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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 28, 1942 (It was Tuesday)

Chairman R. G. Fowler announces names of persons taking part in Jackson county scrap iron salvage drive.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The "Victory Hat" adorns a number of local and valley gals.

It is quite chic and looks a lot less like defeat than most feminine headgear.

20 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1922 (It was Thursday)

Junior high school candidates for city offices during "National Boys" week include Dick Woodcock for mayor, Hugh Collins for city judge, and Ray Ettinger for city treasurer.

Medford high school senior class presents play written by class members to help defray costs of graduation.

30 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1922 (It was Friday)

Medford merchants discuss plans for 1922 county fair, expected to be biggest in local history.

Louis Ulrich resigns at Jacksonville postmaster despite reluctance of post office department to accept resignation.

40 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1912 (It was Sunday)

Sarah Bewick Colby, pioneer women's suffrage worker, addresses large gathering of Medford women in city library.

Medford Commercial club offers to donate land to any firm or persons who will construct combined "up-to-date" pickle factory and fruit cannery.

Electric Service Meeting Tonight

A mass meeting of residents of the Sams Valley area who are interested in rural electric service will be held at the Sams Valley Grange at 8 p.m. today.

It was announced this morning by George Loftin, president of the recently organized Twin Counties Electrical Cooperative.

An explanation of the cooperative's program will be made at the meeting, and applications for membership will be accepted.

Loftin, who has been temporary chairman of an organizing committee, was elected president at the first formal meeting of directors and members held here Saturday night.

Other officers include Michael Loftus, vice-president; Mrs. Helen Brown, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Natalie Hall, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Woman Hospitalized Following Car Crash

An Ashland woman was hospitalized for treatment of injuries received in a two-car crash, which occurred at the junction of the old and new Highways 99, south of Talent yesterday afternoon, state police said this morning.

The report showed that cars driven by Ernest W. Smith, Butte Falls, and Arne E. Myers, route 1, box 363, Ashland, collided head on when the Myers car attempted to turn off the new highway on to the old highway. Both were seriously damaged.

Mrs. Harriett Myers, mother of the driver of the second car, was taken to Ashland General hospital for treatment of cuts and other hurts by a private car, officers said.

Monument Hope Dim

Any effort to secure the designation of Jacksonville as a national monument would have little chance for success at this time, principally because of the legal effort involved and the large financial outlay which would be necessary.

That is the conclusion which has been reached after studying the various steps taken in the past several years by those interested in preserving the landmarks of the pioneer mining town. The study was undertaken by Frank DeSouza and Ed Hanley Jr., both attorneys, at the behest of the Southern Oregon Historical Society, Inc.

ESTABLISHMENT of Jacksonville as a national monument was first agitated several years ago as a possible means of blocking a gold dredging company which was reported planning to buy up a large portion of the town site, remove or raze the buildings and mine the ground. Although there are many old mine tunnels under Jacksonville, miners know there is still much gold remaining in the gravel strata which underlies the soil.

The monument project has since been explored from every possible angle. There has been voluminous correspondence with the Oregon delegation in congress and with governmental agencies and private organizations having to do with such matters. Laws pertaining to national monuments have been studied and officials and private citizens consulted as to their feelings on the matter.

ATTORNEYS who have studied the legislation applying to national monuments are of the opinion that establishment of Jacksonville in such category might be done in two ways:

1—By following the provisions of the law of 1935 and having an act of congress passed with an appropriation for the acquisition of the property by donation or otherwise; or

2—By following the act of 1949 and having the various properties donated to the National Trust, in which event sufficient donations would have to be raised to acquire the properties and turn them over to the National Trust, and before the National Trust would accept them, it would probably be necessary to raise funds for their maintenance by private subscription.

The "National Trust" is a federal corporation created by a law passed October 26, 1949. It was set up for the purpose of accepting donations of funds and also properties which are to be administered as national monuments. The act made no provision for any appropriation, however. All the money must be raised by donation and apparently the property acquired must be come by through contract or donation without the right of condemnation.

EARLY in the investigation it was learned that Jacksonville itself was not of sufficient prominence nationally that Oregon's representatives in the U. S. Senate and House could hope to secure an act of congress creating a national monument. By the same token, there was no hope of securing the necessary appropriation of funds by congress to acquire the properties in Jacksonville.

THE investigation of ways and means was undertaken because it has long been generally agreed that an effort should be made to preserve as many of the old buildings in the town's central area as possible. The Methodist church there, for example, dates back to 1854 and is said to be the oldest Protestant church west of the Rockies still in good repair and use. The Presbyterian church is almost as antique, having been dedicated on December 4, 1881.

The U. S. Hotel, one of the largest structures on California street, the main thoroughfare, was built in 1880. The Orth building, erected in 1872, and the Masonic temple, built in 1875, are some of the other substantial buildings still remaining in fairly good repair.

There are several others of lesser size, some of them even older than those mentioned. Among the latter are the Beekman Bank building, which was built in 1856, and the Brunner building, the latter being the second brick building to rise in the town.

The Beekman and Brunner buildings are in very bad disrepair and may disappear completely before many more years roll around. They are sad examples of the fate that is overtaking too many of these links with the pioneer past.—E.C.F.

California Counts Tourists

According to the annual report of Californians, Inc., just released, northern California was visited last year by a total of 1,841,033 tourists who spent a whopping \$151,531,746. The Bay region alone was host to 1,012,568 tourists whose coins jingled into cash registers to the tune of \$58,989,779.

A tabulation of the origin of the northern California tourist horde disclosed that 1,091,670 came from 37 eastern states, 426,900 from eight mountain states, 154,683 from Washington and 145,180 from Oregon. In addition there were 22,600 tourists from outside the continental United States.

California keeps pretty close tab on its tourist business, as well it may, for the money left by visitors is one of the Golden State's main sources of revenue.—E.C.F.

NE WCHAIRMAN NAMED

Seattle—UPI—State Rep. Mort Frayn, a Seattle businessman, Monday was the new state chairman of the Republican central committee.

was taken to Ashland General hospital for treatment of cuts and other hurts by a private car, officers said.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I hope my mother never gets on to the possibilities of these 'Walkie-Talkie' things!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

THE SUICIDAL IMPULSE

Washington — One of Sen. Richard Russell's last acts, before leaving town to fight his Florida primary, was to attend a worried meeting of the Senate Democratic leaders. The problem was how to avoid crippling election year "economies" in the defense and foreign aid appropriations. And the meeting's most heartening incident was Sen. Russell's forthright promise to fight hard to sustain both these vital programs.

This sort of simple, national-minded courage is one main reason why so many thinking Democrats are to be heard, now, days, fruitlessly wishing "Dick Russell wasn't from the deep South," and could thus become a serious Presidential candidate.

IN THE present instance, moreover, Russell's courage should have the most far-reaching results. As their chosen leader for the Chicago convention, Sen. Russell can carry with him many Southern Senators who might otherwise support meat-axe cuts in defense and foreign aid. With the Eisenhower Republicans also voting for these two programs in which their candidate is so directly interested, the outlook for sensible Senate action is unexpectedly favorable. Even the less popular foreign aid program may not be cut by much more than \$1,000,000,000, which is half the most optimistic original forecast.

The intervention of a single individual may thus go far to preserve the continuity of the most important national policies. Yet the likelihood of another hair's breadth escape from suicide cannot conceal the existence of something very like a suicidal impulse in Congress at this time. The symptoms were only too clear in the vote of the House, to cut over-all defense appropriations by \$4.2 billion, and to forbid the Defense Department to spend \$6 billions of funds already appropriated for 1953.

THE meaning of this House action (which was engineered by the old Republican isolationist-Southern extremist coalition) can now be spelled out in terms of its specific effect on the Air Force. In considering the figures, the reader should remember certain facts. The Soviet atomic stockpile is approaching decisive size. The Red Air Force comprises 20,000 planes. Soviet aircraft production is currently close to 1,000 planes a month. A turbo-prop intercontinental bomber, similar to the B-36, is probably already in production in Russia. And experts believe the Red Air Force may soon fly a truly supersonic fighter.

With the Soviet Union already in possession of such massive air power, the House has in effect voted to condemn this country to permanent inferiority in the air. The picture painted by the President's budget was gloomy enough, in all conscience. With the officially planned build-up, we were to have 96 air groups in 1953, 120 groups in 1954, and 128 groups in 1955. The stretch-out was already dangerous. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have defined 128 groups as the minimum reasonable peace-time strength in the air. And we were to wait three years to attain this minimum strength.

THE House vote in effect said that we can afford to risk waiting five years or even more before we are protected. Unless reversed in the Senate, the House vote will impose cuts in material procurement and personnel which will flatten out the whole curve, giving us only 83 air groups in 1953, and only 104 in 1955. The 126-group program cannot be realized, until 1957, if it can be realized at all. Both the Strategic Air Force, which is our great deterrent to aggression, and the Tactical Air Force, which is our only home defense,

will be crippled by what the House has done.

A few House members, like determined old Chairman Carl Vinson of the Military Affairs Committee, fought hard against this election year madness. But Rep. Frederic R. Couderd of New York, following slogans supplied by the Chamber of Commerce and the National Manufacturers Association, badder the cut through with Southern help. And now the damage has to be repaired by the Senate, if possible.

THERE is only one excuse (and it is not a very good one) for this way of carrying on the nation's business, which makes American defense planning resemble "The Perils of Pauline." As one of the House members said, they wanted to "teach a lesson to the military," because they felt, but could not prove, that defense was costing too much.

There is no doubt at all that the unit cost of American military striking power is shockingly too high, partly because of other political votes of the House itself on U.M.T. and the like. But the way to tackle this problem is not with a meat axe, which simply cuts off striking power. The only sound way is to launch a serious, detailed and non-political study of weapon systems and tables of organization and equipment, with a view to getting more power for less men and materiel. This should be undertaken without delay, to stop these recurrent defense crises.

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Estate Management Forum Set Tuesday

Methods of minimizing estate taxes and establishing economical management of estate will be discussed at a special public



R. M. ALTON Conducts Trust Forum

trust forum to be presented by the United States National bank Tuesday, April 29. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel, according to Allan F. Perry, manager of the bank's Medford branch, who will preside.

A three-man team from the bank's head office in Portland will conduct the program, which is to be a non-technical presentation of facts and methods of estate management applicable to the average family. R. M. Alton,

DR. H. H. BRESEE Announce The Closing of His Office FOR THE DURATION OF HIS MILITARY SERVICE

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Washington: "The signs were clear today that Democratic attacks on General Eisenhower will increase in tempo as the time nears for his return to seek the Republican Presidential nomination."

"Secretary of Labor Tobin, in one of the first administration blasts at the general, said in Maryland last night: "The Democratic party isn't interested in a mystery man as a candidate. . . . It won't be satisfied with a smile or a good military record or a knack for kissing babies."

THESE attacks would be more convincing if the Democrats had tried LESS HARD to get Ike as THEIR candidate.

YOU are familiar, I suppose, with Aesop's fable of the fox and the grapes. If so, you will recall that the fox made a pass at the luscious-looking fruit. But the grapes hung too high on the vine. Try as he would, he couldn't leap high enough to reach them.

So he cocked a cynical eye at them and remarked: "They are TOO GREEN—and only good for fools."

WHAT was a long time ago, Aesop was a deformed Phrygian slave who lived and wrote (in Greek prose) back in the sixth century B. C. But the fables that he put into literary form are even older. Some of them have been discovered on Egyptian papyrus rolls tracing as far back as 1600 B. C.

The Democratic politicians' attitude toward General Eisenhower, now that it is apparent he hangs too high on the vine for them to reach, is about as old, you see, as human nature.

AT HIS press conference in Washington yesterday, President Truman was expounding to the reporters his theory of the practically unlimited powers that are held by the President and his idea of the good that can come therefrom.

Why, he said in effect to the newshawks, away back in 1948 I sent an ULTIMATUM to Premier Stalin to GET HIS TROOPS OUT OF IRAN OR ELSE—and he got 'em out, pronto.

He didn't put it in exactly those words, but that appears to have been the general drift of it.

THE little man created quite a stir, in striped-pants language, you know, an ULTIMATUM is something you hand over with great formality (with everybody dressed correctly, with all the protocol flawless, with all faces grim and with the armed forces previously alerted) just before you start shooting at the so-and-so if he doesn't knuckle under and do as you say.

From all I've heard of such things, I imagine the boys over in the state department turned as pale as a sheet and ordered up a platter of stingers, or at least ultra-dry Martinis, to quiet their twanging nerves.

The British didn't help any. Their papers splashed the story under such headlines as "SEN-SATION AT TRUMAN TALK" and "BLUNDERS BY MR. TRUMAN." When it comes to diplomacy, the British are a good deal like the rich and bediamonded dowager in high society. They know what's what.

THE upshot of it was that one of the President's secretaries (a guy named Tubby), who before he became a Presidential secretary had been a state department man since away back when, took front and center position and explained that Mr. Truman was just outlining to the newspaper boys how vast and uninhibited power in the hands of the President can work for the good of the people, and picked the wrong word—when he chose "ultimatum" he didn't know it is the atom bomb word of diplomacy.

"Excuse, please," Tubby said to the shocked chancellories of the world. "Our Harry didn't quite realize what he was doing."

WELL! Well! Well!

INCIDENTALLY, if Harry CAN get results like he says he got in Iran, I wish he'd deliver another ultimatum to the Russians—to get their stooges out of Korea. That would be an ideal way to end the war over there.

It could save a lot of American lives.

vice-president and head of the bank's trust department, will head the group.

The forum will conclude with a question and answer period to be followed by a social hour.

Dead line on Classifieds Aus. 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Mon. day noon Saturdays for Sunday a.m.



VISIBLY SHAKEN, millionaire Tommy Manville learns that his eighth wife, Mrs. Georgina Campbell Manville, 33, has been killed in an auto collision in Greensburg, N. Y. Mrs. Manville was reportedly receiving \$1,000 monthly allowance from her husband under separation agreement. (International Soundphoto)

Indiana Republicans Show Confidence for Presidential Race

By LYLE C. WILSON

Indianapolis—UPI—Here in Indiana is a state where Republicans bubble with 1952 confidence, and with good reason. They carried the state for the GOP.

last three Republican presidential candidates, kicking FDR twice in the process. Both of Indiana's United States senators are Republicans. The House score is 9 to 2 in favor of the GOP.

Meet the Candidates

Editor's note: This is one of a series of statements furnished by candidates for local office in the primary election May 16. They are being published by The Mail Tribune as a free service to the candidates, and for the information of readers wishing to inform themselves of candidates' positions relative to their candidacy.



L. G. Morthland Republican for County Commissioner

I have been a resident of Jackson county for 23 years and present county commissioner, and am seeking reelection on the Republican ticket.

I feel I am fully qualified and capable, having had 30 years active business experience before joining the county court three years ago. I own Jackson county property, and am president of the Civilian Defense agency, superintendent of the courthouse, on the board of the Keep Oregon Green committee, member of the board of the Southern Oregon Historical society, on the committee on taxation of the Association of Judges and Commissioners, and on their agricultural committee.

If I am nominated and reelected to the office of county commissioner, I assure you I will continue to perform the duties of the office with thoroughness, efficiency and economy. I will continue to spend your tax dollars as carefully as I spend my own. I consider my three years in office valuable experience gained so that I can better serve the people of Jackson county.

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Best Democrat Through

Further to the fact that the best Democratic vote getter in the state says he is through with politics—with public office, anyway. He is Gov. Henry F. Schrieker, a Democrat who usually can persuade even some of Indiana's very Republican Republicans to vote for him.

Schrieker told the United Press Monday he would not be a candidate for the U. S. Senate this year. His opponent probably would be Sen. William Jenner, (R-Ind.), who is expected to obtain nomination to a second term without much trouble. Not After Presidency

And Schrieker said he would not offer himself as a favorite son presidential candidate, either, not even for the purpose of keeping the state's delegates to the Democratic National Convention in a safe place until they could be most advantageously utilized.

Schrieker is popular despite 20 years in executive and legislative office. But at 68 he says now he has had enough. With the governor out of their hair, Indiana Republicans await election day more confident than somewhat.

The Indiana Republican Organization favors Sen. Robert A. Taft. There is sentiment in the state for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Republican delegates will be chosen by state convention July 3, four days before the Republican National Convention.

May Leave Delegates

Eisenhower backers evidently intend to let the organization pick the slate without much protest, but to attempt to lure away from Taft a handful or more of delegates later by individual persuasion. The comparative speed of the Taft and Eisenhower bandwagon in the fortnight before the Republican convention probably will have much to do with the success of the effort to split the delegation.

The zip departed Indiana Democratic presidential politics when neighboring Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois said he did not want the 1952 Democratic nomination. There is no enthusiasm for other announced Democratic candidates here.

A draft-Stevenson movement would get quick response in Indiana. Stranger things have happened.

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