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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County His-
tory from the files of The Mail
Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years
ago.

10 YEARS AGO
August 13, 1942

(It was Thursday)

Visitors to Camp White ac-
tivation ceremonies are asked to
conserve gasoline and tire rub-
ber by taking buses.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: The govern-
ment has let a contract for
the building of the world's worst
roads for testing tanks and other
war equipment. The way to ac-
complish this nefarious purpose
is to build a perfect road and
then turn logging trucks loose
on it.

20 YEARS AGO
August 13, 1922

(It was Saturday)

A. Fortner, a guest of the J. P.
Brays, announces he will re-
turn to Medford to live during
the winters; says Medford's win-
ters are much more pleasant
than those in Arizona, where he
lives.

County Physician Dr. C. I.
Drummond relieves worried par-
ents by announcing that the
drinking water at Willpen Girl
Scout camp on the Applegate is
not contaminated.

30 YEARS AGO
August 13, 1922

(It was Sunday)

Fishing in the Rogue river
proves so unprofitable that com-
mercial fishermen cease opera-
tion for several days.

Frost specialist from Los An-
geles is expected in Medford
soon to help prepare a pamphlet
on the subject for local fruit
growers.

40 YEARS AGO
August 13, 1912

The Rev. John Howard, con-
nected with the Medford Furni-
ture and Hardware store, is
wounded critically while on a
hunting trip.

Street Commissioner W. P.
Baker spends three days hunting
near Medford, returns with one
buck, one 250-pound bear, two
steelhead trout, 12 small trout,
five gallons of blackberries and
one gallon of huckleberries; he
announces he's going back for
more.

County Jail Roster
Up Over Last Year

The "popularity" of the Jack-
son county jail has risen consid-
erably over the average atten-
dance, according to Sheriff How-
ard Gault.

Yesterday morning there were
33 inmates, the sheriff noted,
while the average daily maxi-
mum over the last year has been
about 15. The total inmates dur-
ing August should be consider-
ably higher than the 62 figure of
the same month last year, he
pointed out.

The highest monthly attend-
ance during the first part of this
year was January's 79, followed
by April's 77, he added.

PERFECT HAND

Temple, Tex. — (U.P.) — Mrs.
T. Y. Flynt bid three diamonds
in a bridge game Tuesday. Her
husband mopped his brow and
said "seven spades." Mrs. Flynt
said she thought her husband
was suffering from the heat.
Then he turned up a perfect hand
of 13 spades.

Editorial Correspondence

Stonington, Conn., Aug. 10—Whether the writer is the greatest
rainmaker since Noah, or Jupiter Pluvius is pursuing him with
relentless rapacity as he travels from one section of the country to
the other, the fact remains that everywhere your roving cor-
respondent goes, the rain, like Mary's lamb, comes following after.
And as before remarked, always in record-breaking proportions.

This is being typed on Sunday, August 10 at 11 a.m. It has been
raining since 3 a.m., at times in torrential volume. All the house
lights are on for it is as dark outside as late evening. Even the Big
Sailing Race has been postponed, and when the amateur sailors
of Connecticut refuse to sail because of the weather, the latter has
to be something very terrible indeed. And that it is. All records for
rainfall in August have been broken in these first ten days, in
fact nothing of the sort has happened here since the Stonington
land battery repulsed the British down at the "Point" around 150
years ago. It may not add up to as much as Winnebago county,
Illinois, when we were there—16 inches in 30 days—but it is
now five inches in ten days, and, of course, if that rate should be
maintained the total will be only an inch short. However that isn't
likely.

Politically, it's all Eisenhower, hereabouts, just as it was five
weeks ago in New York and Buffalo. That is, it is anti-Taft. But
there is, as far as we have gone, a high respect for Stevenson, and
the Portuguese portion of the population—which is the majority—is
reported to be neutral at present. This is hard to believe but the
local "boss"—he was born in Lisbon—and has a record for know-
ing all the answers politically, claims that is true. If so, it is quite
significant we believe, indicating that for the first time in recent
history, BLIND partisanship even at the union labor level, has
reached a new low, if it has not entirely disappeared.

The best reports of the recent Chicago conventions, your cor-
respondent has seen, were written for the "Saturday Review of
Literature," by a Stonington man, John Mason Brown.

The reason they are so good is that Brown, an experienced re-
porter and gifted writer, never attended a national convention
before. Everything, therefore, was a new experience to him rather
than an old one. He felt things that most of the veterans in the
press section did not feel—but which they had through the years
been conditioned to, therefore they did not register. The result
was a wonderfully vivid picture of the two performances by
Brown, especially the Republican—and a correct one, full of hu-
man interest, appreciation and discriminating humor.

The "New Yorker"—our favorite magazine, and one which we
have taken ever since it was established—on the other hand, fell
down very badly. The conventions should have been its "dish," but
instead the man assigned to the job, Richard Rovere, handed out
a dish of very commonplace and uninspired observations, which
no more gave the humor, spirit and atmosphere of the stockyard
saturnalia, than the news index of the Chicago Tribune. This is
hard to understand for Rovere, too, is a gifted writer and expe-
rienced reporter. But he surely had a day off—in fact ten days—in
July at Chicago.

As we look out the window at the rain drenched cove, and
Long Island Sound beyond, we wonder why all that precipitation
falls to raise the level of the ocean. Imagine what the total must
count up to in gallons! Yet there is no apparent change in the
water level or the tides. The answer is probably a very simple one
but we don't know exactly what it is, unless it is the immensity
of the ocean—COMPARATIVELY even a heavy rain for a year
would probably measure up to only a few drops in a barrel.

But Lake Michigan is rising, and so is Lauderdale Lake where
we stopped a week ago en route to Madison. The heavy rains un-
doubtedly affect a small body of water like Lauderdale, but there
is probably some other answer to the Great Lakes.

When attending the conventions we often walked up and down
the Lake Michigan promenade from Monroe to the 12th street
station, and back again. We believe Chicago is the only large city
in the world with a super summer resort, including fishing, sailing
and swimming, only a stone's throw from its business center (well,
perhaps, Paul Bunyan would have to throw the stone). And it ex-
tends for miles north and south—a regular Coney Island every
week-end. (Only, it is more like the clean and attractive Jones
Beach.) And for free, to all! Uncle Joe should spend a day there
when he tours the U.S.A. and then writes "the rise and fall of the
AMERICAN empire."

In spite of the record-breaking heat and humidity during that
convention visit, however, the lake water was too cold for swim-
ming. At least it was as cold as Crater Lake, according to the ju-
nior member of the family, who tried it one torrid Sunday. And
those who have ever tried to swim in Crater Lake, as the writer did
some decades ago, will agree that adds up to ice water from a
thermos bottle! "Junior-Miss" solved the problem by taking brief
dips but spending most of the time in the hot sand, as did many of
the others, including the husky life-guard. In fact the next day
the Chicago papers printed announcements declaring the lake too
cold for safe swimming, some strange freak of the weather having
taken the hot water along the shore out to sea, and replacing it
with the cold water from still farther out.

Day before yesterday tried out the nice little 9-hole course
across the cove—first golf since last May. As usual "Ye Editor's"
game was no worse for the long lay-off, in fact if anything a trifle
better. There is probably less disposition after a long vacation to
think about HOW it should be done, and a greater disposition just
to tap the ball without immediately looking up to see where it
will go. At any rate 50 was broken which is always satisfactory
these days to the undersigned, if not to the doctor. And as the doc-
tor always says, quote:

"And if it had not been for that etc., etc., I would have
had an etc., etc., instead of what I DID have, etc., etc."

Yes, the water in Lake Michigan is rising, the lower promenade
built for pedestrians, is under water in fact. A colored fisherman
we chatted with one day—he too looked and acted like "Stepin
Fetchit"—claimed at the present rate all Michigan Avenue will
be under water in another five or six years. Perhaps by that time
"Stepin" will catch a mess of fish—he had been fishing ever since
sun-up, he said, and had only one undersized carp to show for it.
But two days later he was on the same spot still fishing—only a
few blocks from the University Club, where there is white fish
but no carp on the menu!

The "cathedral dining room" in the University Club, by the
way, we would say is the most beautiful dining room in the coun-
try—probably in the world. Your correspondent will never forget
the sight that greeted his sleepy eyes, the first morning after the
first day at the GOP hippodrome when he sat down for breakfast
with a steaming demi-tasse before him; the early morning sun
sparkling on the blue waters of Lake Michigan below as the scene
stretched out into the clear rain-washed air, to the dim skyline out-
lines of the distant Michigan shore. Also the rainbow colors of the
windows reflected on the white table cloth and the gleaming silver!

Too bad AGAIN Uncle Joe couldn't have been there, and
talked things over with our next door neighbor, Senator Green of
Newport and PROVIDENCE!—R.W.R.

Driver Vision Check Could Cut Accidents

Chicago — (U.P.) — Automobile
accidents could be reduced five
per cent annually by careful
checking of drivers' vision, a
vision expert says.

The reduction would save 67,
000 motorists from death or in-
jury, according to Prof. D. J.
Moffie, director of North Car-
olina State College's occupational
vision research division.

Moffie told a Midwest Safety
meeting that he based his esti-
mate of five per cent on results
of driver vision examinations
conducted by the North Carolina
highway safety division.

In its tests the division used
an "ortho-rater," a scientific in-
strument for measuring basic
visual skills. The examination is
required of all applicants for
drivers licenses in his state,
Moffie said.

He said the ortho-rater testing
program had been used by indus-
try in job selection and place-
ment procedures.

"Evidence indicates that sub-
stantial savings result, through
the use of the instrument,
from lowered accident rates,
higher efficiency, and better
morale," Moffie explained.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

More on the king business:

The ailing Duke of Windsor

began his day today (in Monte-

catini, Italy) by drinking a

Scotch and soda. (He is recover-

ing from a digestive attack.)

The duke left his hotel room

at noon and immediately went

to the bar for his one drink.

Later he went to the hotel rest-

aurant and ate a hearty meal.

THESE EX-KINGS lead a rug-

ged and ascetic life, don't

they? Wouldn't you hate to be

in their shoes?

THAT gets us back to fat King

Farouk (I just saw a new pic-
ture of him, and he's even tub-
bier than I thought.)

Farouk is said to have owned

a third of all the farm land of

Egypt. His third is estimated to

be about two million acres. That,

by a simple mathematical com-
putation, places the total arable
land of Egypt at about six mil-
lion acres.

In the Klamath Basin alone

(which is only a small part of

the total arable area of Ore-
gon) there are now about 300,
000 irrigated acres. That is about
one-twentieth of the total arable
area in Egypt.

The population of Egypt is

about TWENTY MILLION.

THIS COMPARISON is made

interesting by a statement

buried somewhere in the vol-
uminous files of the U.S. de-
partment of agriculture, that the
soil of the old Tule bed is prob-
ably the richest soil in the world
with the exception of the Nile
valley.

If that is true, the relatively

small Klamath Basin of Oregon,
on an acre for acre basis, could
support a population of a MIL-
LION people.

If that is —

The standards of living were

equal. They aren't — thank the
Lord! Oregon's standard of liv-
ing is one of the highest in the
world. The standard of living of
95 per cent of the people of Eg-
ypt is one of the LOWEST IN
THE WORLD.

WHY?

Well, the standard of living

of the 95 per cent of the Egyp-
tian people who are at the bot-
tom of the heap is among the
lowest in the world because of
the scandalous manner in which
the king business (meaning gov-
ernment) in Egypt has been
ABUSED.

I hope you've never seen

Egypt — or at least that part of
it lying outside a few tourist
spots in Cairo and Alexandria.
It's a sight to haunt you all your
days. The people! The poor, pit-
iful, disease-ridden, fly-blown,
flea-bitten people!

That's what happens when

government goes to pot.

FAT FAROUK, before they

gave him the long-overdue
bum's rush, is said to have been
perhaps one of the two richest
men in the world. The other is
believed to be one of the nizams
or maharajas or what-you-may-
call-'ems of India, where living
conditions are more or less sim-
ilar to those in Egypt.

WE HAVE rich people in this

country — but in the main
they have become rich by pion-
eering new developments in in-
dustry that have enabled mil-
lions of our people to become
well-to-do.

There's a vast difference.

IT APPEARS that in Jordan,

another Middle East country,
they've decided to put the boot
to another king — Talal, who
is said to be mentally incompe-
tent. Jordan's people are a
shade better off than Egypt's,
but it's a narrow decision.In Iran, old Mossadegh is tak-
ing over and the shah of Iran
appears to be on the way out.

If you want to know, why, go

to Iran and TAKE A LOOK AT
THE PEOPLE.

That tells the story. Ridiculous

as Weeping Willie Mossadegh
appears at this distance, he is
giving the poverty-stricken com-
mon people of Iran a vision of
something they never have had,
but know they WANT.

Congressional Quiz

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

Q.—Is it true that with favor-
able action by only seven more
states, the Constitution will be
amended to limit the federal in-
come tax?

A.—No. The legislatures of 29
states have proposed some sort
of a Constitutional limit on fed-
eral taxing powers. But they
have called for different ap-
proaches and seven states re-
scinded their actions. Even after
Congress or a Constitutional
convention agreed on a proposed
amendment 36 states would have
to ratify it before it would be-
come part of the Constitution.

Q.—How can the Constitution
be amended?

A.—Two main steps are re-
quired. An amendment must be
proposed formally, either by a
two-thirds vote of the House and
Senate, or by a special Conven-
tion called by Congress at the
request of two-thirds of the
states, through either their leg-
islatures or special state conven-
tions. The convention method
has never been used either for
proposing or ratifying amend-
ments.

Q.—I happen to know a rich
man who gets a social security
check every month. I thought
only people of limited means
were eligible.

A.—Any retired person 65
years old whose income from
wages or salary is not more than
\$75 a month is eligible for pay-
ments if he worked in an oc-
cupation covered by social secu-
rity. It doesn't make any differ-
ence how much he has in the
bank. In fact, Federal Security
Agency officials after a sample
survey estimated that from 50
to 200 millionaires are drawing
social security checks.

Q.—How diligent were Con-
gressmen this year in going "On
The Record?"

A.—They slipped. For the
fourth straight year, the Senate
showed a decline, while the
House dropped from its record
1951 mark. Figures compiled by
Congressional Quarterly show
Senators voted or declared their
stance on an average of 90.2
per cent of the record (roll-call)
votes in 1949, but fell to 86.8
in 1952. The House went on the
Record an average of 86.4 per
cent in 1949, 88.8 per cent in
1951, and 83.7 per cent in 1952.

Q.—Did many lawmakers
make perfect scores in going on
record on roll-call votes?

A.—Only one Senator, Olin
D. Johnston, (D-S.C.), went on
the Record on 100 per cent of
the 129 roll-call votes this ses-
sion. Nineteen made their stance
known at least 98 per cent of
the time. In the House, 25 mem-
bers — nine Democrats, 16 Re-
publicans — voted or declared
their stance on all of the 72
House roll-calls.

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A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

BY HARMAN W. NICHOLS

United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — A gentle-

man in Jamaica, N.Y., thinks the

government ought to get into

the love business.

The idea struck George

Durst when he read in the

papers that the National Wid-

ows and Widowers Club

plans to study the problem of

old and middle-age love at

a confab soon in Chicago.

I'm pretty sure Durst had his

tongue rolled up in his cheek

when he wrote me, but anyhow,

here's what he said:

He suggested that one or both

political parties include in their

platform or in their campaign-

ing a "solid" matrimonial plank,

to help single persons find suit-
able mates.

Durst made the observation

that "70 per cent of the 4,000,

000 members of lonely hearts

clubs matrimonial bureaus are

women, mostly older women." I

don't know where my correspon-

dent got his figures, but I'll

take his word for it.

Matrimonial Bureau Needed

He thought if the government

goes into this thing, it "ought to

do it the right way."

"I suggest," he suggested,

"that what this country needs is

not a five-cent cigar, but a good

\$5 to \$10 federal matrimonial

bureau.

"The government could set up

a new Cabinet bureau and call

it the U.S. Department of

Friendship and Romance, which

for a reasonable registration fee

of \$10.55 (including a love tax)

would register and list sincere

marriage-minded men and wo-

men.

"They could list their help

wanted, matrimonial advertise-

ments in a 50 cents a month fed-

eral matrimonial mart bulletin,

via the U.S. Printing Office.

Can't Take It With Them

"After all, women in the fond-

able forties, fascinating fifties,

and lovable sixties should re-

alize that they can't take their

money with them, so why let

the income tax man grab