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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 June 1, 1942 (It was Monday) Oregon ration boards prepare to accept applications for home canning sugar.

20 YEARS AGO June 1, 1932 (It was Wednesday) Rogue valley berry and vegetable growers urged to attend meeting to discuss plans for combating "a complete breakdown of prices."

30 YEARS AGO June 1, 1922 (It was Thursday) Medford Mayor C. E. Gates charges "politics" caused his dismissal from state fair board by Gov. Ben W. Olcott.

40 YEARS AGO June 1, 1912 (It was Saturday) Sixty-year-old man arrives in Medford on "heavily laden" bicycle en route to Portland from Los Angeles on job-hunting trip.

50 YEARS AGO June 1, 1902 (It was Sunday) Thirty-four seniors, largest class in Medford high school history, receive diplomas in commencement exercises at Natatorium building.

60 YEARS AGO June 1, 1892 (It was Monday) Court tells local woman her "vile concoction nearly killed two men in Central Point" in sentencing her to six-months jail sentence and \$500 fine for boot-legging.

70 YEARS AGO June 1, 1882 (It was Tuesday) Thirty-four seniors, largest class in Medford high school history, receive diplomas in commencement exercises at Natatorium building.

80 YEARS AGO June 1, 1872 (It was Wednesday) Thirty-four seniors, largest class in Medford high school history, receive diplomas in commencement exercises at Natatorium building.

90 YEARS AGO June 1, 1862 (It was Thursday) Thirty-four seniors, largest class in Medford high school history, receive diplomas in commencement exercises at Natatorium building.

100 YEARS AGO June 1, 1852 (It was Friday) Thirty-four seniors, largest class in Medford high school history, receive diplomas in commencement exercises at Natatorium building.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Cal., May 29—Never cross the Golden Gate bridge without thinking what a wonderful work is MAN! The Golden Gate affair is much shorter than the Bay bridge, but for more impressive and spectacular. More dramatic. More alive. The entire structure sways in a hard wind. We crossed when a gale was blowing in from Japan around 45 miles an hour, so it added up to quite an adventure. The marvel is how mere man could have constructed such an overwhelming and perfect edifice for daily trans-portion.

It's a terrible chestnut—but, no fooling, how time DOES fly! Your correspondent was in San Francisco when the bridge was completed in May, 1937—exactly 15 years ago, and it seems like 15 minutes—until one thinks of what has happened to this ball-of-dirt since then—World War No. II didn't start until two years later! Old Maa World has never been the same since. And so few families have!

Well, of course, so many of us older boys—and girls—are in the firing line now a high casualty rate must be expected. But it was with a real sense of sorrow and abock that we read in the MT— which just arrived—of the sudden death of John Mann. It just happened we had seen him the day we left and thought he looked even friskier than usual. But what a PERFECT way to depart—just fall asleep in the normal course of events, only decide NOT to wake up! So many can't do it that way. find it as difficult to depart from the land of the living, as enter it. Birth and death—they are so seldom as peaceful, natural as they SHOULD be.

John Mann never quit. That was a remarkable thing about him. Long after he had entered the area of "borrowed time," he kept on the job, planned changes and improvements, with apparently the same ardor and enthusiasm he had shown in middle age and youth. The coming generation could with profit take him as an example to follow—we can see far around and about to take his place in the present business world.

Averill Harriman would, we believe, make a good Democratic President, but because of our traditional political taboos has about as much chance as Cornelius Vanderbilt. A. H. blew in yesterday allegedly to do some campaigning but it is hard to take him seriously in this capacity. He has been a sort of official "trouble-shooter" for the Roosevelt and Truman administrations, and we suspect that is his real role now. President Truman claims he will do nothing in the way of choosing his successor, but that does not mean he won't do everything to keep Senator Kefauver from being the convention's choice. And barring an unexpected stampee in favor of the Senator from Tennessee, in this Mr. Truman will probably succeed. The son of the great multi-millionaire railroad magnate of the Gay Nineties will undoubtedly assist in this direction.

Incidentally Harriman, in spite of his Groton and Polo-club background—also his "modest" fortune of \$50,000,000—would be a far worthier successor to the "New" and "Fair-Deal" administrations than any of his competitors, for he really believes in the principles of both. His ideology is not as idealistic as that may sound. In fact he is an extremely practical person, a hard-headed business man, who has become convinced that the way to preserve American democracy and the capitalistic system is not to sit on the safety-valve of the body politic, but to give it free play, as a relief to the inner stresses and strains of economic and social progress. He is far to the left of Democrats like Byrd of Virginia, for example, or Connally of Texas, in his attitude toward organized labor. Harriman believes that such a liberal policy, as far as Big Business—or little business for that matter—is concerned, is a matter of enlightened self-interest. In that this department agrees with him 100%, and regrets that because of the prejudices above indicated, he has such a slim chance of ever getting to the White House.

Went down in the elevator with Judy Garland this noon—and she had just gotten up and was apparently headed for the country, for she was wearing slacks, a turtle neck sweater and saddle-type sport-shoes. Her maid was with her similarly attired. Perhaps it is gold—hadn't thought of that!

Judy looks much smaller in an elevator than on the stage, or in the movies, and less attractive. In fact she isn't pretty, but she has that something that definitely appeals—it comes under the heading of personal magnetism—vitality—a SPARK—very few people have it—those who do are fortunate, but sometimes have to pay for it—as we have an idea Judy has. She is packing them in at the Curran with her Palace Vaudeville show, and to your correspondent at least when she sang "Over the Rainbow" from one of our old-time favorites "The Wizard of Oz"—all was forgiven. That song alone was worth the price of admission. And the strong nostalgic appeal was not all—for in this song Judy discarded her raucous voice via the loud-speaker, and her rowdy antics with her insipid chorus-boys, and was just her old time appealing, girlish self. It took us back to the scare-crow and the tin-man and a certain theatre in Chicago—that was long before Judy was born, but Judy brought it back—and of a few tears from some of the older boys and girls!—R.W.R.

The ease with which the ceilings could be penetrated soon became so apparent that the idea spread that anybody who didn't go out after higher prices and higher wages was a snip.

The result was a tragic period during which the minds of Americans became fixed upon the making of a quick buck at a time when our minds and our hands SHOULD have been wholly occupied with preparations to defend ourselves against a powerful and brutal enemy.

BECAUSE of our dawdling, profiteering and politics playing, Russia is now ready for IMMEDIATE war than we are. On that point, Baruch told the senators:

"No decisive victory in the cold war is possible AS LONG AS THE SOVIETS HOLD AS TERRIFYING AN EDGE IN MILITARY READINESS OVER THE WEST AS THEY DO TODAY."

Looking ahead, he urged congress to trim out all possible unnecessary and post-ponable expenditures.

He added: "When you live under the shadow of war, as we do today, all actions must be valued in terms of TIME."

THAT recalls a story told to me the other day by Major General Tom Rilea, adjutant general of Oregon. He was on the campus of one of our Oregon schools of higher learning recently, he said, at a time when high school seniors of our state were present for a look-see. A meeting was called to give him the opportunity to discuss membership in the Oregon National Guard with these youngsters.

Some 500 or 600 of them were present on the campus, he told me, but ONLY SIX showed up at the meeting and what all six wanted to know was how to keep out of military service.

"I can't believe," he said, "that this attitude is the fault of our young men themselves. Our boys in Korea have given a thoroughly good account of themselves. They have met every test they have been called upon to meet. All accounts agree that

they are as good soldiers as the world has seen. "I think it must be the fault of the parents. In their quite understandable yearning to keep their boys at home as long as possible, they must be unconsciously influencing them against the idea of military service."

INCIDENTALLY, General Rilea pointed out that if this is true parents are going against their own strongest desires if they do not urge their boys to get into the National Guard. If they enlist before they are 18 1/2, they will be administratively deferred from induction into the army as long as they remain in the Guard, attend 80 per cent of the drills and go to camp.

WHATEVER the causes of this situation described by General Rilea may be, I think it will be generally agreed that there is no grim purpose among us to get ready for war if war is what has to be.

Why Not?

Personally, I think the fault lies with our leadership. Until we get leaders who are CONSCIOUSLY influencing them against the idea of military service.

Rogue River Police Chief Resigns June 1

Rogue River—Rudy H. Sieger, chief of police at Rogue River, recently submitted his resignation. It is effective June 1.

Sieger said he resigned in protest to the budget for the next fiscal year, which did not raise his pay and expense account from the current \$225 a month plus \$10 monthly gasoline allowance.

He had been chief for three years and is a retired southern California policeman. He also is a cabinet maker.

The city council is expected to take action on a successor at the regular June 3 meeting.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Why is it every time the doctor puts me on a diet, you start cookin' stuff I like?"

Matter of Fact

by Joseph Alsop

THEFT IN TEXAS

Mineral Wells, Tex.—There are moments when an honest reporter must call a spade a spade, no matter who would prefer to have it called an agricultural implement.



Joseph Alsop

With the on-the-spot approval of Sen. Robert A. Taft's personal representatives, the Texas delegation to the Republican National convention has been stolen from the Ohio Senator. And this steal has been accomplished by a system of rigging as grossly dishonest, as nakedly anti-democratic, as arrogantly careless of majority rule, as can be found in the long and sordid annals of American politics.

These are grave statements, but they can be proved to the hilt. The simplest approach is to take the typical case of Harris county, which contains the city of Houston and has 144 votes in the Republican State convention.

In Harris, as in all other counties, the process of electing Republican State Convention delegates was theoretically controlled by state law and the rules laid down by the Republican State Committee. State law provided that "qualified voters" should gather in precinct meetings, to name representatives to a Harris County Convention; and further provided that this county convention should name the 144 delegates to the state convention.

The Republican State Convention ruled that "qualified voters" meant any persons willing to sign a short pledge of Republican allegiance.

HENCE the precinct meetings were plainly open, under the law and rules, to all Independents or former Democrats desiring to become Republicans and ready to sign the pledge. This was strongly emphasized by the chief Taft leader in Texas, National Committeeman Henry Zweifel. Only a week or so before the precinct meetings were held on May 3, Zweifel issued a public statement urging all Democrats or Independents desiring of becoming Republicans to attend the Republican precinct meetings and vote for the candidate of their choice.

Zweifel, who has run the Republican party here like a small, exclusive but pretty nasty club, reckoned without the tremendous surge of Texas sentiment for Sen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. As a result of this sentiment, the Harris County Republican precinct meetings on May 3 were considerably better attended than the simultaneous Democratic meetings, although the Democrats also had a big fight on. More than 22,000 people turned out, where in the past the Republicans could muster only a few hundred.

The result, in precinct after precinct, was defeat for the astonished and appalled pro-Taft leaders of the Republican Old Guard, and the election, under the law and rules, of pro-Eisenhower precinct representatives to the Harris County Republican Convention in a certain number of precincts.

The pro-Taft Old Guardsmen then organized walk-outs and rump precinct meetings. In Precinct 38, for example, with 340 persons attending, the vote went almost two-to-one for Eisenhower. More than 100 of the pro-Taft voters accepted the majority verdict, but a walk-out of six persons was led by a hanger-on of Zweifel's, Pat Doyle.

THIS six man walk-out made Precinct 38 the subject of a contest. Other typical contests were in Precinct 176, where 476

persons attended the precinct meeting and four walked out; and in Precinct 70, where 269 voters attended and the Taft rump was a cozy group composed of two married couples. In the home precinct of the Zweifel National Committeewoman, Mrs. Carl G. Stearns, 175 voters were present, and Mrs. Stearns and her husband rallied a rump of only twenty-seven.

The Harris County Republican Chairman, Joe Ingraham, is a strong Taft enthusiast but a fair-minded man. When the returns were certified from the precincts, he appointed a committee of five, composed of three pro-Taft Republicans and two pro-Eisenhower men, to consider all contests. This committee found that 19 pro-Taft representatives had also been duly elected without contest; but that 69 places were in dispute.

Hence, the uncontested Eisenhower representatives, whose right to sit and vote in the County convention was never questioned by anyone, had a clear majority of 146 to a maximum of eighty-eight. Doyle and his six, the two married couples and Mrs. Stearns and her forty-seven could all have been recognized as the legal authorities in their respective precincts, without affecting the Eisenhower victory in Harris county.

In these circumstances, the convention was held on May 6. Prior to the convention, Mrs. Stearns ran an advertisement in the newspapers inviting all friends to attend the County Convention, whether they had any right to be there or not. When the County Convention opened, County Chairman Ingraham indicated that he proposed to accept the majority verdict, much as he disliked it.

ALMOST all the elected representatives to the convention, pro-Eisenhower and pro-Taft, rump or legal, joined with Ingraham in legally electing a pro-Eisenhower delegation to the State Convention. But Mrs. Stearns and her husband led a walk-out, largely composed of those who had answered her advertisement. This group then chose a pro-Taft slate of Harris County delegates without the slightest reference to the law, the rules, or anything else except the orders of the state leadership to keep Texas in the Taft column by any means and at all costs.

This reporter listened, wide-eyed with astonishment, while this fantastic story was told, with heavy documentation, to the State Executive committee here in Mineral Wells. Harris County Chairman Ingraham carefully set forth all the facts, with heavy closing emphasis on the key fact that in Harris County the wholly uncontested Eisenhower representatives had a heavy majority of precincts.

Throughout Ingraham's testimony, no effort whatever was made to impugn his facts, or to prove illegality in the Harris County precinct meetings and convention. No one argued that the Eisenhower forces had an enormous margin—the actual figure was 18,700 to 3,700. The only argument lately made was that a number of the Harris County Eisenhower voters were the ex-Democrats whom National Committeeman Zweifel himself had invited into the precinct

meetings. In the end, the Zweifel-Taft stooges simply threw out the legally elected Eisenhower delegation from Harris county and seated Mrs. Stearns' phony pro-Taft delegation.

Next day, the hand-picked Convention Credentials committee confirmed the executive committee, and by an unparalleled open fraud, the members of Mrs. Stearns' fake delegation were allowed to vote for themselves on the convention floor. This is the sort of thing, remember, that occurred all over Texas, and this is the sort of thing that Taft managers David Sinton Ingalls and Brazilla Carroll Reece warmly encouraged and approved when Mrs. Stearns was asked how her tiny minority could have the legal right to name the Harris County delegation, she replied with pretty confusion:

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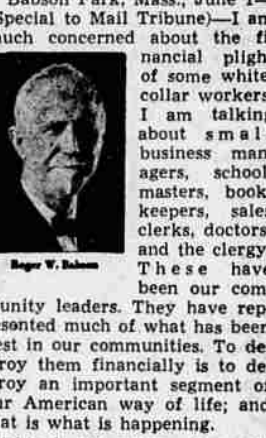
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Poor Mayor Flynn!

To the Editor: Poor Mayor Flynn—he gets heck if he does and heck if he doesn't. So he will just have to put his head down and "cry." There are so many big things in life to pay attention to that DST is just a minor issue. Was amused at the letter "Not All Happy" and I wonder if the lady who wrote it realizes that "the farmer feeds the world," and if it wasn't for the farmers and other folks living in the outlying rural districts who produce the fresh vegetables, milk, eggs and so on, the lady on Spring street might have to tighten up her belt. So let's all pull together because we ain't mad at anyone. Caroline Harding, Trail, Oregon.

Babson . . Salaried Workers

By ROGER BABSON



Roger W. Babson

Babson Park, Mass., June 1—(Special to Mail Tribune)—I am much concerned about the financial plight of some white-collar workers. I am talking about small business managers, schoolmasters, bookkeepers, sales clerks, doctors, and the clergy. These have been our community leaders. They have represented much of what has been best in our communities. To destroy them financially is to destroy an important segment of our American way of life; and that is what is happening.

This is the group of people who from 1935 to 1939 earned salaries ranging from \$2,500 to \$3,500. Only last week I talked with a salaried executive of one company. In 1939 he was making \$3,000 per year. Raises since that time have brought his salary to \$4,000. In 1932 he took out insurance policies which would pay \$500 per year toward each child's education. The college to which he planned to send his children then cost \$950 per year. Today the charges are \$1,500.

With inflation and increased taxes, this man cannot afford the education he had planned for his children without going into debt. It is this segment of our population whose bank accounts have shrunk, who have been forced to cash in war bonds and insurance policies—not for television sets and new cars—but to pay the food, clothing, and shelter bills. Yet, this executive is probably getting pay above what the average reader of this column receives.

Teacher Shortage Explained The 1935-39 \$2,500-a-year male teacher would need much more today to maintain his 1935-39 living standards. How many school committees have raised their teachers as much as they should? The result is that our teachers have constantly had to pull in their belts for the education of their children, hospitalization, and their old age. This explains why there is a shortage of teachers. Those teachers whose salaries have increased most are the young college instructors, who have had an average rise from \$1,900 in 1940 to about \$3,000 today, an increase of 58 per cent.

This unfortunate situation is meetings. In the end, the Zweifel-Taft stooges simply threw out the legally elected Eisenhower delegation from Harris county and seated Mrs. Stearns' phony pro-Taft delegation.

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Signing of German Peace Contract Tops World News of Week

By PHIL NEWSOM

United Press Foreign Analyst: The week's balance sheet between the good and bad news in the hot and cold wars:

THE GOOD

1. The signing of the West German peace contract and the European Army treaty were concrete steps in defense of the West against Communist aggression. Both face a rocky road before ratification but they could be the forerunners of the long-desired United States of Europe, and they are the instruments which will put teeth in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Both were accomplished in the face of the stiffest Russian opposition.

Results Ineffective

2. French Communists called for all-out demonstrations against Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, new NATO commander, but the results, although bloody, were relatively ineffective. Growing confidence of the French government that it can handle its internal Reds was seen in the decision to jail Jacques Duclos, France's No. 1 Red, on charges of acting against the nation's internal security.

3. Brig. Gen. Haydon L. Boatner's "get tough" policy in the Koje Island prison camps seemed to be paying dividends, and U. N. guards seemed gradually to be regaining control of their tough prisoners. American and British troops entered Compound 66 Thursday for the first time since the kidnaping of Col. Francis T. Dodd. Soon the big compounds will be broken up for smaller ones holding 500 men each.

THE BAD

1. But while the situation on Koje is improving, the news from the stalled Korean truce talks at Panmunjon was all bad. It seemed a break must come soon, but rather than bringing peace, it might bring on a renewal of full-scale war. Somber warnings of an immense Red build-up in Korea have come from both London and Washington.

Reacting as Expected

2. Neo-Fascist victories in Italian municipal elections were warnings that followers of the late Benito Mussolini are on the march in strength again, and that Premier Alcide de Gasperi's center government may be in for a bad time. The Fascists and their Monarchist allies only need to take about 70 seats in the Chamber of Deputies to wreck the center coalition's control and give Italy the same sort of unstable government from which France has been suffering.

Not Expected in 1952

Perhaps the one consoling factor for the white-collar worker is that commodity prices and federal taxes will probably not increase further in 1952. This, however, is small encouragement for a substantial block of our most solid citizens. On the other hand, all should realize that raising wages is not the cure for the disease or the answer to the problem. Too many white-collar workers have lost interest in their work and are trying to do as little as possible rather than as much as possible. Only when employers and all their workers forget themselves and again earnestly co-operate for the good of everyone will the inflation problem be solved.

Plans for Roundup Parade Announced By Sheriff's Posse

Civic, fraternal and musical organizations of Medford and the valley are invited by Jackson County Mounted Sheriff's possemen to participate in the 10th annual Rogue River roundup parade Saturday, June 14, at 6 p.m.

Entries should be made before June 9 by writing the roundup parade chairman, L. W. Lilienquist, PO Box 246, Medford, who will assign positions and furnish further information if desired.

Since the roundup this year will be staged at the posse grounds on Sage road, the point of line-up and parade route through Medford streets will be changed, possemen said yesterday.

Route Given

The parade will form at West Fifth street between North Oakdale avenue and North Ivy streets. From there it will go south on Ivy and continue east on Main street from the Medford hotel to Riverside avenue, then north on Riverside to Sixth street and west on Sixth to the Medford hotel.

Possemen are anxious to make this one of the roundup's largest and most interesting parades and asked the cooperation of valley groups in making it so.

The roundup will be presented Saturday evening after the parade and Sunday afternoon, June 15.

Advertisement for Dr. Robert J. Urie, Optometrist, featuring an illustration of a man and a woman and text: "Don't worry about the big guys. It's the LITTLE guy who drinks the most Jorgensen's Homogenized Multi-Vitamin, Multi-Mineral Milk"