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Flight of Time

Medford and Jackson County History

from the files of The Mail

Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years

ago.

10 YEARS AGO

August 11, 1942

(It was Tuesday)

District Attorney George W.

Neilson reports his office flood-

ed with "defrauding of innkeeper"

complaints as Camp White

workers depart.

From Arthur Perry's Ye

Smudge Pot column: J. Jerome

had a birthday yesterday, the

number of which is nobody's

business.

20 YEARS AGO

August 11, 1932

(It was Thursday)

State police report that mar-

auders are making night raids

stealing vegetables from valley

gardens and selling them in

wholesale lots to canneries and

stores; trucks are used in the

raids.

Rin Tin Tin, canine movie star

for more than 13 years, dies in

Hollywood.

30 YEARS AGO

August 11, 1922

(It was Friday)

"Oregon Bond," owned by

Scott Woolf, of Medford, wins

the first race of the Northwest

racing circuit in Gresham.

Southern Pacific officials pre-

dict the biggest Rogue valley

pear crop in history.

40 YEARS AGO

August 11, 1912

(It was Sunday)

John Dequer, socialist organ-

izer for the National party,

comes to Medford to help the

county central committee orga-

nize a local chapter of the party.

Burglar is caught leaving the

Perl funeral home; he confesses

he has been responsible for

wave of burglaries and leads

police to his loot hidden in the

willows along Bear creek where

he has been sleeping.

The Grange

Upper Rogue Grange

Upper Rogue Grange met Aug-

ust 7 with Master Eda Torrence

presiding.

Applications of Mr. and Mrs.

Lillywhite and daughter and

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor were

accepted.

Sister Torrence brought the

proceedings of State Grange to

the meeting and suggested that

it be read and passed among the

members.

Brother Carlton suggested

that a more convenient wood-

shed be built and wood provided

before fall.

Brother Axtell reported the

4-H meeting at Brother Huston's

a success.

Pomona Master Herb Carlton

announced election of officers at

next Pomona meeting and asked

all who wish to turn in their

applications then for the 5th de-

gree and they would be obli-

gated, thus saving fifty cents as

initiation fee will be raised the

first of the year. State Grange

meets here next year, a good

time to take the sixth degree.

Sister Perl Adair was reported

much improved in health.

Sister Torrence stated that

Myrna Scott, of Trail, was col-

lecting old Christmas cards for

children in Africa and urged

members to turn in their cards

A Fine Record

The Medford fire department's record for 1951 was the best of any in the Southern Oregon area, according to figures recently released by the state fire marshal's office.

Chief Gordon Barker's men answered 547 fire alarms during the year and were able to hold losses to a total of \$34,993, for an average of only \$62.97 per fire.

SECOND most effective department in this part of the state was Ashland's which answered 164 alarms and held the flames to total damage of \$18,907 for an average of \$115.29.

On the tail end of the regional list was Klamath Falls where 250 alarms rang up a total of \$105,397 damage, the average being \$421.59 per call.

Grants Pass and Roseburg were in-betweeners in the fire marshal's rating, the former's department answering 135 calls with total loss of \$41,363 and average of \$306.49 and the latter 125 calls, \$51,852 loss and \$414.82 average.

PROBABLY the best clue to fire department efficiency, or lack of it, is the percentage of loss to the value of property involved. In this respect Medford was out in front with \$2,617,558 and only 1.33 per cent loss, as compared with Klamath Falls, \$3,571,714 and 2.95 per cent; Ashland, \$555,100 and 3.4 per cent; Roseburg \$1,530,723 and 3.38 per cent, and Grants Pass, \$990,802 and 4.17 per cent.

IT MUST be admitted that "lady luck" plays some part in fire losses, but the major role always belongs to the men with the shiny red fire wagons. If they are well trained and adequately equipped they can, in most cases, hold flames to a minimum of destruction.

THERE is still another factor in the fire picture, one which could be as important as the other two mentioned if more people would give it due consideration—that is prevention through elimination of hazards.

The fire department and fire marshal inspect as many business places, plants and residences as possible in the effort to warn owners where firebreeding spots are found. But the inspectors cannot survey each and every piece of property, the owners themselves should carefully scrutinize every heating plant, all wiring, and electrical appliance connections, for possible fire hazard. Trash piles should be eliminated and premises cleaned up generally. In that way the fire demon can be licked before he starts.—E.C.F.

San Francisco After More

San Francisco, already famous for the number of conventions and other large gatherings which it entertains each year, is making plans to increase its facilities for housing such assemblies.

THE CITY by the Golden Gate has long been aware proposed that the Fox theater, adjacent to the Civic auditorium, be purchased as an annex and other proposals include construction of another convention building on the now unused Commerce high school athletic field, with a tunnel connection to the present Civic Auditorium, and expansion of the existing structure by excavating and constructing a sub-floor under the present basement floor, which would be used for additional exhibit space.

THE CITY by the Golden Gate has long been aware of the rich returns possible for those who play host and has constantly and successfully sought such business.

That the "take" from the "visiting firemen" is appreciated is shown by San Francisco's plans for providing even more adequate meeting places.—E.C.F.

Murder Suspect Gains Place on FBI's List

Washington — (U.P.) — The FBI Monday named a murder suspect and ex-convict to its "10 - most-wanted" list to replace Gerhard A. Puff who killed an FBI agent when captured recently.

Anti-Trumanite Sees Victory in Arkansas

Little Rock, Ark. — (U.P.) — Frances Cherry, an anti-administration Democrat seeking the governor's post in Arkansas, predicted Monday he would win out over President Truman's candidate, Gov. Sid McMath, in Tuesday's runoff primary.

McMath, Cherry said, would meet the same fate as J. E. Taylor, a Truman-sponsored candidate for the Democratic senatorial nomination in last week's Missouri primary. Taylor was defeated by Stuart Symington.

either to Mrs. Torrence or Mrs. Scott.

Next meeting of Upper Rogue Grange, August 21, will be the birthday supper at 7 p.m.

Georgia Grieve, H.E.C. chairman, asked all H.E.C. members to come prepared to give their favorite household hint. This meeting will be Thursday, August 14, with one o'clock luncheon.

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

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

BUYING THE NEGRO VOTE

Washington — The way both major parties are sniffing nervously at the civil rights issue provides the least edifying spectacle of this campaign. The candidates have got to decide soon just how badly they need the Negro vote, and just how far they will go to get it.

President Truman himself has often said privately that the Negroes gave him the margin of victory in 1948, by voting for him in sufficient numbers to provide his slim majorities in Illinois, Ohio and California. According to the Negro leaders, Negroes feel even more deeply about the civil rights issue this year than in 1948, and more of them will go to the polls than ever before. There are more than 3,000,000 in the key Northern states which could go either way, including more than half a million in New York, more than a third of a million in Illinois and Pennsylvania, and well over 200,000 each in Ohio, Michigan, California and Maryland.

The way Dwight D. Eisenhower and Adlai E. Stevenson deal with the civil rights issue could obviously determine the outcome of a close election. Eisenhower's pre-convention campaign manager, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, and his allies are trying to persuade Eisenhower to reverse himself on the issue. Although Eisenhower has flatly said that he opposes compulsory Federal fair employment legislation, the Lodge group is willing to risk a public flipflop by their candidate, because they think it will pay off in November.

Lodge and his allies are clearly much more worried than they were in the pre-convention period, when there was talk of an Eisenhower sweep which would carry Southern Democratic states like Texas. An Eisenhower switch on civil rights would knock out his chance of winning Southern electoral votes. But Lodge now considers it much more important for Eisenhower to have a solid chance to carry the key Northern industrial states, where the Negro vote is concentrated, rather than an outside chance of winning a scattering of Southern states.

Moreover, the Lodge group is convinced that the Democratic nomination for Vice-President of Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama gives the Republicans a real opportunity to recapture the bulk of the Negro vote. Since he was visited a few days ago by a Negro delegation, Eisenhower seems to be thinking of taking Lodge's advice. But after what he has already said on the subject, it will not be easy for Eisenhower to reverse himself.

Eisenhower's running mate, Sen. Richard Nixon, moreover, has repeatedly voted with the Southerners on civil rights issues. He has opposed cloture, and on the Senate's labor subcommittee which was considering the Humphrey-Ives fair employment bill, Nixon joined Sen. Lister Hill of Alabama in opposing the bill. Thus, the Republican Vice-Presidential candidate would have to do a public flipflop too.

The curious fact is that Stevenson's problem is easier than Eisenhower's, despite the presence of Sparkman on the ticket. For the time being, Stevenson has played down the civil rights issue. Meanwhile, many Southern leaders, like Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia, Sen. A. Willis Robertson of Virginia, Gov. Hugh L. White of Mississippi, and the last into the fold, Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, are declaring for Stevenson. Stevenson electors will appear on the ballots in these and other Southern states.

WITH THE SOUTH thus tidied up, Stevenson will then be

In the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

The Greek-Bulgarian border incident over the "island" of Gamma appears as this is written to have cooled down. A late dispatch from Istanbul (Constantinople) to those of us who went to school quite a while ago says there is no new activity in the area. At United Nations headquarters in New York, the gunfire that drove off a Bulgarian patrol yesterday is now considered just another incident.

ON THE surface, of course, it's a tempest in a teapot. Here is what happened:

The river Evros has a habit of wandering around at high water times—somewhat like our own erratic Missouri. It is the boundary line between Greece and Bulgaria, and in a recent high water period it carved a new channel ON THE BULGARIAN SIDE — thus appearing to take territory away from Bulgaria and giving it to Greece.

Anywhere in the Balkans, that is shooting provocation and, true to Balkan tradition, shooting followed.

OUR big Missouri has the same inability to make up its mind as to where it wants to be. It is the boundary between Iowa and Nebraska, and in that area nobody ever knows this year what state he is going to be living in next year. Many neighborhoods have changed back and forth as much as a half dozen times.

But — In our wonderful country we have succeeded in binding 48 states together in such a close and amiable union that the wanderings of the Mighty Mo cause relatively little boundary trouble and NO shooting.

That's America!

HOWEVER — Watch this Gamma business.

The little Evros river is not merely the boundary between Greece and Bulgaria. It is a frontier between the slave world and the free world. Bulgaria is on Russia's side and Greece is on our side. The Evros river is a segment of the Iron Curtain.

Nobody knows where, along the Iron Curtain, Communist Russia might decide that THIS IS IT. That's why the trifling little Gamma incident got such big headlines.

TENNESSEE held the political spotlight for a brief moment the other day because Old Man McKellar, 83 years of age and for the past 41 years a member of the congress, takes the shelling from the voters that comes to all of them who escape the grim reaper and try to stay there.

I'm sorry for him, of course, as one is always sorry when an old man, grown hoary in public service, gets his come-uppance. I came darned near shedding tears of sympathy when Old Man Barkley came to his Gethsemane in the Democratic convention.

But it has to be. Particularly, it has to be here in America, where we have no dynasties. Where government is not FROZEN. Where our system is FLUID, and therefore capable of change.

THE dinosaur, mightiest creature that ever existed on earth, became extinct because it couldn't change. It is the same with political systems. If they are INFLEXIBLE, they are of necessity impermanent.

OLD Syngman Rhee, his thatch white, but abundant despite his 77 years, makes the grade in Korea. It will be his second term as president. The first time, he was elected by the national legislature. This time he is elected by the people. Being old, but still full of zip, he has reason to feel a bit chummy. Being elected by the people is a tougher hurdle than being elected by a legisla-

HE SAYS today he hopes the war will end during his new four-year term, but doubts if it will. He avers that he never had any hope for the true negotiations, and has none now. The war will end, he says, only when Russia is convinced it can not defeat the free nations.

He's a pretty smart old bird—77 or no 77.

Ho . . . Manville Tells Weddings Plans . . . Hum

New Rochelle, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Tommy Manville, the asbestos heir, announced Monday he will be married "soon" to Corinne Daly, a 24-year-old Brooklyn blonde.

Miss Daly would be the 10th Mrs. Manville.

... Hum.

affected her for the past 10 years.

A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

BY HARMAN W. NICHOLS

United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — The zany, or Miss America, season is upon us and we won't hear the last of it until the week - end after Labor day.

There would not be such a season if the pretty girl knew what lies ahead once — and if —

Harmon Nichols they are selected to represent their state or city at Atlantic City.

They go through the tortures of the misbehaved during that hectic week. The lucky, or unlucky winner continues to go through the same for the rest of the next year. Sure, she may make as much as \$50,000 but she won't have much left after taxes.

If she makes fewer than 300 personal appearances around the country — and often around the world — she is considered one who doesn't have her heart in her work.

May Bump Into Reality

Next year when the "Queen" returns to hand over her crown to the new winner, she may bump head-on into reality. All of a sudden she becomes a "former Miss America." The let-down is all too violent. She may even find that the committee forgot to reserve her a room.

I saw one worn-out "Queen" break out in a flood of tears when the master of ceremonies forgot to call her on stage for her number.

The girls are subjected to a grueling week that would send most strong men to the bug house. After going through their

county, district, and state contests they arrive at Atlantic City with their luggage and their mothers and face a rude awakening.

Can't Talk to Men

They find they can't talk to a man on the telephone — not even their own dads. They must have breakfast with a dozen cruel-eyed judges who make notes on whether they butter their bread on both sides or pitch their scrambled eggs down with a knife instead of a fork.

Most of them learn to their surprise that they don't know how to walk down a ramp properly. They can't balance their hips and their shoulders flip-flop. Some of them actually walk like a man trying to fumble his way out of a telephone booth.

Stares From 10,000 People

And as they go down the long board walk half naked in their bathing suits always there are the stares from 10,000 people, including those eagle-eyed experts who judge them for talent, figure, and personality. One-third each.

The kids are so nervous that many of them start their songs half a tone flat or perhaps a couple of steps behind the orchestra when they try to impress the folks with a jig or a waltz.

I helped judge nine of the Washington, D.C., hopefuls in their semi-final contest. We picked what we thought were the three best who will compete in the finals soon.

The girl who got the most points was a cute brunette named Linda Weisbrod. Her measurements were just about right for a tall girl. Going from top to bottom they were: bust 38 inches, waist 23½, hips 37, and shoe-size 7½.

Longer Skirts for Women Gets Approval of Buyers

Paris — (U.P.) — Longer skirts for American women got approval Monday from many U.S. buyers who are convinced the "newest look" in fashions is the right trend.

But a lively powder puff battle over skirt lengths isn't settled yet.

Christian Dior, the master of Paris high fashion, started it last week when he decreed that skirts should drop to 12 inches this fall.

"I think it is time for a new trend," he said then added, "for smart women."

His "newest look" was the lowest of the low among the Paris collections. The latest line, though not so radical as the droopy "new look" hatched by Dior in 1947, was reflected in most of the major showings.

Despite reports from the United States that the longer hemline wasn't getting an enthusiastic reception from women, many buyers here went along with Dior.

Betty Green, representing the nationwide American Independent Retailers association, thought the Dior line was all right. The overall chin-to-chin line is the "important thing," she said.

"The change in the 1952 winter proportions will be due

mostly to the dropped hem," she said. "The new silhouette envelopes rather than flares away from the body as it did in 1947."

May Mean New Wardrobes

Hubert DeJong of an Evansville, Ind., store, felt the longer skirt style might encourage women to go running out for new wardrobes.

"I'm going to encourage my sales people to promote hemlines no shorter than 12 inches," he said.

This wasn't the unanimous opinion of American buyers. But many of them splurged heavily on the longer skirts after viewing the 2,500 creations presented by Paris designers. And they were sure it would be a hit in the United States.

Representatives of two large New York shops said however, that Dior's impact would be less in the U.S. than in Europe since skirts already were somewhat longer in America.

TRAVELLER WRONG!

Geo. N. Taylor

"God would not be so cruel as to send me to hell for a little sin." So said the fellow traveller on the U.P. train West. But Mr. Traveller was wrong, for God is set against every sin, big or little. The wages of sin is death — Bible Death — eternal separation from God. But — "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin."

See 1 John 7. Believe down in your heart that Christ died for your every last and God gives you eternal life. With new days for here and now.

"I was saved today and now I'm so glad—" But you should have seen the young woman's joyous face and heard her voice. They told of the sin that was lifted from her heart.

A Beaverton family sponsors this space to say that it was for love to you that God gave Christ to die for you.

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Dr. Robert J. Urie

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