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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

May 11, 1942

(It was Monday)

Medford Mayor H. S. Deuel

proclaims Army and Navy Re-

lief Campaign week here.

From Arthur Perry's Ye

Smudge Pot column: The Older

Girls are riding bicycles to save

tires and gas and to reduce. In

heavy traffic they even saw a

nine-year-old boy riding a bike

with his seven-year-old sister on

the handlebars.

20 YEARS AGO

May 11, 1932

(It was Wednesday)

More than 300 guests attend

fifth annual Oregon Products

banquet here; importance of de-

velopment of tomato industry in

Rogue valley stressed.

Installation of "acoustical

plaster" in courtroom of new

county courthouse will enable

every spectator to "hear a pin

drop or a lawyer shout from the

furthest corner."

30 YEARS AGO

May 11, 1922

(It was Thursday)

J. C. Ottlinger, Medford, leases

Jackson hot springs near Ash-

land; plans to build swimming

pool, pavilion and auto camp

ground.

Large amount of new machin-

ery installed in Rogue valley

mines; one company reports

having a dump containing 9,000

tons of ore assaying \$7.50 a ton.

40 YEARS AGO

May 11, 1912

(It was Saturday)

Rogue valley ranchers ship 45

boxes of hock pears ordered for

personal use of King George V

of England.

Rogue valley ranchers agree

to spend \$1,500,000 for exten-

sion of irrigation canals in this

area during next two years.

Meetings for Loggers

And Millmen Slated

Three meetings for loggers and

sawmill operators in Jackson and

Josephine counties on fire sea-

son operation will be conducted

by the state forest patrol this

month, according to District

Warden Ted Maul.

The evening meetings will be

on Wednesday, May 14, at the

forest patrol headquarters on

Table Rock road, on May 15 in

the American Legion building at

Cave Junction, and on May 23

in conjunction with the South-

ern Oregon Conservation and

Tree Farm association meeting

at Grants Pass.

Regulations, operating areas,

operator's responsibility and

closures will be discussed.

DRAWS LIGHTNING

Fort Worth, Tex. — (U) —

Lightning hasn't struck twice in

the same place for Mrs. Sam H.

Royal but it's been following her

around. Several years ago, when

she lived in Kansas City, it

struck her kitchen window,

knocking her to the floor. Now,

at her Fort Worth home, it

struck her kitchen window,

knocking her to the floor. Now,

at her Fort Worth home, it

struck her kitchen window, hit-

ting a radio two feet from her.

Important Issue No. I

A week ago the Mail Tribune stated the basic issue in the District Attorney race was between law-enforcement and non-law enforcement—it was just as simple and clear-cut as that.

At the same time communications were invited from anyone who did not agree with this diagnosis.

To date none has been received. We are quite sure none will be disputing the truth of that charge. In fact, during the interim we have heard from at least half a dozen prominent citizens, who vigorously oppose this paper's stand, yet frankly admit that the basic issue is exactly as The Mail Tribune stated—"a government of laws not men vs. a government of men NOT laws."

How come?

Why should there be so many citizens in Medford—and good ones—who are opposed to law-enforcement particularly as far as the gambling laws are concerned?

Well the answer to that is the same answer that recently has been heard in Washington, D. C., New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Portland and way stations—PROFITS!

Now there is nothing wrong in profits—big or little—but there IS something wrong—or should be—in profits, obtained by law-breaking.

Yes, organized gambling is extremely profitable to the operator—or operators. It is extremely UN-profitable to the patron—especially the man, or woman, who tries to make a living at it—and it is always amazing to this department to find out how many misguided people do try—the poor saps!

So there is the situation, and there it promises to remain, until the election on Friday of this week.

THE members of the Republican party of Medford and Jackson County should, we believe, pause a moment, get into a huddle and decide whether they want to go on record in favor of law-enforcement, or against it.

To some this may seem an unpleasant duty, but it is one that can no longer be side-stepped, or shirked. It's here—it has to be met—it must be voted up or down.

The reelection of District Attorney Haviland will, of course, mean the endorsement of his policies and their continuation. The election of his opponent Nunley will mean, that those policies and practices will be abandoned, and there will be a new District Attorney who will, we believe, regard his oath to enforce ALL laws as long as they are on the statute books, without fear or favor, as a pledge to be KEPT, not broken.

THERE was a time many years ago, when the American people depended largely upon their newspapers to tell them HOW to vote. "Them days have gone forever"—and a good thing they have.

But the people do depend—and they SHOULD—upon the "newspapers to give them the FACTS—the truth as the newspapers see the truth—so the people may vote intelligently. So they may KNOW what their vote will MEAN.

As far as this District Attorney race is concerned that has been done by this newspaper.

As far as the outcome is concerned that must be left to the members of the Republican party, when they go to the polls on Friday the 16th.

That decision may affect the Republican party in Southern Oregon and in the state far more than some of its most prominent members now seem to believe!—R.W.R.

Important Issue No. II

The only other important issue in this coming Primary, as we see it, is also for the members of the Republican party to decide.

Whom do they want to lead their party in the coming election? Upon this choice in the nation the Mail Tribune believes the ultimate fate of the Republican party may well depend—perhaps that of the country.

AS OUR readers know—or should—the Mail Tribune has vigorously opposed Senator Taft as a candidate for the presidential nomination ever since he entered the race.

And with good reason. For it is our considered judgment that with Taft as a leader, practically everything political in which this paper believes, would be repudiated, and the 6th straight defeat of the Republican party would be certain.

SO THE issue as we saw it came down to the candidate best qualified to beat Taft in the Republican convention.

There is only one answer to that—General Eisenhower.

The larger the vote for the General in Oregon this coming Friday the more certain it will be that he will be the choice of the Chicago convention and Senator Taft will NOT be.

WE HAVE a very high opinion of Governor Warren, and if General Eisenhower should fail, our second choice would be the California chief executive.

But as matters stand a vote for Warren would not only reduce Eisenhower's plurality but would, as a practical matter, be a vote thrown away.

So it is our hope the voters in Jackson County will disregard ALL the other candidates named—with the exception of Stassen they don't want the job anyway—and concentrate 100 per cent on the General.—R.W.R.

How About Delegates?

Feeling as we do about the vital importance of nominating General Eisenhower, we naturally refuse to endorse any delegate to the convention about whom there is any doubt. Not only that but we want to KNOW they will not only vote for the nomination of the candidate the members of the party in Oregon endorse, but will FIGHT for him. (As we see it there is no reasonable doubt of Eisenhower's victory, the only question being his plurality.)

So the Mail Tribune has gone into this matter very carefully. We have disregarded personal acquaintance, local pride, or anything but the unquestioned and unqualified devotion of the delegate to the Eisenhower cause.

Here is the result of that research, in the order of this paper's preferences:

- NO. 1. WILLIAM M. McALLISTER.
- NO. 2. SENATOR WAYNE MORSE.
- NO. 3. GOVERNOR MCKAY.
- NO. 4. ROBERT A. ELLIOTT.
- NO. 5. HOWARD C. BELTON.
- NO. 6. SAMUEL H. MARTIN.
- NO. 7. H. CLAY MEYERS JR.
- NO. 8. MARK O. HATFIELD.
- NO. 9. LAMAR TOOZE.
- NO. 10. FRANK E. FOWLER.

That group will not only be 100 per cent for General Eisenhower but will be, as a whole, representative of the best citizenship in the state. This list also received the OK of the state Eisenhower committee.

AS ALTERNATES to the above the Mail Tribune would choose the following:

- CATHERINE HOLTZ, JACKSON COUNTY
- GORDON ORPUT, MULTNOMAH
- J. O. JOHNSON, WASHINGTON COUNTY.
- MRS. C. E. MILLER, CLATSOP COUNTY.

Following the same principle of selection—the degree of Eisenhower support—the Mail Tribune endorses for District delegates the following:

- MRS. C. L. HOPKINS OF JACKSON COUNTY.
- G. R. BRANTLEY, JACKSON COUNTY.

The state Eisenhower committee refused to take any action whatever regarding any of the District delegates. The Mail Tribune has definite assurance, however, that if Oregon Republicans endorse General Eisenhower, Mrs. Hopkins and Brantley will do everything possible to secure his nomination.

There are over 60 Oregon candidates for the Republican convention—a record-breaking number—so naturally there has been considerable doubt among voters as to how they rate, in their presidential preferences and in general capabilities.

The Mail Tribune has learned something about each candidate and we definitely would NOT recommend ANY of the others, on the basis of the requirements outlined above.—R.W.R.

Don't Let Them Fool You

As Governor McKay pointed out in a radio speech the other night, there is danger in Friday's election, of scuttling Oregon's Direct Primary.

The slick scheme was hatched by Senator Taft's manager in Oregon, Lowell Paget, who should have known better.

The people of Oregon, regardless of party, are devoted to their own "Oregon System" and woe be to the "slick chicks" who try to undermine it!

BUT the 100% Taft zealots, following the recent moral decline of their "Big Chief"—(any means justifies the end)—decided they could get away with murder before anyone could get wise to it.

So they resurrected a forgotten law of 1905, and filed under that instead of the Primary Law of 1915, thus escaping the obligation of voting for the candidate chosen by the people.

In this way they planned to spring a big surprise at the Chicago convention by voting on the first ballot for Taft instead of for the candidate almost certain to win—General Eisenhower.

The names of these conspirators are as follows:

- Lowell C. Paget, Robert A. Bennett, John R. Lotaurelle Jr., Phil Metchan (not the late and beloved Phil Metchan of the Imperial Hotel) and Irving Rand—all of Multnomah. The other two are U.S. Balentine of Klamath and Ernest G. Swigart of Portland, but they are District candidates, therefore not appearing on the Jackson County ballot.

The second item on the agenda was for these eight to club together and campaign on the basis of getting the united Taft support, and with the rest of the Republican votes divided among the 60 odd aspirants get their free round trip tickets to the convention!

WELL—nice work if you can get it! But unless the Republican voters of the state have gone completely to sleep they will never get it.

So if you WANT EISENHOWER to lead the Republican ticket, and you DON'T want the Direct Primary destroyed, whatever else you do on Friday DON'T vote for any of those six above enumerated.—R.W.R.

Vote For Jesse Gard

FINALLY, Mr. Lowell Paget is a candidate for the National Committee (Republican) a very desirable and, in the party, a very important post.

His principal opponent is Jesse Gard of Multnomah County. If you don't want the leader of the anti-Primary conspiracy to represent your party in national councils, then vote for Gard, and get your family and friends to do so also.

Voting for any of the other candidates will run the risk of so splitting the opposition that the leader of the slick plot to defeat the will of the people might slip in.—R.W.R.

Not So Important,—

Next on the Republican ballot comes that hardy perennial Congressman Harris Ellsworth who is opposed by Barbara S. Draper of Linn County, who according to her slogan on the ballot opposes "universal military training and misleading interstate advertisements of alcoholic beverages."

The Mail Tribune opposes "misleading advertising" of ANY kind, but we strongly favor Universal Military Training under present disturbing world conditions, so we can't conscientiously endorse Mrs. Draper.

In fact we shall make no recommendations in this race, our sentiments regarding Congressman Ellsworth, ardent advocate of McCarthyism and leader of the "Lynching party" against the President, being too well known to require repetition.

STATE TREASURER

As above stated, we are not endorsing candidates simply because they happen to be residents of this county regardless of their capabilities. But where in other directions there is approximate equality, our choice would naturally be the "home-product."

The two outstanding requirements in this job of state treasurer are honesty and business ability, and from everything we have been able to learn Fred Robinson, well known Medford business man, compares favorably with his opponents, and in one direction is superior to at least one of them. So we recommend Robinson.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

UNFORTUNATELY George Neuner is not a candidate for reelection as Attorney General, a very important office, particularly under prevailing conditions. We have done considerable research including a trip to Salem, and while none of the candidates is outstanding, Leonard I. Lindas of Clackamas is all in all, clearly the MOST promising, and therefore gets this paper's endorsement—entirely unsolicited by the way. Our alternate choice would be John B. McCourt of Multnomah.

AS TO the remaining contests on the Republican ticket we are sure the Republican voters can be depended upon to make wise selections without any advice from this department. We would, however, like to mention Bob Fowler who is a candidate for the County Assessor job so competently and conscientiously filled by C. A. Myers the past 12 years and as deputy for 15 before that. We can think of no one who would be a more worthy successor!—R.W.R.

The Democratic Primary

As far as the Democratic Primary is concerned there is no issue involved except in the presidential race.

That issue is one we have commented upon before, namely: the inability of a presidential candidate to have his name removed from the ballot if he so desires and directs.

The Oregon theory is: not the candidate, but the people should decide such matters. But that, we believe, is carrying the "vox populi, vox Dei" principle too far. And as a practical matter, such a lack of restriction might well lead at times to defeating the popular will, by dividing the popular vote among an army of unknown stooges.

THERE are three candidates on the ballot: William O. Douglas, Estes Kefauver and Governor Adlai Stevenson—all fine men—but only Kefauver wanted to file; Douglas and Stevenson didn't, and, like Wayne Morse in the Republican primary, asked their friends as a favor not to vote for them.

It seems discourteous as well as silly not to grant their requests.

So the Mail Tribune recommends Kefauver and leaving the Douglas-Stevenson candidacies to some other, and better, day.

The other primary selections come under the heading of "Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dun" as far as the Mail Tribune is concerned, except in two instances:

It would be too bad if the Democrats should fail to choose Monroe Sweetland over Mike De Cicco for the important post of National Committeeman; and equally unfortunate if they failed to choose Nancy Honeyman Robinson of Portland to be one of the four delegates to the Chicago convention.

We don't believe they will!—R.W.R.

The Mail Tribune Recommendations
for May Primary

REPUBLICAN

For President: Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Republican National Committeeman:
Jesse Gard, Multnomah, No. 12.

Delegates to National Convention:

Wm. McAllister, No. 47

Senator Wayne Morse, No. 53

Governor Douglas McKay, No. 48

Howard Belton, No. 17

H. Clay Myers, No. 54

Lamar Tooze, No. 65

Robert Elliott, No. 25

Frank E. Fowler, No. 29

Mark Hatfield, No. 35

Samuel H. Martin, No. 45

State Treasurer: Fred E. Robinson.

Attorney General: Leonard I. Lindas.

District Attorney: Walter D. Nunley

County Assessor: Robert (Bob) Fowler.

DEMOCRATIC

For President: Estes Kefauver.

National Committeeman: Monroe Sweetland.

Delegate to Convention: Nancy Honeyman Robinson.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Munsan, Korea: "The communists today accused the United Nations command of delaying a truce in Korea by refusing to negotiate further on prisoner exchange. North Korean General Nam Il asserted this morning: 'Your so-called screening of our captured personnel is absurd.'"

WHEN you're dealing with crooks, you have to expect either a crooked deal OR A FIGHT.

That's about the long and the short of the Korean truce business.

JUST a reminder:

If we send these tens upon tens of thousands of prisoners back to the communies, we'll be sending the bulk of them to firing squads, slave labor camps and various other grisly devices the communies use to get rid of non-communists.

I don't think America has sunk that low.

FROM Washington:

"Clashing testimony ALLEGING and DENYING wide scale graft and malpractice at U. S. airbases in French Morocco was marked today for justice department investigation.

Senator Johnson (Democrat, Texas) said his senate preparedness subcommittee will hand a transcript of the testimony to the department of justice for 'appropriate action.'

"APPROPRIATE action" would be trial on perjury charges in a lot of these cases—and in these days of smears and counter-smears, charges and counter-charges, lies and counter-lies I think we need a whale of a lot of perjury trials. How are you going to have good government if people can't be made to tell the