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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 15, 1942

(It was Friday)

Local loggers charge that
small government allotment of
trees for this area is jeopardizing
fulfillment of government lumber
contracts.From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: The un-
smiling gas silo attendants re-
port that motorists, who are not
smiling either, bark "Slip me a
gallon, pronto," instead of "Fill
'er up," as of yore.

20 YEARS AGO

May 15, 1922

(It was Sunday)

Joint graduation exercises for
350 Jackson county school stu-
dents slated at Medford Junior
high school; largest combined
group in county history.State public utilities commis-
sion approval given abandon-
ment of Southern Pacific rail-
road station in Central Point.

30 YEARS AGO

May 15, 1892

(It was Monday)

Attorney Herbert Hanna se-
verely burned when oil stove
explodes in his Jacksonville
home.Jackson county court decides
against using double election
boards in forthcoming primary
election; this is first year double
boards have been allowed in Ore-
gon.

40 YEARS AGO

May 15, 1852

(It was Wednesday)

White slavery and opium den
uncovered in raid on Chinese
settlement on Riverside avenue
in Medford.Team of horses owned by Deer
Creek rancher drowns in at-
tempt to ford Applegate river;
driver jumps to safety.Republican Strength
Gains in CaliforniaSacramento, Calif. — (U.P.) —
Republican strength is increas-
ing in California, the second
largest state in the union, while
the number of registered Demo-
crats is on the wane, the secre-
tary of state's office reported
Thursday.A survey of registration for
the June 3 primary totaled
5,383,521, highest in history.
Compared to the 1950 registra-
tion, the Democrats lost 66,437
while the Republicans party gained
247,634.Democrats still hold an edge
over the GOP by a margin of
803,322—but two years ago they
led by 1,117,393.Site for Hospital Felt
Not Helpful to RecoveryMelbourne, Australia — (U.P.) —
Someone slipped in picking the
site for a new 2,000,000 pound
(\$4,500,000) hospital at Shep-
arton, 110 miles north of Mel-
bourne.The proposed site would over-
look the cemetery which "might
not be conducive to the patients'
recovery," the city's health com-
mittee decided.Now they're looking for some-
thing on the other side of Shep-
arton.

The \$64 Question Is Answered

The most persistent question fired at this depart-
ment the past 3 weeks has not been answered, but as
the tumult and the shouting dies, will be.Here is the question: sometimes in genuine incre-
dibility, more often in high dudgeon—very high!

"Why did you decide to mix in this mess anyway?"

And here is the answer and colloquy that usually
followed:"Any newspaper that had the information we have and
at a time like this suppressed it and failed to give it to the
voters, ought to sell out completely and change over to a
Shopping News."

"You're going to get an awful beating!"

"OK we've gotten them before. You can lose many a
battle in this business though and still win the war!"WHAT follows will have to be somewhat lengthy
and of a somewhat personal nature—so unless
you are interested Mr. and Mrs. Reader, you better
skip it.When the campaign opened The Mail Tribune in-
formed both candidates for District Attorney, that
the paper did not intend to take any part in the pri-
mary editorially, but would give them both a fair
break in the news and communication columns, as has
been the general practice.IT WAS also stated that if some important issue
SHOULD come up, in that contest or any other, we
WOULD take part—also per our established custom.
Well, that sort of issue did come up almost at once,
the issue of law-enforcement or non law-enforcement
with particular reference to organized gambling.Claims started to pour into this office, pro and
con—largely pro—until we did not know WHAT to
believe.SO WE decided to go to the sources of information—
information we could absolutely depend upon—
from high-up officials who KNEW the facts and had
no axe to grind.We saw and talked with a great many of them,
also with newspaper men we knew up and down the
line—most of the former in Salem and connected with
the state government.

Here is a summary of what they ALL agreed upon:

It is undoubtedly true, that perhaps with the exception
of one county organized gambling has made greater inroads
in Jackson than any other in the state. This is not a matter
of opinion or of guess-work; it is a matter of the official
records, which you can check for yourself. Why this is so we
don't know, but there it is. Every gambling establishment in
Jackson County pays a gambling license and those licenses
are on file—you can inspect them.You ask why isn't the law enforced? You ought to
know The Governor believes gambling is a local not a state
problem, so it is up to your District Attorney—why don't
you get busy and see he does his job — if you WANT it
done.

WELL, why didn't we?

That was a pretty pertinent question particu-
larly to a newspaper editor.AFTER that we went to see one of the leading law-
enforcement officials in the state, whose integ-
rity, ability and courage no one could question. He
agreed with the above and added this:"That's right. This is a local not a state problem. How-
ever, if you want help down there have any of your local
officials—ANY of them—the DA, police or sheriff ask us
or the state police—for help in law-enforcement and the
organized gambling joints down there will be shut up in
24 hours! That help has been offered, the gambling joints
have been named, the operators and the number of ap-
paratuses also, and here are copies of the official notices. But
the result to date has been in practically every case, not
even an acknowledgement of the letter, or a curt reply that
no help is needed for the situation down there is well in
hand. I know Jackson County well, I have many friends
there, no county in the state has a finer quality of citizen-
ship like this comes up and lawlessness breaks out like a prairie
fire. I can't explain it, but you should be able to. "What IS
the answer?"

WE DIDN'T know.

The next person we consulted was a leader of
the bar in Marion County. We told him the District
Attorney in Jackson County claimed he did what all
other DA's in the state did, prosecuted violators of the
gambling laws when complaints were filed, had done so
and would continue to do so. Yet we had been in-
formed by reliable authorities the licensed gamblers
in the county had increased steadily during his ad-
ministration as District Attorney and Deputy. How
come? The answer was approximately as follows:"Your DA's statement is not in accord with information
or the law. The filing of a complaint is not mandatory at all
in such cases. If any District Attorney, or local law enforce-
ment officer has reason to believe any law is being broken,
he can take action on his own initiative to determine
whether or not his suspicions have been justified. And if
they were justified he can take proper action. In fact, the
gambling laws in a sense put him under obligation to do so,
as the following extract from the statute declares:"Any OFFICER . . . who shall willfully NEGLECT to
inform against and prosecute offenders against this Act
shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction
shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more
than \$500 and the court before which such officer shall
be tried, shall declare the office or appointment vacant for
the balance of his term.""That is the law, I believe it is also true that during the
period you mention the number of violators of the law in
your county has steadily increased, which doesn't indicate
to me a very zealous desire to enforce the laws, particularly
as every law enforcement officer can secure a list of the law
violators in his district anytime he wishes."After that, this comment came from another of-
ficial source, quote:"All this is not so hard to understand if you know how
the gamblers work. Whenever they go into any district they
make a careful survey and pick out the most popular and
highly respectable organizations they can. These organiza-
tions are told here is a sure-fire way for them to get some
ready cash, so the "fixers" put up their sales talk and prac-
tically guarantee a generous "cut," not only for the club
(or whatever it may be), but for the customers. Sometimes
they are turned down, but more often they are not. So they
have a most effective "front," and if anyone tries to start
trouble, there is immediately a terrific howl from some of
the "best people" in the community. And those "best people"

Crosstown

By Roland Coe

"This is 'Green-Thumb' Hennessy. Pop. He's taking
over my part of the garden."who don't take an active part in shushing the "reformer,"
also don't take any part in supporting him. So nine times out
of ten the person asking for law enforcement finds himself
outnumbered, discredited, lonesome and HE QUILTS. That
may not be the answer in your county but it is in most
places and from what you say I think it's the answer in
yours.Then the following—this from one of the highest
executives in the state, who also pointed out it was a
local problem and he did not wish to enter into it un-
less the conditions got beyond local control:"These things take time. But when the people realize
the nature and dangers of organized gambling, the wisdom
of our forefathers who outlawed it in the state constitution,
and even more important when they realize if a community
refuses to enforce the law against the better element, they
can't enforce the law against the undesirable and criminal
elements. When they realize this and also that a large per-
centage of the hundreds of thousands of dollars taken in by
the gamblers, goes to the racketeers living OUTSIDE of the
state and not to the comparatively few local beneficiaries
WITHIN—in other words, when the people get the facts and
truth, not only because it is against the law, but against
their own self-interest, they will vote organized gambling
out—and be quick about it."SO THAT is where the editorial "we" came in. And
that is exactly what The Mail Tribune has tried to
do—give the facts. The issue as we see it, is absolutely
clear and has been all the time. The opposition to this
procedure by many of our "best people" was antici-
pated. The declaration to the undersigned by so
MANY of them that the people of Jackson County
just don't WANT the gambling laws enforced any-
way MAY be true.The election tomorrow, unfortunately, can't de-
termine this fact conclusively because only slightly
over half of the voters will be able to express their
judgment on this issue. But it will be an indication.AND at least this much is certain—those voters who
have wanted the FACTS so they might know
what their votes mean, should have no complaint,
when they go to the polls tomorrow. In their secret
ballot booth they will choose between a candidate
pledged to enforce ALL the laws as long as they are
on the statute books, and one who has shown by his
record that when certain pressure-groups put on the
pressure, he follows those dictates, not those of his
oath of office.—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 Toose, 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. 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.

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.

Farmer's Blood Boils

To the Editor: Every now and
then someone writes something
to make my blood boil. This time
it's a character by the name of
Frank Gaster.So a majority of the Medford
workers favor D.S.T.? What does
he think we farmers are? We
work for a living, too. Or doesn't
Gaster have that much I.Q. to
figure it out?And another thing how long
does Gaster think he and his
friends would have a job if it
wasn't for we farmers? How long
does he think the merchants in
Medford would stay in business
without the farmers' patronage?
And yet he thinks we shouldn't
have any say in this controversy.Brother, he has a lot to learn
and a lot he could learn from a
cow. She at least has sense
enough to get upset.And all this malarkey about an
"extra" hour to work in the gar-
den or mow the lawn. Why don't
such fellows admit the truth and
say they need that extra hour
to consume their limit of beer in
the nearest tavern?Here's the opportunity for
some of you other farmers and
dairymen to let Mr. Gaster know
which side his bread is buttered
on. Get busy and write your let-
ter to the editor and let these
city fellows know we aren't
stupid as they think we are. As
for me I have to go milk my
cows since it upsets them when
I'm a little early or late.Mrs. Oscar Gysin,
Route 3, Box 198,
Medford, Oregon.

Agrees, It's War

To the Editor: When Mrs.
Zella Tullis of Trail wrote May
10 saying we the public believe
it is War in Korea, I agree with
her 100 per cent. When our boys
are being drafted and sent over-
seas to be slaughtered by the
thousands it is a war, whether
declared or not.This is a war without reason
or sense.The same enemy our boys are
fighting and being killed by, is
a greater part of our own U.S.A.
than many of us wish to think.
But this is true.Of course, once in a while a
few of these "Reds" are brought
to face our courts, given a fair
trial and sentenced to a few
years in prison or perhaps fined
and released.Sure this is a free country for
all to come and seek out a good
living in. We continue to let our
land be filled with groups who
try to dominate not only our
lives but also the weather.Again I say, Mrs. Tullis is
right and I agree by saying a
rotten odor is mild to all what
our noses have smelled out. I
believe God does bless those who
stand up for their own rights,
and shudder to think just what
may happen to those He may not
choose to bless.Mrs. B. J. Dickerson,
Route 2,
Central Point, Oregon.

Why the Interest?

To the Editor: I no doubt
would have voted for Paul Havi-
land, if I had not noted the ex-
ceedingly large amount of en-
ergy and wealth being exerted in
his behalf. There must be some
reason for this expensive effort
in his behalf. Inasmuch as the
prosecution of gamblers is the
main issue, can it be the money
is being put up in their interest?As we observe from his record
and statements he follows the
same policy as the government
in the Hiss case. Prosecute and
convict the witness if possible—
even to the point of suicide, in
that case (only averted by acci-
dent). Haviland puts all the bur-
den of conviction on the com-
plainant witness to such an ex-
tent that only a Whittaker Cham-
bers would have the nerve, and
be willing to sacrifice unto death,
to become the witness.That is, of course, the kind of
prosecutor gamblers would want.
Ira C. Jones,
2325 Stewart Ave.,
Medford, Ore.

Improvements Appreciated

To the Editor: In a recent is-
sue of the Medford Mail Tribune
Mrs. Brown wrote of her appre-
ciation of the improvement our
merchants have made to beautify
our city to which I agree.Another great improvement is
the new street signs that can be
read very easily from a car.An Iowa visitor to us not long
ago and he commented on the
beautiful lights Medford has.H. B.
(name on file)

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-
resses 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 grant-
ed in any holly contested po-
litical campaign, and can't be
in this one.In other words communi-
cations of a highly personal and
controversial nature—parti-
cularly of a political type must
include the writer's name,
and proper identification of
same.

Time Marches On

To the Editor: Not until 1883
or thereabouts did Congress re-
cognize standard time, though its
desirability had been recognized
for a century or more, in order
that records of vital statistics
might be more accurately kept.It would perhaps take another
century before the proposed time
changes talked about today could
be coordinated so that disorder
would not be the order in many
cases.Try and persuade a chicken off
the roost for breakfast before
sun-up, persuade old bossy to
leave her afternoon grazing pe-
riod to be shovelled through our
modern cow parlor, try to tell
the small fry it's time to go to
bed before the normal time for
the Sandman.Time and space could be used,
talking about the age-old prob-
lem of the minority imposing
their wishes over the majority
but what's the use, after three or
four or even seventeen attempts
we find only that a circle has
been completed, and the big
noise is still that of the self-ap-
pointed benefactor of the great
ignorant majority.J. D. Bowdish,
Cherry Lane,
Medford, Oregon.

Cows and DST

To the Editor: Just one more
letter about DST. Mr. Johnson,
I have no objection to your get-
ting up at 3:30 a.m. (which your
DST would have me do) and get
in two or three hours work at
your place before you go to
work, then come home and work
until dark then get to bed by
10 p.m.And to the man who didn't
want to be ruled by cows: They
are creatures of habit, are used
to being fed, milked and cared
for at certain hours of the day. A
good milk cow gives half a ton
of milk or better a month; break
her routine, she drops in produc-
tion and doesn't get it back until
the next freshening period.
With cows eating \$96 per ton
concentrates, plus their min-
erals, salt and hay you can't af-
ford to have production drop.Perhaps you in town should
visit some of the dairies and get
their hours of work. Most of
them are up at 4 a.m. and start-
ing the days work, because there
is more than just reaching for a
bottle of milk, for the people
who produce it.Don't visit at milking time be-
cause it throws the herd into a
tizzy to have strangers around
at that time.A gripper who wants a fair
deal for all.Mrs. Gladys Hamilton
Rt. 2, Box 468
Medford, OregonVOTE FOR
Dr. G. A.
Dierdorff
REPUBLICAN
STATE
RepresentativeIntegrity in Government
Social Improvement
without Socialism
Pd. Adv. Dierdorff for
State Repr. CommKeep An Experienced
Man On The Job!
VOTE FOR J. B.
COLEMAN
REPUBLICAN for COUNTY JUDGECONTINUE BUSINESS — LIKE
PROGRESSIVE ADMINISTRATION!

Pd. Adv.—Coleman For County Judge Committee



MacArthur Gives Assist to Democrat

Lansing, Mich. — (U.P.) — Gen.
Douglas MacArthur may be a
Republican but he was willing
to help a Democrat Thursday.Arriving here for a two-day
visit in Michigan, the 71-year-old
former Far East commandershook hands with Democratic
Gov. G. Mennen Williams and
as flash bulbs popped he told
Williams:"I don't know if this will help
you politically or not but I hope
it does."