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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

May 14, 1942

(It was Thursday)

First soldiers to be assigned
to Camp White for training ar-
rive in Medford.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: The parade
did fine both as a civic demon-
strator and a producer of rain.
It ranks up with having the roof
off of the barn or the first cut-
ting of alfalfa down in getting
moisture.

20 YEARS AGO

May 14, 1922

(It was Saturday)

New Medford public golf
course opens for business; fair-
ways reported to be as nearly
"lost-ball proof" as possible.

Political interest in Jackson
county reaches low ebb; experts
predict turnout of about 15 per
cent at primary elections.

30 YEARS AGO

May 14, 1912

(It was Sunday)

From wire service story dated
Milan, Italy: Professor Be-
nito Mussolini, editor of the fas-
cist newspaper Popolo Italia,
engaged in a duel yesterday with
Signor Missiroli, editor of the
Turin Secolo over differences re-
sulting from articles published in
their respective papers.

Medford Mayor C. E. Gates
attends meeting of Ku Klux
Klan at Klan's invitation; calls
group's ceremonial "beautiful"
but objects to wearing of masks.

40 YEARS AGO

May 14, 1912

(It was Tuesday)

Three Medford city council-
men appointed to serve on city
whitewash committee; will dis-
cuss best finishes for interior of
new city-owned public market.

Editorial in The Mail Tribune
opposes recommended merger of
Oregon Agricultural college and
University of Oregon; both said
necessary.

Marine Corps May
Form New Reserve
Training Unit Here

Preliminary authorization has
been received for organization
of a Marine Corps volunteer
training unit in the Medford
area, it was announced today by
Capt. R. J. Cox, USMCR. The
authorization was issued by the
13th Marine Corps reserve dis-
trict.

This new program will give
young men of Jackson county
who are looking forward to mil-
itary service an opportunity for
orientation and training before
being called to active duty.
Captain Cox said. He pointed
out that, through the program,
local Marine reservists will be
able to keep in line for advance-
ments in rank and for Marine
Corps retirement benefits.

Persons interested in becom-
ing members of the Marine re-
serve unit are invited to attend
a meeting Thursday at 8 p. m.
in the offices of the California-
Pacific Utilities company, West
Main and Holly streets, the of-
ficer said.

Vote Early

Thoughtful voters will not only go to the polls in
Friday's primary election—they will go as early in
the day as possible.

Those who have had opportunity to inspect sam-
ple ballots will understand the necessity for early vot-
ing for probably few will be able to recall an election
with so many names appearing—there are fifty in the
race for delegate at large to the Republican national
convention alone, with ten to be chosen.

THE unusually long ballot, large increase in the num-
ber of Jackson county voters and the unusual in-
terest in the election with an attendant heavy vote,
are all factors which may be expected to slow the
count.

Early voting, especially where there are double
boards, will aid election boards, and the newsmen
tabulating the results, and will also make it possible
for the public to learn the outcome in the various con-
tests much sooner—E.C.F.

A Toll Road To the Sea

The state legislature interim highway committee
at its recent meeting here received a suggestion from
A. D. Harvey, a consulting engineer of Medford,
which holds interesting possibilities for this region.
Mr. Harvey recommended that a system of toll roads
and bridges be undertaken as a means of at least par-
tially solving Oregon's highway problem.

The engineer cited the fact that while the state's
population and auto traffic are growing rapidly, the
commonwealth's ability to provide needed highways
is limited by its bonding and taxing capacity.

Private capital, he pointed out, could be used in
the construction of new roads, the highways reverting
to state ownership after costs and reasonable invest-
ment return have been realized through tolls.

PAY-AS-YOU-TRAVEL roads were known in Eng-
land as far back as 1345. In America, the first such
road was placed in use in 1790, between Philadelphia
and Lancaster. By 1850 Pennsylvania alone had 428
turnpike authorities.

One of the best known toll roads of the southern
Oregon section of the west was the Dollarhide route
over the Siskiyou which went out of business when
the north and south ends of the railroad were brought
together at Ashland on December 19, 1887. Estab-
lished in 1859 by the Siskiyou Wagon Road Co., it was
managed for some years by the famed pioneer Lind-
say Applegate, and later by the Dollarhide family.
The toll road's north gate was near the present Sis-
kiyou station at the foot of the mountains.

IN RECENT years there has been a renaissance of
toll road planning. Eighteen states have passed toll
legislation and 28 are toying with the idea. Tolls are
now being collected on nearly 1,000 miles of turn-
pikes, expressways, parkways, throughways and free-
ways and indications are another 1,000 miles will be
in use in the near future.

While toll roads might seem to be the answer to
many of the country's traffic headaches, there are two
sides to the question. Those in favor point to the fact
that automobile use is expanding much more rapidly
than are our highways. In 1949, for instance, six mil-
lion new cars were built while only 20,000 miles of
highway were added to the country's system.

OPPONENTS, and they are many, powerful and
vocal, argue that the toll road idea is a return to
18th century thinking. The American Automobile As-
sociation, one of the most outspoken groups against
the pay-as-you-travel pavements, contends that more
adequate highways could be provided from present
gas and other taxes if states would quit building so
many roads just to placate voters instead of building
them where traffic warrants.

ALTHOUGH toll road planning is mostly confined
to the eastern portion of the country at present,
the west offers a prime field for such construction. A
case in point, and close to home, is the need for a more
direct route from Medford to the Coast highway. Such
a road, taking off here, or at Jacksonville which is al-
most directly west of here, could run west and south
to Williams, and via the Caves road to Cave Junction,
thence on the present highway to Crescent City, or
striking more directly west, it could hit the coast near
Brookings.

Such a highway would be many miles shorter
than the present circuitous route via Grants Pass
which takes motorists far north before pointing west
and south.

Not only would a toll road from Medford to the
coast facilitate travel but it would open up much
country not presently served by adequate roadways.
It might reasonably be expected that most land own-
ers in the area traversed would be glad to contribute
rights of way for such an artery. Some of the land
is in public domain, but there too a highway would
undoubtedly be welcomed.

The desirability of a more direct road to the
coast has long been recognized in this section of the
Rogue valley, but there has been little hope for such
development as a large portion of the intervening
territory is wild and rugged and voters are few and
far between.

JUDGING by the number of people at this end of the
route who like to ride over to the coast, and would
go more often if the road were shorter, adding such
road users to the number of people who would settle
on land made accessible, and also hazarding a guess
that many tourists would use the route, it appears that
toll road promoters might do well to look the Medford-
to-the-coast-toll-road possibility over.—E.C.F.

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.

Will Support Nunley

To The Editor: I have been
reading with great interest the
letters recently written about
the candidates for district at-
torney.

Mr. David Lowery writes in
May 7 issue: "Those of us who
have lived here 30 or 40 years
may not be aware of these hor-
rible conditions which Mr. Nun-
ley speaks of." I presume he is
speaking of gambling. I think
Mr. Lowery is like the ostrich
who hides his head in the sand.

I, too, have lived here all my
life, but I am wondering, as he
should be, how much longer we
will feel as proud of this won-
derful country as we did some
years ago.

The attorney, speaking on the
radio Sunday, brought up the
subject of prohibition. Because
officers found it hard to enforce
prohibition, the people repealed it.

Now, look at the drinking sit-
uation. During prohibition, to
see a man intoxicated was a rare
curiosity. Now it isn't rare at
all to walk down the street and
see a drunk. Sunday I saw three
men on the street so intoxicated
they could hardly stand. Yet,
so help me, I have heard people
say there is less drinking now
than there was during prohibi-
tion.

Now, what are we going to do
about gambling? Because gam-
bling is hard to control, will it
eventually be made legal?

There was never a law made
by man that hasn't been broken.
We have a law against mur-
der. Does that stop some people
from murdering? Will we re-
peal it just because it is broken?
What then is the only an-
swer? Vote for candidates who
will ENFORCE the laws.

When Mr. Goodman told Mr.
Haviland he wanted to file sev-
eral complaints against the slot
machine operators why did Mr.
Haviland go off into such a tir-
ade? Was he afraid? Shouldn't
an honest, conscientious officer
of the law have investigated
and looked into the matter him-
self? Isn't that what a district
attorney is paid to do? Is this
what Mr. Haviland calls pro-
tecting the innocent people?

What are the voters of Jack-
son County going to do? I will
go to the polls Friday and vote
for Walter Nunley who has
promised he will ENFORCE
ALL the laws of the county and
state.

Mrs. Thelma Howe,
119 N. Keeneway Drive.

No Bureau Endorsement

To The Editor: Last night my
name appeared in a paid political
advertisement with those en-
dorsing Mr. Haviland for prose-
cuting attorney. I was contacted
by a neighbor who asked me
if I would endorse Mr. Haviland.
On the basis of my information,
I said that I would. But the point
is this, I was speaking as a pri-
vate citizen and not as an officer
of the Farm Bureau. The policy
of Farm Bureau is to endorse no
candidates, and no officer of
Farm Bureau is empowered to
act in behalf of the members. We
have no list of candidates that
we are supposed to support. This
neighbor is also a member of
Farm Bureau, so I was taken
aback when I saw my name listed
as representing the Farm Bu-
reau; he knows as well as I do,
the position of the Farm Bureau
in political matters.

L. S. Ties
President, Jackson County
Farm Bureau.

Are They Lazy?

To The Editor: Have just read
the letter to you from Art John-
son. From his remarks I gather
that anyone desiring Standard
Time should be assumed lazy.

It does seem to me that if a
man wanted to, he could get up
an hour earlier in the morning
and accomplish just as much in
his garden. Or is it really that
a man is too lazy to do this with-
out fooling himself by changing the
time?

I mean nothing personal as I
believe we are all entitled to
our own beliefs without being
branded lazy.

It does seem strange to me
that after a law has been put
into effect because a majority
of the people in the state so
voted, that it can be put aside
so easily without fear of prose-
cution or otherwise. Can this
be the way Democracy is sup-
posed to work? Didn't we vote
to give the governor jurisdic-
tion in this matter?

Personally it makes no dif-
ference to me, Standard or Day-
light Time, but I do know that
farmers have good reasons for
wanting Standard Time as do
mothers who have trouble get-
ting children to bed in daylight
—not to mention trouble getting
them up in the morning.

Donald Barnett,
530 So. Central Ave.

Let's Not Tamper

To The Editor: It seems to me
that the mayor and city council
should be the last ones to defy
the laws as set up by the major-
ity of the people in regard to
DST.

When it gets to the place
where the minority rules, it is no

EDITOR'S NOTE—We have

received a number of com-
munications directly endor-
sing candidates in the Primary
from residents who will not
allow their names or ad-
dresses to be used, but ask
to have them placed on file.

Although this permission
has been granted under nor-
mal conditions, as noted
above, it has not been granted
in any hotly contested po-
litical campaign, and can't be
in this one.

In other words communica-
tions of a highly personal and
controversial nature—partic-
ularly of a political type must
include the writer's name,
and proper identification of
same.

longer a free country and every-
thing our boys have fought and
died for have been in vain.

Might I suggest to Art John-
son that instead of sleeping un-
til time to go to work that he
get up at 5 o'clock as we farmers
have to, and work in his yard?
Is he so lazy that he can't get
up early without setting the
clock ahead? I wonder how folks
ever got anything done before
DST was thought of.

The Lord gave us so many
daylight hours and divided the
day so that noon comes as near-
ly as possible in the middle of
the day.

Let's not tamper with it.
Mrs. Alfred Schroeder
Rt. 3, Box 195
Medford, Ore.

Let's Look at the Record

To the editor: Let's RE-VIEW
the record. The following quota-
tions are excerpts from articles
published in the Medford Mail
Tribune:

MT 1-18-52 "Series of morals
offenses which have been com-
mitted in the district toward
Central Point and Fools Creek
for past several years... Father
of 15 and 17 year old daughters
has been arrested."

MT 2-17-52 "Suspended Pris-
on Sentences Given Seven Moral
Offenders. Terms were for four
years for three men... They
have previous records."

MT 5-2-52 "District Attorney
Haviland says protection of inno-
cent first."

Comment: What protection did
these girls get over a period of
several years, and how many
protests were made before any
action was taken? Did the moth-
er go free?

MT 10-23-51 "Attorney Gen-
eral George Neuner advised the
Oregon Liquor Control Commis-
sion today: Such devices as pin-
balls, digger machines, punch-
boards and slots are illegal by
law and cannot validly be licen-
sed by cities."

MT 10-31-51 "With a copy of
Atty. Gen. Geo. Neuner's widely
publicized 'Slot machine list' (62
in Jackson County) on his desk,
Jackson County DA Haviland to
day tossed the gambling ball to
police and sheriff's offices. The
policy of this office is well-
established," he declared, "and
this letter doesn't change it."

MT 4-5-51 "All Gambling
Joints Closed. Slots Under Con-
trol, D.A. Reports... Sheriff
and D.A. pointed out that when
violations are found, raids and
arrests follow."

Comment: This same evening,
4-5-51, I personally, with many
others, saw Haviland, Assistant
DA, in a club where there were
9 city licensed slots in operation
and 3 others with men waiting
in line for a turn. 11-9-50 Haviland
at attendance at club when
slots and all games going, 12-7-50
Haviland standing along side
black jack table, and at same
time slots were going full blast
about 10 feet away. Other games
used in this club are chuck-luck,
crap games, roulette, "21"
games.

What can a citizen do by sign-
ing a complaint when as Asst.
DA and later as DA, and paid by
the state to enforce the laws, he
is unwilling to file a DA's infor-
mation, himself, and obscures
the issue by passing the buck to
other officers and citizens of the
county?

This is the first time in 12
years the citizens of Jackson
County have had a chance to
choose a District Attorney by
voting. Is a certain minority

Congressional Quiz

Questions and Answers on What
Goes on at the Capital. Furnished
by Congressional Quarterly News
Features.

Q—What's this I hear about a
tax reduction next year?

A—Unless Congress changes
the law, the tax increases made
in 1950 and 1951 will end in
1953 and 1954. Here are the
dates when the various kinds of
taxes go back to their early 1951
levels: Excess-profits tax on
corporations, July 1, 1953; in-
dividual income tax, Jan. 1,
1954; excise taxes, March 31,
1954; corporation income taxes,
March 31, 1954.

Q—The government took
more out of the states in taxes
last year. But did it give more
back to the states in the form
of aid programs?

A—While tax collections in-
creased nearly 30 per cent from
fiscal 1950 to 1951, for a \$50.4
billion total, the money stream-
ing from the U. S. Treasury into
the 48 programs of federal aid
grants to states and territories
increased only 2 per cent, for a
total of \$2,280,959,373. This
does not include \$2.6 billion in
federal payments direct to
groups and individuals within
the state; or federal funds for
flood control, price supports,
maintenance of federal installa-
tions, etc.

Q—What are the biggest pro-
grams of federal aid to states?

A—The three most expensive
of the 48 grants-in-aid programs
in fiscal 1951 were old age as-
sistance, \$825,636,000; highway
construction, \$395,821,000; and
aid to dependent children, \$316,
477,000.

Q—Why did the Senate send
the foreign aid bill to a second
committee after the Foreign Re-
lations Committee already had
approved it?

A—Sen. William F. Knowland
(R-Calif.) moved May 5 that the
\$6.9 billion bill be "re-referred"
to the Armed Services Commit-
tee because about 70 per cent of
the amount was for military aid.
The Senate backed him up by a
40-33 vote. But Chairman Tom
Connally, (D-Tex.), whose For-
eign Relations Committee re-
ported the bill April 30 after two
months of hearings, objected
that a vote for the motion
would "almost insult" his com-
mittee.

Q—Is Congress going to con-
tinue price controls beyond
June 30?

A—Hearings on the Defense
Production Act, the legal author-
ity for price controls, got un-
derway April 29 before the Sen-
ate and House Banking and Cur-
rency Committees. Government
officials called for a two-year
extension, but some Congress-
men say the controls law should
be allowed to expire. Ellis Ar-
nall, Price Stabilizer, told the
House group April 29 he
thought "the overwhelming ma-
jority of the American people
want to see price control author-
ity continued."

group going to continue to di-
ctate the kind of officers they
want?

Mr. Nunley could have been
here practicing law 4½ years
sooner if he had not been in the
Army.

Yours for better government,
John Benson
Medford, Ore.

Charges Discourtesy

To the Editor: I am in no po-
sition to judge Mr. Haviland's ef-
ficiency as a prosecutor but I can
testify, from personal experi-
ence, to his unfitness for public
office. The very least that one
can expect from a "public serv-
ant" is common courtesy—an at-
tribute apparently unknown to
Mr. Haviland.

Some months ago I had occa-
sion to call at his office in quest
of routine information desired
by a Navy officer who wished to
make Medford his official resi-
dence. I was amazed to find him,
a total stranger to me, discourte-
ous, uncivil, unaccommodating,
surly, boorish—and just plain
nasty.

Would I vote for such a man?
Never! And I hope that enough
voters feel the same that he may
be defeated in the coming elec-
tion.

Yours for courtesy in public
office.

Nell E. von der Hellen
Eagle Point

From blossom to ripe orange
takes eight months.

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 Tooez, No. 65
Robert Elliott, No. 25
Frank E. Fowler, No. 29
Mark Hatfield, No. 35
Samuel H. Martin, No. 45

District Delegates to National Convention

Mrs. C. L. Hopkins,
G. R. Brantley

Alternate Delegates:

Catherine Holtz
Gordon Orput
J. O. Johnson
Mrs. C. E. Miller

State Treasurer: Fred E. Robinson.

Attorney General: Leonard I. Lindsa.

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.

Situation Which Led
To Berlin Blockade
Now Being Repeated

By PHIL NEWSOM

United Press Foreign Analyst

A drearily familiar story is re-
peating itself in Berlin.

The next few days may tell
whether it is to follow its old

pattern, or
whether new
chapters have
been added.

Another Ber-
lin blockade
seems in the
making. Events
of four years
ago and today
are so parallel
as to be start-
ling.

Allied "cour-
tesy patrols" on the 100-mile auto-
bahn linking Berlin with Allied
West Germany have been halted
by the Russians. On May 18, the
Russians will begin routing their
own rail traffic around Berlin,
presumably to prevent Allied in-
terference.

Even the firing by a Russian
jet on an Allied passenger plane
over the air corridor to Frank-
furt is reminiscent of four years
ago.

At Climactic Point
And then, as now, the Allies
and Russia were at a climactic
point in their bitter cold war
over the future of Germany.

Today the issue is the Allied
agreement with West Germany
giving West Germany virtual au-
tonomy and linking German
power with the European Army
for defense against Communism.

Then the issue was Allied de-
termination to proceed with the
economic and political rehabili-
tation of Western Germany.

Same Situation Exists
On March 20, 1948, the Soviet
member of the four-power Allied
control authority walked out on
the United States, French and
British members, thus ending
four-power cooperation in the
government of Germany and
Berlin.