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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. 24, 1943
(It was Tuesday)
Herbert W. Mitchell of Med-
ford said Japanese prisoner of
war.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: Pumpkins
are now gaining their autumnal
roundness and the first pumpkin
pies made out of squash have
showed up in the eating houses.

20 YEARS AGO

Aug. 24, 1923
(It was Thursday)
Relief board issues call for
strong, able-bodied workers.

Marc Jarmin to open drug
store on North Central ave.

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 24, 1923
(It was Friday)
Jackson county exhibit ar-
ranged at state fair.

Chisholm group of quicksil-
ver mines in Gold Hill area to
resume.

40 YEARS AGO

Aug. 24, 1913
(It was Sunday)
Death takes Iradell Phipps,
one of the county's oldest pio-
neers.

Many exhibitors display pro-
ducts at commercial club show.

Potluck

By M-T Staff and Contributors

Is the M-T "Potluck?"

The question arose in naming
this new column. The name "Pot-
luck" is somewhat reminiscent
of two other columns which have
appeared in the Mail Tribune—
"Ye Smudge Pot," which for
many years was conducted by
the inveterate potpourri writer,
Arthur Perry, and "Potpourri," written
by "O.S.," our society editor.
Well, perhaps we are a bit
"potty." Most newspaperpeople
are, a little. But the onus may be
lessened somewhat by the fact
that the "pot" in "Potpourri" is
pronounced "poe."

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Pickett,
former Medfordites now living
in Anchorage, Alaska, write that
the recent eruption of nearby
Mount Spurr covered everything
with an eighth of an inch of dust.
On the first day of the blow-off
it began to get dark at 8:30 a.m.,
and by noon it was dark as
night, the sun being blotted out
by the falling dust. "Jigger,"
Pickett added a realistic touch
by inclosing an envelope full of
the dust and the mail man gave
it even more realism by ruptur-
ing the envelope so that when
the outer covering was removed
volcano dust flew all over the
recipient's desk.

Last week we conducted a private
survey on parking tech-
niques and maneuvers, the new
upstairs news room windows be-
ing well located for such pry-
ing.

Findings: 62 per cent of mid-
dle-aged or over drivers aren't
too sharp on parking; 58.6 per
cent of young drivers bang
bumpers with car ahead and/or
behind. One woman backed and
filled 11 times getting close to
curb; two men never did make
it, leaving cars slanted into curb
with rear end went into line
of traffic.
Recommendation: More peo-
ple should take an hour or so
professional instruction. They
might be surprised how much
they do not know.

A Few Final Thoughts

There are a few more thoughts on the situation
regarding the Medford police department, and the
attendant ruckus, that this writer would like to pre-
sent today in what will probably be his last Mail Trib-
une editorial for a number of months.

FIRST—The investigator to be brought here to sur-
vey the police department is going to have a job
on his hands. He will need the support, not only of
the city council, but of the citizens of Medford.

Those who have facts which would be pertinent to
his investigation will, it is hoped, make them avail-
able to him. The Mail Tribune proposes to place at
his disposal certain evidence which it gathered and
which is indicative, if not conclusive, that we do have
a police problem—one urgently in need of cleaning
up.

Individuals who have facts—no hearsay or gos-
sip nor rumor—should see to it that they are pre-
sented to the investigator so they may be considered and
given their proper importance in his over-all investi-
gation.

HIS JOB, as we see it, will not be to prepare AN-
OTHER "Beall report," but rather to study the
department and see how nearly it measures up to the
high standards of police service itineals in the Beall
report, and which the people of Medford deserve.

The city council, admitting as it does that changes
are needed, should not stop with their action on his
report, but should continue to be the "watchdogs"
they are elected to be. In other words, they should
be sure that the causes for the criticisms of the de-
partment outlined in the Beall report are eliminated.
We feel that one of the prime reasons for the present
difficulty is that councilmen took the word of the de-
partment that everything that should, and could be
done was being or had been done.

BEALL'S main criticisms were these:

Poor administration, coordination and supervision; lack
of good business practice in the operation of the depart-
ment; lack of an effective records system; lack of a high
level of police service to the community; lack of high morale
of personnel; lack of efficient manpower usage; organiza-
tion years behind the times in many respects, and lack of a
program for planning and improvement.

Some of them are still applicable.
It will be the job of the investigator to find which
criticisms are still valid; to find the reasons why they
are, and to provide the council with the information
so that it can rectify them.

THE second thought we would like to set forth is
a wondering "Why?" to the criticism of the
grand jury which pointed out deficiencies in the
police department, and made certain recommendations.

We have learned that there are legal arguments
over just how much power a grand jury has, and law-
yers are capable of debating cases and decisions to
uphold their varying viewpoints.

Skippping these legalistic debates, we would like
to point out that the grand jury system itself is
one of the greatest bulwarks which the republic pos-
sesses in its defense against crime, graft, maladminis-
tration, inefficiency and general cussedness in the
public service.

IN SUPPORT of this thesis, we can cite a recent
article which appeared in "The Lion" magazine,
and was republished in the Reader's Digest of June,
1953. The author tells of the broad powers of grand
juries. Quote:

"These ordinary citizens can investigate any po-
tentially criminal situation, then find indictments or
make a presentment—a statement to the court about
misconduct in the community. They can defy govern-
ments, district attorneys, sheriffs, police chiefs, even the
President."

In further explanation of this system, the article
says, quote:

"The court can instruct a grand jury on the law,
the District Attorney can give his interpretation, and
the grand jury can, if it wishes, ignore them both.
The District Attorney is its servant, not its boss. The
grand jury can tell him what witnesses to bring in,
order him out of the room while they are questioned,
investigate him, even indict him."

A GAIN shunning the legalistic arguments, we fail
to see on what basis our own county grand jury
was subject to criticism. A careful reading of the full
report (which was printed in the Mail Tribune) sup-
ports the belief that the jury was making a careful
and conscientious statement of its findings, plus logi-
cal conclusions and recommendations.

ALL OF which goes back to our first thought—that
the people of Medford also bear a direct respon-
sibility for the proper operation of the city's govern-
ment. Sergeant Beall thought so too. In the foreword
to his survey report he said:

"If this survey is to fulfill its potential promise
... the final responsibility lies with the people, their
representatives, the chief of police and the employees
of the police department to sustain the interest and
efforts which are so apparent at this time."

THERE ARE many ways of saying the same thing.
"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," is one.
Another is that democracy is like anything else—if
it's going to work, the people, in the final analysis,
have to work at it—E.A.

Brain Specialist Treats Kay Williams

Newport Beach, Calif.—(U.P.)—
Former actress Kay Williams,
who accused sugar heir Adolph
Spreckels II of beating her with
a shoe, is suffering from a con-
cussion and is under the care of
a brain specialist, a doctor re-
ported.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I haven't gone commercial yet, although my husband did offer to buy one if I'd pack up and come home."

A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — You
commoners will please step right
up, and from here out address
me as "Admiral Nichols."



That's what
it says right
here on this
here parch-
ment. "Certi-
ficate of com-
mission in the
C on federate
navy, be it
known to you-
all rebels."

That's what
she says, and, "whereby he shall
deem it an honor and a privi-
lege to be referred to as a cot-
ton pickin' rebel and perform
his duties of which he has been
duly qualified ..."

I don't know how all of this
honor came to me, except that
I answered an ad and sent in my
dollar. Being a land lubber, I've
always wanted to be an admiral,
sun!

Started as Joke
I signed a pledge to forever
conduct myself as a southern
gentleman by "addressing fel-
low admirals as 'suh,' our south-
ern lasses as 'mam,' and dam-
Yankees as 'dam-Yankees.'"

Hereby, I do so pledge.
The Confederate navy likely
is the only water group run by
two Army men. It started as a
joke.

Nolen Wall, who calls himself,
without challenge, the "fleet ad-
miral," and Don M. West, the
"chief of state." Presently both
of them are employed as carto-
graphic draftsmen for the Soil
Conservation service in the Car-
olines. Both served in the Army
in World War II.

Orders Rolled In
Nolen tells the story this way:
"A friend of ours had been
talking for months of buying a
boat. When he finally did buy
one, we nicknamed him 'admiral.'
Then several days later, we
decided to draw up a commis-
sion for an admiral in the Con-
federate navy. Our friend showed
it around and pretty soon other
wanted one for their
rumpus rooms. It was nothing
but a gag."

Nolen and Don thought they
would have a little fun. They put
a test ad in a newspaper, and
before you could say "ship
ahoy," the orders started rolling
in. There are now landlubber
admirals like me running
around in every state in the
Union.

"It's a funny thing," Nolen
told me, "but we get the most
orders from common seamen in
the Navy."

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

(Editor's note: Vernon Scott,
United Press Hollywood writer,
is substituting for Aline Mosby
while she is on vacation.)

Riverside — (U.P.) — Authoress
Helen "Dear Dog Lady" Arling-
ton is writing a book that is dif-
ferent—it is being dictated to
her by her husband, Masefield,
who died last March 16.

Titled "Postmarked — Here-
after," Mrs. Arlington's book
runs 145 single-spaced, type-
written pages, and is far from
completion.

"Masefield started dictating
the book June 28 at two minutes
after one p.m.," Mrs. Arlington
confided. "When we work, I
don't know what I'm typing. I
have to wait till he's through be-
fore I read it. Usually he dictates
four pages a day."

Mrs. Arlington said her hus-
band changed his name to hers
before their marriage four years
ago, explaining that Masefield
was the name of her fiancé who
was killed 10 years ago in a
plane crash.

"We had no children," she
went on. "I took a vow of chast-
ity before we were married. My
husband understood that and re-
spected it."

Last week Mrs. Arlington cel-
ebrated her fourth marriage an-
niversary by repeating the nup-
tial vows before Dr. Hosen Seki,
founder of the New York Budd-
hist Church.

"Masefield was there," she
said simply, "just as he was
when we celebrated our first
wedding."

Figgins left the McCune Home
for Boys in Independence to join
the Army when he was 18. The
young Missouri orphan spent al-
most three years in a Communist
war prisoner camp.

"I don't blame Mr. Truman for
sending me into Korea, and all
that time as a POW," Figgins
said. "Someone had to come,
something had to be done to
stop Communism, and I guess it
just had to happen that way."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The shah of Iran returns from
exile to resume his royal job
now that Weeping Willie Mossa-
deh is finally in jail under
heavy guard. The dispatches de-
scribe the young ruler as hap-
pier than a kitten to be sitting
in the driver's seat again.

I suppose this habit of ruler-
ship grows on one. Anyway, no
king ever seems to be happy
anywhere save on his throne and
in his palace.

HERE in (relatively) happy
America, we think ANY king
is a pimple on the fair face of
nature. What we frequently for-
get is that democracy is a good
habit that must be acquired
slowly and painstakingly, with
due regard for the self-disci-
plines it imposes, if it is to work.

I sometimes fear that a lot of
the trouble we have run into in
our well-meant efforts to run the
world better than it has been
run before arises out of our firm
conviction that the first thing
we must do is to mould every-
body else's form of government
into the pattern of our form of
government.

HERE's hoping Iran's shah gets
the situation under control
and restores some semblance of
sanity in his country's foreign
relations. Also, here's hoping
Russia decides this isn't the time
to go after Iran's oil.

RUSSIA's official communist
newspaper Pravda is hop-
ping mad about the way we have
handled the news of Russia's as-
serted mastery of the secret of
the hydrogen bomb.

In one breath, it wails that the
American press is telling the
American people the Russian H-
bomb is hot stuff and we'd better
prepare with all our strength to
meet the threat of it and in the
next breath it howls because our
State Secretary Dulles doesn't
think it amounts to much.

These commies don't seem to
like ANYTHING we do.

PERSONALLY, the only criti-
cism I'd offer is that our idea
of keeping everything connected
with the handling of the atom
bomb a dark and cloudy secret
doesn't appear to have worked
out too well. The secret of it has
been so well kept that ONLY
THE RUSSIANS have been able
to find out anything about it.

Nation's Crowded Schools To Have Record Enrollment

Washington — (U.P.) — The na-
tion's schools, faced with a re-
cord enrollment of nearly 30,000,
000 children, will be more over-
crowded this fall than ever be-
fore.

Most of the youngsters will
find their classrooms jam-packed
and many will have to study in
shifts. About 6,000,000 will get
their lessons in buildings classed
as fire traps.

Getting Worse
Despite the stepped up rate of
school construction in the last
two years, federal and private
education officials said today
crowded conditions are getting
worse.

This is due mainly to the post
World War II baby crop which
is now reaching school age. To-
tal school enrollment this fall is
expected to exceed last year by
1,500,000, with the vast majority
of the new pupils entering the
already bulging elementary
grades.

Shortage of Teachers
To make matters worse, most
schools are handicapped by a se-
rious shortage of teachers, espe-
cially in the lower grades. U.S.
Education Commissioner Lee M.
Thurston estimates a shortage of
70,000 teachers in elementary
schools alone.

Death Toll in Chile

Santiago, Chile — (U.P.) — The
death toll in the storms and
floods that ravaged widespread
areas of central and southern
Chile was set tentatively today
at 32.

Eight other persons were of-
ficially listed as missing in the
two-day torrential rainstorms
and ensuing floods last week.
Property damage was esti-
mated at \$10,000,000.

Warner Bros. Signs Super Scope Agreement

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Warner
Bros. Pictures, Inc., announced
the formal signing today of an
agreement between the studio
and Zeiss-Opton photographing
and projection lenses for the re-
cently announced Warner super
scope wide-screen process.

On The Side

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Are you a fugitive from sum-
mer TV? If so, you have plenty
of company. Despite the fact
that TV is free, entertainment
seekers flock to other mediums.
Right in the middle of August,
in the middle of Manhattan, the
film "From Here to Eternity,"
broke all Capitol Theater box
office records. About the same
time, there was standing room
only at Giants-Dodgers games at
the Polo Grounds. The harness
horse tracks in the New York
area also jammed nightly. Don't
know about you, but there is
not a TV program currently
being broadcast that I care
whether I miss or not.

That Campaign

Strong opposition to my "Bitter
Campaign 98776D" continues. As
for example, there is a beautiful
feminine resident of California
whose first name is Dean. That
I claim is a first name intended
for male use. However, the
young woman informs me she
refuses to change it. She says her
father gave it to her because
when she arrived in the world
he was disappointed. He wanted
a boy. I am frequently in re-
ceipt of such excuses and others
somewhat similar. A woman, I
know, uses the first name of
Michael. She says she is named
after her favorite uncle. That ex-
cuse I won't accept, either. I
will address the young woman
named Dean as Deanna. All
those calling themselves Michael
will be called Michelena. Those
using "Pat" as a first name will
be Patricia to me. That reminds
me, I heard of a woman using
the first name of Joseph. Imagine
the confusion that can cause!
Why can't she call herself Jose-
phine? What makes women so
stubborn?

Among The Married

Know of any marriages be-
tween members of the United
States armed services? I mean
such as a WAC marrying a G. I.
Joe. A WAVE marrying a naval
lieutenant. And so on. If so, how
are they doing? I have just heard
from a WAF who married a top
sergeant. They are doing fine.
Been happily married for nine
years. I have noticed in these
armed service marriages that
when the husband has outranked
the wife in the service, the mar-
riage usually succeeds.

Asking

Queries from clients: Q. So
Harold Minsky says Marilyn
Monroe and Jane Russell have
ideal figures for burlesque? Have
you the measurements of Mar-
ilyn and Jane in your "Horses &
Women" files? A. Monroe statis-
tics are: Age, 22; height, 5
feet 1/2; weight, 118; hips, 37 1/2;
waist, 23 1/2; bust, 37; Russell:
Age, 32; height, 5 feet 7; weight,
135; hips, 34; waist, 26; bust,
37 1/2.

By The Sea

There is a noticeable short-
age of feminine pulchritude on
the public beaches at Ashbury
Park, N. J. To view beautiful
bathers in northern New Jersey
one must go to the private beach
clubs at Allenhurst, Deal and
Spring Lake. Incidentally, when
it comes to a multitude of beau-
tiful females strolling by the sea,
Santa Monica, Calif., still tops
the country.

Horses & Women

Christian Dior's country-
women will pay little attention
to his short skirt style idea. A
Frenchwoman with good look-
ing legs is a rarity. The feminine
residents of France believe in
emphasizing their good physical
points and concealing the bad
ones. Hence, it will be thumbs
down on skirt brevity. French
females with well formed legs
are so scarce that most of the
cancan dancers and floor show
girls in the Paris cabarets come
from other countries. Especially
from England. Next to American
women, English women have the
world's best looking legs.

Sidelights

My affection for dogs is sec-
ond to none. However, I think
that Memphis, Tenn., man who
insisted on taking his six dogs
along on a honeymoon went too
far. Especially when he insisted
on the dogs being permitted to
sleep with him and his bride ...

By E. V. Durling

Am asked if absinthe is sold in
France. Not legally. Only coun-
try in Europe where absinthe is
sold legally is Luxembourg.

Interesting Job

When I take up a newspaper
to read, I don't skip anything. I
go over the entire sheet. Glanc-
ing through the good old classi-
fied section the other day, I
noted in the "Help Wanted" ad-
vertisements one for a "washing
machine service man." Fellow
with a job like that must meet
some interesting women. He
should develop into quite a
"Horse & Women" expert. How-
ever, I don't think it would be
such a good job for a man with
a jealous wife.

Southwestern Phone Workers Will Negotiate

By UNITED PRESS

Negotiations aimed at ending
a walkout by 53,000 Southwest-
ern Bell Co. workers open today
as telephone strikers in Indiana
called mass demonstrations in
two cities.

Meanwhile a third commu-
nications industry labor dispute
threatened to disrupt long dis-
tance telephone service.

Meeting in St. Louis

Officials of the CIO Commu-
nications Workers of America and
Southwestern Bell were to meet
with federal conciliators today
in St. Louis in the first negotia-
tions since the CWA struck last
Friday.

The strike has been generally
peaceful, but yesterday there
were reports of scattered wire
cuttings and sabotage.

The union has demanded a
7 1/2 cent hourly wage increase
for Southwestern Bell workers
in Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Ok-
lahoma, Arkansas and parts of
Illinois.

Not To Increase Offer

But company spokesmen said
they did not plan to increase
their wage offer of 4 1/2 cents in
today's session. Southwestern
Bell workers now earn from \$40
to \$90 a week.

As the strike against Indiana
Bell Co. moved into its 34th day,
a union spokesman said that
mass meetings will be held to-
night at Evansville and Indiana-
polis.

He said the demonstration at
Evansville would be a "citi-
zens'" meeting to "demonstrate
community support for strikers."

JEE WHIZ

Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Mr.
and Mrs. J. W. Wilcox have
seven children and each child's
first name begins with J. There's
John Jr., Jerry, Joe, Janice, Jeff,
Jeanette and Joyce.

He Was a Nobody

By Geo. N. Taylor

The crowds pressed