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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

August 5, 1942

(It was Wednesday)
Oregon and Washington coastal areas are ordered by the federal government to dim-out lights for duration of war; Medford falls just outside the prescribed dim-out area.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Mowandas K. Gandhi, the sheet wearing leader of India, who is making a nuisance of himself by threats to flirt with the Axis powers, is still unsuccessful in his efforts to have the British throw him in a calaboose, where he belongs.

20 YEARS AGO

August 5, 1922

Forty-year-old Russian immigrant who has frightened local residents with "wild antics and incendiary speeches" is held in the county jail for observation; report he was running loose without clothes proves erroneous.

M. O. Wilkins, Ashland, files as an independent candidate for district attorney.

30 YEARS AGO

August 5, 1922

(It was Saturday)
The directors of the county fair report that they may have to use huge tents to house the overflow of exhibitors for the fair.

Prof. Albert Einstein is threatened with assassination and flees from Germany.

40 YEARS AGO

August 5, 1912

(It was Monday)
Damage of \$25,000 results from a fire which totally destroys the Ashland theater.

Passage of a \$100,000 federal appropriation bill for Crater Lake National park is expected to pass both houses of Congress.

COMMUNICATIONS

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It's A Small World

To the Editor: Little did I think while fishing for salmon in the Rogue river twelve years ago that Mrs. Farrell's nephew, John Dellenback, would now be a permanent and enthusiastic resident of Medford, or while visiting your city this summer, would have the pleasure of talking to a former nurse of the Augustana Hospital of Chicago and now a resident of Medford.

She was having a reunion with two other graduates of that hospital and I feel quite sure that one of them was my nurse when, as a young sprout, I had to have some ankle surgery done at Augustana by Dr. A. J. Ochsner. The young intern by the name of Nelson Percy whom she thought had passed away is very much alive and his name is announced on the baseball broadcast quite often. I believe he is still the chief of staff. Saw the picture of these ladies in your paper but forgot their names.
W. F. Farrell
809 Junior Terrace
Chicago, Ill.

Editorial Correspondence

Rockford, Ill., Aug. 2—If anyone in Medford is suffering from insomnia, we advise them to move here. It is one of the greatest places to sleep we have ever visited—far, far better than Portland. In fact, we have never seen a place where so few of the people are awake—and we don't mean at NIGHT only!

The Medford police would like it here. We thought Medford held the record for disregard of the pedestrian, but it can't hold a candle to Rockford. Having no car your correspondent has done considerable walking, for while they have Yellow cabs here, it takes half an hour to get one. And more often while the booking office says one will "be there in five minutes," one almost never comes. We nearly missed our train as a result when we returned to Chicago for the Democratic convention.

From the hotel, where we are now staying, it is a walk of only eight or nine blocks to the "old homestead" and the sidewalks while badly in need of repair, are wonderfully shaded by gigantic elms which arch over the paved streets, forming a perfect cathedral nave of leafy green, keeping out the direct sunlight like a green canopy specially constructed by benevolent Mother Nature. They are exceptionally long blocks, however, and as we had to pack a typewriter and a package of books we called a taxi. "We'll be there in five minutes," was the familiar response.

"Do you mean that?" and we recited some of our experiences.

"Well five or TEN minutes!"

We waited 25 minutes after calling a second time with the same languid pledge by some female "Rip Van Winkle."

"So Grandpa had to walk!"
"But you see it's Saturday," was the Rockford alibi, "no one works on Saturday."

"Then why don't they say so instead of pretending they do? And as far as that goes it hasn't been much better any other day. What's wrong? They are fighting hay fever pollen here now, have they ever fought the hook-worm?"

"But you ain't heard nothing yet," as Al Jolson used to say—or did he use the word "seen?"

Those who have ever attempted the job of cleaning out an "old homestead" which has been living on borrowed time for nearly a decade, will appreciate what the undersigned has gone through during his two weeks residence here. We doubt if anyone else would or could for words can hardly describe it. And only the basement and attic have been attempted.

We grant there have been compensations, even some amusing ones, and memories of happy days, and of that golden era for which there is no substitute—YOUTH. But the dust and dirt, the cobwebs and the things that look OK but fall into dust as they are handled! And the sad undertones, the heat and the all around mussy mess!

The net results to date have been microscopic in volume but not altogether nil in value, material and spiritual. The problem, however, has not been the salvage but the disposal of the tailings—weighing around a ton—a large portion of it dust and dirt with furniture beyond repair and perhaps a dozen old rugs and mattresses, pictures, etc., etc.

This IS Saturday—and we have been trying for three days to get some of the debris hauled off, but with no success.

Plenty of promises, in fact two definite hours set, accompanied by our plea we would rather have them refuse than make a deal and then not keep it.

But they didn't refuse and they failed to keep either one. Nor did they phone though they had the phone number.

We ran into one of them the following day, down a narrow alley, and when we inquired POLITELY why he had not kept his promise, he suddenly leaned over (he's an old, but able-bodied colored man) grabbed himself amidships and whined that he had a terrible headache and cramps—been terrible sick—too much "kohn on dee cob," he reckoned, "he was again: home and to baid!"

We learned later he didn't go home and to "baid" but he just got tired and decided he would do the job some other day.

All of which is explained by one of our few remaining schoolmates here as the direct result of the "New Deal, Fair Deal and FARE Deal, aided and abetted by that renegade So-and-So Tom Dewey of New York."

"Those coons," he continued, "get eight bucks a load, they could carry five loads in five hours which would add up to \$40 for a HALF day's work! But do they DO it? No—they get enough to buy some beans and bread with a couple of jugs of corn, and then they loaf and shoot craps the rest of the time. Yep, as the Democrats sing it 'Happy Days Are Here Again,' for the No-Goods, the spongers, the crooks and the loafers—and the FARE Dealers of course!"

Too bad our old Gad-Fly Pal and Captious Critic Gus N. couldn't spend a few weeks here. He would thoroughly enjoy the curststone conversation, and might wake up some of the natives, white and black. Only fear is he couldn't get an argument on politics for as before remarked—on the banks of the Rock they vote the GOP ticket straight and have since the second battle of Bull Run. (We have been wondering of late regarding the 100 per cent Taft support in this soporific settlement of the catfish belt—PERHAPS they think it was WILLIAM HOWARD Taft they were working and cheering for—two or three weeks back! That might explain the vehemence and the long period of mourning!

We had luncheon with a former Medford boy before leaving Chicago. He was feeling greatly stimulated, he had just called up the Chicago Tribune, stopped his subscription, and told them what he thought of their continued unfair and vicious attacks on General Eisenhower. Well perhaps there were many others who did the same thing. At least for the past week in cartoon and editorial the vicious Old-Man-of-the-Sea—(and the Illinois National Guard!) had said nothing insulting regarding the Republican candidate and turned all his guns of wrath and blasphemy on the Democratic candidate, Governor Stevenson.

That won't please the Democrats, but it will the Republicans. As for the Independents (who decide all national elections anyway) they don't take the Tribune—or if they do—they never read its editorial page.

One of them—an old-time friend born in Chicago 70 years ago and a resident of the city all that time—has not allowed the Tribune in HIS house for ten years.

It is a pity more Chicagoans and residents of the Midwest don't do likewise. That would reform the old boy—or else!

From 1905 to 1908 the writer worked on the Rockford Republic with the title of editor, though his duties were practically confined to editorial writing—which in spite of loud cries of anguish from the gallery, was undoubtedly fortunate for the PAPER!

A few years later the late Ruth Hanna McCormick of the Tribune McCormicks, bought the Republic and its stronger rivals the Morning Star and the Evening Register-Gazette, consolidating them into one evening and one morning paper—the Morning Star and the Register-Republic.

Since Mrs. McCormick's death her surviving husband, Mr. Simms of New Mexico, has had no interest in the papers except their dividends—which judging by their advertising must have been considerable.

It is now reported by the grapevine a local syndicate will buy the two papers and change their editorial management. Here's a great opportunity for some YOUNG man to give Rockford the type of journalism it deserves—or used to at least!—R.W.R.

Bar Adversities Drawing Customers

St. Louis, Mo. — (U.P.) — A St. Louis bar and restaurant operator found that his adversities actually drew more customers.

On the day George Thieme took over his newly-purchased bar and grill he was met by a city food inspector who pointed out an inferior rating posted on the door and announced: "I got news for you, Bud. Your restaurant is closed."

Thieme continued selling beer but the next day his refrigerator

unit broke down. "It ain't worth fixing," a repairman told him.

Undismayed, Thieme kept tending to a mounting business by

icing his bottled beer in a dozen buckets and dispensing draught beer through picnic coolers.

"Customers are just pouring in," Thieme concluded, "to see just how messed up I really got."

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Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I don't know what all looking so sore about. You'll be here in this nice, cool office while I'm out dragging myself around in the hot sun."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

EISENHOWER — MCCARTHY
Washington — A great many voters—perhaps enough to determine the outcome of the election—are anxiously awaiting the answer to a simple question. What is Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower going to do about Wisconsin's Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy?

Eisenhower and his chief advisers, according to Republican leaders close to the Eisenhower high command, have now agreed on at least a tentative answer. The Eisenhower plan for dealing with McCarthy—and McCarthyism starts with a major speech early in the campaign. In this speech, Eisenhower will warn solemnly of the dangers of internal subversion and Communist infiltration into the government. But at the same time he will also voice an equally solemn warning of the dangers of indiscriminate hate-mongering and character assassination.

He will not mention McCarthy by name, but his meaning will be clear enough. It will become clearer as time goes on, in that Eisenhower does not intend, according to this present plan, to appear at all in McCarthy's native Wisconsin. Eisenhower, also at present does not plan to appear in Indiana, where Sen. William Jenner is running for reelection.

The reason Jenner, among several other cut-rate McCarthy's, has also been chosen to receive the silent treatment from Eisenhower, is rather obvious. McCarthy has as much as said that Gen. George Marshall is a traitor, while Jenner has said it outright, calling Marshall "a living lie" and "a front man for traitors." Marshall is, of course, deeply admired and respected by Eisenhower, who perhaps owes more to Marshall than to any other man.

THE silent treatment for McCarthy and Jenner is only the first part of this plan, however. The second part is to do everything possible, from personal appeal to public endorsement, to appease the extreme right wing of the party. Thus Sen. Everett Dirksen, the protégé of Chicago's Col. Robert R. McCormick, has been invited to take his place in the inner Eisenhower circle.

Dirksen bitterly attacked Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, and by implication the whole moderate wing of the Republican party, at the recent convention. He used an unpleasant mixture of McCarthyism and phony evangelism in his election campaign in 1950. Wisconsin's powerful Tom Coleman, a chief McCarthy backer, is also to be appeased. Wayne J. Hood, a Coleman aide, and a McCarthy man, has been made executive director of the Republican National Committee.

Meanwhile, the Vice Presidential nominee, Sen. Richard Nixon, has been given the special assignment of binding up the wounds inflicted on the right wing of the party at the convention. Nixon set to with a will at the recent convention in Sen. Robert A. Taft's native Ohio, distributing handsome compliments wholesale to the Taftites present. Finally, Senator Taft himself has agreed to take a major part in the campaign, making a number of important speeches.

In short, the intention is to try to isolate McCarthy and Jenner only, and to unite the rest of the party firmly behind Eisenhower. It remains to be seen whether the plan will work. The Eisenhower managers are certainly wise to avoid the mistake made by Wendell Willkie, who conspicuously snubbed the regular leaders and leaned heavily on his amateur admirers, undoubtedly losing hundreds of thousands of votes in the process.

CERTAINLY, if Eisenhower is to win, the regular organization workers, most of whom were Taft men before the convention, must be persuaded to work hard and enthusiastically for Eisenhower. The trouble is that, despite the surface show of amity, many of these people are still bitter about what happened in Chicago. Any deviation by Eisenhower from the true faith

Earthbound Humans Devoting Thoughts To Flying Saucers

By PHIL NEWSOM
United Press Foreign Analyst

What with stories of flying saucers and rumors that men from outer space may be poking their interplanetary noses into our affairs, it's getting almost old-fashioned to talk about the atom bomb.

Nevertheless, a lot of earthbound humans, including those in government, still are doing a lot of thinking about it.

A presumably sophisticated female got so upset a couple of years ago about what she figured soon was to happen to New York that she decided to flee to Tahiti and live on the beach. She's still there. A film actor on the West Coast booked himself a cave. He stocked it with edibles and potables and an easy chair and now knows just where he is going to sit it out when the atom starts exploding.

Those are only flimsy side-lights on a grim world story.

Some arresting figures on Russia's vast atomic effort recently came from Allied sources in Berlin and from Yugoslav sources in Belgrade.

Russia Mining Uranium
These sources estimate that in three of her satellite states—East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria—Russia may be using up to 500,000 men and women to mine uranium. Most of it low grade uranium, at that.

Those areas, in addition to the Alta Mountain uranium mines south of the Siberian city of Tomsk, apparently are Russia's chief source of nuclear fuel.

No estimate has been made on the number of persons working the Alta mines, but in all areas the great proportion is slave labor. Up to 30 per cent of the workers are said to be women, handling even the heaviest jobs.

Prisoners Working
The Yugoslav Review of International Affairs, a publication of the Yugoslav union of Journalists, says 150,000 prisoners are working the mountains of the Erzgebirge, in the East German province of Saxony, about 70,000 in the Czech mines of Joachimov and more than 4,000 at Goten-

burg. (Copyright 1952, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

Congressional Quiz

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

(Q) How many committees are there in Congress?

(A) There are 34 standing (permanent) committees—15 in the Senate and 19 in the House. Joint committees (with members from both houses) and Select committees are also set up to examine special matters. They may be continued or terminated according to need.

(Q) What is a "runoff" primary?

(A) Some states have runoffs whenever there is no candidate with a majority of votes in the original primary. In the runoff the two contestants who get the most votes in the primary are the only candidates.

(Q) Do all states nominate Senate and House of Representatives candidates by direct primaries?

(A) No. Most states do, but some use the convention system. The selection of candidates is governed by state statutes, while federal statutes control the general elections. Early in U.S. history direct primaries were rare, but the trend in recent years has been to that method of nominating with only a few states keeping the convention system.

(Q) I notice that the Democratic and Republican vice-presidential nominees are Senators. Is it unusual for a Senator to get the vice presidential nomination?

(A) No. The Vice President of the United States officially serves as President of the Senate, so the two major parties often nominate men who are familiar with Senatorial procedure. The last two Vice-Pres-

idents—Alben W. Barkley and Harry S. Truman—were Senators at the time of nomination.

(Q) Does the Congressional Record include anything that is not said on the floor of Congress?

(A) Yes. Congressmen frequently get permission to insert magazine articles, editorials, newspaper stories and other material which is not read from the floor. About half the Congressional Record for the 82nd Congress—1951 and 1952—was devoted to a special appendix in which Members published anything they wanted on the record.

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Salem Girl Killed In Auto Accident

Salem — (U.P.) — Eighteen-year-old Ann Louise Woodmansee, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Woodmansee of Salem, was killed Monday night in a highway accident on the Pacific highway, seven miles north of Albany.

Jack R. Wikoff, 18, driver of the car in which Miss Woodmansee was a passenger, suffered cuts and bruises but hospital attendants said "his condition was good."

State police said Wikoff's car apparently hit gravel at the side of the highway, swerved out of control into a bridge railing and overturned.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

near Sofia, capital of Bulgaria. Allied intelligence sources in

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Political note — from Moscow: Ivestia (the Kremlin's teedog newspaper) says it's a hell-up between Eisenhower and Stevenson.

Both strictly NG, it pontificates.

Eisenhower is Wall Street's man, it adds, but SO IS STEVENSON — picked by the money men just in case Eisenhower should fail to make the grade.

YOU KNOW, I think maybe the Russian propaganda boys may have been misinformed. I think BOTH are good men. Exceedingly good. Better, in fact, than we had any reason to expect.

Incidentally, I think sincere Democrats — and there are MANY such — have the nomination of Ike by the Republican convention to thank for the nomination of Stevenson by the Democratic convention.

Anyway, it's a good thing for the country to have two good candidates for President.

INFLATION NOTE:

It looks as if the cost of living will hit a new high later this month. That's the forecast from the price stabilization chiefs. It follows a report that food prices alone reached a record peak during the first two weeks in July.

WELL, WHAT do you expect when you throw a match into a patch of dry grass? With the sun hot and the humidity low. You're pretty apt to start a fire, aren't you?

Oru war economy, with roughly a third of our production going into planes, tanks, guns and ammunition (which you can't eat or wear or use to shelter yourself with) is the dry grass. The long steel strike, with its inflationary settlement, provided the match.

When dry grass and lighted matches get together, a fire is almost sure to follow.

HERE, OF course, is a thought:

It may be another case of the boy who cried WOLF. The Washington "hold your hats, boys, here we go again" dispatch continues:

"Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall says the record-breaking climb of prices in July answers those who say it is no longer any need for controls. Economic Stabilizer Roger Putnam goes a step further. He blames Republican congressmen for crippling the controls program."

Nothing burns a bureaucrat like CUTTING OFF JOBS in his department. He always figures that in time, if that trend continues, HIS job might be cut off. Arnall and Putnam may merely be hollering for more money to spend.

This always happens when congress cuts an appropriation. **BUT** Washington is a long way off. Let's get closer home.

The Oregon unemployment commission and the U.S. bureau of labor statistics have just completed a cooperative study showing that between January 1950 and January 1952 GROSS weekly earnings of Oregon manufacturing production workers rose from an average of \$61.82 in 1950 to an average of \$76.29 in 1952.

Pretty soft, eh?

We never had it so good. Don't let 'em take it away!

BUT—Quoting the cooperative study:

"THE RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING, as measured by the U.S. bureau of labor statistics show consumer price index for Portland, CUT THE GAIN in gross weekly earnings to \$2.42."

"HIGHER FEDERAL INCOME TAX and social security payroll deductions FURTHER CUT THE INCREASE IN WEEKLY EARNINGS to 82 cents for a

Berlin place the number of recruits and forced workers in the East German uranium operation at more than 300,000.

So frantic is the Soviet search for atom-producing ore that whole towns are being blasted out of the way for low-grade uranium seams. Miners are now digging under the town hall in Bad Oberschlema of East Germany.

worker with three dependents."

THAT is to say: They gave you a weekly pay-check, but they TOOK ALL BUT 82 CENTS OF IT AWAY FROM YOU in higher prices and higher taxes.

Looked at in that light, it isn't so soft.

THAT'S what inflation does. IT BOUNCES PRICES.

When prices bounce, opportunities are created for SPECULATORS (the quick buck boys, the smarties who buy and sell high—and quick) to make a lush profit. There has been a lot of that in recent years. The proof of it is provided by the luxury hotels that have been springing up in Florida and elsewhere. And the race tracks. And the plush gambling casinos. Such places are supported by the get-rich-quick crowd.

SPECULATORS thrive on inflation. They make it quick and get out quick—and if recent news means anything a lot of them manage to escape paying taxes on a lot of their quick profits.

People who PRODUCE don't do so well. They get it in the neck in the form of higher living costs and higher taxation.

War Hero Denies Rescue of Woman Wasn't Authentic

Washington — (U.P.) — Maynard H. (Snuffy) Smith, who has had his ups and downs as a hero, faced arrest Tuesday for a "brave deed" which made him the toast of the capital last week.

False alarm charges were lodged against the Medal of Honor winner after a bereaved young mother, whom he "rescued" from a sixth-floor window ledge Thursday, confessed that her attempted suicide was just an elaborate hoax.

Offered Money
Mrs. Ernestine Lucille Whomble, 21, said she was offered \$500 to fake the jump because Smith wanted publicity to promote himself for governor of Virginia.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Clark King promptly issued a warrant for arrest of the 41-year-old former Air Force sergeant on charges of causing false reports to the police. Conviction on the charge carries a penalty of \$300 fine or 10 days in jail, or both.

Smith told the Washington Post Mrs. Whomble may be suffering "from hallucinations of grandeur." He firmly denied the suicide attempt was a hoax and said he never had "seen or met" Mrs. Whomble before attempting to drag her in off the sixth floor ledge.

President of EOCE Submits Resignation

Ashland — (U.P.) — Dr. Rodrick K. Langston, president of Eastern Oregon college of Education, resigned Tuesday to accept a teaching position at Los Angeles State college.

The resignation was handed to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education meeting on the campus here of Southern Oregon college. Langston said he wanted "to work in my specialized field of elementary education more directly than an administrative position permits."

4-H Club News
Sams Valley Club
Sam Valley Tractor Maintenance 4-H club will meet at the home of Kit Day on August 7 at 7 p.m.

Lee Sanderson, Reporter

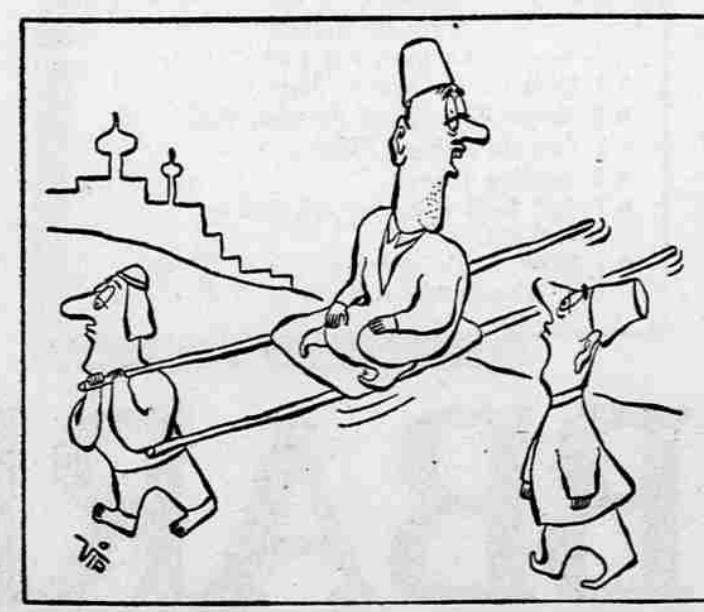
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