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ago.

10 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1942

(It was Thursday)

Rogue Valley Transit comp-

ingurates half-hourly bus ser-

vice over four routes in the

city; free service offered the rest

of the week to prove benefit to

the public.

From Arthur Perry's Ye

Smudge Pot column: So few peo-

ple are in the hills these days

a white horse with its rider

singing at the top of his voice,

can travel freely without the

slightest danger of being ac-

cidentally shot for a deer before

the hunting season opens.

20 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1932

(It was Saturday)

G. Mynatt, Eagle Point, is se-

riously injured when a stick of

dynamite explodes near him; a

shower of tiny rocks and gravel

is imbedded in his skin.

Southern Oregon Shriners de-

part for national conclave at

San Francisco.

30 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1922

(It was Sunday)

It is revealed that the mem-

bers of the Medford Klu Klux

Klan have been asked to put up

a minimum of \$10 each to fi-

nance the recount of the recall

election against Sheriff Charley

Terrill.

Remodeling of the Medford

Center building nears comple-

tion and a reopening ceremony

is planned.

40 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1912

(It was Tuesday)

A visitor in Ashland dies from

wounds received when he ac-

Editorial Correspondence

Chicago, July 21—(Special Air Mail)—Many years ago the Republican and Democratic conventions were very different. Today, as the Democrats open their political revival-meeting, a man from Mars would have a hard job to note any material differences. It's the same stockyards, the same noise and confusion, the same masses of badges, wires, walky-talkies, hand-shakings, ear-whisperings, and a note of feverish anticipation of the portentous and party-shaking decisions to come.

Also years ago, the Republicans were essentially a group of businessmen—representative, as a whole, of the Chamber of Commerce type, a large proportion being in the upper-brackets of industrial management. They dressed differently than the Democrats, were less inclined toward broad-brimmed hats, long-hair dramatic poses and declamation. Less emotional—theatrical—far less.

That is true no longer.

We had breakfast this morning at a table next to that of Senator Green of Rhode Island, for example.

Senator Green could be a model for the "New Yorker" magazine not only in manner and appearance but in Bradstreet rating—a fine representative of the old Newport aristocracy. He inherited wealth, he has acquired more, and yet there is no member of the Democratic party more highly regarded, being vice-chairman of this convention, and genuinely beloved by his party contemporaries. (Incidentally he is well in his 80's and yet could easily pass for 63 or 62.)

Which brings us to the matter of AGE—an item which promises to have an important bearing upon the race for the presidential nomination.

For after appraising all the leading candidates, adding up their plus and minus qualities, Vice President Barkley stands out as the only candidate with nothing against him BUT his years. Were the gentleman from Paducah, Ky., 10 years younger there would be little doubt, in our mind, as to the result.

For the outstanding determination of this convention, as it was of the Republican—and all party conventions for that matter—is to pick a WINNER. Or, if that appears highly unlikely, at least get the ticket that will come NEAREST to beating the Republicans in November—the strongest combination obtainable. And that would unquestionably be Barkley in the No. 1 place.

Not that Alben has so much in his favor, but he has so little against him. And the less a candidate has against him, the better the chances of uniting the party and especially preventing another Dixiecrat revolt. And that, as of this writing, is No. 1 on the High-Command agenda—TO PREVENT ANOTHER SPLIT AT ALL COSTS. For if the Democrats are to make any sort of showing in November they must be united, four-square against the GOP opposition. In other words the candidate that will in all probability win out this coming Thursday, will be the one with the best chance in the OPINION OF THE DELEGATES, of restoring party unity and good feeling. As we see it Barkley is that man. In fact we are so convinced of this, that if, as reported, President Truman at the psychological time will come out for him, nothing, we believe, can beat him.

The above, OF COURSE, is based upon the assumption that Governor Stevenson means what he says when he declares he does not want the nomination, is not fitted by temperament or training for it, and in effect gets down on his knees and begs his friends to lay-off in drafting talk. If his opposition is as strong and sincere as he claims and has repeatedly claimed, then his selection when all the chips are down is, to say the least, remote.

As to all the other candidates prominently mentioned—too much can be said against them, particularly on the harmony angle. Although as we have stated previously, if any of them should get the blessing and the official backing of President Truman, it would be practically impossible to beat him—almost as impossible as to nominate any candidate the present occupant of the White House would NOT endorse.

To return for a moment to those economic differences between the parties which no longer exist. Imagine what Wm. Jennings Bryan of "cross-of-gold" fame would do, were he to return to the Chicago he electrified over half a century ago and see what we saw yesterday:

A parade with a band marching up Michigan avenue, the marchers singing and carrying banners urging the nomination for the presidency on the Democratic ticket of "The Man who knows," none other than Mr. Averell Harriman, Wall Street banker, ex-pole player, son of the famous railroad tycoon, E. H. Harriman, and the possessor of some 40 or 50 millions—largely they say in gilt-edge government and municipal bonds!

W.J.B., after recovering consciousness, would surely entreat the first-aid brigade to send him back to the celestial residence from which he came and never ask him again to return.

However, even MORE puzzling than this was your correspondent's collision with a milling group of shabby gentility at the entrance to the Conrad Hilton hotel yesterday, shouting and displaying crudely painted signs, asking that the prayers "of the masses" be answered and the Democrats nominate—guess who?—hold everything—GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR!—R.W.R.

Yreka Man Flown To San Francisco

A Yreka, Calif., man was taken to San Francisco by a plane operated by Mercy Flights, Inc., of Medford yesterday.

Truman Will Address Convention Friday

Chicago — (U.P.) — President Truman will speak to the Democratic Convention Friday night, party officials said Wednesday. Because the convention is now running behind schedule, the Chief Executive, who had planned to fly from Washington Thursday, will postpone his trip for 24 hours.

According to the latest timetable worked out by Chairman Frank E. McKinney, the President was expected here sometime Friday. He will dine at the Saddle and Siroin club, adjoining Convention Hall, with McKinney, the new presidential nominee and a small group of high party figures.

Rare Hog Disease Hits Midwest States

Lincoln, Neb. — (U.P.) — Officials of at least four states are taking steps to prevent the spread of a rare hog disease similar in many respects to hoof and mouth disease.

Dr. E. P. Anderson, state veterinarian, said he is "seriously considering" issuing an order forbidding hog shows at the state fair, county fairs and all hog shows in Nebraska.

The director of the Missouri Agriculture Department, Robert T. Thornburg, declared a statewide embargo on transportation of hogs.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturday.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Sticks and stones'll break my bones and names'll cost you a two-hundred dollar fine!"

A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

BY HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—I'm either going out of the farming business or go into mass production. We have a "garden" in the back yard about as big as a Murphy bed, and mama decided it would be a good idea to grow some tomatoes.



Harmon Nichols

We're going to have some tomatoes eventually, I guess, but the way we figure it they'll come at the rate of about \$1 a tomato.

We went into the matter scientifically. I wrote to the department of agriculture and asked, please, if they had any information on how to grow tomatoes?

The D. of A. is very thorough about such matters and we now have enough literature to set up an advisory agency to serve the biggest tomato grower in Maryland. And maybe that would be more profitable.

Reading Delays Planting

We had so much reading to do that we were a couple of three weeks late getting our "crop" into the ground.

First mama went to a nursery and bought half a dozen plants, at 15 cents a plant. Then she bought half a dozen poles in anticipation of a rapid, lofty and sturdy growth.

Before we stuck the plants, we bought several bushels of topsoil and the bill came to \$7.50.

I ought to add a few dollars for labor on that last deal. The

men who delivered the soil refused to carry it back to the back yard. Each bushel weighed around 100 pounds.

It took me about half a day, counting frequent rest periods, to get the stuff back to the tomato patch. After the last one had been dumped, my neighbor who had been watching the performance leaned over the back fence and remarked:

"You could borrow my wheelbarrow."

Next the space had to be spaded and relieved of such things as tin cans, rocks and other debris. Then, following instructions, we placed the top soil on top of the clay soil and raked her over good.

The next step was to buy some stuff which the D. of A. claims will perk up the soil and make things grow a little faster. For good measure we mixed a little sand into this whole mess, planted the tomatoes and doused them with water.

Then the showers came, and brought weeds—our good earth was so fertile.

It was almost too much for Mrs. N. to weed.

Well, we took stock this morning.

We counted 11 potential tomatoes; green little things that give some promise of growing up to be big ripe, red, luscious tomatoes.

You can add it up yourself. They will, if they mature, come to a little over a dollar apiece. I just checked with one of those super markets.

Tomatoes are selling at around 10 cents per on the going market.

Congressional Quiz

Questions and Answers on What Goes on at the Capital
Furnished by Congressional Quarterly News Features

Q—Is there any "referee" to keep the political campaigning clean?

A—Chairman Guy M. Gillette (D-Ia.), announced July 4 his Elections Subcommittee of the Senate Rules Committee has decided to keep a close watch on the 1952 election and investigate charges of "scurrilous and improper practice."

Q—How's our progress in development of atomic weapons?

A—According to the Raw Materials Subcommittee of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, the federal government has not been doing enough to increase U.S. production of uranium and atomic weapons. Reporting to Congress June 29, it said the military forces should use more of their funds in the search for raw uranium. It recommended "a very substantial revision in both uranium and thorium procurement."

Q—What does Congress mean when it adjourns "sine die"?

A—Sine die is a Latin phrase meaning "without a day." The 82nd Congress on July 7 adjourned sine die—without setting a day for meeting again. Unless the President calls Congress into special session, it won't meet again until a new Congress—the 83rd—convenes Jan. 3, 1953.

Q—Does the new military reserves bill make it easier for the government to call veterans back into uniform?

A—In passing it July 2, Congress intended to limit the President's power to call up reserves. The legislation divides reservists into "ready" and "standby" groups. Ready reserves could be called during an emergency declared by the President, after Congress decided how many should be called. The standbys could be called up only with Congressional consent, if no ready reserves were available.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Don Ray Hanlin, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5 bail.
Robert Eugene Kodat, no operator's license, \$5 bail.

DISTRICT COURT
Richard C. Lehnert, two overloads and one overweight, total \$148.
Royce Sheldrick Prosser, passing with insufficient clearance, \$7.50.
Levi Glenn Monroe, inadvisable warning device \$5.
Rex Leland Frost, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10; parking in prohibited area, \$6; total \$16.
Harold Oren Parmelee, overload, \$25.
William Price Irwin, improper motor vehicle license, \$5.
Lawrence L. Van Den Elzen, Yreka, Calif., drunk on a public highway, \$12.
Ralph D. Mason, Red Blanket road, Prospect, drunk on a public highway, \$25.

CIRCUIT COURT
Darlaine Royce Cushman vs. Harold Eugene Cushman, divorce decree.
Mary Frances Garrett vs. Ward Guy Garrett, divorce decree.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As I settle down to write this stuff, there's an earthquake in California and a political convention in Chicago. Both can be destructive, but as between the two there is this difference:

You can DO SOMETHING about a political convention, but there's nothing you can do about an earthquake. You just TAKE it.

So let's talk about the convention.

THIS Democratic convention is at least different.

The last candidate total I heard this morning was 23! That's a lot of hopefuls. For four Democratic conventions in a row—1936, 1940, 1944 and 1948—there has been only one candidate and the sole job of the convention has been to put its rubber stamp on the candidate already chosen.

That's QUITE a difference.

THERE is an interesting ruckus in the Oregon delegation in Chicago.

Under Oregon primary law, Oregon's delegates are pledged to back Kefauver as long as he has a REASONABLE chance of winning the nomination. (He was a heavy winner in the Oregon Democratic primary.)

But there are rumors (so far without flat confirmation) that the delegates are divided and some of them are wavering in their allegiance to Kefauver and their instructions under the Oregon primary law. Bill Josselin, of Portland, is SINCERELY for Kefauver. At the moment, at least, Tom Mahoney of Portland is for Kefauver.

Monroe Sweetland, Oregon's Democratic national committee man, tells a reporter that "so far as I know every member of the Oregon delegation intends to support Kefauver as long as he is in the running," but adds: "I don't want our already small number of delegates to be further diminished in importance by mortgaging it to an unforeseeable future."

Delegate Harry Boivin, of Klamath Falls, appears to be of somewhat the same mind.

JUST between you and me, I'd hate to be an Oregon delegate who bolted Kefauver while he still had a chance, however slim, to be nominated. There wasn't, of course, a very wide choice among candidates in the Oregon Democratic primary, but I think most of those who voted for the charming young man from Tennessee (ably abetted by his charming red-headed wife) did so because they have FAITH in him.

I think all such people want their instructions, as given in the primary voting, to be followed by their delegates in Chicago.

POLITICS is funny.

I'm a Republican—more strongly so this year than for many years in the past. I have faith in Ike, and I want him to win. I think Kefauver would be the hardest Democrat to beat.

Still, I'd rather see him get the Democratic nomination.

Why? Because I think he's SINCERE. I think this is a time for sincere leadership on both sides.

WHAT I'd like to see this year is a clear-cut contest, with the lines of cleavage SHARPLY DRAWN, between New Dealism-Fair Dealism as it has been practiced during the past two decades (particularly as practiced during the past decade, when idealism was giving way to practical, power politics) and intelligent, truly liberal Republicanism which believes in all the honest welfare legislation WE CAN PAY FOR AND STILL PAY OFF OUR DEBT while keeping taxes within limits that our economy can stand and our free enterprise system can live under.

I HAVE no objection to soundly conceived, WISELY BUSINESSMANAGED welfare laws. After all, the No. 1 business of government is to look out for the welfare of the people.

Divorcee Faces Trial For Runaway Affair

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — A blonde divorcee, Mrs. Virginia Letourneau, must face superior court trial for her runaway romance with the boy next door, 17-year-old Jimmy Sherwin. The 28-year-old woman was ordered to stand trial Tuesday by Judge William B. McKesson after a preliminary hearing at which her 10-year-old son, Armand Jr., said his mother and Jimmy fled from Burbank, Calif.



INVADING CAUCUS of California delegation to Democratic national convention at Chicago, Holdridge group demands hearing on charge delegates were illegally elected. Two unidentified members of rival groups are squaring off for fight. (International)

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Saucer Seen

To the Editor: It is quite common to find members of the human tribe who are allergic to babies, "till they get one of their own. So it is with the flying saucer, at least 'till they see one. It was that way with C. M. Olds of 231 West 5th street, here in Medford. He was quite that way, at least until Thursday of last week when about 7 p.m. he observed one coming up out of the south by east. Calling to his wife Georgia, they watched the thing rise in an arc at incredible speed, increasing in apparent size as it came abreast and diminishing as it swept on to the northern horizon where it tipped as if banking and gaining altitude, vanished almost instantly from view.

They described it as glowing with quite sharp outline and the color of candle flame. As it tipped in banking, it showed the round saucer shape but somewhat elliptical with a dark shape in the center that projected slightly fore and aft. It was only some three seconds in traveling from horizon to horizon and gave off no sound.

This is what baffles your writer who has long held they are real but not of this world. If our Air Force chiefs could evolve such a plane, they would have it hurtling in our airport air-lanes, scaring the personnel witless. And the jets they build make plenty of racket as any object with material bulk must do when displacing air at high speeds.

When in formation numbers, the saucers maneuver with intelligent direction but with G plus turns no human could

because it was "too hot." Little Armand said he went along on his mother's 10,000 mile jaunt with her fuzzy checked boy friend last May 24 and slept alone while Mrs. Letourneau and Jimmy shared a bed.

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