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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 30, 1942
(It was Thursday)

The California railroad com-
mission approves the request of
California Oregon Power com-
pany to reclassify its outstand-
ing stock and issue more com-
mon stock.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: A school
for the training of the lady pistol
shots has been established in
New York state. They are apt
students, hit what they are sup-
posed to, and can see the white
of a blonde hair on a male shoul-
der at 60 paces.

20 YEARS AGO

July 30, 1932
(It was Saturday)

A transient arrested in Tacoma
admits the theft of nine electric
motors from the Pinnacle Pack-
ing company.

A representative of the Ore-
gon-Washington pear bureau
speaks in Medford, predicts win-
ning markets for winter pears
in industrial centers when the
depression ends.

30 YEARS AGO

July 30, 1922
(It was Sunday)

Rash of burglaries continues
as Vernon Vawter and Sam
Richardson report their Geneva
street homes were illegally en-
tered.

Former Gov. Oswald West and
five other orators schedule a
Medford stop to urge the un-
dermerging of the Southern Pacific
and Northern Pacific railroads.

40 YEARS AGO

July 30, 1912

The Spalding buggy company,
which has moved out of Jackson
county to escape a warrant for
illegally selling buggies without
obtaining a license, receives a
temporary injunction to restrain
the prosecuting attorney from
serving the warrant.

Japanese people in the Med-
ford area wire the Japanese con-
sul at Portland their sorrow over
the death of Emperor Mutsuhito
and their loyalty for the new
Mikado.

Masons Plan Annual
Outdoor Meeting

The Crater Lake lodge No.
211, AF and AM, will hold its
fourth annual outdoor meeting
this Saturday, August 2, in
Crater Lake National park to
confer master mason degrees on
candidates, according to Robert
Simmonds, first past master of
the lodge.

The program, which is set for
daylight time, will include two
sections, one at 11 a.m. (10 a.m.
standard time) and 2 p.m. (1 p.m.
standard time), followed by a
dinner at 5 p.m. (4 p.m. standard
time).

FBI PUZZLED

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—FBI agents
were puzzled Wednesday over a
case involving the transportation
of a stolen vehicle across
state lines. They were holding
two youths and a teen-aged girl
who have admitted driving the
vehicle from Washington to
Pittsburgh. The stolen vehicle?
A tiny one-seater motor bike.

Editorial Correspondence

Chicago, July 27 (By air mail) For many reasons the Demo-
cratic party is the sentimental party.
The wonderful ovation given Vice President Barkley was a
perfect example.

All over the floor and on the podium, his speech was pro-
claimed as one of the great speeches of all time, and he as one of
the greatest Democrats and most distinguished Americans of this
generation.

It was a fine tribute to good old Alben and in principle well
deserved.

But the speech he delivered with such fire and vigor was
NOT a GREAT speech, and Alben Barkley of Paducah, Kentucky,
will NOT rank as one of the great Americans of this post-war era.
All that was not factual, but purely sentimental.

If anyone in fact listened carefully to that speech and had, by
chance, heard the Kentucky Senator before, he would have realized
Alben needed no notes because he had so often delivered practically
the same speech during the many years preceding.

It probably is listed as No. 1 in his long list of rousing but
routine and strongly partisan appeals.

In fact the wonderful tribute he was given, was not because
of the speech at all but because of the MAN.

It wasn't enthusiasm aroused by what he said, but what he
was—and is. For he is a GREAT Democrat (with a capital "D"), a
man of honesty, good will, and complete sincerity. He not only
always says the Democratic party is the one hope of this country
and the world, but HE BELIEVES IT. Moreover after a very
successful career and a life-time loyalty devoted to his party, it
was his sad fate to be crucified by organized labor he had served
so well, and his active career ended before the delegates' eyes, in
a very unjust and unfair manner.

It was CRUEL.

There were tears as well as smiles on the faces of many
delegates when Alben finished with his "THANK YOU AND
GOODBYE," thus ending the swan song of a great Democrat and
a fine and able citizen, but not a Demosthenes nor a Thomas
Jefferson.

Poor old Col. McCormick of that scurrilous and ante-deluvian
sheet the Chicago Tribune!

He doesn't like the Democratic nominee any better than he
did the Republican!

In fact it's twiddle-dee and twiddle-dum, to this great Isola-
tionist and museum primitive. Governor Stevenson, like General
Eisenhower he says, was chosen not to represent this country but
England. They are both tools of Wall Street; Stevenson knows little
about foreign policy and less about domestic, but Eisenhower
knows nothing about either!

Why doesn't the crabbed and comical old cuss start a Third
Party and run HIMSELF?

Returning to Democratic sentiment—another good example of
this emotional attribute was the enthusiastic ovation given Mrs.
Eleanor Roosevelt. In the time consumed (as we recall) she held the
record until Alben Barkley delivered his touching—and it was
that—"Farewell Address."

At the outset Mrs. F. D. R. declared (smiling and bowing) that
she realized this great reception was not for her, but in honor of
her departed and revered husband.

Mrs. Roosevelt is usually right, but in that statement she was
exactly 100 PER CENT WRONG!

The outgoing and affectionate greeting was not for Mrs.
Roosevelt's husband, FRANKLIN, nor for what she was about to
say, but solely and entirely for HERSELF! "She's a grand old gal,"
like Alben a great Democrat, and above all a person of COMPLETE
INTEGRITY.

Right or wrong, Eleanor Roosevelt has always been true to
herself and the principles in which she believes, and everyone
knows that is what she will be as long as she lives.

In fact, thinking it over, we believe in the case of both Alben
and Eleanor, it was that one outstanding quality more than any
other, COMPLETE INTEGRITY OF CHARACTER, that the con-
vention cheered so loudly, and so long.

If that is correct—and we believe it is—it is a heartening sign
of these perilous times,—not only of the fact there is high integrity
in public life, but that the rank and file recognize it when they
see it, and insist upon expressing their appreciation of it.

As one reviews these two conventions the outstanding ac-
complishment in both was the victory of an enlightened foreign
policy over the reaction and isolationism of the Taft type of policy
and politics. The latter, had it been adopted by EITHER party,
might well have ended in tragedy both for this country and the
world. With men like Eisenhower and Stevenson leading the two
major parties "THE COUNTRY IS SAFE"—to quote a favorite
phrase of the late William Colvig,—and that is really SOMETHING
—in fact almost everything.

In a few weeks now, the inevitable battle FOR the ballots in
November will begin, and there will be a suspension of rational
and reasonable consideration of either the policies or personalities
involved.

Unless all signs fall General Eisenhower will be pictured as
a blood-thirsty militarist and ignoramus; while Governor Stevenson
will be pictured as a Communist—"He didn't turn HIS back on
Alger Hiss!"—and as a profiteer in tainted horse-meat. WHAT
COMPLETE AND UTTER NONSENSE!

Yet, just as "we the people" can't seem to rid ourselves of
party conventions, based upon the well-known phony methods and
hypothesis of the late P. T. Barnum, so we seem incapable of keep-
ing our respective heads on our shoulders and feet on the ground
during our presidential contests.

A few will, but they will, as always, be in a minority. Not a
hopeless minority, however. In fact this minority, generally classi-
fied as political Independents, will decide the election in November
as they have every election since the turn of the century. But so
few people realize it!

A large number of Chicago high school boys and girls will be
sorry the conventions are over. They got nice jobs as pages, and
as volunteer marchers and standard bearers—also noise-producers
—in the various and sundry candidate parades.

We went down EARLY Thursday morning, and as we walked
up the odoriferous alley to the press entrance, trucks loaded with
"Stevenson" banners and slogan-standards were being unloaded
by boys and girls in their teens; one of the girls—a pretty dainty
little Miss too—had one arm in a cast, but was pulling things out
with the other, in business-like, rapid-fire style.

When the show ended Friday night, as we staggered down the
stairs two of these boy-pages passed us, on the double quick, one
of them yelling to the other, "well, kiddo, no more deez and dozes!"

The "Stockyard Inn," by the way, should be able to declare an
extra dividend.

It was next to impossible to get a seat in the bar or any of the
dining rooms within four hours of the luncheon or dinner times—
the colored head waiters making a killing in these jam-sessions.
But they weren't the only ones. The menus—about the size of a
circus poster—printed one set of prices and the cashier billed the
pork sucker for another and higher price.

Your correspondent discovered this when he asked that his
bill be itemized. This the waiter refused to do—said it just
WASN'T done, not enough time, that if the total seemed higher
than expected, that was due to recent raises in food and liquor
prices imposed SINCE the bills of fare were printed.

Well, AGAIN—"NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT!"
—R. W. R.

Charities To Benefit From Olcott Estate

Portland—(U.P.)—Nearly half
of the \$100,000 estate of the late
Ben W. Olcott, former governor
of Oregon, will go to various
civic and charitable organiza-
tions. Olcott's will was admitted
to probate Tuesday.

The former governor died
July 21 at the age of 79 follow-
ing a long illness.
Under terms of the will two
sons, Richard H. and Gordon W.
Olcott, Portland, will receive

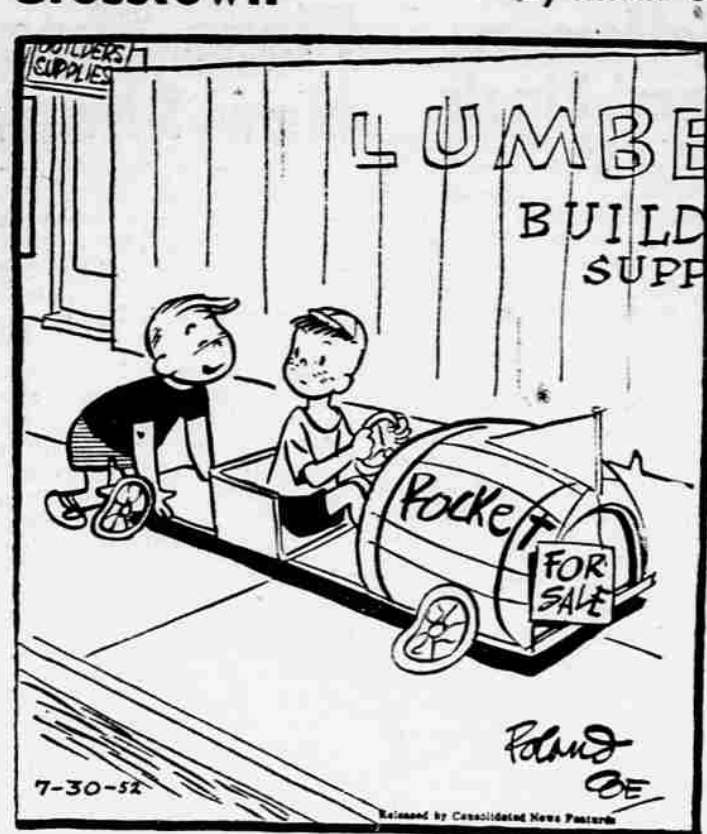
\$15,000 each, and a third son,
Chester W. Olcott, Yakima Bay,
will inherit the family residence
in Portland and will receive the
remainder of the estate after
other special bequests are
handed.

The first building erected in
San Francisco, an adobe in the
San Francisco Presidio, is now
used as the Officers Club.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Notice how nice she hugs the road"

Opinions Varied on
Fate of Argentina
After Eva's Death

Editor's note: What will hap-
pen to the Peron regime in
Argentina now that the Presi-
dent's powerful wife is dead?
A survey of opinion in Buenos
Aires and other South Ameri-
can capitals turns up a re-
luctance to comment, especially
during Argentina's period of
mourning. The following dis-
patch by U.P.'s foreign news
editor points up the nature of
Madame Peron's influence in
recent years.

By PHIL NEWSOM
United Press Foreign Analyst
Senora Eva Peron's actress
heart would have loved the
tumultuous demonstrations
which followed her death in
Buenos Aires.

But as a shrewd politi-
cian she might also have won-
dered what happens now to
the Argentina which, with her
husband, she fashioned.

In the last 10 of her 33 years,
Evita Peron became one of the
most powerful and most contro-
versial women of her time. No
one ever knew how much to
credit to her or to her husband,
President Juan D. Peron, Argenti-
na's increasingly intense nation-
alism or its oftentimes antag-
onistic and sometimes con-
temptuous attitude toward the
United States.

No one ever really knew
whether she even was a good
actress.

Born of Obscure Parents
But the one-time \$35-a-month
radio and stage performer who
was born of obscure parents in a
tiny village of Buenos Aires
Province, grew up to play on a
tremendous stage.

She drew smiles of chagrin
and embarrassment when she
once offered to send clothing for
600 needy Washington children.

Perhaps it was because Wash-
ington had let it be known she
herself would be unwelcome
there.

The beautiful, blonde Evita
never forgave, never forgot.

Once, while on a tour of Swit-
zerland, a crowd threw tomatoes
at her. It was said they were the
most expensive tomatoes ever
hurled, because that was the end
of the Swiss watch market in
Argentina.

Senora Eva Peron never held
public office.

Powerful Weapons
But, as her husband's right
hand and an expert politician,
she worked unceasingly to gain
and hold the affections of the
"descamisados"—first the shirt-
less, then the shirt-sleeved ones.

She wielded three powerful
weapons.

She controlled the General
Labor Confederation with its
5,000,000 organized workers
grouped in 2,400 trade unions.

She headed the Eva Peron Foun-
dation which controls all welfare
and charitable funds. She led
the fight which gained the vote
for Argentine women and she
headed the feminine Peronista
Party.

She was, in effect, one of the
biggest business women in the
world.

And each of her enterprises
now will need a new leader.

Little Official Comment
However, despite her obvious
power in the Argentine govern-
ment even her enemies are un-
willing to forecast a revolution
which might return Argentina to
the fold of hemispheric and
world solidarity.

There will be little if any official
comment about the future in
Buenos Aires and other South
American capitals during Argenti-
na's period of mourning, but
three opinions seem to be out-
standing.

One is that there will be no
real changes in government, but
that there will be a shift in the
"palace guard."

For example, her brother now
is private secretary to President
Peron. Some opinion expects him
to be kicked upstairs, possibly as
governor of some obscure prov-
ince.

More Controls Possible

Another is that she actually
was a temporizing influence be-
tween her husband and the army
which is credited with blocking
her nomination as vice president.
In that case, the army and Peron
might get together, placing even
more stringent controls upon the
Argentine people.

A third opinion is that a sort
of "deification" in death will
make her influence stronger than
ever before.

A summing up seems to indi-
cate that, in any event, we will
see no outward changes in Ar-
gentine policy for many months
and perhaps not for years.

Congressional Quiz

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

Q—Is it safe to put "fluoride"
in drinking water?

A—There are enough "unan-
swered questions" about water
fluoridation "to call for caution"
before communities start adding
fluoride to water supplies to re-
duce dental cavities, the House
Committee on Use of Chemicals
reported July 10, after extended
hearings. A number of cities now
fluoridate their water supplies
and the process is endorsed by
the U.S. Public Health Service
and the American Dental Associa-
tion.

Q—Do the Democrats and Re-
publicans both use the "bare
majority" vote system of picking
Presidential nominees?

A—Since 1936, yes. In the
conventions of either party, the
first candidate to get more than
half of the delegate votes wins
the nomination. Before 1936, a
Democratic Presidential candi-
date had to have two-thirds of
the convention vote to be nomi-
nated.

Q—Did the President have
much luck getting Congress to
okay his foreign policy?

A—Although that now is one
of the most controversial phases
of his Administration, the Presi-
dent had most success in gaining
Congressional acceptance of his
foreign affairs plans. In the last
six years, 61% of the 94 Truman
programs of foreign aid, treaties,
and international cooperation
were carried out by Congress. By
contrast, the average for all
kinds of legislation was only
42.9%.

Q—When did the Senate adopt
a "cloture" rule?

A—In 1917 the Senate first
put a curb on unlimited debate

by adopting Rule 22 to allow im-
position of "cloture"—limit de-
bate. Originally the rule could
be invoked with the approval of
two-thirds of the Senators pres-
ent and voting. But in 1949, the
requirements were tightened, so
cloture could be imposed only
with the vote of two-thirds of
all Senators. That way an ab-
sence has the same effect as a
negative vote.

Q—What kind of a Senate
cloture rule do civil rights
want?

A—Advocates of civil rights
legislation, which many times
has been blocked by filibusters,
want a change in the Senate
rules so the votes of a simple
majority of the 96 Senators in-
stead of two-thirds (64) could
limit debate and let Senators de-
cide on the legislation itself.

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Candy Truck Driver
Injured in Accident
Clifton Lawrence Green, Box
20, Brownsboro, was taken to
Sacred Heart hospital by Con-
ger-Morris ambulance yesterday
afternoon for treatment of in-
juries suffered in a traffic ac-
cident.

State police said the McDon-
ald Candy company truck Green
was driving was hit on the left
side by a log truck driven by
George William Moore, of the
McKee bridge area. The acci-
dent happened about 3:30 p.m.
at Ruch, and Moore told police
he did not see the candy truck
turning on to the highway.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30
p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Mon-
day, noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

BY THE WAY, an engineer
has come up with a pocket-
size calculator which, the dis-
patches say, will tell in a mat-
ter of seconds on what day of
the week Christmas, say, will
fall in the year 2,000. Or, for
that matter, in the year 20,000.

That also leaves me cold. I
just don't CARE what day of
the week Christmas will fall on
in say the year 20,000. For one
thing, I don't do my Christmas
shopping that far ahead.

PERSONALLY, I shall do no
worrying on that score. I'll
go back to the comforting line
of reasoning that an atom bomb
can kill me no deadlier than a
well-directed bullet from a .22
rifle.

The same goes for a possibly
hostile flying saucer.

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ANOTHER outfit is working
on a fancy new calendar
that would start every new year
and every new season on a Sun-
day, with every date coming
out on the same day of the week
every year. That would make it
possible for us to have all of our
holidays on week-ends.

It would be nice, of course,
but what I'd like to see right
now is a system that would
keep the clocks on the same
schedule WHEREVER YOU GO.
As it is, we get brain fog every
time we leave home trying to
find out what time it really is,
anyhow.

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view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must
not exceed 400 words.

Disaster Feared

To the Editor: The question
of rights of free men just about
deadlocked the peace negotia-
tions in Panmunjom. The Uni-
ted Nations uphold the rights
of free men in demanding that
prisoners of war held by them,
including those who fled to them
from Communist forces, shall be
granted rights to choose the sanc-
tuary where offered.

North Koreans, Chinese Com-
munists and Soviet cohorts deny
the rights of free men by de-
manding that prisoners of war
held by the United Nations shall
be forced back to them and dealt
with as they see fit as was done
in Germany during World War
II when a thousand or more
prisoners of war flung them-
selves from trains to drown in
the Rhine rather than go to death
or slave labor camps in Russia.

We look on this with dread
and horror. But the same thing
is creeping on us here in sup-
posedly free America, for it was
the rights of free men to exer-
cise their will that deadlocked
the steel strike.

Loss of supplies to our fight-
ing forces with impending dis-
aster to us as a nation demand-
ed action. When brought before
our President, Fairness of the
steel industries appeared to have
the interests of his country more
at heart for he worked under
to Murray of the CIO union's
demand that workers in the steel
industry shall not be hired as
free and independent men, but
can be hired only through the
union whose officials prescribe
wages, hours, and conditions of
labor.

For, the union individual has
no opposition voice in a union
meeting. He will be shouted
down and if persistent, will be
taken care of by the shop stew-
ard, in various unwanted ways.
Your writer is speaking from
first hand knowledge.

Slowly but surely the union
net tightens on our economy,
strangling free enterprise that
made this country great. Gov-
ernmental restrictions that also
hamper free enterprise, should
be eased and extended to con-
trol of labor unions whose pen-
dulum of power is swinging too
far. If not controlled soon, dis-
aster surely awaits us.

F. J. Clifford
1211 W. Main St.,
Medford, Oregon.

Why a Monopoly?
To the Editor: About the hard-
top races. So some Medford men
went to the expense of building

distant dome send a rocket ship
to some other planet, maybe
some other planet is a few years
or a few generations ahead of us
and is sending inter-planetary
ships here to look us over.

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lieve.

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