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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 21, 1942

(It was Tuesday)
Rogue river farms near By-
bee bridge are damaged by
grasshoppers that eat everything
from pump handles to the tops
of oak trees.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: It's get-
ting along towards the time of
years when a proud farmer
shows up with a corn stalk long-
er than he is, and gives only him-
self, instead of Nature, Ol'
Sol and the Mrs., the credit for
its altitude.

20 YEARS AGO
July 21, 1922

(It was Thursday)
Medford woman fined \$10 for
"hitting on the nose three or
four times" a rival for the af-
fections of her husband.

J. O. Shively, the first motor-
ist to drive to the rim of Crater
lake, revisits the lake and re-
minisces that his 1906 trip re-
quired several days and a team
of horses for steep grades.

30 YEARS AGO
July 21, 1922

(It was Friday)
Medford and Grants Pass
community clubs travel to
Rogue River to help in the for-
mation of a similar club there.

W. J. Virgin, Central Point,
installs a radio transmitting set
and plans to broadcast concerts
and Mail Tribune news and
market reports.

40 YEARS AGO
July 21, 1912

(It was Sunday)
Local mills, closed for two
years because of skimpy grain
crops, reopen because of the ex-
pected heavy crop this year.

First peaches of the season
are shipped from Medford.

**Eisenhower's Reply
To Invitation Waived**

Portland — (U.P.) — The Na-
tional Association of Governing
Boards Monday awaited a reply
from Dwight D. Eisenhower on
its invitation to the Republican
standard bearer to speak at its
annual meeting in Oregon in
October.

The invitation was extended
by Edgar W. Smith, Portland,
president of the governing board
and president of the Oregon
State Board of Higher Educa-
tion. The organization includes
regents, trustees and presidents
of state universities and colleges
throughout the nation.

**Owners Figure Damage
In Lumber Mill Fire**

Eugene — (U.P.) — Owners of
the Hills Creek Lumber comp-
any south of Eugene Monday
were attempting to assess dam-
age done to their mill by a fire
which swept through the estab-
lishment Saturday afternoon.
They said they believed damage
would be extensive. The fire de-
stroyed the planer, planer shed,
the loading docks and some
stacked lumber. Owners, Frank
Graham and Fred Hills, said
cause of the fire was not known.

The Scotch word "braes"
means hillsides.

Editorial Correspondence

Rockford, Ill., July 18—WHAT a night!
It reminded your correspondent of the relative who moved
to the Pacific Coast because she couldn't stand thunder-storms.
She happened to be a second-cousin, who developed a morbid
sensitivity to thunder-and-lightning; so much so, she put rubber-
coasters on her bed, and used rubber sheets whenever a thunder-
storm broke out.

She should have been struck by lightning, according to Holly-
wood scenario standards; but she died peacefully a few years
ago in Seattle, where she claimed she never saw lightning, nor
heard a clap of thunder.

Perhaps the storm last night—or rather about 2 a.m. this
morning—was no worse than many encountered in our youth—
but it seemed unparalleled in both duration and ferocity. At least
five per cent of the dazzling bolts seemed to hit the pavement
just outside of and nine stories down, from our hotel window.
At least a dozen times the wind stopped blowing, the flashes
stopped flashing and Ye Editor prepared to relax and get some
sleep. Then PRESTO!—a sudden blinding streak of white-hot
incandescence would illuminate the room and—almost simultane-
ously—would come an ear splitting crack, crash and boom!—
calling to mind the remark made by another relative and a closer
one, many years ago:

"Nothing to be alarmed about my boy—lightning you see can
never hit you!"

"But what if you CAN'T see it?" was then the adolescent
consideration.

That second cousin who went west for the reason men-
tioned, several years before the writer, was always regarded by
the family as a neurotic and "awful queer." While there was, we
believe, considerable basis for that judgment, we certainly have
an understanding and a sympathy for her this a.m. we never
had before.

The other member of the immediate family here—the one who
wrote letters from abroad for a while—longs for her "little
green home on Rogue River" more than ever since last night's
bombardment. She believes there was far more noise and nearly
as much danger, as if the Russians had declared war.

Speaking of war, Rockford is today the second largest pro-
ducer of machine-tools in the world and according to current
reports here, Stalin has it on his map for "operation III," in case
of an all-out conflict.

There are fewer evidences of war and war preparations here
in the Midwest however, than in the East. In Washington, New
York, and even in Worcester, Mass., there are signs posted at
frequent intervals pointing to "shelters"—which are of course
shelters from bomb attacks. There are numerous first-aid stations
too, most of them locked up and many underground. Have seen
no similar "signs" here.

Yesterday we were motored over to Galena, only a few miles
from the Mississippi, to see some relatives—more second-cousins
and also first ones.

We had no doubt they were Taft-Republicans — everyone
around this part of the world is—but we never suspected the in-
tensity of their feeling—their complete and—to us at least—UN-
thinking devotion to "Mr. Republican" and the Old Guard.

The Medford duo having attended the Chicago convention
were queried immediately, and at length, to explain "the terrible
tragedy" that came to pass in that stockyard abattoir. How
COULD they do it? How DID it happen? What CAN be done to
save the Grand Old Party NOW?

Well about all we can say is—we escaped with our lives.

We certainly did not depart with any good will, any respect
for our abilities as a political analyst, or as an editor of "a small-
town daily"—or as a person for that matter.

In fact one of the most violent and outspoken—they are al-
ways of the GENTLER sex—said it was really a blessing that
ye editor's parents had not "lived to have witnessed such a
sorry spectacle!"

As a result your correspondent prepares to return to Chicago
for the second circus with a considerably altered view of the
nature of pro-Taft sentiment in this isolationist section of the
country.

We realized that Illinois was strong for Taft but we did not
realize that with many people of decent education, he had become
a symbol of everything that is wise and good and true—that
without him in the White House, not only do they think the
country faces physical, but spiritual destruction.

As for Eisenhower these relatives—we hasten to apologize
for them—have convinced themselves not only that he will plunge
the U.S.A. into World War III, but that he will be nothing more
than a weak and helpless tool, in the hands of "Wicked Wall
Street" and under the control and dictation of the most sinister
and diabolical figure of corruption and evil since the days of
Boss Tweed—none other than the former leader of the Republi-
can party, Thomas Dewey, governor of that degenerate common-
wealth New York—well named the EMPIRE State! (Chicago
Tribune, please copy.)

SO what?
Does this mean the Republicans of Illinois are going to take a
walk in November?

As of today the answer is "YES!"

We noted right after Eisenhower's nomination there was no
enthusiasm behind Senator Taft's generous gesture of making
the vote unanimous—nor for that matter any sincerity. Had the
delegates voted their REAL feelings and convictions, there would
have been at least 25 per cent of them who would have stayed
by the Taft ship and gone down with it. In other words around
300 votes.

But they didn't!

And the reason they didn't is clearly indicated by the fanat-
ical support Taft had and still has from the Old Guard conserva-
tives in the Republican party. As was so often remarked in this
column they would really rather lose with Taft than win with
anyone else.

And with them march R.W.R.'s cousins—first and second!

That is as of "TODAY."

But how about three months hence?

Well, taking these relatives as typical of this die-hard Taft
support, which we imagine they are—then there can be no
doubt of ONE thing to-wit:

THEY WILL NEVER VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDI-
DIDATE—not if he should be the "Angel Gabriel" himself, or a
resurrected Abe Lincoln.

That hypothesis is out—utterly and completely so.

Then obviously they MUST vote for Eisenhower and Nixon
or not vote at all.

Again assuming these cousins, reasonably representative of the
Old Guard, then the Old Guard will somewhat reluctantly, but
nevertheless almost unanimously, vote for the Republican ticket
in November—as they have since birth and will until they die.

One or two may still feel so resentful they will take a walk.
But 90 per cent of them WON'T. The reason being they are polit-
ically-minded by nature, and greatly aroused over what they
regard as the threat of destruction facing their beloved country
if the Democrats are not, from President down to precinct com-
mitteemen, and back again, thrown out and kept out, until all
hell freezes over!

In other words: while the Taft supporters in Illinois—and no
doubt elsewhere—will never forgive nor forget the defeat of
their revered and respected "Mr. Republican" at Chicago in 1952
A.D.; and while they do NOT have, and many of them never
will have, any feeling of affection or loyalty for Eisenhower and
Nixon; their FEELING AGAINST the New Deal, Fair Deal, and
the Democratic party, is so much stronger and more lasting, than
their feeling of sorrow and resentment over the Taft defeat, that
when the first week in November does come around they will
be marching four-square to the polls as usual and vote the
Republican ticket—also as usual—STRAIGHT!

"Requiescat in Pace."—R.W.R.

Picnicker Survives Bolt of Lightning

Detroit, Mich.—(U.P.)—Doctors
said Monday Joseph L. Feild was
the first person they had known
to survive a bolt of lightning.

The bolt struck Feild while he
was picnicking Sunday, charred

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I KNEW you'd be trying something like that sooner
or later!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and
Stewart Alsop

Chicago — Whatever happens
to Averell Harriman at this con-
vention, it is at least worth not-
ing that his last-minute Presi-
dential candidacy has become a
remarkable phenomenon in
American politics.

First there is the transforma-
tion of the candidate himself.
Harriman did not desire to run,
preferring to support Gov. Ailei
Stevenson of Illinois. He was
originally offered the New York
delegation because Paul Fitz-
patrick and the other New York
leaders had nowhere else to
store their delegates. He had
been a great official, but he was
a rank amateur in practical
politics. He had the handicap
of his wealth. And he was only
barely able to make a coherent
speech.

Yet in a few short months,
without anyone as yet noticing
it very much, Harriman has
transformed both himself and
his candidacy by sheer courage
and grim determination. The
politicians here still underrate
Harriman because they have not
seen him in action. But he has
always had a way of learning by
doing, and he has now learned
to be a curiously effective cam-
paigner.

On the stump, he still stum-
bles. But he has acquired a re-
markable knack of conveying
passionate sincerity and strong
emotion, which very few other
politicians have.

PRESIDENT Truman is cred-
ited with the remark that
"you can't make a barefoot boy
out of Averell," but the sincer-
ity and emotion Harriman ac-
quires can still be singularly ef-
fective. His people here have a
recording of a speech he made
in Colorado which they play to
doubters. Even the recording
was good enough to change the
view of Sen. Hubert Humphrey,
no mean platform speaker and
a not insignificant personage at
this convention, that Harriman
would never catch the popular
imagination in an electoral cam-
paign.

Besides achieving this odd
style that alternates Franklin
Roosevelt's organ tones and his
own hesitant honesty, Harriman
has always managed to inspire
a remarkable loyalty and devo-
tion in his little band of support-
ers. The whole Harriman show
looks like a youth movement,
which is odd in itself in the
rather tired Democratic party.

The older liberal Democrats
are still hoping for Adlai Stev-
enson. But Harriman has at-
tracted to himself an extraordi-
narily high proportion, if not of
the ripe wisdom, of at least
the genuine faith and idealism
in his party. Whether or not
you agree with the views pre-
valent in Harriman headquarters,
it is a rather cheering place to
be, if only as proof that ideal-
ism still flourishes in odd cor-
ners of our political life, and that
there are some people left who
are not aging cynics or hopeful
payrollers.

Perhaps this is because Harri-
man, the richest man in public
life, seems to be about the last
Democrat who really believes in
the New Deal and Fair Deals.

THEN, TOO, there is great in-
terest, again whether you
approve of it or not, in the un-
derlying Harriman strategy.
This strategy is based upon a
simple computation. A check of
the elections from 1932 onward
shows that the whole Southern
electoral vote could have gone
to the Republicans every time
except 1948, and the Democratic
party would still have won every
time by majorities ranging from
133 electoral votes in 1936 to
39 electoral votes in 1944. Fur-
thermore if the Wallace Progres-
sives had not drawn votes from
the Democrats in New York and
other Northern states, the Dem-

ocrats could have lost the whole
South and still won even in
1948.

Hence Harriman and his sup-
porters argue that the Democra-
tic future depends upon a clear
progressivism, a firm rejection
of all compromises with the
Southern conservatives. And it
must be said that the arguments
sound convincing when you hear
Harriman, pale, rather gaunt,
yet full of vigor, expounding
his thesis in his low-voiced, in-
tense way.

Harriman's trouble is, mean-
while, that he has got to con-
vince this convention, which will
take a lot of doing. His favorite
anecdote these days is a quota-
tion from Woodrow Wilson. Ac-
cording to Harriman Wilson
once remarked that there were
always more liberals than con-
servatives, but that the liberals
"marched to their objectives
alone and apart, so that the con-
servatives, who always stuck
together, were generally able to
pick off the liberals one by one.

In the present case, Harri-
man's chances would look much
better if, for example, he could
form a combination with Sen.
Estes Kefauver, Sen. Humphrey
has sought to arrange just such
a combination. But Kefauver,
after his hard fight, was not will-
ing to consider second place;
and neither was Harriman. Thus
all the Harriman leaders are
now awaiting the word of the
President. Truman encouraged
the Harriman candidacy. He
has more than once stated to
Harriman that he meant to sup-
port him. If the President is
faithful to his moral obligation,
Harriman will have Truman's
support.

BUT AGAIN the trouble is
here that the expert forecasters
here think Truman will limit
his support to indicating his per-
sonal preference for Harriman,
without engaging the prestige
of the White House in the Harri-
man movement. This is because,
as of now, most of the profes-
sionals do not think Truman can
put Harriman over, even if the
President goes all out. The out-
come is wholly unpredictable.
But whatever the outcome may
be Harriman must be credited
with a really remarkable try.

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**Magnuson, Chapman
Being Discussed for
Vice-President Post**

Chicago —(U.P.)— Democratic
leaders of Western states talked
Monday of pushing Sen. Warren
G. Magnuson, D-Wash., or sec-
retary of interior Oscar L. Chap-
man for the vice-presidential
nomination, but took no formal
action.

Westerners met Sunday night
under the leadership of Calvin
W. Rawlings, national commit-
teeman from Utah, "to make the
voice of the west a little more
audible."

The meeting did not discuss
candidates, but there was lobby
talk of promoting Magnuson or
Chapman — particularly Mag-
nuson—for second spot on the
ticket as a young westerner to
counter Sen. Richard M. Nixon
R-Calif., the 39-year-old GOP
nominee for vice-president.

Chapman is from Colorado.
Rawlings reminded the meeting
that 11 Western states control
210 electoral votes of the 266
needed to elect a president.

"Maybe by solidarity out west
we might be able to exercise
considerable influence in getting
a man who is interested in west-
ern resources and western prob-
lems," he said.

Proposals Approved
The conference, composed of
Democratic committeemen and
state chairmen from 11 West-
ern states, plus Hawaii and

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
General Ike and a Denver
friend leave for a fishing trip
high up in the Colorado moun-
tains. They'll be gone a week.
They plan to do some fishing,
of course, but in general, they
say, they're going to DO NOTH-
ING IN A BIG WAY.

"ISN'T IT NICE," maybe you'll
say, "to be a big shot, with
big shot friends to take you fish-
ing in the country's top fishing
spots?"

Wait a minute.
Let's quote the teletype this
morning:

"The General started his fish-
ing trip shortly after he and his
wife bade farewell to their sold-
ier son as he stopped briefly in
Denver en route to Seattle and
KOREA.

"It was an emotional send-off
for the boy... Mrs. Eisenhower
choked back tears and bit her
lips as she said goodbye... The
General paced nervously back
and forth before going up to the
plane's stairs for a final word
with his son."

DID YOU EVER say hail and
farewell to a soldier son, or
brother or husband who was
leaving for the fighting front?
If so, you know the bleak de-
solation that was in Ike's and
Mamie's hearts as the plane took
off from the airport in Denver
bearing away from them their
hope of the future.

HOW WELL DO you know
your Kipling?
Do you remember this one:
"Judy O'Grady and the colon-
el's lady are sisters under the
skin."

WELL, THERE IN Denver Mrs.
Dwight D. Eisenhower, wife
of the Republican nominee for
President of the United States,
and all the mothers who ever
said good-bye to soldier sons
en route to the fighting front
were sisters under the skin and
NOTHING ON EARTH can ever
change the relationship.

MAYBE YOU'RE STILL class-
conscious. Maybe you're
saying: "Oh, yeah; but he's a
major and a West Pointer, and
his father is General Eisenhower.
He'll do all right."

Wait another minute.
Check back through the news
and recall how many West Point
soldier sons of soldier fathers
well up in the brass have died
in Korea.

War is the great leveler.

INFLATION NOTE:

The government of Australia
orders an arbitrary boost of all
basic wages to try to keep up
with rising living costs, but
Australians fear the new govern-
ment adjustment WILL ONLY
MEAN HIGHER PRICES.

They must have been reading
the news from the U.S.—where
we're learning the hard way that
is EXACTLY what happens.

ONE FOR THE BOOK:

An arbitrator in New Bed-
ford, Mass., orders wages in New
Bedford textile plants REDUCED
8 1/2 cents an hour, and the
textile workers union agrees
willingly to go along with the
decrease.

It brings the cost structure in
New England down closer to
the competitive cost structure in
the South. WHICH HAS BEEN
GRABBING TEXTILE MILLS
AWAY FROM NEW ENGLAND
AT A SHOCKING RATE.

Inflation, you see, not only
robs us through the pocketbook
but upsets and reshuffles long-
established industrial develop-
ments.

On The Side

By E. V. Curling
(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

What national convention of
a feminine organization brings
out the most beautiful women?
I ask this question in the inter-
ests of our bachelor subscribers.
It would seem a convention of
women would be a good place
for an unattached fellow to
meet some very interesting peo-
ple. Not difficult to meet either,
because the women attending
the convention have their names
on cards attached to their ap-
parel. I have been at hotels
when in progress but as yet have
not been particularly dazzled by
the beauty of the participants.
Still there must be some femi-
nine conventions at which beauty
predominates. Do models have
conventions? How about regis-
tered nurses?

Literary Note.
The most prolific novelist of
the Twentieth Century is
Georges Simenon, the detective
story specialist. Although still
in his forties, Simenon has writ-
ten 407 novels. Thirty-seven of
these novels have been made
into films. Georges writes only
two hours a day, from 6:15 to
8:30 a.m. However, he spends
most of the night before figur-
ing out what he is going to write
in the morning.

Asking.
Queries From Clients. Q. You
probably were, as a lad, a read-
er of Frank Merriwell stories.
What was the name of the girl
Merriwell married? A. Frank
was in love with two girls, one
a brunette named Inza Burrage,
the other a blonde named Elsie
Bellwood. He married the brun-
nette... Q. My claim, backed
by the usual stories, is that Mae
West appeared in a show with
Al Jolson over forty years ago.
Name of show? Vera Violetta.
Right? A. Quite right, sir. Gaby
Deslys was the star of that
show. Presented at the Winter
Garden. Belle Baker was in it
too. Date was 1911.

Passing By.
Conn McCreary, veteran sad-
dle mite. Has a highly develop-
ed sense of humor which he
finds at times difficult to re-
strain. As you know, clowning
by jockeys is not tolerated. Base-
ball players can clown, also box-
ers, but the dignity of the turf
must be preserved. However, a
couple of years ago in a distance
race at Pimlico the jovial young
Mr. McCreary rounded into the
stretch with his mount leading
the field by about forty lengths.
Then Conn's sense of humor got
the better of him. He rose high
in the saddle and bowed and
tipped his hat right and left as
he approached the winning post.
The spectators roared with
laughter. But the stewards were
not amused. They plastered a
stiff fine on McCreary for this
unseemly display of levity.

GREAT DAY FOR BILL

Fort Worth, Tex. —(U.P.)— It
was a big day for Bill Jackson
when he was graduated from
the University of Texas. He re-
ceived a degree in electrical en-
gineering and also his lieuten-
ant's bars in the Air Force re-
serve. In addition, he was one
of seven out of 250 reservists
who were cited for distinguished
military service.

Lawyer Asks How

Geo. N. Taylor
The lawyer asked Jesus what
he should do to inherit eternal
life. Being a lawyer, Jesus
pointed him to the law. It said
to love God with the whole
heart, soul, strength and mind
and one's neighbor as ones
self—Luke 10th. Show all love
to God and man always, and you
have earned eternal life.

Christ alone
ever kept that
law of perfect
love and His
death for our
sins was but
one more act
done for us.
Even though
you are low-
down and vile
or high up
and scoffing,
Christ's blood
cleared your page—1 John 1:7.
Set your heart on Christ's work
for you and God writes in eternal
life. And your heart comes into
new ways and days Whosoever
will, may come. So adds the fam-
ily that sponsors this page. adv.

DIAMOND WEDDING

Do you know who Calouste
Gulbenkian is? If not, you
should. He is the richest man in
the world. His fortune comes

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IS COMING