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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 year ago.

10 YEARS AGO

Aug. 13, 1943
(It Was Friday)

City tax levy of 40.4 mills to be slightly under last year.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Barbers of the Pacific coast want to be called "chirotonors" on the grounds it will uplift the chin-whacking profession. In these piping times of 75c shaves and \$1 haircuts a 7¢ word is out of place.

20 YEARS AGO

Aug. 13, 1923
(It Was Sunday)

Pair confesses setting fire to Applegate store.

Minimum price of \$20 per ton set for cling peaches.

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 13, 1923
(It Was Monday)

More than 10,000 tourists registered in city last month.

Pear shipments to date total 256 cars.

40 YEARS AGO

Aug. 13, 1913
(It Was Wednesday)

Trout fry for distribution in local streams arrive.

Don Rader, Medford baseball player, making good with Chicago White Sox.

Ordinance Recognize Trend for Hospitals

Chicago — (U.P.)—Zoning ordinances in the nation's largest cities recognize the trend toward letting general hospitals provide for patients with communicable and mental diseases.

The American Society of Planning Officials reports that New York, Boston, Detroit, Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore permit hospitals to care for such patients in any zone where general hospitals may be located.

Most up-to-date zoning ordinances govern hospital location on the basis of size and function, rather than the type of patient, the society said.

It said the exclusion of specialized hospitals for many particular location in an urban area solely on the basis of danger to public health cannot be justified in the light of medical findings.

Army Called To Quell Red Riots in Ceylon

Colombo, Ceylon — (U.P.)—The Army was called out today by Premier Dudley Senanayake and volunteers were mobilized to quell Communist inspired riots in which five persons have been killed and 69 injured in the past two days.

The premier said military units have been ordered to patrol all main roads and that machine guns have been installed at key points.

Several fires have been started by the rioting demonstrators. Police fired on one mob in downtown Colombo early today as Communists swarmed through the streets in the second day of violent disorders.

Charles Town, W. Va. — (U.P.)—Forty-nine votes were cast in a recent municipal election in this town of 2,500. But one vote would have been sufficient. Only one candidate filed for each of four council posts.

What a Picnic!

Political picnics should not be taken too seriously. They are of course strongly partisan and usually somewhat convivial gatherings where the "circus-lemonade" may even have a stick in it.

So the many claims made by speakers at the Republican picnic in Portland Sunday last, should be taken with a grain of salt.

However we were genuinely surprised by the statement credited to our present Governor, which went somewhat as follows:

"Democratic leaders who yearn for a return to the two-party system, should first offer principles that the people believe in, and the leadership that Oregonians can follow, then it might be time for the people to consider a change."

BUT how about Republican leaders offering principles the REPUBLICANS can "believe in—and follow?"

The record of the recent congressional session will show that time after time, the "principles" offered by President Eisenhower would have been defeated overwhelmingly, if only Republicans had voted.

They were saved solely by Democratic support. Would that indicate the Democrats believe in NO principles that the people of Oregon can believe in?

It would seem to be, to a man up a tree, that Governor Patterson was—as Mr. Shakespeare once remarked—"raised by his own petard."

HOW can any rational human being agree with the governor's implication that Oregon has abandoned the two-party system.

Or that such a condition will remain, until the Democrats can offer SOMETHING Oregonians CAN follow.

Does our new Governor REALLY believe no Oregonians CAN follow the State Grange for example, in its opposition to the Republican stand regarding "Hells Canyon?"

How about conservation of our natural resources, including oil?

Then there is the recent demand of the "Old Guard" in congress that the country return to isolationism, while the Republican delegation from Nevada urged a return to the principles of the Smoot-Hawley tariff abomination.

Can Mr. Patterson, even with the use of the executive chamber's G.O.P. binoculars see NO Oregonians—not even ONE—who could follow the leadership of a party that would renounce and denounce the ultra-conservative Republican stand?

AS above stated, the table-thumping-pointing-with-pride, and viewing with alarm, which naturally characterizes political picnics—Republican or Democratic—should not be taken too seriously.

But after all there should be a limit.

And it seems to this department, in the "exuberance of his verbosity" our new and very amiable Governor passed it.—R.W.R.

How About Ike's Cabinet?

In reviewing recently the accomplishments of his administration President Eisenhower had surprisingly little to say about his department of defense and Secretary Charles Erwin Wilson.

Probably there is a reason. Perhaps very little of a complimentary nature to date could be said.

Secretary Wilson, since his statement that the Korean truce would result in a sharp reduction in the draft, has been significantly and benevolently silent.

He was as wrong in that, as he was when he claimed that for half as great an outlay, our air force could be made doubly effective—or words to that effect.

IN further explanation he said he was for economy—first, last and all the time.

So are we all, THEORETICALLY.

The best answer to this, however, was made by Senator Symington of Missouri, former head of US air force, quote:

"I want economy too. But I want a record of national security first. There is no economy in too little security. We have no right to gamble with our security. The best economy imaginable would be to be so strong no possible foe would think of attacking us."

FINALLY there was that unfortunate, but most revealing statement, that whatever "might be best for General Motors—would be best for the United States."

When Mr. Wilson realized he had pulled a pretty terrible boner, politically, he claimed he had not said what he really meant; but no one—or practically no one—swallowed that belated "alibi," with or without salt.

SO it goes!

It would be unjust to make any final judgment as to the real capabilities of any member of President Eisenhower's cabinet so early in the game.

But when the writer was last in Washington the waging in length of tenure, placed Secretary of Labor Durkin as probably the first to go, Secretary of Defense Wilson, second, Dulles, third.

Our guess is Durkin still leads, but we have a strong hunch the former head of General Motors is gaining on him fast as they approach the finish.

—R.W.R.

WITHDRAWAL
East Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.)—Crime stories are not confined to books in the Hockanum Library. Two boys, aged 11 and 13, were seized for taking \$11 from the librarian's desk.

NO ONE'S SAFE
New Haven, Conn. — (U.P.)—A fire caused several thousand dollars worth of damage at the roofing company of Frank Dehill—New Haven fire commission president.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"It's not every course you play that adjoins a watermelon patch"

All Editors Urged To Read McCarthy-Wechsler Case To Decide if Freedom Menaced

Washington — (U.P.)—An 11-man special committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors has urged that all editors read the transcript of the McCarthy-Wechsler hearings last spring and make up their own minds whether press freedom was menaced.

The committee, as such, reached no conclusions. It said in a report published last night that it was "not our function" to do so. But a four member minority said congressional investigations like the McCarthy-Wechsler hearings, "if frequently repeated, would extinguish, without passage of a single law, freedom of the press."

Editor Made Request
The special committee was named by Basil L. Walters, executive editor of the Knight newspapers and president of the ASNE, at the request of James A. Wechsler, editor of the New York Post. Wechsler made his appearance last April 24 and May 5 before the Senate Permanent Investigating subcommittee headed by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, (R-Wis.).

The group at the time was investigating State Department libraries overseas.

In New York, Wechsler said he hoped the ASNE study "will deter Sen. McCarthy from conducting any similar expeditions against other independent newspapers and editors."

McCarthy Comments
McCarthy, asked for comment in New York on the committee report, said editors should read

not only the McCarthy-Wechsler hearing transcript but also the transcripts of all congressional hearings "in connection with the digging out of crooks and Communists."

The 11-man ASNE committee was headed by J. R. Wiggins, managing editor of the Washington Post. The committee's report said most editors disagree on whether the hearings "constituted a threat to freedom of the press; and members of this committee disagree also as to the extent to which this threat existed."

The four man minority comprised Wiggins, Herbert Brucker, editor of the Hartford, Conn., Courant; William M. Tugman, editor of the Eugene, Ore., Register Guard; and Eugene S. Pulliam Jr., managing editor of the Indianapolis News.

Their supplemental report said "a press put to the frequent necessity of explaining its news and editorial policies to a United States senator, armed with the full power of the United States, is not a free press — whether the senator be a good or bad senator."

They said Wechsler was present "by compulsion and under the necessity to answer whatever inquiries were propounded to him or face prosecution for refusal to do so."

"Action under these laws, or under any other laws that have been made or could be made by Congress, in abridgment of freedom of speech or of the press was barred by the inexorable command of the first amendment."

Congressional Quiz

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

Q—Sometimes the Senate meets when the House is not in session. Which chamber has been meeting more often this year?

A—From Jan. 3, when Congress convened, through July 31, this year, the upper chamber was a little ahead of the lower chamber in the number of meetings. The Senate was in session 123 days; the House, 115 days. The Senate held much longer sessions too. It devoted 743 hours and three minutes to floor work, the House 492 hours and 41 minutes.

Q—How many times did Sen. Taft try for the office his father, the late President Howard Taft, held?

A—The late Sen. Robert A. Taft, (R - O.), unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination for the nation's highest office three times—in 1940, 1948 and 1952.

Q—What's happened to the Administration's proposed postal rate raise? Will I have to pay more for stamps this year?

A—Probably not this year. The House Post Office and Civil Service Committee July 28 postponed until 1954 consideration of the Administration's requested legislation to hike postal rates. But the issue is expected to come up again next year, since the Administration put it on the "must" list for enactment.

Q—What will be done with the revenues from mineral leases on submerged lands of the outer continental shelf which Congress placed under jurisdiction of the U.S.?

A—As specified in the so-called Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act passed by Congress July 30, "all rentals, royalties and other sums paid to the (U.S.) under any lease in the Outer Continental Shelf for the period from June 5, 1950, to date and thereafter shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States and credited to miscellaneous receipts." A provision to devote the revenues to, first, national defense for three years, then grants in aid to education, was dropped from the bill.

Q—I hear we need more judges all over the country. Has Con-

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

President Eisenhower calls for VIGOROUS REDUCTION OF SPENDING by the federal government. He asks all government leaders to attack waste and inefficiency with renewed vigor and to make substantial cuts in EVELY new appropriation.

I WAS SURE you'd do it, sir. When you asked congress last week to go to the bank and arrange a longer line of credit, you were impressed by two important facts of our national fiscal situation:

1. Knowing your history (a General of the Army must be one of the most SOUNDLY educated men in the world) you were aware that under the system set up for us by the Founding Fathers congress is the keeper of the purse. Since congress had appropriated more money than our existing tax system will produce, you felt, quite properly, that it is the responsibility of congress to arrange for whatever loans at the bank may be necessary to cover the deficit that must ensue.

2. Being an able diplomat (a General of the Army must be a diplomat as well as a soldier) you knew that when the President of the United States and the congress of the United States indulge constantly in disgusting little quarrels and tiffs and spat our country is WEAKENED in the eyes of the world. We've had ample evidence of that fact in the past dozen years or so.

SO—Being one of the world's greatest leaders—

YOU DEFERRED to congress as the keeper of our national purse and courteously requested congress (as the keeper of the purse) to arrange for the borrowing of enough money to meet the commitments that had been made by congress.

I think you were quite right in doing so.

BUT—The congress, although it had overruled our anticipated national income, chose to disregard your request and refused to go to the bank and arrange for a loan to cover its overdraft.

That left you no choice. As the administrative head of our government, you had to order DRASTIC reduction in spending.

I think your order is fully justified, and I think the people will understand that under the circumstances there was nothing else for you to do.

WOULD YOU mind, sir, a little well-meant advice and background (briefing is what you would call it in the Army) on the fundamentals of political life in America?

You have led a soldier's life. A soldier's life is a clean life and a rather simple one. A soldier sizes up the situation and makes the necessary decisions. If the decisions are wrong, the soldier takes the consequences. If he is of the higher echelons, he takes the TERRIBLE consequences of sending men to death needlessly. If he is of the lower echelons, he dies in the performance of his duty.

In any event, there is no buck-passing.

IN POLITICAL life, it is different. There one of the first and most generally accepted principles is to claim the credit for everything that is good and to PASS THE BUCK for everything that is bad.

That, sir, is what the congress was doing when (after having overruled anticipated income) it refused to make the necessary arrangements for a loan to meet the deficit that had been created by its overspending.

It was passing the buck to you.

Hidden TV Cameras Aid Thieves' Capture

Hollywood — (U.P.)—Police used hidden television cameras to capture four men suspected of taking some \$40,000 worth of electronics parts from a warehouse.

Detectives said the company had been missing radio tubes and electronics parts for several weeks.

They said they hid two television cameras in the warehouse stockroom, installed a receiver upstairs and screened leading dock activities.

What they saw and heard resulted in the arrest Tuesday of stock clerks Alamo Mason, 45, and Fred Porter, 23. The two implicated Kirk Hockner, 48, and Milton Syde, 42, officers said.

Traditional Month of France Labor Truce Falls by WAYSIDE

By PHIL NEWSOM

United Press Foreign Analyst

August is a traditional month of "labor truce" in France. It is a time when Frenchmen suspend their differences and go on vacation. This August, however, more than 1,000,000 French workers are out in the worst strike since 1947.

Thousands of American and other tourists are stranded, trains are halted, hospitals are short staffed, gas and electricity cut off and garbage rots in the streets. And the situation threatens to get worse before it gets better.

Now, as in the 1947 strikes, the walkout is the result of France's stumbling efforts to cure her never ending financial ills. Now, as then, the Communists are doing their best to profit through a national catastrophe.

In Protest of Plan
The strike began last week with a walkout by 220,000 government postal and communications workers in protest against Premier Joseph Laniel's plan to bolster the national economy by slashing government spending 15 per cent.

The strike was called by the Socialist-dominated Workers Force (FO), and supported by the Catholic OFTC and an independent Postal Workers Union. The Communists, caught by

surprise, gave it only tacit approval.

Laniel's plan was to increase the retirement age from 60 to 62 years, to fire some of the estimated 4,000,000 government employees and to hold the line on pay increases.

Gold Price Jumps
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Their objective is to topple the government and bring about a "popular front" such as existed in the 1930's.

As yet, the Laniel government has refrained from any sweeping back to work decrees such as were used by Premier Robert Schuman to break the 1947 strike.

But, allowed to continue indefinitely, the strike could finish the wrecking of the French economy, wiping out not only the franc but savings and insurance policies as well.

Disabled Veteran Saves Life of Boy

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The boy's mother, Mrs. Walter H. Hunter, said her neighbor, Frank Leary, rushed to her aid when she called for help. Leary applied artificial respiration until the lad could be given medical attention.

Six-year-old Eugene had plugged in a loose cord of a floor lamp at his home Tuesday night and suffered an electric shock that left him unconscious.

Yoncalla Lumber Mill Destroyed by Flames

Yoncalla — (U.P.)—Fire yesterday destroyed most of the Yoncalla Lumber company mill here, largest of several in and around this northern Douglas county town.

There was no immediate estimate of damage.

Some lumber, and the resaw and planer units were saved. The mill was closed last week for 10 days to allow installation of an electric motor.

O'Dwyer Marriage Fate Up To Church

Mexico City — (U.P.)—Sloan Simpson and former U. S. Ambassador William O'Dwyer both turned their backs today on the civil divorce which ended their four year marriage.

They said the fate of the marriage rests with the Catholic church, despite a decree issued at Cuernavaca, Mexico, divorcing the former fashion model from her 63-year-old husband.

Tele-fun

by Warren Goodrich

"Hello—Sorry I was so long answering, but I'm still just a little horse!"... You won't risk missing important calls if you always answer your telephone promptly... Pacific Telephone.

Camp White Men Protest

To the Editor: They're at it again. One of your readers lumps all the veterans at this station in one category—drunks. In any community having eight hundred or more males, there is bound to be a certain percentage of a so-called undesirable element. We at Camp White don't like them either.

The attitude of some citizens of Medford, just like that of certain employees at this station, is dead wrong and must be changed. Not all of us, nor even a majority by any stretch of the imagination, can be classified as drunks, or fools, or as being below the average in intelligence. This smug pose of superiority betokens a lack of understanding as well as false rating of one's own ability and character.

David Frisch, Company One, Camp White, Ore.

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Across from the Courthouse

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