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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 11, 1942

(It was Thursday)

Eighteen Jackson county

youths sworn into navy here as

"Avengers of Pearl Harbor."

From Arthur Perry's Ye

Smudge Pot column: A returned

correspondent from Germany re-

ports that, but for the war, Herr

Hitler would have been married.

It would have seryed him right,

but is still no excuse for the war.

20 YEARS AGO

June 11, 1922

(It was Saturday)

Three-inch fall of hail hits por-

tions of Rogue valley; 1,800 to

2,000 acres of orchards believed

badly damaged.

Medford Police Chief Clatous

McCrede points out advantages

of radio patrol cars, as used in

larger cities such as Portland

and Los Angeles.

30 YEARS AGO

June 11, 1922

(It was Sunday)

Medford man injured when bit

by a car as he steps out of the

street car at Main and Fir

streets.

Circuit court orders payment

of five per cent dividend on all

claims of depositors against the

defunct Bank of Jacksonville.

40 YEARS AGO

June 11, 1912

(It was Tuesday)

Jackson county budget esti-

mate for fiscal 1912-1913 shows

total expenditures of \$760,399.88.

Medford area farmers urged

to attend irrigation meeting at

local opera house; "meeting

gives promise of being largest

ever held in Rogue valley."

MacArthur's Retirement Asked

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Editorial Correspondence

Washington, D.C., June 8—It is too bad more citizens of the United States can't park themselves in the congressional press rooms for a few hours and listen to the conversation. There can be found the answer to the question so often propounded to newspaper men, to-wit:

"What is this man (public figure) really like, anyway?"

We are not suggesting any infallibility among the Washington newspaper correspondents, but we do maintain that as far as a perfectly factual, impartial and objective valuation of a public figure CAN be attained, the congressional pressroom is the one place above all others to attain it. For these boys—and girls—observe the great—and near-great—day after day as a matter of business; none of them has any axe to grind, and none of them—or practically none—can be fooled by any hocus-pocus or flim-flam. We grant their judgments are not always in agreement. But the surprising thing is how little DISAGREEMENT there is on a majority of the more prominent figures in the national political drama.

Take the verdict of the correspondents who are returning from the Eisenhower gathering in Kansas, for example.

They are in complete agreement as to "Ike's" personal charm, the infectious quality of his smile, his "It" and even his political KNOW-HOW. But they fear he is too thin-skinned and "too damned honest"—that's a quote—to ever reach the heights T.R. or FDR reached.

The ingenious General, for example, didn't refuse to answer any question put to him, never tried to sidestep or evade. When he didn't know the answer he frankly admitted the fact. The newspaper men found this tremendously REFRESHING, but they did not think it was politically SMART. (We are not so sure they were right but that appears to be the press room verdict as we get it.)

Could a candidate for President be TOO honest?

Difficult to believe, but these newspaper veterans know their onions when it comes to practical politics. And it is conceivable that a man without guile, without some capacity in the line of dissimulation, completely defenseless in the direction of deception, would be at a considerable disadvantage in getting far in the practical and sordid game of politics, as played today. We are quite sure at least there is one notorious member of the Upper House who would agree 100 per cent with this verdict—his name is Joe McCarthy.

In view of this department's detestation of McCarthy and McCarthyism which dates back over the years, probably anything we add to the indictment against him now, will be taken with a grain of salt. It is true, nevertheless, that we could find only one judgment of this Wisconsin blatherer in the press gallery, and that is a term that used to be unprintable but is no longer, i.e. S.O.B.—as Mr. Truman once used it in referring to Drew Pearson.

These men of the 4th Estate are no prudes, they are not only used to tough hordes but are fairly tough themselves—but this slander-monger and smear-artist from the Badger State occupying a seat in the U.S. SENATE, does get them down—and if they had the power to do so he would be kicked out without ceremony tomorrow. (Too bad they HAVEN'T!)

The view we got of Robert Alphonso Taft, on the other hand, was more favorable than we expected. More favorable than our own view, also.

We took no poll, of course, and can't claim our impressions are 100 per cent correct, but we have talked with some of the oldest and most reliable correspondents in the business, and they still maintain Taft is both capable and dependable. They explain his inconsistencies and his recent transparent demagoguery, as not his own idea, not in harmony with his essential character, but the work of his campaign manager and cousin, David Ingalls, a rich, shrewd and shifty manipulator.

The "alibi" runs along like this:

Taft realizes this is his last chance to achieve his life-long ambition—the Presidency. If he doesn't win this time, he never will. He has complete confidence in his own great intellectual powers, but not in his political acumen and capacities—his mastery of the slick game of practical politics. He defers therefore in this department almost entirely to Ingalls—and what Ingalls claims will be smart politically he does—and says. Also with Mrs. Taft ill and unable to be at his elbow all the time, as has been true in the past, Taft not only misses her balancing effect, but depends even more than ever upon his cousin. Many things Ingalls has advised him to do he has hesitated to do—he didn't like that convention deal in Texas, for example—but he doesn't trust his own political judgment sufficiently to take a chance and go his own way.

We give the above about as it was given to us—for what it's worth—but frankly it is hard to accept as the correct answer to the strange disillusioning course pursued by "Mr. Republican" in his pre-convention campaign.

Can it be, for example, that his endorsement and approval of McCarthy in Wisconsin, and his previous criticism of McCarthy in this city, were courses of which he did not approve but followed only because Ingalls so advised? Maybe so. But it is hard for this department to believe the Senator from Ohio is as morally weak, as THAT!

However, we are merely giving what after a couple of visits, the press-gallery judgments, regarding certain notable public figures, APPEAR to be. The vagaries and inconsistencies of Taft since he succumbed to the bite of the pestiferous presidential bee are not denied; but it is denied that such a course necessarily demonstrates the man has suffered a complete moral collapse, a change of life politically, or that if elected President he would NOT prove to be capable and essentially trustworthy.

We can't see it. But there it is for what it may—or may not—be worth.—R.W.R.

MacArthur's Retirement Asked Before Delivering GOP Speech

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He told reporters that it was "a clear violation" of Army regulation 600-10 for MacArthur to accept the post of GOP keynote while still technically on active military duty.

"It is a very dangerous precedent for a military man to be settling," said Price, a World War II veteran and member of the House Armed Services committee.

Should Follow Example

Price said MacArthur should follow the example set by his fellow five-star general, Dwight D. Eisenhower, who retired from active duty when he returned from Europe to begin campaigning for the GOP presidential nomination.

Army officials said MacArthur could retire and still keep his lifetime salary of \$19,541 a year. They said that under the special act of Congress conferring lifetime rank on five-star generals, MacArthur need only write a letter to Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett requesting that he be placed officially on the retired list.

But there was no indication

that the Army would press MacArthur to request retirement.

A spokesman issued a terse formal statement saying:

"The department of the Army is not considering any action in connection with the designation of General MacArthur as keynote speaker for the Republican National convention."

The GOP Arrangements committee, meeting at Chicago, named MacArthur to the keynote post Tuesday by voice vote. His name was the only one placed in

nomination. MacArthur promptly accepted the "high honor."

For the job of temporary convention chairman—often combined with that of keynote speaker—the committee chose veteran West Virginia GOP leader Walter S. Hallanan.

Ike Backers Dismayed

Eisenhower supporters were openly dismayed by the dual selection, since both MacArthur and Hallanan have been identified as strong backers of Sen. Robert A. Taft.

Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., R-Mass., Eisenhower's campaign manager, said that "we would have preferred to have a keynoter who was impartial."

Rep. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., called the MacArthur choice "most unfortunate."

But the Taft camp and many "neutral" Republicans agreed that MacArthur would make a powerful keynote speaker.

Taft himself told reporters: "I approve of the choice. It ought to be a strong keynote."

Reporters found a number of Democratic congressmen, and a few pro-Eisenhower Republicans, who were privately critical of MacArthur for his action.

But only Price and Sen. Robert S. Kerr, D-Okl., were willing to be quoted by name.

Tidelands Oil Bill May Get New Support

Washington—(U.P.)—Supporters of the state-ownership tidelands oil bill said Wednesday the administration's "strong-arm" tactics may win them new support.

Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., said chances of overriding President Truman's veto of the measure may be improved by disclosure that the government is quietly preparing to grant new leases on tidelands along the Gulf of Mexico.

Secretary of Interior Oscar Chapman said Tuesday that such a plan exists but that Mr. Truman has not approved it.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"It's not a comedy picture. If I remember correctly, when I was a boy, there was a sign in front of the theater saying, 'children under sixteen not admitted!'"

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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What city has the highest percentage of elderly automobile drivers? Not long ago I saw it reported that in Palm Beach, Fla., an 81-year-old man driving a 1925 Ford collided head on with an 83-year-old man driving a 1923 Ford.

Sultry Voices

Taurus (April 21-May 20) men fall heavily for females with "sultry" voices. That's what I note as stated by a star-gazer. The fact is that practically all men fall for women with sultry voices. That is, if I know what a sultry voice is. According to our Horses & Women experts, a sultry-voiced charmer is one who speaks in low, husky tones. The majority of the great charmers of history, the women who drove men wild, had this type of voice.

Askings

Queries from clients? Q. You challenged the clientele to correctly pronounce Chomondeley. Answer is "Chumley." Give us something difficult. A. All right, smart boy, pronounce Cal Van Vechten, St. John Ervine and Vincent Van Gogh.

Passing By

Veronica Lake, comely Hollywoodian. Popularizer of that curious hair, style known as "the peek-a-bow bang." In the days beyond recall, feminine stars of stage and screen were quite effective as style dictators. As for example take Irene Castle. Billie Burke was also quite a style dictator early in her career. Once what Joan Crawford preferred was copied by millions of females. Same was true of Garbo. If there is any current popular style that was originated by a stage, screen or television celebrity, I don't know what it is. However, it could be I don't pay enough attention to that angle.

Milton Berle. Highly versatile entertainer. Among his multitude of talents is that of song-writing. Included in the songs Mr. Berle composed is that pathetic ballad titled "Sam, You Made the Pants Too Long." Also the classic Mother's Day ditty titled "Leave the Dishes in the Sink, Ma." And that romantic ballad titled "I Wuv a Wabbit."

Milton, though still a comparatively young man, has had an extremely long career. In fact, he is one of the three living actors who played with Pearl White in "The Perils of Pauline." The other two are Crane Wilbur and Paul Panzer.

Please Note

The question has arisen as to how many pairs of nylons the average business woman finds it necessary to purchase annually. This is inspired by a discussion as to whether the present day nylons wear as well as those of yesterday. A Chicago business girl says that in 1951 she purchased thirty-two pairs of nylons for a total cost of \$36.84. Evidently this young woman keeps a close record of her expenditures.

She should make a nice matrimonial mate for one of those wonderful Chicago husbands.

Sidelights

When Dempsey floored Tunney for that "fourteen count" in their Chicago meeting, it was the first time Gene had ever been floored in his long ring career. . . . Now the Canadians are going in for horsemeat! Up to a short time ago there wasn't a shop in all Canada retailing horsemeat for human consumption. Now there are fifty. Thousands of prairie horses are reported being slaughtered to meet the demand for horsemeat steaks.

Over There

The world's most reliable guide to restaurants is probably "Le Guide Gastronomique of France." A top rating in this really means something. This rating is indicated by four "white balls" beside the restaurant's name. At present, only two restaurants in all Paris are so honored; Larue, 27 Rue Royale,

opposite the Madeleine, and the Restaurant de Coq en Pate on Rue Sainte-Appoline. The world famous La Tour d'Argent, oldest restaurant in Paris, rates only three white balls. That is also the rating of the celebrated L'Escargot and the Maison Frunier.

If the experts of Le Guide Gastronomique put the restaurants of New York City to the test, I wonder how many would get that four white ball rating?

Gadgets

Mrs. Lillian Guest of Surrey, England, won the equivalent of \$210,000, tax free, in a football pool. What would your charming wife buy first if she won that amount? Mrs. Guest, a hard working home manager for twenty-five years, said: "I am going to buy a new house equipped with every labor-saving gadget I can find." Wonder how many housekeeping labor-saving gadgets there are?

Get It Right

Note it stated the amazingly durable pitcher of the yesterday, Joe McGinnity, was given the nickname the "Iron Man" when with the Giants. That's wrong. Before he was with the Giants Joe won five games in six days for the Brooklyn team and was promptly nicknamed the "Iron Man" by a local sportscribe. Incidentally, McGinnity was not a strike-out pitcher. He made the batters pop up and ground out weakly. He saved his arm. Joe was still pitching professional baseball when 52 years old. When fifty-one he pitched and won both ends of a double-header.

Light Snow Reported At Klamath Falls

By UNITED PRESS

Light snow was reported at Klamath Falls Wednesday as cool, moisture-laden air ended Oregon's summer-like weather.

The temperature at Klamath Falls dropped to 30 degrees during the night and a trace of snow was reported. It melted shortly after dawn.

Portland got its heaviest rain in weeks, which threatened to dampen Wednesday night's Rose Festival coronation ceremonies.

The weather man predicted occasional showers and below-normal temperatures through Friday.

Ontario, which had a high of 92 degrees Monday, had only 72 Tuesday.

MEETS PRESS—Dwight D. Eisenhower clenches his fist as he makes a point during his press conference in Abilene, Kas. The news conference, Ike's first since launching his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination, applauded him wildly when he told them, "I have never voted any Democratic ticket."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Modern progress is funny. Every new step brings problems of its own.

These new paper milk bottles, for example, that are sweeping the world. To dispose of them, you burn them in the fireplace or toss 'em into the garbage can. No more bottle washing.

But how is the housewife going to leave a note to the milkman not to bring any milk next Tuesday, as she is going to be away from home? She'll have to leave it in the place where the paper bottles are usually deposited, weight it down with a rick and trust to luck that the driver of the route will find it. I reckon.

IT SEEMS TO ME I've seen more small boys (and some larger ones, for that matter) mowing lawns this spring than in many years past. I hope no small boys, or middle-sized boys read this column, for I'm going to offer an opinion to the effect that I think it's good for them.

Whether it's good for their parents or not, I do not know. If a small boy, or even a middle-sized boy, is to derive GOOD from the doing of tasks such as mowing lawns, he must be taught to do them WELL. If you want the doing of useful work at regular intervals to help in moulding his character, you just can't let him mow in the garage and go and get it and when I come home at lunch time I want the yard mowed and the edges clipped and that's that.

It just doesn't work that way. If a boy's character is to benefit from useful work, he must be first taught how to do the job well, and after that he must be inspired with pride in a JOB WELL DONE. That will take work on YOUR part. If you try to shirk the task of teaching him to do his job well, I expect you'll find he'll shirk on the job.

ANYWAY, if more boys are mowing lawns and doing other useful tasks around their homes this spring, I hope it is because more parents are realizing the SUPREME importance of finding useful and constructive work for their children to do.

I'm certain that more young people have been spoiled by not having enough work to do than ever were spoiled by having TOO MUCH work to do.

I HAPPENED to be in a gathering the other day where the subject of the RICH came up. I don't mean just the ordinary well-to-do people of average not-too-big communities. We were talking about the BIG rich. Millionsaires. The kind that are supposed to make socialists by causing other people to envy them.

We started out talking about the BIG RICH of other and earlier times—the Morgans, and the Rockefellers and the Jims and the Harrimans and the Henry Fords, and that sort.

We finally agreed (as I recall it, there wasn't a dissenting voice) that even if able and dynamic men of that age did make more money than was exactly good for their heirs they left a heritage of achievement that was good for the country as a whole. The oil that was developed by Rockefeller and the railroads that were built by the Harrimans and the Hills and the automobile empire that was created by Henry Ford have made this a better community for all of us to live in.

HAVING SETTLED that, we moved on to the big rich of today. The NEW rich. I mean. The kind that keep the night spots and such going. The HAVES who make news for the HAVE-NOTS to read.

Who are they?

How do they make it?

YOU KNOW, we came to the cynical conclusion that as much big money, QUICK money is being made today as ever was made in the fabled days of the past and a whole lot of it (especially the kind that makes NEWS) is being made by RACKETEERS of one sort or another. Gamblers, black marketeers and such. The quick buck tribe.

That is to say, there are filthy rich in these reformed and liberal days just as there were filthy rich in those bad old days of the past, regardless of what the demagogues may tell us.

Court Records

POLICE COURT

Margaret O. Phair, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Floyd C. Freeman, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT

John Eugene Mellor, overlength, \$10.

Glenn Dallas Clymer, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

Lloyd Chester Johnson, overwidth, \$10.

Robert George Corbett, overwidth, \$10.

Jack D. Johnson, overload, \$68.

Jack D. Johnson, overwidth, \$6.

Gerald Clarence Hill, Room 301, Alien hotel, drunk on public highway, \$15.

James Allen Hurt, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

Harry S. Note, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

Robert Cox, violation of basic rule, \$7.50.

CIRCUIT COURT

Alice Faust vs. Adolph Faust, divorce complaint.

Roy McMillin vs. Eetta May McMillin, divorce decree.

George A. Lipscomb vs. Eva E. Lipscomb, divorce decree.

Donald Candace Faust vs. Edwin Norman Faust, Jr., divorce decree.

"JOE BEAVER"

By Ed Nofziger



"Man-caused fires are more numerous than lightning fires which generally hit the top of a ridge during a rain."

Frail Iranian Head Pleads Nation's Case Before World Court