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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 18, 1942

(It was Saturday)

Frankie Roelandt, Jack Brown and Bobby Churchill, who played with the Medford Craters in 1941, are named to the state all-star semi-professional baseball team; all play for the Portland Firemen.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Raymond Fish of Phoenix has a beautiful tan on the top of his head, that is the envy of the fair sex who wish it was on their forearms.

20 YEARS AGO

July 18, 1922

(It was Monday)

The first forest fire of the season is prevented when the state police discover, by accident, a crude, home-made fire bomb near Ashland.

The theater interests of George A. Hunt, Grants Pass and Roseburg promoter, are consolidated with those of Walter Leverette, who owns theaters in Medford, Grants Pass and northern California.

30 YEARS AGO

July 18, 1922

(It was Tuesday)

The Citizens' committee for Justice and Economy expresses regret for the "unscrupulous methods" being used by persons trying to achieve the recall of the sheriff.

Evangelist T. L. Theumler preaches that the world entered its last 2,300 years in 1844.

40 YEARS AGO

July 18, 1912

(It was Thursday)

A former Medford resident is arrested and jailed in Oakland, Calif., for white slavery.

Mail Tribune editorial advances the pig as the best choice for a symbol for Theodore Roosevelt's Bull Moose party.

County Gets \$6,933
In Liquor Profits

Salem —(U.P.)— Oregon's 36 counties got a total of \$180,000 for the quarter ended June 30 for their share of liquor profits in Oregon, the office of the secretary of state said Thursday.

Another \$60,000 went into the general fund, making a net profit for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for the quarter of \$240,000.

Distribution by county, based on population, includes: Jackson, \$6933.71; Josephine, \$3140.36; Klamath, \$4987.05.

LIQUOR DECONTROLLED

Washington —(U.P.)— The government Friday removed wholesale price controls from all distilled spirits, but officials predicted the action would mean no increase in retail liquor prices.

LOADED WITH TWINS

Santa Paula, Calif. —(U.P.)— Teachers at a grammar school here were seeing double during the past semester. There were 10 sets of twins enrolled at McKevett school, including five sets of identical twins.

Editorial Correspondence

Rockford, Ill., July 14 — Back to the "Old Homestead."

It is almost the only one left on "Main Street" unchanged since 1868. Four of the old homes to the south, all in a row, have been torn down and carted away. On the area left, Sears-Roebuck will erect the largest retail store in Illinois, outside of Chicago, with a river-bank parking place 100x1000 feet. To the north a huge apartment house of red brick has just been completed and on the corner of Main and Fisher avenue, the Standard Oil will soon erect a super-super service station.

So "Time Marches on" and right over the "memories so dear to our childhood." But you can't stop progress — not for long at least.

And this is "progress," according to the local C. of C. The "head of the family" would not have thought so. Nor Ralph Emerson whose "old homestead" several blocks to the south, with its 3 ugly stories, basement and cupola, is another landmark resisting the tide of commerce.

Ralph Emerson was the founder of Emerson-Talcott company, at one time the leading manufacturer of farm machinery in the middlewest but later bought out and merged with International Harvester.

Mr. Emerson was not only the richest and most respected citizen of Rockford, 50 or 60 years ago but the most impressive in appearance. He was tall, always dressed in black and carried a gold-headed cane. His abundant white hair and flowing white whiskers gave him an Old Testament appearance — except for his black silk hat there was a strong suggestion of Angelo's "Moses." And as Mr. Emerson was not only a pillar in the Congregational church, but a regular attendant there, in we have an idea he did nothing to discourage the Biblical impression.

The undersigned when on the staff of the "Rockford Republic" once interviewed Tycoon Emerson. We walked up the steps and to the third-story "office" determined NOT to be impressed, but failed completely. We left, not only with the knowledge that Ralph Emerson was a direct descendant of Ralph Waldo Emerson, but the close personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, and in all likelihood had it not been for Mr. Emerson's guidance and frequent advice, this uncouth country lawyer would never have been elected to congress, much less have been the country's saviour and the immortal founder of the Republican party!

That may give a wrong impression. Ralph Emerson of Emerson-Talcott was not a vain man nor a boastful one. But he was the most impressive human being we have ever come in contact with—not only in appearance, but in what he said and the pontifical way he said it. Had he been a reincarnated "Moses" we doubt if the youthful city editor would have been more convinced that he had been in the presence of true Greatness — that the message had been delivered from a sort of Midwest Sinai. Youth and the small-town view of "Citizen No. 1" may have had something—perhaps a great deal — to do with it. But it was an unforgettable experience.

Since leaving Medford we have failed to talk with a single Taft supporter; in Washington there was a strong pro-Taft atmosphere but we never happened to converse with any. In New York there was even a stronger pro-Eisenhower atmosphere, and as remarked then, everybody was for the General — or everyone we met.

But not in Rockford, Illinois, the county-seat of Winnebago county! We took a walk around the business section this a.m. and talked with several old friends. (There are a few left — perhaps half a dozen out of the 125,000 inhabitants.)

The pro-Taft batting average is to date exactly 1000. They were not only 100 per cent for "Battling Bob" in the recent convention, they still are.

And hold everything! They not only believe everything Colonel McCormick of the Chicago Tribune has said, they use the exact phrases he used in the recent dog-fight. We could hardly believe our ears.

In our considered judgment the Chicago Tribune politically-speaking is the worst newspaper in the United States, but never again will we question its influence. Never before, in fact, have we observed first-hand by word of mouth such evidence of the tremendous influence the editorial page of a newspaper can exert. We are still staggering under the impact.

What is the answer?

Is this section of the Midwest so bigoted and isolationist BECAUSE of the Chicago Tribune; or is the Chicago Tribune that way, BECAUSE of innate ignorance and provincialism of the Midwest?

In other words which came first: the chicken or the egg? As our friends happen to be reasonably intelligent and enlightened in NON-political directions, we have to believe the Tribune must be given the credit. In other words the egg came first — a bad egg that hatched out.

Everyone asks what we thought of the convention, and one person, a bit more discriminating asked Ye Editor's opinion of the GOP platform.

Answering the last question first, we thought little of the Chicago platform. Why should anyone think MUCH of ANY party platform when immediately after the election everyone including those elected, forget all about it?

More than that. It is hard to form definite judgments of anything so indefinite as this 1952 declaration of political faith.

It reminds us of Senator Taft in the recent primary campaign. Our old friends here still uphold the myth that Taft is so honest, so uncompromising and so outspoken one ALWAYS knows just where he stands. He may be right or wrong but he is never on the fence.

He ISN'T?

Robert Alphonso has been nowhere else since he succumbed to that bite of the presidential bee so completely, and his record as officially transcribed proves it.

He has been against isolation, and for it.
He has been against McCarthyism, and for it.
He has been for the UN and AGAINST it.
He has been for the Marshall plan, and against it.
He has been for the Korean war — voted for it — and against it.

He has been on both sides of practically every important issue, and except for the issue of sin, the GOP platform takes a similar bewildering course.

But the undersigned finds it hard to get very indignant about it. We will be surprised if the Democratic platform is much better.

Whatever else happens in the U.S.A. during the year 1952, it is hard to see how one of the greatest bumper crops in history can be avoided. Never before have we seen such corn, not quite "as high as an elephant's eye," but it soon will be, and without exception, mile after mile, a delight for sore eyes — even if the eyes belong to a rank outsider, who never walked behind a plow and never expects to.

We know one dirt-farmer not far from here, however, who is CONVINCED that if the detested and wicked Democratic party should remain in power, not an ear of decent corn will be harvested after the 5th of November! Don't laugh. SHE honestly BELIEVES it! —R.W.R.

New State Brand Book
Ready for Distribution

Salem —(U.P.)— The first supplement to the 1951 Oregon Livestock Brand book now is ready for distribution, the State Department of Agriculture said Friday.

It contains 600 new brands and 47 transfers and covers recordings made from Sept. 1, 1951, to April 1, 1952.

Orders for the supplement, available at nominal cost, should be directed to the department's division of animal industry in Salem, Director E. L. Peterson said.

Unauthorized Telegram
Brings Labor Apology

Washington —(U.P.)— The Eastern Labor-Press Conference Friday apologized to Sen. Richard B. Russell for the "absolutely unauthorized" telegram sent to the Georgian denouncing him as an "enemy of labor."

Conference President Frank Powers and Secretary-Treasurer Ruth Taylor said they would write Russell "at once" apologizing for the "mistake" and would take "appropriate action to find out who used our name falsely."

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturdays.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"The educational sand we've got in our sandbox at home is better than this seashore stuff!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and
Stewart Alsop

TRUMAN'S CHOICE

Washington — In the next great drama to be staged at Chicago, the most important actor will remain in the wings (or rather here in Washington) until the grand climax. By an authoritative estimate, Harry S. Truman can swing at least 400 Democratic delegate votes to any candidate the convention likes; and can give at least 200 delegate votes to a candidate the convention does not like.

Such, at any rate, is said to be the President's measurement of his own power in his party. All those close to Truman agree that the President is dead-set against being drafted himself. And they also picture him, at this decisive moment, as being in the mood of a cheerful traveler happily surveying a Swedish smorgasbord table.

It is quite possible that the President has already made his choice among the bewildering variety of Democratic candidates who constitute the smorgasbord. If so, he has only whispered it to one or two confidential agents. In any case, one can venture a highly informed guess as to where the choice may fall, and where it will not fall. Proceeding by the method of elimination, the candidates who are highly unlikely to get the Presidential nod are the following:

SEN. ESTES Kefauver of Tennessee. Truman's low opinion of Kefauver is unchanged, although those close to the White House say the President will not interpose a veto if the convention goes Kefauver's way.

Sen. Robert A. Kerr, of Oklahoma. Kerr is a Truman crony, and is supported by other Truman cronies, but his associations are too oily, and Truman thinks he has no national standing.

Sen. Richard B. Russell, of Georgia. Truman likes and respects Russell, and is grateful for his cooperation in the effort to work out an agreed civil rights plank. But he feels Russell cannot carry the big northern states.

AMONG THE serious, active candidates, therefore, the President's choice may be considered as lying between W. Averell Harriman and Vice President Alben Barkley. Each of these two has his own special attraction and drawbacks in the President's eyes.

Harriman is a 100 per cent Fair Dealer, who would fight it out with Gen. Eisenhower on domestic issues in the hammer-and-tongs manner Truman admires. Harriman's candidacy was strongly encouraged by the White House. It did not begin as a serious candidacy, but Harriman has made it into a serious candidacy by his own sheer guts and determination. The President has been much impressed by reports recently received of Harriman's performance in Colorado and other Rocky Mountain states. Moreover, he likes Harriman best of all the candidates.

The objection to Harriman is that his nomination would commit the Democratic party to an extreme and radical strategy. Initially, the President favored such a strategy against Gen. Eisenhower. The South was to be cast to the winds. A strong, aggressive fight on home issues was to win the northern states. But the recent performance of Gen. Eisenhower and the Republicans in general, has made this strategy less attractive. And because of the southern's opposition, a Truman nod to Harriman would be almost sure to split the Democratic party.

AS FOR VICE President Barkley, he is the candidate of the Senate and not of the White House. Truman does not have much love for Barkley, despite the faithful service Barkley has given to him. Yet Barkley is a vigorous campaigner. He would unite the party instead of dividing it. He has a surprising amount of hidden northern support. The objection to him, both

Oregon Grain Export
Reaches Record High

Salem —(U.P.)— More than 46,000,000 bushels of export grain shipments were inspected by state men at Portland and Astoria in the year ended June 30, the State Department of Agriculture said Friday.

The annual report was made by C. W. Wright, chief of the division of grain inspection, to E. L. Peterson, director of the Department of Agriculture.

At Portland, wheat accounted for 36,824,569 bushels of the total. Barley made up the rest with 3,589,478 bushels. More than 6,000,000 bushels of grain, mostly wheat, were in the export shipments inspected at Astoria.

These figures hit an all-time annual high for export activity by the State Grain Inspection Service and were 14,800,000 bushels over export grain shipments from Portland and Astoria in 1950-51.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

National policy note:
In Virginia's Democratic primary U. S. Senator Harry F. Byrd, a bitter foe of New Deal-Fair Deal spending, won a SMASHING victory for renomination to the senate.

(In Virginia, as elsewhere in the South, the Democratic nomination is equivalent to election.)

BYRD SAID the major issues in the rough-and-tumble primary campaign was "Trumanism." He opposed "Trumanism" on every point.

His opponent, Oxford-educated Francis Pickens Miller, SUPPORTED "Trumanism" on every point. He led off his primary campaign with the statement that on EVERY ONE of the great issues which have confronted him President Truman has made the right decision.

As these words are written, Byrd is leading by a vote of 210,000 to his opponent's 124,000.

WHAT IS "Trumanism?"

This, I'd say, is the OBJECTIVE part of it:

1. Spending consistently more than we take in and running deeper and deeper into debt;
2. Removing more and more of government from the city halls, the court houses and the state houses and concentrating it in Washington.

WHAT IS THE meaning of the Virginia verdict?

I'd say that in Virginia, at least, it means that a strong majority of the people want less spending and more of their government kept at the home level.

THAT RAISES an interesting policy question:

Here at the beginning of one of the most critical campaigns in the Republican party's history, what should we like people pledge ourselves to do if our side is victorious in November?

I think we should make two flat promises:

1. We'll BALANCE THE BUDGET.
2. We'll start bringing government back closer to the people.

THOSE ARE simple, fundamental principles. They go to the root of nearly everything that is wrong with us.

They're easily understood. If we get ourselves all snarled up with promises, we'll become confused and uncertain ourselves and will get everybody else confused.

Let's stick to fundamentals.

LET'S QUOTE some history.

In 1896, the Republican party first came to grips with the underlying philosophy of the New Deal-Fair Deal—which is SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

Bryan proposed free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to one. Stripped of its oratorical flamboyance, that meant deliberate inflation of the currency. McKinley stuck to sound money—which then meant money backed by gold.

In his campaign Bryan—one of the most colorful characters in American political history and a gifted orator to boot—ran the whole gamut of rosy something-for-nothing pledges, but the Republican leadership was wise enough to stick to and hammer home these fundamentals.

McKinley is for SOUND money.
Bryan is for FUNNY money.
McKinley won.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood —(U.P.)— The biggest boxoffice star of the year turned out today to be a fashionable Bel-Air matron who hasn't starred in a movie for 10 years.

Lovely Fay Wray, was a movie queen of the '30's. Last January she staged a comeback to celluloid in two supporting roles. Yet today she's selling more tickets than Lana Turner.

A movie she starred in back in 1932, "King Kong," has been re-issued by RKO and has brought one of the few smiles to theater owners since television moved in. So far the antique movie about the colossal ape is outgrossing all the slick 1952 productions.

"King Kong's come-back is a lot of fun for me," she said. Quit Films in 1942.

Miss Wray, wife of producer Robert Riskin, quit films in 1942 to care for her three children. She still looks like the Fay Wray who screamed lustily while King Kong clutched her in his hairy paw.

"I didn't even know it was a movie about an ape at first," she recalled.

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Babson Discusses Farming

Babson Park, Mass.—(Special to The Mail Tribune — Although the present Real-Estate Boom is ending I don't want my readers to sell "sustenance" farms held as insurance. When we gaze upon our bountiful dinner tables, it hardly seems possible that our grandchildren may have to face semi-starvation. In spite of the fact that the U.S. is rated the best-fed nation, there are signs of "starvation"; that is, certain diseases even now are due to a deterioration in our diet.

Here are some practical suggestions:

(1) Urge your children to stay in a farming community instead of settling in some city which will be bombed in World War III.

(2) Temper demands upon the soil and conserve what crop land you already have, and at the same time nurse the depleted soil back to normal. Our foreign aid program should point more to making other nations self-supporting as to food.

(3) It is important to cut our waste of food. The "Johnny-clean-your-plate" attitude must return to every household. This is a job for the parents; and it is just as important as the "Three R's."

(4) Don't sell good pasture or timber land to take a profit in paper dollars. Such land should further increase in value; while paper dollars and many bonds and stocks will become less valuable.

Sen. Cordon Says
Eisenhower Can Win

Washington —(U.P.)— Oregon's Sen. Guy Cordon says it will be an uphill fight but Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower can win the presidency for the Republican party.

Cordon, back in Washington after the GOP convention at Chicago, said the intensity of the Republican campaign would determine Eisenhower's chances.

Any repetition of the 1948 campaign would be disastrous to Republican chances, Oregon's senior senator said.

The odds this year are somewhat on the Democratic side, said Cordon, but "I think Eisenhower can win in a fight that is going to be uphill all the way."

NEW MARKETS SOUGHT

Washington —(U.P.)— The government Friday sought new markets for U.S. production so demand will not slacken after the defense program eases off in mid-1953.

time to star in two other horror movies, "Doctor X" and "The Mystery of the Wax Museum."

"But not any more," she said firmly. "I have nothing against horror pictures. But I feel I've reached a point where I want to do something more down to earth."

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