officer is re-
quired by law to certify to death
when no physician is present at
the time of death. This is true
in this county at the present
time but, and I emphasized this
in my speech, the deaths may be
certified by the coroner in coun-
ties where the coroner is a li-
censed medical practitioner.
This was taken from the latest
edition of the Registration Man-
ual of the Oregon State Board
of Health.

Carlos abhorred the idea that
I had stated there were possibly
murderers unapprehended due
to the present antiquated cor-
oner system. These statements
were made by law enforcement
authorities and experts in the
field such as Alan R. Moritz, M.
D., professor of legal medicine,
Harvard Medical school. I only
repeated them.

M. P. Vogel, M.D.

Heartily Supports Nunley

To the Editor: In reply to Mr.
E. C. Jerome's letter in the Med-
ford Mail Tribune, I wish to say
this: Like Mr. Jerome, I never
heard of Walter Nunley before I
read Mr. Nunley's article in the
paper but unlike Mr. Jerome, I
think it's about time we did
hear from someone who has the
courage to speak the truth.

I too am a resident of Med-
ford, a wife and a mother. I
know that gambling is wide
open here in Medford. I know,
because it has brought moral
and financial havoc into our
own family. I know, because I
have entered these places to
find out for myself if gambling
really exists and I saw with my
own eyes those gathered around
the tables losing their hard
earned dollars. Oh yes, there
were slot machines in full opera-
tion too. If gambling is supposed
to be illegal here, why isn't
something done about it? Why
are they allowed to operate and
prey on the weaknesses of others?
It seems to me that gam-
bling is in some respects a more
deadly disease than alcoholism.
Why don't the churches get in
and do something about this
evil? Perhaps it's up to the
women of this community to or-
ganize as has been done in other
places. Could that be the an-
swer? Perhaps we may have a
champion in Mr. Nunley, for our
cause worth fighting for. It's the
women and children who are the
scapegoats and who suffer the
most from this menace.

Medford is a beautiful little
city—if you shut your eyes when
you have the occasion to walk
down "skid row" past the clubs
and taverns.
I have not been a resident of
Medford as long as Mr. Nunley
has, but I've been here long
enough to observe BOTH the
beauty and the sordidness of our
town. I sincerely hope Mr. Nun-
ley doesn't change his residence
as Mr. Jerome suggested, for we
need him here. I don't intend to
leave Medford either. I like it
here, and when you live in a
nice "house" that becomes dirty,
you don't move out and leave
the dirt—you stay in and clean
it up!

Mrs. Ruth Foreman,
Medford, Oregon.
The University of Santo Do-
mingo, in the Dominican Repub-
lic, West Indies, is the oldest
university in the New World. It
was authorized by papal bull in
1538.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Take three, Mr. Harris. It's triplets."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington:
"The government collected
more taxes last year than ever
before—about \$382 for each
man, woman and child in the na-
tion. . . . The internal revenue
bureau announced today that
1951 collections totaled \$58,093,
339,426.69 (a shade over 56 BIL-
LION dollars), an increase of 40
per cent over 1950."

THAT brings up an interesting
question:
How big is a billion?

CONGRESSMAN HUBERT B.
SCUDDER, of Sebastopol, Cal-
ifornia, illustrated it interest-
ingly a while back in this way:
If a corporation had begun
business in the year ONE, A. D.
(nearly 2,000 years ago) and had
lost \$1,000 a day every day up to
now, it would still have enough
capital left out of the original
billion to go on doing
business, losing \$1,000 every day,
until the year 2929—nearly 1,000
years from now!

IS ANY ONE mathematician
enough to answer this one:

If we started in now to pay off
our national debt of 260 billion
dollars at the rate of \$1,000 a
MINUTE, instead of \$1,000 a day,
how long it would take us to get
it paid?

IT'S TOO MUCH for me. It's
like trying to figure HOW FAR
OFF is a light-year. A light-year
is the distance covered by light,
traveling through space at the
speed of about 86,000 MILES
PER SECOND, in a year of time.

Can you IMAGINE that? I
can't. The point is that we can't
understand what we can't imag-
ine.

About all I can do is to mutter
to myself that if we GO ON
spending at the rate we're spend-
ing now we'll GO BROKE.

SPEAKING of billions, I'll have
to tell one on myself.
A week or so ago, I was deal-
ing in this column with the prof-
its of the steel industry at the
supposed rate of about \$19 a ton
on 100 million tons of annual
production. I got all mixed up on
my decimal points and arrived at
a profit of 19 billions on which
the steel companies paid taxes of
12 billions. The profit figure
should, of course, have been 1.9
billions and the tax figure should
have been 1.2 billions. I copy-
read it twice, carefully, and
NEVER NOTICED the discrep-
ancy.

But here's the payoff:
Nobody else noticed it! At
least, nobody jumped me about it.

THAT can be explained in only
two ways:
1. Everybody else is as con-
fused as I am about billions.
2. NOBODY ELSE READS
THIS STUFF.

HERE'S a disturbing thought:
Maybe the brain-trusters of
the present administration are
just as confused as all the rest of
us by the multiple billions in
which we now habitually deal
when we speak in terms of gov-

ernment finance. Maybe the fig-
ures have become so staggering
that they no longer can compre-
hend them and just go on in a fog
spending more billions and levy-
ing more billions in taxes with-
out knowing what it's all about.

IT HAPPENS that way, you
know.
Louis XV of France was one
of the great spenders of history.
He tossed gold coins around as if
they were sawdust, as had Louis
XIV before him. France went
over the financial hill and began
to slide swiftly down the other
side.

By that time, the French court
had become too corrupt to care
much what happened. The sub-
ject of what was to come of it all
came up one day and Madame
de Pompadour, Louis XV's mis-
tress, shrugged her shapely
shoulders and wise-cracked: "Af-
ter us the deluge."

Well, the deluge came. Among
other results, blood deluged the
streets of Paris.

Washington Crime
Probers May Hold
Seattle Hearings

Aberdeen, Wash.—(U.P.)—The
Legislative Crime committee
may hold a hearing in Seattle
"very soon, before the state Su-
preme Court rules on our pow-
ers," Sen. Albert Rosellini (D-
Seattle) committee chairman,
said Thursday.

The committee is reviewing the au-
thority of the committee, which
Wednesday concluded a two-day
hearing here.

The hearing was confined to
questions on state-level matters
only, and Rosellini said this pol-
icy prevented introduction of
evidence concerning "thriving
vice conditions" in Aberdeen.
Conditions in the city were
termed "rotten" by committee
counsel George Kahin, Seattle
attorney. He assailed conditions
here as the committee sought to
prove at the hearing that boot-
legging was licensed in Aber-
deen by a system of fines and
bond forfeitures.

The committee contended that
the state liquor control board
and local law enforcement au-
thorities were equally responsi-
ble for liquor violations.

Washington Secretary
May Run for Governor

Olympia—(U.P.)—Secretary of
State Earl Coy Wednesday hint-
ed he may run for governor in
this year's elections and he said
he would make the next two or
three weeks.

Coe, former state Democratic
chairman, said "friends through-
out the state and from every
walk of life" have urged him to
run for governor.

Almost 2,000,000 additional
tons of iron and steel scrap may
be available this year from the
country's 20,000 auto wrecks.

Hero-vs-Villian Type
Propaganda Success
In Communist ChinaBY PHIL NEWSOM
United Press Foreign Analyst

Any good story must have a
villain as well as a hero.

It helps if
both are rather
simple-
minded fel-
lows, the one
bent only on
good and the
other only on
evil. It also
helps if the
villain is rich
and the hero
is poor.



Phil Newsom

The Russian
Communists long ago realized
the value of the simple formula.
Thus, it is the landlord against
the peasant, or "Wall Street"
against the poor but honest
working man.

The success of the formula is
demonstrated almost daily, and
in the totalitarian countries it is
distributed through a 100 per
cent controlled press and radio.

Now the Russians, past-mas-
ters at the art, have passed it
along to the Chinese Reds in
whose hands the constant reitera-
tion of the "big lie" is being
used to cement the country firm-
ly against the West.

Tireless Propaganda
It is the more disturbing when
it is noted that, no matter what
other troubles they may have,
the Communists are tireless in
pursuing their propaganda line.

Thus the Chinese, with a war
on in Korea, with epidemics and
threatened famine at home, beset
by party purges and in the
midst of a campaign against
both landlords and merchants,
still are able to assign more than
a million and a half persons to
the propaganda job alone.

And they're carrying on their
campaign effectively in a coun-
try which has no TV, few radios
or telephones and even fewer
newspapers and among a popu-
lation which has millions of il-
literate.

The system is interesting.

Postal Workers Lead
Postal workers deliver the
major official newspapers, col-
lect subscriptions and canvass
for new readers. They organize
"reading groups" where a leader
reads the newspaper aloud and
explains the news. Postal work-
ers also are expected to lead one
or two such groups themselves.

Where delivery of newspapers
is impossible, "blackboard news-
papers" are used. These are
blackboards set up at local party
headquarters upon which is
copied news broadcast at dicta-
tion speed by Peiping Radio.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Herbert L. Wadell, no motor vehicle
license, \$5.
David G. Robertson, no motor ve-
hicle license, \$5.
Willis Delbert Greer, failure to stop
at stop sign, \$10.
William J. Rightmeyer, no splash
aprons or mud guards, \$10.
Melvin William Wallace, no motor
vehicle license, \$10.
Cleo Henry Taylor, no operator's li-
cense, \$5.
Ralph Lory Mitchell, violation of
basic rule, \$14.50, and six citations for
overload, total \$137.
Eldon Leonard Bean, overload, \$71.
Shardul W. Chaudman, overload, \$128.
MARRIAGE LICENSES
Peter Jerome Wright, 22, of 401
South Newtown, Medford, and Marilyn
Helen Wright, same address.
Vernon Dale Lehman, 19, of 2570
Springbrook, Medford, and Loretta
Virginia Bush, 19, 1710 Orchard Home
court, Medford.
Robert Bruce Cardin, 21, Williams,
Or., and Joette Ann Allen, 18, also
Williams.
Harold Brooke Pence, 43, Central
Point, and Lottie Trevia Lajeane Bush,
38, Beale street, Medford.
Milo Mattox, 28, Ashland, and Vi-
vian Jean Householder, 20, Ashland.

Iron party discipline assures
sellout audiences for all propa-
ganda films. Tickets are sold to
unions in blocks and attendance
is compulsory. If movies aren't
possible, then magic lanterns
and puppet shows are substi-
tuted.
All pound the "hate America"
theme and reports from inside
China say it is having results.

Meet the
Candidates

Editor's note: This is one of
a series of statements furnish-
ed by candidates for local of-
fice in the primary election
May 16. They are being pub-
lished by The Mail Tribune
as a free service to the candi-
dates, and for the information
of readers wishing to inform
themselves of candidates' po-
sitions relative to their candi-
dacy.

By CHARLES HOCKERSMITH
Democrat, for County
Commissioner

I am a candidate for the demo-
cratic nomination for county
commissioner of Jackson coun-
ty, and I am seeking the nomi-
nation and election because I feel
that many specific improvements
can be made in the administra-
tion of the business and affairs
of Jackson county.

The county court is the agency
of county government that is re-
sponsible for the efficient and
economical administration of the
county, and I feel that I know
the county, and its problems, to
such an extent that I can be of
service to the people by improv-
ing the operation of the county
affairs.

I was born in Jackson county,
now live on a farm west of Phoe-
nix, and I know every section of
the county and the county prob-
lems as well as any man, and
better than most, I believe in
two-party government, and be-
lieve that government should be
conducted for the welfare of all.
Your support in the May 16
primary election will be appre-
ciated.

WEATHER
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casional rain Thursday Redding
north.

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