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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

July 17, 1942

(It was Friday)

New buildings at Camp White are completed for the use of Col. Owen R. Meredith, commanding officer.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The state is willing to contribute the old battleship Oregon to the scrap metal drive, under certain conditions. If the same avid passion to collect scrap-iron for our own use, as was expended in harvesting it for avid sale to Japan a few years back, can be mustered, mayhap the hallowed hulk can be spared such an inglorious fate.

20 YEARS AGO

July 17, 1922

(It was Sunday)

Local man is jailed for operating a "beer joint" in the Berrydale district; 20 gallons of beer mash, 170 pint beer bottles and 100 empty bottles seized by prohibition agents.

Lloyd Osbourne, author and the son-in-law of Robert Louis Stevenson, visits in Medford enroute to a Rogue river fishing trip.

30 YEARS AGO

July 17, 1922

(It was Monday)

Funeral services are set for Miss Julia Fielder, a long-time teacher in the Medford school system.

Ashland on promoting construction of sight-seeing road to top of Mt. Ashland.

40 YEARS AGO

July 17, 1912

(It was Wednesday)

The Indian Refining company of California, Standard Oil's greatest rival, purchases a site near the Crater lake junction for a distributing plant in the Medford vicinity.

The city council, in a 3 to 2 vote, decides to pave West 11th street.

'Political Change'

Sought by Cabbies

Chicago — (U.P.) — A cab driver complained today that political convention delegates aren't the free spenders they're cracked up to be.

"Those guys blew into town with one shirt and a \$10 bill," he said. "So far they haven't changed either."

WISE CHILD

Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Elizabeth Hamblin, 7, dropped a quarter in the church collection plate and, after a moment's hesitation, added a penny. "For taxes," she whispered.

Court Records

CIRCUIT COURT

Doris R. Baize vs. Richard H. Baize, divorce complaint.

POLICE COURT

Dr. J. S. Heathington, parked on wrong side of the street, \$2.50.

Henry Kershaw Miller, failure to stop at red light, \$5.

Austin Beedle Layman, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Dolores Rooney, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Fritz John Ruch, void operator's license, \$10.

Marjorie E. Lawrence, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Robert Simpson Webber, failure to yield right of way, \$5.

Thomas Glenndyn Staley Jr., violation of basic rule, \$15.

DISTRICT COURT

Coe Eugene Brown, no motor vehicle license, \$5.

Lake Drape Walsh, no operator's license, \$5.

Auditorium Drive Started

Jorgen E. Jorgensen, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, took the bull by the horns, figuratively speaking, and asked representatives of various local groups to meet recently to discuss the possibility of securing a civic auditorium.

THE auditorium idea, which has been kicking around here for some time, has been given additional impetus of late because of the growing number of conventions scheduled for the Medford area. The realization has been borne in that something should be done to more adequately accommodate, and thus encourage, such gatherings of visitors as well as provide a place for local organizations to meet, and for staging of entertainments and athletic events.

Among the larger regional or state organizations planning to meet here in the coming year are the Pacific Northwest Shrine Council, Parent-Teacher Association, State Grange, Postal Clerks, Oregon Laundry Association, Oregon Reclamation Congress and Oregon Drayman's Association. According to chamber of commerce estimates, these convocations alone will bring around 15,000 people into our midst, including delegates, wives and other members of their families.

FIGURING on an average stay of three days per person and average daily expenditure of \$15, this vicinity will be enriched to the tune of approximately \$675,000 through the personal expenditures of our guests, to say nothing of what will be spent in staging their meetings. All in all, an impressive addition to our economy.

In addition to the already scheduled conventions mentioned, there is a distinct possibility that the Oregon Farm Bureau and the Eagles lodge may decide to convene here next year. If they do the expenditure estimate will be even more impressive.

CONVENTION dollars are sought energetically by most cities for they exhaust no natural resources, they are pretty evenly distributed among all lines of business, and they require no great effort to harvest. That is why the local chamber is anxious to see everything possible done to encourage such gatherings.

For its part, the chamber has inaugurated a community hospitality program which will enlist the help of local women in seeing to it that wives of visiting convention delegates are made welcome and suitably entertained.

That is also why the chamber president took the initiative in setting up the meeting to explore the civic auditorium possibilities.

At that meeting it was generally agreed:

1—That an auditorium is urgently needed.

2—That an organization should be formed to carry on a campaign to seek approval by the voters of a bond issue to finance construction.

3—That the organization should be a completely independent entity but made up of representatives of all segments of the community's business, religious, civic, fraternal and social life.

HAVING agreed on the three matters mentioned, those present proceeded to form a preliminary organization and named A. A. Lausmann as its temporary chairman.

The next step will be the securing of sufficient funds to cover clerical work, pamphlet printing, preliminary drawings and the numerous other expenses incidental to such an undertaking.

In a circular letter which is being sent to the business and professional men in Medford, Mr. Lausmann suggests that each "chip in" from \$25 to \$250 to help finance the auditorium campaign. He states that any money unexpended will be returned to the contributors.

Mr. Lausmann also points out in his letter that those attending the organizational meeting were in favor of getting the campaign under way as quickly as possible so as to enable a special election in September or October. If a favorable vote is registered, it is believed the auditorium may be completed and ready for use by May 1, of next year.

THERE is overwhelming sentiment here in favor of an auditorium. It is generally realized that such a facility is needed not only for community gatherings but as a major argument and lever in securing conventions. And from the latter standpoint an auditorium will be a very profitably investment, one from which we could get our money back the first year if that \$675,000 estimate of delegate spending in 1953 is any criterion.

The preliminary steps have been taken. It is now up to each and everyone in the community to help financially or by giving their support in any way possible if the Civic Auditorium Association is to be encouraged to follow through.—E.C.F.

Thrills For All

It wasn't just the kids that got a thrill out of Sunday's Rogue Valley Soap Box Derby. The thousands of grownups lining the course got a big kick out of the keen competition too, as the youthful drivers guided their tiny racers down the Queen Ann speedway.

BUT the greatest thrill of all must have been felt by those who volunteered their efforts in promoting and directing the affair as they saw the successful climax of their hard work.

To the boys who labored to construct and race their little "bugs," to their individual sponsors who contributed cash and effort, to the General Motor corporation, the Barnes Chevrolet company, the Foot-Printers organization which helped father the derby here, and to the large number of organizations and individuals which aided in other ways, this newspaper, one of the sponsors, extends congratulations for a job well done. We know that they, like us, feel a bit proud to have had a hand in the first running of the Rogue Valley Derby.—E.C.F.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Why should we help you? Y'got plenty of time before the game and you need to get that old pitchin' arm nicely warmed up!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

STEVENSON FADES

Chicago — The movement to draft Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois for the Democratic nomination is now dead—at least for the first few ballots of the oncoming convention. As of today, in fact, Stevenson is being counted right out of the Democratic picture, even by National Committeeman Jacob Arvey, of Illinois, who took the leading part until recently in the powerful draft-Stevenson drive.

The reason for this new development, which will sharply alter the whole pattern of the Democratic convention, is crudely practical. The able Arvey and quite a lot of other people went out on a limb in 1948, urging Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as the Democratic nominee. They were left naked as jaybirds when Eisenhower refused to run. Arvey does not want to go through that experience again.

EQUALLY, the other draft-Stevenson chiefs—Govs. Paul Dever, of Massachusetts, G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, Paul Schrier of Indiana and Pennsylvania's leader David Lawrence—all very clearly remember Arvey's misfortunes four years ago. They want no part of any such risks. Hence they all asked Stevenson to commit himself in advance to accepting the draft nomination. Many of them also asked whether, if nominated, he would make a fighting campaign—for the great majority of these Democrats now have the feeling Gen. Eisenhower can be beaten by a hard fighter.

Stevenson was under the most back-breaking pressure. Immediately after Gen. Eisenhower's nomination, Democrats from all over the country telephoned and pleaded with him. But with entire and irritating consistency, he stood on his previous position. The Illinois Governor not only refused to give any commitment as to his response to a draft nomination. He went further. He asked Arvey to persuade the Stevenson to give up its intended suite at the convention headquarters, the Conrad Hilton Hotel. He brought the heaviest pressure to prevent either the Illinois or the Indiana delegates from placing his name in nomination. He even indicated he was considering going to the rostrum himself, to nominate his friend W. Averell Harriman.

MEANWHILE, because of Stevenson's reluctance to run, and his failure to endorse a 100 per cent Fair Deal program, President Truman had also cooled toward the Stevenson draft idea. He was not against it, but he was not plugging it. In the end, on the day after the Eisenhower triumph, the coalition of pro-Stevenson Democrats dissolved because Stevenson refused the desired comment. The Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania votes will now be judiciously scattered, while Govs. Williams and Dever will wait and see, as favorite sons.

Obviously, this will create an insanely complex situation in the Democratic convention. The delegates will be like iron filings, pulled in three different ways by three different magnets, none of which seems to be strong enough to attract the greater part of the heap.

Anyone of the professed candidates will need a major breakthrough to go over the top. Despite his courageous fight, W. Averell Harriman has not yet got all out White House support, and without this he has a long way to go. So has Sen. Estes Kefauver. So has Sen. Richard Russell, who remains an especially sectional candidate despite his disclaimer. And Sen. Kerr of Oklahoma has the longest way to go of all.

IF ALL these fail, the convention might turn to Vice President Alben Barkley. But, partly because of Gen. Eisenhower's

somewhat disappointing early performance as a campaigner, and partly because of the bitter Republican split, the Democrats now think they can win. And this will make them reluctant to accept Barkley, whose age makes him look like a caretaker candidate.

The odds are, certainly, that one of these men will somehow break through. If not, the convention will only be able to turn to President Truman or Gov. Stevenson. Those close to the President say he will not consider a draft unless every other possibility is totally exhausted. That means, in turn, that a Stevenson draft will have to be tried first.

A FEW weeks ago, Stevenson could have had the nomination almost for the asking. But he simply does not want it—partly for personal reasons, partly because of commitments he has made in Illinois, and partly also because he has the imagination to realize the Presidency will place impossible burdens on any man. This last consideration weighs more heavily with Stevenson than is generally known.

There's sure to be a showdown with the Russians in the next four years," Stevenson said recently to a friend. "If I were President, and I tried to negotiate a settlement, I'd be accused of appeasement. And if I tried to force a settlement, I might be responsible for starting an atomic war."

Certainly Stevenson's reluctance has markedly reduced the chances of his being nominated. Yet it is still conceivable that this may be a fate he cannot escape, resist it though he may. (Copyright, 1952, New York Herald Tribune Inc.)

Portland Refuses Air Force Offer

Portland — (U.P.) — The Port of Portland has refused to accept a compromise offer by the U.S. Air Force for joint use of Portland International airport.

The port commissioners wrote the air force that a revision was needed in the offer. They said they approved most of the points in the agreement signed by Air Force Secretary Thomas K. Finletter but they found other points too vague and indefinite.

Objects to Clause

The commission particularly objected to a clause giving the air force secretary the right to the final decision on the port's selection of a new terminal site. The port commission wants to use the south side of the airport on a tract now under lease to the air force.

Commissioner L. H. Hoffman said, "If we make this deal, we give up the south side and we might as well make up our minds to it."

The commission also requested more specific terms in the agreement by the air force to pay landing fees and for direct CAA approval of runway and taxiway construction standards.



"Paw really whiffers that crank since he started drinkin' Jorgensen's Homogenized Multi-Vitamin, Multi-Mineral Milk."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I suppose you're familiar with Dr. Hewlett Johnson, England's "red dean" of Canterbury, who has just returned from a trip to Korea and is asserting that Americans DID use germ warfare there.

His charge stirred up a hornet's nest, and the demand was made in the house of commons yesterday that he be fired from his job. It brought from Winston Churchill this characteristic statement:

"Dr. Hewlett Johnson must be tolerated AS PART OF THE PRICE OF FREE SPEECH."

THAT BRINGS to mind Voltaire's classic phrase in his letter to Helvetius:

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

BOTH CHURCHILL'S words and Voltaire's, I think, contain the ESSENCE of what wise and tolerant and enlightened people term LIBERALISM—a word that has been badly misused by politicians in recent decades.

I WAS READING Churchill's statement to the commons on the teletype this morning and one of the boys in our radio room was looking over my shoulder.

"What Churchill means," he remarked, "is that if you let the cranks talk enough they'll defeat themselves."

I thought he put it pretty well.

I'D LIKE to add that in our politics today we have too much of the spirit of YOU'RE A LIAR and too little of the tolerant spirit of Winston Churchill and Voltaire (whose real name, by the way, was Francis Marie Arouet; Voltaire was merely his pen name).

THAT BRINGS us back to politics—which, with the two big party conventions held in this month, is, I suppose, inevitable.

We've been hearing and reading a lot in the past few days about the slick "strategy" that won for Ike at Chicago. It leaves me cold.

Here's what won for Ike: Millions of people have FAITH in him as the kind of man they want for their leader. The Republican delegates at Chicago were in the main JUST PEOPLE. A decisive majority of them shared this FAITH in Ike.

So, when the time came, they voted their convictions and their faith and Ike won the nomination.

That's the long and the short of it.

THE PROFESSIONAL politicians like to make us think politics is a complicated, intricate, highly skilled trade that only they understand. If they ever let us get the idea that politics, in its truest sense, is simply the INSTINCT of the people for better leadership and sounder government, they'll be sunk.

They know it, and so they give us all this double talk about the "strategy" they provide for us.

I'D LIKE to make a radical statement here:

In these days of radio, television, ably edited and well-written magazines and increasing numbers of OBJECTIVE, UNPREJUDICED newspapers that are more intent on bringing to their readers an accurate picture of what is going on and why than in winning elections, the professional politician who makes a living by "handling" the people is becoming about as out of date as a dinosaur.

I HOPE Ike doesn't get impressed by all this professional patter about political "strategy." I hope he parries the loaded trick questions that will be addressed to him as skillfully as he parried enemy offensives in the ETO and gives simple, honest answers to all the simple, honest questions put to him by simple, honest people who want to know.

If he'll just BE HIMSELF from here on out, he'll find on the fourth day of next November that he has done pretty well.

IF YOU WANT an example of how that works, take a look

Demo Leaders Huddle With TV Experts on How To Put on Show

New York — (U.P.) — The Democrats are huddling with television experts this week to see how much they can profit from technical and production errors committed by the Republicans in the first presidential convention to be televised nationally.

The consensus was the GOP put on an absorbing, slam-bang affair, but got nowhere near all it could from using television's unblinking eye as a vote attractor. Most authorities predicted that both the Democrats and Republicans would have to change their political shows from the ground up by the time 1956 rolls around.

Death of Oratory

For example, they said the so-

called "Fourth of July" orator has been given his death notice. In his place will come the politician who watches his make-up as carefully as his cohorts and values his tailor side by side with his campaign manager.

"Those are only some of the obvious changes" said veteran TV producer and director Jeanne Harrison. "This year's conventions should convince both parties they need entire staffs of stage managers."

"Some of the little things that happened were very bad showmanship," Miss Harrison said. "For instance, try to imagine Bishop Fulton Sheen or Milton Berle allowing various characters to wander around in back of them just as they reached the critical part in a sermon or comedy routine."

Eye Easily Distracted

She said the political bosses at the GOP show might have been sharp as tacks on their smoke-filled-room techniques, but none appeared aware of how easily the human eye is distracted.

"Even the most gifted speaker can lose his audience if there's some hanger-on behind him fidgeting with his tie or wiggling his fingers," she pointed out. "Our political leaders will have to learn to beware of what Hollywood calls 'scene stealers.'"

Visual Aids

Still another TV authority predicted that the day will have to come when speakers consciously use "visual aids" in presenting a speech and rely less on "booming voices and grim expressions."

"Take the time Fiorello La Guardia went before Congress to complain of high food prices and brought along a pair of pork chops which he waved in the air as he spoke," recalled veteran MC Tod Russell. "That's making visual drama of a talk."

Truck Discussion

Open To Public

The public is invited to attend a meeting at 8 o'clock this evening in the YMCA auditorium, sponsored by the Oregon Highway council and the Jackson county members of the organization.

The importance of Oregon's trucking industry as related to the state's economic welfare will be presented by four Portland speakers, including Ellery Sills, president of the Oregon Highway council; Robert Knappe, manager of the Oregon Motor Transport association; Earl White, manager of the Oregon Draymen's and Warehousemen's association, and Bert Trask, assistant manager of the Highway council.

Ranking Second

According to Sills, president of the council, few people realize that nationally the trucking industry ranks second in importance, exceeded only by agriculture.

"One out of four non-agricultural employees in Oregon works for the trucking industry. The total of these truck and bus drivers, mechanics, service employees, dock hands, and office help approximates the combined population of Salem, Eugene and Medford," he said.

The council is one of the sponsors of a proposed constitutional amendment, to be voted on in the state this fall, which would ban weight-per-mile fees on trucks, and also sponsored the referendum to a legislative bill providing for changes in truck taxation in the state.

Russell Snack Bar

Convention Feature

Chicago — (U.P.) — Something new has been added to the national political convention scene—a "Dick Russell" snack bar where newspapermen can munch sandwiches and swig free beer and soft drinks.

Reporters assigned to cover the Democratic National convention are enrolled automatically in the "Dick Russell Press Club" and become eligible to use its rather lush facilities.

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