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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

Oct. 31, 1944
(It was Wednesday)
Coach Al Simpson reports unbeaten Medford high school football team came through without injuries in 40 to 0 victory over Grants Pass; team to play Bend next week.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The Halloween havoc wreaked so far on the community lacks zip and zest. However, soap marks on business district windows will be removed promptly and not left up longer than a circus poster.

20 YEARS AGO

Oct. 31, 1924
Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees from Chicago arrive in Medford by special train.

Bids for construction of new Siskiyou section of Pacific highway submitted to Oregon State Highway commission.

30 YEARS AGO

Oct. 31, 1924
B. B. Beekman returns to Portland after spending a few days visiting in Jacksonville.

Returns of Tuesday's general election to be broadcast by The Mail Tribune.

40 YEARS AGO

Oct. 31, 1914
Candidates for political office who advertise in The Mail Tribune include Chauncey Florey, 25, of Eagle Point, seeking election as county recorder; J. F. Hittson, seeking election as sheriff; W. H. Singler, seeking election as sheriff after serving by appointment; and Fred Colvig, seeking election as county treasurer.

From the Local and Personal column: Wanderers began to collect in this city this morning for the crowds attending the All Star baseball game Monday. The police opened fire, and drove the strangers to the south and

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

Copr. 1954, Editorial Research Report
1. Milford, recently in the news over admission of Negroes to its high school, is in Alabama, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland or Tennessee?

2. The U.S. is or isn't supporting the demand of Greece in the UN to get the island of Cyprus from Britain?

3. Are more or less than half of the cars on the roads under five years old?

4. The Charge of the Light Brigade, just 100 years ago, occurred on British, Greek, Palestinian, Russian or Turkish soil?

5. The 1954 session of Congress did or didn't raise congressional salaries?

6. All big AFL and CIO unions have ratified an agreement not to raid the rival union for members, right or wrong?

7. Dr. S. A. Waksman won a Nobel Prize for his work on streptomycin, for peace, in literature, on atomic fission, or on jet airplanes?

The Answers: 1. Delaware. 2. Isn't. 3. More than half. 4. Russian (in the Crimea). 5. Didn't. 6. Wrong, several large unions won't ratify it. 7. On discovery of streptomycin.

Recommendations on Candidates

For U. S. Senator — Richard Neuberger
For House of Representatives — Charles O. Porter
For Governor — Joe Carson
For Mayor of Medford — Earl Miller

It's Up To The Voters

The Mail Tribune has spent most of its editorial space and time this campaign on the race for the US Senate between Cordon and Neuberger.

The reason for this has been because it seemed to this department, the only contest of real state-wide national, and even international, significance.

To return Guy Cordon to the Senate for six more years would be to oppose the program of President Eisenhower regarding isolationism, foreign policy, aid to Europe, his efforts to liberalize the Republican party regarding the tariff, social progress and general political enlightenment. It would also just add another vote in the Senate to the bitter anti-like segment of the GOP, which is so reactionary that it would, if given power, turn the clock of national and world progress back half a century.

WE DON'T want Oregon represented by that type of blind and thoroughly discredited statesmanship.

So we have done what we could to bring about Cordon's defeat and a Neuberger victory.

In doing so we have dealt in no recriminations, nor in personalities. We have attacked Cordon solely on his RECORD.

AND there is this striking fact, which we believe even the most rabid opponent of this paper's policy would not deny.

No defense of that Cordon record as it relates to a dozen vital Eisenhower issues has been even attempted!

There have been loud cries of "misrepresentation, and abuse," when the record has been cited—but when it comes to defending these items, point by point in public debate, or in the columns of the press, or anywhere else, no defense has been offered.

Why? Undoubtedly because no defense can be—unless one believes that this country should not assume the world-leadership that circumstances has placed upon it.

That as we view it is the predominant issue in this campaign. And why, as stated, we have spent so much time and space on it.

WHAT applies to Senator Cordon also applies to Congressman Ellsworth only in a less vital fashion.

But they both admit this election is a contest between two opposing schools of political thought.

And, as so often stated in this column, they are both 100% right.

It is the time-honored conflict between this country going ahead and assuming its proper social and international obligations, or going backward,—or trying to—"the good old days."

ON ANOTHER important issue they both agree,—at least the Mail Tribune regards it as of great importance, but we must admit it has not figured noticeably in this campaign. That is the issue of McCarthy and McCarthyism.

Both of Oregon's GOP representatives in Washington not only know McCarthy but have been in a position to observe his methods and perceive its dangers to this democracy, ever since the "Wisconsin demagogue" entered the Upper House,—that is for several years.

Yet they have NEVER raised a hand—or a voice—to protest against him or his methods, nor as far as the record shows have they had the courage to come out publicly FOR him. They have both stood silently on the sidelines, and given tacit approval, by their eloquent silence.

We don't like that. The Mail Tribune doesn't want this state represented by that type of political and moral astigmatism either.

So that's that as far as the congressional contest is concerned.

The verdict is—as usual—up to the voters!

—R.W.R.

The Local Election

As far as the other candidates this year are concerned the Mail Tribune feels more strongly than usual, that no vital issues are involved. On the state and local tickets particularly this is true—two opposing parties are fighting it out but in most cases, it is largely as William Allen White remarked, a matter of 3 C's—"courage, courtesy, and competence," rather than any national issues.

THERE is the matter of a Mayor for Medford and the adoption or rejection of the City Manager plan—both important to the people of Medford.

The Mail Tribune is for the city manager plan as a step in the right direction. We have in one sense a "city manager" now, and a good one, but he works under many handicaps under the present charter, which would be largely removed by the proposed amendment.

So we recommend 51 "Yes".

As for the candidates for Mayor we are in a sense for all three of them!

We think Medford is fortunate indeed in having

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

IN THE LAST DITCH

Washington — Predicting the outcome of this election is becoming even riskier than usual.

For recently the whole course of the election changed, when the Republican high command suddenly realized that the party was in desperately serious trouble.

Since then, every Republican from the President on down has been engaged in a violent, almost convulsive effort to reverse the Democratic trend.

What makes the election so tricky is that there is some indication that this effort might succeed. Take, for example, the case of New York State. Surveys polls there have shown W. Averell Harriman leading Republican Sen. Irving Ives in the crucial race for the Governorship by a healthy 8 per cent margin. These polls, coming on top of the Maine and Alaska vote, were what really frightened the Republican high command and changed the nature of this election.

ZOO PARADE

San Diego, Calif. (U.P.)—Officials report that the San Diego zoo was more popular with adults than with children in 1953. Attendance during the last 12 months totaled 1,129,897, including 479,648 children.

Understandably, the polls were a particularly nasty shock to Ives and his chief backer, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. The New York State election had previously been a rather pallid affair. Now Ives and Dewey have made a series of bitter personal attacks on Harriman.

These attacks are a part of a shrewd strategy carefully designed to overcome Harriman's lead. And even some Harriman men privately concede that the strategy might work.

The idea is simple enough. Registration in New York City, already complete, puts an absolute ceiling on the city vote. There is no such ceiling on the upstate vote. The polls suggest that Harriman should have a majority of 650,000 to 750,000 in the city. If the upstate vote is 3,000,000 or less, Ives, with a lead of about 18 per cent upstate, should have a majority of less than 550,000 upstate—not good enough.

But if the upstate vote is pushed well over 3,000,000, Ives' upstate lead may be enough to kill off Harriman. The bitter attacks on Harriman are thus designed, not so much to change the voters' minds, as to stir them up and get them interested in the election, thus shoving the elastic upstate vote

such worthy and worthwhile citizens offer their services-for-free for chief burgomaster when if elected they would get practically nothing for their public spirited action but a series of headaches.

However as only one can be selected, we recommend Councilman Earl Miller as our preference. As has been stated so many times during all the years, this is no reflection upon the deserving qualities of the other two, but principally on the grounds of those 3 C's above mentioned, and his greater experience in city affairs, we put Miller in the No. 1 spot.

AS TO the other contests locally and in the county it's largely a twiddle-dum twiddle-dee proposition. The candidates carry different political labels, but what have national issues, which determine those labels got to do with local offices? The answer is nothing. Moreover there are only three or four contests on the entire ticket.

So we are content in this election to leave it up to the people.

There are as far as can be determined no horse-thieves or second-story operators among any of them—nor even a suspected Communist, which must be a national record of some sort.

So let the voters decide and this paper will abide cheerfully by the result, as we know the people will.

—R.W.R.

The Democrats Are to Blame

Before signing off we wish to say a word about the "one-party issue," Oregon being almost as 100 per cent Republican year after year as Alabama is 100 per cent Democratic.

As President Eisenhower said, quote:

"Political health is endangered if one party by whatever means, becomes permanently, or too long, entrenched in power."

We have been asked several times in fact in this campaign to urge a "protest vote" against such a situation, by advocating "vote 'er straight" for the Democrats regardless.

The Mail Tribune, of course, couldn't do that.

But we are opposed to a one-party state, and agree entirely with Dick Neuberger when he said, quote:

"Clean and hard-fought rivalry is essential to political vitality."

HOWEVER that such a condition exists here and even more noticeably in California, is, we believe, not so much the fault of the Republicans as the Democrats.

In California, for example, the Democrats actually outnumber the Republicans—in some districts nearly two to one. Yet the Republicans win year after year. In Oregon the Republican registration exceeds the Democratic by only a very few thousand, and this difference has recently been decreasing. Yet the Republicans almost always win here also.

Why shouldn't the Democrats at least elect some of their candidates each year? The only answer we can see is, they JUST DON'T GO TO THE POLLS.

So it comes down pretty much, we believe, to Ben Franklin's wise saying that "God helps those who help themselves."

Let the registered Democrats get out on Tuesday and every other national election and vote! This should be true this year particularly, for the Democrats have more candidates than usual and they are all, as far as we can determine, as well or better qualified for the positions they seek than the Republicans.

The point we wish to emphasize is not the idea of electing all Democrats—anyway, it couldn't be done,—but the importance of giving the candidates of that party—support sufficient to justify its existence, and make Oregon a real two party state.

Only the Democrats can do it.

If they refuse to vote in sufficient numbers election after election then of course making Oregon literally a 100 per cent one-party state, can't be avoided eventually.—R.W.R.

over the 3,000,000 mark.

AT the same time, the Republicans are now using every possible other means to get out the upstate vote. And the Democrats admit privately that the Ives-Dewey strategy, however questionable in other ways, is politically effective. Add that the polling experts are predicting a narrowing in the spread between Harriman and Ives, and it is clear why it is unsafe to predict any Democratic sweep. All over the country, in fact, the Republicans last ditch effort is beginning to worry the previously jubilant Democrats.

Yet there are also some curious and significant sidelights on the New York election, which seems clearly to favor the Democrats. At first, for example, it was thought that the below-normal New York City registration was a very bad sign for Harriman. Closer examination showed a curious pattern. Registration is normal or better in the Jewish and Negro districts, while it is down 12 per cent in the German districts, and a whopping 18 per cent to 20 per cent in the predominantly Irish districts.

Jewish and Negro voters are by and large far more dependably Democratic than voters in German and Irish districts. Thus this curious pattern is taken to mean that the drop in registration has hurt the Republicans just about as badly as the Democrats. And the further fact that there was a drop of about 8 per cent in registration in silk-stocking, Republican areas, seems to confirm this interpretation.

Another curious phenomenon is the sentiment in the suburbs, as reflected in the polls. The great exodus from the big cities to the vast suburban developments has been a tremendous asset to the Republicans. In 1952, for example, Eisenhower took the New York City suburbs by an astonishing margin of nearly 400,000 votes. This year the polls show that the Republicans have suddenly lost ground in the suburbs.

THE established commuting areas, where the Democratic immigrants from the city are absorbed into an overwhelmingly Republican community, remain heavily Republican. But the vast impersonal developments, which are less like ordinary suburbs than huge horizontal apartment houses, are rapidly going Democratic. Where the suburbs used to go Republican 2 to 1, the margin this year looks like being reduced to 3 to 2.

This shift alone should help Harriman immensely. Indeed, with Harriman so far ahead in the polls, there should be no worries in Harriman's camp. But there are. One of the shrewdest Harriman men had this to say about the election: "I think we'll win. But I think it will be close. We reached our high point about ten days ago, but now the Republicans are building. That's true not only here in New York, but everywhere. I can't wait for Nov. 2."

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Potluck

By M-T Staff and Contributors

A headline in The Mail Tribune last week announced, "Simple Lions Meeting Now Political Event."

It seems, however, that members of the two Lions clubs in town took exception to the headline.

Some of the objectors resented being called "Simple Lions."

Others claimed that no meeting of a Lions club—particularly a joint meeting—is ever simple.

Staff member reports that, during a telephone conversation last week with a woman, she heard the woman say to her husband, who was at home too, "There's a pheasant right out there by the fence."

The telephone conversation continued for a while. Then a loud "bang" was heard, and the family had the luck to have a bird for the pot.

Potluck!

Here's another pheasant story: A big China pheasant rooster, apparently barged, bothered and bewildered by hunters, came to town last week seeking a hiding place. The brilliantly-hued bird found sanctuary for a time under shrubbery in the Evelyn apartments courtyard on North Ivy st.

Later he sallied forth on the lawn, and when approached by a passerby, flew to the roof of the Ralph Green confectionery across the street.

Here's a brain-teaser from the current issue of "Domineers," the monthly publication at the Camp White Veterans Administration Domestic center:

A man has \$1.15 in modern U. S. currency. However, he cannot make change for any standard coin up to and including a dollar. He has neither a dollar bill nor a silver dollar. What coins has he?

Mail Tribune staff members think they've got it figured out. How about you?

Recommendations on Measures

No. 1—Raise Pay for Legislators	Yes
No. 2—County Subdivisions	Yes
No. 3—Portland Mental Hospital	Yes
No. 4—Raising Initiative Signatures	No
No. 5—Changing Property Tax	No
No. 6—Daylight Saving — No Recommendation	
No. 7—Prohibiting Commercial Fishing	Yes
No. 8—Repealing Milk Control Bill	No
No. 9—County Juvenile Farm	Yes
No. 10—Stray Dog Regulation	No

Our favorite slogan for election measures "When in doubt Vote No" has more application than usual this year.

For there isn't a proposition before the people which couldn't be defeated without the Heavens Falling or probably any serious damage done.

However, as usual there are proposals which The Mail Tribune favors and opposes, and we are so recommending:

No. 1: SALARIES OF STATE LEGISLATORS: We don't know how many times the Mail Tribune has recommended a "living wage" for members of the Legislature and always without affirmative results. Perhaps this year will prove an exception. At any rate the present \$600 remuneration with travel expenses to and fro is ridiculous,—few members can get along on such a sum at present cost-of-living prices, without going into debt or drawing on their other income. This reduces membership to those who can afford it financially, and eliminates those who can't. There should be no such handicap to able men without extra financial resources, taking an active part in public life, particularly in the administration of their state government, as members of the Legislature. Vote yes.

No. 2: SUBDIVIDING COUNTIES FOR ELECTING STATE LEGISLATURE. This is merely permissive. It allows Multnomah County, for example, to have its delegation in Salem representative of all sections of the county instead of mostly Portland, which would be a desirable change. There would probably be no disposition in Jackson County to take similar action, but if there were, the same could be accomplished only by special legislation. Vote yes.

No. 3: MENTAL HOSPITAL IN THE PORTLAND AREA. The people voted for such a hospital at the last election but the Legislature disregarded it, presumably in part because it would not be located in Salem, but more important, only elderly people would be admitted. The need is so great for BOTH old and young, the desirability of its location in the metropolises of the state so apparent, that it is to be hoped the measure will pass and be carried out this time. Vote yes.

No. 4: HOW CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS MAY BE PROPOSED BY THE PEOPLE. This merely changes the percentage required on an initiative petition from 8 to 10 per cent. It should be noted this restricts the OFFERING of an amendment to the people only, it would then be up to a vote of the people whether or not they would give their ok to such a constitutional change. This department believes there should be no increased restrictions on offering any amendments 8 per cent of the voters should desire. More important is proper discrimination and wisdom of the voters, to vote down any proposal that may not be right belong in our fundamental law. This measure would contribute nothing in this direction. We recommend "No."

No. 5: STATE PROPERTY TAX CHANGE: This is another constitutional amendment, replaces the 6 per cent limitation with a 5-mill limitation, except of course as to the interest charges on the state debt, and also unless a greater amount is sanctioned by vote of the people. This is a very complicated subject, and the entire question, in this paper's view, should be decided by a committee of competent tax experts, and then acted upon by the state legislature subject only to a popular referendum, if one should be desired. However here is the proposal and the people must decide. On the general proposition of "when in doubt vote 'no'" that is our recommendation—so it's "No."

No. 6: DAYLIGHT SAVING. The Mail Tribune fought local option on daylight saving because it made such a mess. The important point, as stated then, was to have a system that was uniform throughout the state instead of a hodge-podge with Medford on one time and Central Point on another,—or vice versa. The change was made and the people voted for standard time. Now there is a demand to change to daylight saving because both California and Washington have it, and some confusion and inconvenience result. Well as far as this paper is concerned we believe the people should decide which they want and we will willingly leave the decision to them without recommendation one way or the other. As long as the state has one type of time for all, the Mail Tribune will have no serious complaint, whether it saves daylight or doesn't.

No. 7: PROHIBITING CERTAIN FISHING IN COASTAL STREAMS:

Men may come and men may go, but fish-bills go on forever. And milk bills promise to follow the same endless trail, judging by this year's ballot. As to the fish bill there is unfortunately no supreme court, no final authority. There are as many convincing arguments to the average layman AGAINST this measure as FOR it. Incidentally this will not affect Rogue River as it has already been closed to commercial fishing. But if this action has helped trout fishing in the Rogue as many local sportsmen claim, then we see no reason why rivers to the north should not be similarly benefited. This is of far greater benefit to the state than the direction of a profitable tourist crop than the comparatively small amount of commercial fishing now in operation. No one can blame the commercial fishing industry for opposing the measure but in this as in everything else what is best for the GREATEST number should prevail. The Mail Tribune recommends "Yes."

No. 8: HERE IS THE MILK-CONTROL BILL AGAIN!

This effort to repeal the present law and its controls has been tried 3 times and failed. Like the fish bill there are strong arguments on both sides, and the Mail Tribune once in the past, favored a repeal principally on the ground a better control measure might be devised to replace it. But there is another factor. We think under the Oregon system when the electorate has taken a strong negative action on ANY proposal over a long period, that there should be at least a decent breathing spell instead of having the same measure come up at the next election and every one thereafter. Let's have such a breathing spell on milk controls. The only way to get it is to keep our present system as it is, and leaving the matter of improvements up to the next Legislature. We recommend voting "No."

Referred to People of Jackson County

No. 9: AN ACT FOR A JUVENILE HOME: The demand for such a home is locally widespread and strong, on the theory that it will decrease juvenile delinquency in this county, which is increasing so alarmingly and not only here but throughout the county. The Mail Tribune doubts if it will be as effective as the proponents think, and it is also doubtful if the funds provided will prove adequate. However the practice of throwing juveniles into jail with other criminals is undesirable also. So on the ground that any step in the direction of solving or reducing the dangers of juvenile delinquency is all to the good and also the fact that the cost will be slight, considering Jackson County's financial position, we favor support for the proposal. Vote yes.

No. 10. THE DOG BILL. Finally there is a proposal to prohibit dogs from running at large through the city.

This might go over big because of the title for even the most rabid dog-lover would not favor an army of pooches running at large night and day over the town site.

However according to the best information available, this measure as drawn would prohibit a family pet from crossing the street to visit a neighbor or appear down town without being held in leash AND wearing a muzzle. One of the great advantages in living in the country or a country town as contrasted with a large city, is that one can not only have a dog but the dog can lead something like a natural and happy life, with at least some outdoor freedom.

So our recommendation is "no" on this, not because we want any dogs to run at large, but because we think the restrictions imposed are far too extreme, and if the measure passed probably it would never be enforced. It's just another example of half baked legislation and should not be passed. Vote No.—R.W.R.