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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
Aug. 10, 1943
(It Was Tuesday)

Four Camp White soldiers killed in auto accident near Red Bluff.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The Older Girls are having a time cooking cabbage. They are disgusted with the rugged scent it sends forth, smelling four blocks in all directions. They would just as soon be caught eating green onions as cooking cabbage. The gladiola is a member of the cabbage family. But it has no vitamins when cooked and can't be slashed into shreds and called cold slaw.

20 YEARS AGO
Aug. 10, 1933
(It Was Thursday)

Medford application for $100,000 for sewer improvements recommended.

Price of alfalfa rises as shortage prospect looms.

30 YEARS AGO
Aug. 10, 1923
(It Was Friday)

Brush fire raging on Roxy Ann.

Vern Van Dyke catches seven pound salmon near Bybee bridge.

40 YEARS AGO
Aug. 10, 1913
(It Was Sunday)

Three miles of grade finished on Grants Pass-Crescent City railroad.

Famous scientists to visit Crater lake.

The Grange

Sams Valley Grange

Sams Valley Grange will hold a special get-together meeting Tuesday, August 11, from 6 to 10 p.m. for the purpose of cleaning up and burning dry grass around the hall and adjoining school grounds. Residents of the community desiring to help are invited to attend. Home-made ice cream and cake will be served by the ladies of the Grange upon completion of the work.

Next regular meeting of the Grange was passed at the last regular meeting appointing a committee to request the county court to make some badly needed improvement in the detour now being used while the Snider Creek bridge is under construction. Most residents consider the detour dangerous, as it is extremely rough, dusty and covered with loose gravel in spots. Several have reported windshields broken from flying rock and of having to stop and wait for dust to settle before being able to proceed. Conditions are even worse for night time travelers.

Home Economics committee and club held a very enjoyable meeting July 24 at the home of Melitta Priem. It was voted to cancel the August meeting and resume the regular scheduled in September. Plans were made for a harvest sale and dinner to be held in October. Date to be announced later.

LOST—IN SLEEP

Milford, Conn. — (U.P.) — Police and Coast Guard boats searched Long Island Sound when it was reported that Carl L. Hartshorn was missing in his boat. After some time, Hartshorn was found — sleeping in his craft.

How Do They Get That Way?

Before the Hurley-death incident IS closed—we hope satisfactorily as far as improved police-service is concerned—the undersigned, as a more or less "innocent bystander"—at least NOT an active participant—would like to call attention to just one item in the controversy namely:

The strange assumption, on the part of the police department—and its more partisan and exciteable supporters—that to make ANY criticism of this department of our public service and particularly "The Chief," borders on a crime.

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FOR example, in a formal written report supported by 3 Councilmen, (highly regarded we believe by their constituents), the following blast was fired at this paper for the article concerning this case, on Friday August 7th, quote:

"The headlines and story in last night's Tribune was an irresponsible outrage!"

Overlooking the syntax, might one inquire "WHY?"

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No factual evidence was presented, but the damaging charge was made even stronger by the subsequent claim that this "story" constituted "a permanent smirch" upon the reputation of a highly honorable man who has served his community so competently for "quarter of a century," etc., etc., AND so forth. But in this story, this paper smirched no ones character. And no ONE!

It was a plain news story, as objective and impersonal as any news story could possibly be, and the headlines, including the banner, were absolutely sustained by the facts presented below them.

The facts were assembled, the charges made, not by the Mail Tribune. But by the regular Grand Jury in regular session assembled. All the Mail Tribune did was to print them.

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THE only part this paper played in the incident that day was the part it has always played and has to play if it is going to be a NEWS paper, and not be controlled by anyone.

And yet these 3 councilmen not only offered and endorsed this statement charging this paper with the commisson of an "irresponsible OUTRAGE," but asked the Mayor and Council to pass it, as a formal indictment of the Mail Tribune by our city government!

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WHAT state of mind must indviduals be in to make a request like that under the circumstances as they existed at the time?

The only explanation we can offer is that they have the same delusion that the local police department, and particularly its chief has, that it is perfectly proper for the people who pay the bills to criticise the administration of any other department but not the police department. That department is above all criticism.

"UPON WHAT MEAT DO THESE OUR CAESARS FEED!"—R.W.R.

The Prison Atrocity Problem

In some newspaper circles there is great indignation because US prisoners when released are not given the opportunity IMMEDIATELY to make the evening—or morning—headlines.

This restraint is called a type of "censorship" that is unAmerican, and only tolerated in Soviet Russia and other totalitarian dictatorships.

How foolish can newspapers get—or at least SOME of them?

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A CAREFUL screening of the PW's "before they are sent on their way is absolutely mandatory." If this were not done, chaos and confusion worse confounded would result.

A part of this screening SHOULD be the non-publication of prisoner complaints—especially along the atrocity line—until they have in some way been authenticated. They should either be corroborated in some fashion or the responsibility and reliability of the prisoner, reasonably established. A wholesale release of harrowing prison tales would be unthinkable. Yet if the uncensored remarks of one PW were immediately published, how could those of any other be consistently withheld?

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In fact, while there should be—and is—no atrocity censorship in the sense of any prohibition, there should be restrictions and a sound system of judicious selection. After all—and most unfortunately—the war is not over. Whether or not it soon will be, still lies in the field of conjecture.

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Until it IS over, and peace HAS been signed, it seems to this department, that any NEEDLESS increase of the hatreds and fears and suspicions that all wars produce—and produce wars—should be avoided, as far as it is humanly possible.

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WE would underline "NEEDLESS."

Some provocative reactions on both sides in this post-war era are inevitable; but whether the enemy shows any restraint or not, both national self-interest and national self-respect calls for definite self-control on the part of the UN and the United States in this critical period.

To broadcast WHOLESALE the harrowing tales of cruelty and inhumanity of the enemy without some rigid controls and careful selection, would certainly come in the needless category—R.W.R.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe

"We're supposed to be welcoming these people to the neighborhood, but don't overdo it!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

The Eisenhower Democrats

Washington — As Congress heads for home, everyone is talking about the meaning of the past session — the things done and undone, the trends that developed, the signs that the President will have a staggering job on his hands when Congress will meet again. All in all, however the outstanding feature of the session was the growth of a novel and useful relationship between the White House and the Democratic opposition.

Joseph Alsop

House Leader Sam Rayburn, Senate Leader Lyndon Johnson and the other Democratic chieftains decided at the beginning of the session that they would support President Eisenhower whenever they could reasonably do so. In part, the motive was strictly political. In Rayburn's and Johnson's native Texas, the polls showed Eisenhower with 76 per cent of the voters behind him. As Johnson has remarked, "nobody but a right wing Republican would want to kick this kind of popularity in the teeth."

In part, however, the Democrats' decision was also the result of the long experience of responsibility which they had enjoyed. Before this experience and responsibility also came to him, the late Sen. Taft used to say that "the business of the opposition is to oppose." The very different viewpoint of the Democratic leaders is again that of Lyndon Johnson who has said that "We're all in the same airplane together, and it just isn't sensible to hit the pilot over the head so hard that the plane crashes."

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AT THE beginning, it must be added, President Eisenhower, his Cabinet and his political advisers either took the cooperaton of the Democrats rather lightly for granted, or they were actually disturbed by it. No thanks were offered. Loud partisan noises were made on issues which the President was sure to lose without Democratic support.

This phase passed, however, as the President learned his political job. He began on occasions to consult Johnson and Rayburn, and particularly Rayburn, whom he knows and likes of old. Rayburn, whom he knows and likes of old. Rayburn quietly advised the President on how best to secure Democratic help without riling Democratic tempers. By stages, the collaboration between the White House and the moderate Democrats was regularized with the more astute members of the Cabinet like Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey, quietly joining the act.

It is hard to know whether the results have been more remarkable in the House or in the Senate. It was in the House that wise old Rayburn rose in the middle of the reciprocal trade fight, to inquire scathingly, "Isn't there a man on the Republican side who will support his own President?" Yet on the whole the new development has been more important in the Senate, where divisions are deeper and the going is harder for the administration.

Senate Minority Leader Lyndon Johnson has made the biggest mark of any Senator of his age in a good many years, partly by his success in directing the strategy of cooperation, and partly by his triumph in pulling his own party together. In both efforts, he has had much help from such respected senior Senators as Richard B. Russell and Walter F. George of Georgia. But Johnson is still the man who has had to work at the job from twelve to eighteen hours a day.

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IN TERMS of White House policy, the results are typified by two incidents. Early in the session, it will be recalled, the left wing Democrats tried very hard to filibuster the tidelands bill. Johnson and the Democratic moderates, who are the strongest cooperators, were strongly for the bill. At one point Sen. Taft told Johnson that a "filibuster had never been broken," and talked of giving up.

Johnson replied with some scorn that the antitidelands filibusterers were not southern filibusters, and suggested holding the Senate in continuous session. Taft went to the floor immediately to announce this intention, and the filibuster folded up.

By the same token, at the close of the session, Sen. Pat McCarran of Nevada was threatening to talk the President's refugee bill to death. Johnson and the new majority leader, Sen. William Knowland of California, jointly invited McCarran to a chat in Johnson's little office. There they told McCarran, cold turkey, that they would fight him until hell froze over unless he agreed to a bill admitting at least 200,000 refugees from Europe. McCarran gobbled a bit, but the two leaders working together were too much for him. The angry old man backed down, and the President got his bill.

"We've fought Eisenhower when we thought we ought to," is Johnson's way of summing up. "But we haven't been personal or sniped or sulked, and we've tried to show what we think an opposition party ought to be."

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THIS does not mean that the Democrats are not going to be tough on Eisenhower in the next session. They will take their political profits where they find them. But it does mean that on vital over-riding issues Eisenhower can count on the support of a coalition of moderate men. The coalition excludes the extremists of both parties. It is made up of the big, middle-of- the- road majority. It will follow Eisenhower as long as he leads the country successfully. And it is a very great asset, both to the President and the country he leads.

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Returnees Recall Mass Atrocities At Hands of Reds

Freedom Village, Korea —(U.P.)— American returnees fought with their emotions today as they recalled mass atrocities and individual mistreatment at the hands of the Communists.

Sgt. John Williams Jr., 23, Oakland, Calif., attempted to give newsmen reports of his buddies who had starved to death.

"I don't know how I made it," he said. "We were stealing food and I tried to keep them alive—but . . ."

Williams began shaking his head and could not continue. Doctors led him away from the newsmen gently.

Tears filmed the eyes of Pfc. Elmer Owers of Clitwood, Va., as he told of 2,500 men dying in infamous camp No. 5 at Pyoktong.

"I would look out my hut every day and see them carrying 25 to 30 guys across the ice to boot hill," Owers said. "They put us in a small room about eight feet wide. There were 30 guys in the room and no space to lie down."

Another returning soldier said 4,400 prisoners died between February and August, 1951, in camp 5, but others thought the figure was too high, placing it at about 2,400, the same number many returnees have given.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The North Korean radio says 12 North Korean officials have been prosecuted for planning to overthrow the red regime.

They probably got too powerful and aroused the envy of other commies, who TOOK them. That seems to be what happened to Beria, in Russia.

That's communism for you.

THIS is more shocking:

According to freed prisoners, seven Americans and one Briton chose to STAY WITH THE REDS instead of returning to the free way of life. American GI Steve Gowacki of Brooklyn (one of the liberated POWs) reports to the correspondents: "The eight were having a party when we left."

UNDER the truce terms, prisoners who refuse repatriation are to be turned over to a special commission, and agents from each side will be given the opportunity to try to induce them to return home.

Personally, I'm not in favor of trying very hard to get back any American who wants to stay among the communists. Ours is a free country, where everyone has the right to choose for himself what he wants to do.

OTHER returned American prisoners tell of MASS BURIALS of up to 2,000 allied prisoners in tense efforts on the part of the communists to convert their captives to the red cause.

Presumably those who were buried (perhaps alive) preferred death to communism.

LET'S go back 500 years. John Huss, a Bohemian religious reformer, was condemned and buried at the stake in the year 1415 because he refused to forswear his faith. Martin Luther, a century later, was arraigned before the Diet of Worms for heresy (proclaiming a belief that is contrary to the orthodox belief.) It was there that he defended his faith and made his famous statement: "There I take my stand. I can do naught else. So help me God, Amen."

He was more fortunate than Huss. His body was saved from the flames. His writings were burned and he was excommunicated and placed under the ban of the Holy Roman Empire. He went on proclaiming his faith.

IDEOLOGICAL differences were grim business four and five centuries ago. They are grim business still.

SO much for the past. Let's take a look at the future.

A German rocket expert — Dr. Werner von Braun, chief designer of the German V-2 rocket —says that a permanent SPACE STATION manned by a human crew could begin to circle the earth within 10 to 15 years. Realization of the project, he says, requires only a coordinated space navigation program by the Western powers.

All I can hope is that he is WRONG.

POLITICAL ideology:

Democratic Senator Herbert Lehman, of New York: "The Republican - controlled 83rd congress accomplished nothing in the way of civil rights measures."

Republican Senator Irving Ives, of New York: "I am convinced the GOP has a better chance of enacting civil rights measures than the Democrats."

PERSONALLY, I am convinced that the civil rights measures that do the most good will be those that originate in the hearts of the people rather than in partisan conflicts in legislative halls.

LET'S close on a more hopeful note.

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, secretary of health, education and welfare in President Eisenhower's cabinet, tells the graduating class of Bryant Business college at Providence, Rhode Island:

"As you prepare yourselves for leadership, YOU MUST FIRST DEVELOP YOUR OWN CONSCIENCE AND LEARN TO LISTEN TO IT."

In that direction lies our best hope of REAL progress.

Fellow Workers' Cars Collide; One Killed

Portland —(U.P.)— A Portland man was fatally injured last night in a head-on auto collision with a fellow worker. Both were enjoying a day off.

The victim, Bert O. Larson, 60, and the driver of the other car, Frank O. Koller, 56, were both employees at the Western Cooperage company plant here.

Koller was treated at Emanuel hospital for serious head cuts and injured left knee. Larson was dead on arrival at Emanuel.

MASS GRADUATION

Jackson, Mass.— (U.P.) —Mrs. Ray Wolfe and her son, Hillman, both received A. B. degrees from Millsops College. The same day her younger son, Roy, graduated from Central High school.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Bald men are more virile than those possessed of a plentiful supply of hair. So says Dr. J. B. Hamilton, basing his claim on extensive research. One more time I don't get a break from the experts. I have to get a haircut every week. Not long ago, another expert advanced the claim that long-legged men "make poor lovers." I am a long-legged fellow. Maybe I'll stop reading what these experts claim. It is giving me an inferiority complex.

THAT RECORD

Not so long ago I referred to a long playing phonograph record which inspired much interest among the readers. This record includes the following: 1. Helen Morgan singing "Bill." 2. Helen Kane — "I Have to Have You." 3. Will Rogers talking on "Topics of the Day." 4. Sophie Tucker singing "I'm the Last of the Red Hot Mamas." 5. Gloria Swanson — "Love, Your Spell Is Everywhere." 6. De Wolf Hopper reciting "Casey at the Bat." 7. John Barrymore's soliloquy from "Hamlet." 8. Chevalier singing "Valentina." 9. Fannie Brice — "My Man." 1. Nora Bayes and Jack Norworth — 'Turn Off Your Light, Mr. Moon Man." This is an RCA record called "The Old Curiosity Shop." Well, sir, now I am hearing from people all over the country who say they have asked at a number of music shops for this record and not only have been told it is not in stock, but that proprietors or salesmen never heard of it! Have these shops no catalogues? Certainly is a high percentage of sloppy salesmanship in music shops and bookstores.

QUICKIE DIVORCES

Among the "quickie divorce" places is the Virgin Islands. You can get a decree there in forty-four days. However, it is reported the judges there have an inclination to be difficult. One Virgin Islands judge recently refused divorces to a number of women on the grounds that they were "insincere." His honor said he did not believe the women intended making the Virgin Islands their permanent residence as they claimed in their petitions. A judge like that could certainly ruin the divorce trade in Reno, Nev., or Las Vegas, Nev. Not one in 5,000 of the persons getting divorces in those cities make Nevada their permanent residence.

ASIDES

Smartest looking models in Manhattan are those employed by Russek's. Those girls really have that thing called class . . . How many times did you propose before your current matrimonial mate answered in the affirmative? Andre Kostelanetz proposed to Lily Ponds thirteen times before she accepted. Most petite females are like that. They like to keep a fellow in suspense. The tall girls are different. They answer, yes or no, the first time asked. Perhaps they are making a mistake.

HORSES & WOMEN

Now some females who specialize in haughty demeanor as a means of male attraction are buying chairs that resemble thrones. Sitting in one of these chairs, the haughty female feels like a queen with the people present as her subjects. The haughty attitude has recently become quite popular with many young women. The way to handle such a female is, of course, to follow the technique used by the hero of Mr. Shakespeare's enlightening work, "The Taming of the Shrew."

THINKERS

The favorite card game of those engaged in major league baseball is gin rummy. So investigation has revealed. I am not surprised. Gin rummy is a game for lazy thinkers and persons of a little less than average intelligence. Most present day major leaguers either avoid deep thinking or are not capable of it. So-called "inside baseball' is practically a think of the past. In the days of John McGraw, Ty Cobb, Johnny Evers and Eddie Collins, you really had to be a fast and smart thinker to stay in the big leagues. In those days, the favorite card games of ballplayers were poker, pinochle and bridge.

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

A Challenge to Judge Hanna, Police and City Council

To the Editor: (And to Judge Hanna and the city council).

Why shouldn't the report of the Grand Jury be given to us ordinary citizens? Or aren't we supposed to be capable of self government, so that matters concerned with our welfare should be kept secret from us while a "benevolent despot" decides what he thinks is best for us?

It seems to me that Eric Allen, the up-and-coming young city editor of the Medford Mail Tribune, and Walter Nunley, our up-and-coming young district attorney, have done a most commendable thing. Mr. Allen is a real newspaperman in the best traditions of the press and has done an excellent piece of comment and reporting in unearthing the facts regarding the callous brutality that lets a man die uncared for and unattended.

The electorate of Jackson County decided at the polls that they wanted Mr. Nunley for district attorney, not Paul Haviland. This in spite of the big "ads" in the Medford Mail Tribune paid for and signed by the town's Big Poobah's advocating Mr. Haviland. Naturally, Mr. Haviland does not feel too kindly towards Mr. Nunley. Nor has Mr. Haviland quite the good sportsmanship shown by Mr. Taft when defeated by Mr. Eisenhower.

Why shouldn't all the citizens know what takes place during grand jury meetings? It is quite true that Democracy seems on the way out in these United States of America and a lot of Gestapo methods seem creeping in, but it's nice to see a small shred or so of Democracy left.

Nobody accuses the police of murder, just of letting an injured man die slowly for lack of care. After all, the man had gotten disabled defending his country which has undoubtedly a factor in his condition when picked up by the police.

Maybe the feelings of the police department are hurt by what happened, but if they can't do more than chase parking meters, they ought to have their feelings hurt. Nobody seems to be so particular about Mr. Hurley's feelings. He was human, wasn't he? Judge Hanna, Mr. Haviland, members of the city council, would you like to be left to die of a fractured skull, after being picked up on the street after a terrible fall, and left to die in a jail cell?

Edith Y. Ingle
338 Bessie Street

Colors of self feeding flowers like poppies and larkspurs deteriorate over the years unless new seed stocks are planted.

World Gets Ripe

Geo. N. Taylor

In Noah's day, the last handful of humanity was swept from the last mountain-top by a wave higher than the rest and so all humanity had perished from the earth except for Noah and his people safe out there in the ark. —"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man," said Christ — Luke 17:26-27. The world is to get ripe for judgment, then sudden destruction. But God has an ark ready now for you. It is Christ whose blood washed away our sin and sets us right with God. Open your heart. Let Him in and you are saved and safe. No man goes to glory with even one sin written against his name. So which for you? Christ and glory or self-goodness and hell? Which for you?

Geo. N. Taylor

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