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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

Nov. 2, 1924

(It was Thursday)

Medford Kiwanis club to see
captured Japanese and German
moving pictures showing sinking
of USS Wasp and construction
of enemy aircraft carriers.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: Water ex-
perts report the current rains
have been of no value, except
to prove that the roof, or the
left shoe leaks.

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 2, 1904

(It was Friday)

Erwin D. Hill, 92, of Eagle
Point, a Civil war veteran and
the grandson of a Revolutionary
war veteran, dies at his home
after a short illness.

County Agent R. G. Fowler
receives hog-corn production
checks, ranging from \$10 to
\$240, for Jackson county farm-
ers.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 2, 1924

(It was Sunday)

Record vote predicted for ev-
ery part of nation; Oregon can-
didates plead with housewives
to "see that your husband votes."

Three schools of "interpretive
dancing" now operating in Med-
ford.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 2, 1914

(It was Monday)

Justice of the Peace Glenn
Taylor spends day in Jackson-
ville as witness in circuit court
trial.

From the Local and Personal
column: Wilbur Jones, former
sheriff of Jackson county, will
leave Monday for Klamath coun-
ty, where he has leased a ranch
and will make his home in the
future. The best wishes of the
city and valley for better luck
than attended him the last two
years ago with him. All his mis-
fortunes were the faults of oth-
ers who to date have escaped.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)

Cop. 1934. Editorial Research Report

1. Clifford P. Case, accused by
opponents of being left-wing,
is Republican or Democratic
candidate for Senator from
N.J.?

2. Four-door sedans make up
about one-fourth, one-third, one-
half, or two-thirds of new cars
sold in the U.S.?

3. Much more, much less, or
about half of the retail price
paid for pork goes to the farm-
er?

4. The dogma of the Immacu-
late Conception of the Virgin
Mary was officially proclaimed
four, 50, a 100, 400 or 1000 years
ago.

5. Which college football team
is called the Wolverines.

6. That Congressman who
boasted of a war record he did
not have was a Southern Demo-
crat, Middle West Republican,
New York Democrat, or western
Republican?

7. Do more school-age chil-
dren die from accidents or polio?
The answers: 1. Republican. 2.
About one-half. 3. Much more
than half. 4. A hundred years
ago. 5. University of Michigan.
6. A western Republican (from
Utah). 7. Accidents.

Britain's Comeback

Great Britain, forced to adopt a penny-pinching
austerity during and after World War II, is beginning
to see economic daylight and the people are again
able to buy some of the less essential items which help
to make life more pleasant—such things, for example,
as Oregon fruit.

That was the word brought to Medford Monday
by Norman R. Prickett, vice consul attached to the
British consulate in Portland, who spent the day here
on business for his government. His information was
particularly interesting locally as Britain bought con-
siderable quantities of Rogue valley fruit back in the
days before war reduced her buying power and diet
to the barest minimum.

It has been a long hard road for the British people,
the vice consul said, because of the necessity for
balancing dollar payments. He pointed out that with
a population of 50,000,000 crowded into an area only
one-third the size of Texas, the United Kingdom
could not practice self-sufficiency, even if the people
wished to do so. The reason is that British farmers
produce only about half of the country's food sup-
plies, and the rest, together with all the raw materials
needed for industry, except coal, have to be imported.

To pay for these imports, the country depends in
the main upon exports of manufactures and to a
smaller but nevertheless important extent, upon the
foreign exchanges earned by the sale of commercial
and financial services abroad. These include ship-
ping, insurance, banking, civil aviation, and the lend-
ing of capital for investment overseas.

PRICKETT explained that increased production in
his country has provided the resources to main-
tain its exports at a high level and to increase con-
sumption and investment at home. This in turn
showed in more food buying, greater availability of
goods hitherto reserved mostly for export, in a much
higher rate of home construction, and in heavy in-
vestment in basic industries.

Yet another striking development, said the vice
consul, has been the ending of all war-time controls.
Commodity markets have been re-opened and im-
porting restored to private hands, with freedom to
purchase in most cases, without quota restrictions and
without currency restriction as to source.

In the overall view of Britain's activities, conclud-
ed the vice consul, we feel there is little doubt of our
ability to constantly improve the lot, not only of our
own peoples, but also that of the many millions of
other races throughout the world, to whom our guid-
ance can be of inestimable value in the age old fight
against poverty and all that follows in its train—
E.C.F.

Machines Bring Problems

Man is continually inventing, developing, perfect-
ing, speeding up and making more efficient the ma-
chines which do his work, but sometimes the efforts
toward more power, more speed, run afoul of or out-
strip the mental and physical limitations set for man-
kind by mother nature.

IN THE race for greater speed in the air, jet planes
now travel faster than sound. So fast is their pas-
sage through the sky that a pilot must have all details
of his route and destination fixed in mind before tak-
ing off. There is little time for making decisions en
route for the machine is moving almost as fast as men-
tal processes.

Somewhat similar trouble is becoming apparent in
the use of high-powered automobiles. Because some
cars are being turned out with engines capable of
whisking them along the highways well over 100 miles
an hour, the control, the human mind and hand, has
been outsped, and the safety of the driver and
everyone else on the highway is endangered.

SO much for a couple of examples of the advance
of machine power and speed over human ability
to exercise proper control. Man has also developed
machinery which has brought purely physical prob-
lems.

A recent bulletin from the American Medical as-
sociation claims the growing use of diesel locomotives
and employment of certain anti-rust agents thereon is
causing a hard-to-treat skin disease. Another type of
skin disease is due, says the bulletin, to solvents and
fuel oil used in cleaning diesel parts.

The medical men warn that about the only safety
for those who develop strong sensitivity to solvents or
diesel fuel fumes lies in finding other jobs.

The skin problems have reached the proportions
of a dilemma because of the use of chrome salts as an
anti-rust agent in diesel cooling system; the bulletin
relates, adding that chrome salt skin disease as an
occupational hazard has been reported in woolen
mills, aircraft plants, air conditioning equipment
chrome compound manufacturing, and in lithograph-
ic industries.

The inventive genius of man has brought forth
many wonderful slaves of iron and steel, electricity
and chemical but with some of them have come prob-
lems, too.—E.C.F.

Treatment of Soldiers Under Investigation

Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — The
Army conducted a high level in-
vestigation yesterday into charges
that a second lieutenant, a
decorated Korean War veteran,
ordered "harrassing and humili-
ating treatment" of his trainees.
The officer, 2nd Lt. Charles C.
Anderson, of Honolulu and St.
Louis, was accused by trainees of
having one soldier strung up by
his heels, forcing two others to

take "sand baths" to teach them
the necessity of cleanliness and
another to take physical exer-
cises until exhausted.
Nine soldiers, who were said to
have witnessed the alleged
brutal disciplinary measures,
were recalled to testify at the in-
vestigation of the officer who
was under house arrest and con-
fined to his quarters at nearby
Camp Gordon.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

LAST MINUTE RECHECK

Washington—Has there been a
last minute swing to the Repub-
licans? Has there been a real
pay-off, from the frantic final
campaign effort all Re-
publicans have been making?
The answer seems to be a
rather cautious yes, but the
reader may judge for him-
self.



In the two months before
election, these
reporters made on-the-spot cam-
paign studies in ten key states.
What they then reported, rather
naturally, was what they were
told by local experts.

To find out whether there has
been any recent change in the
campaign odds, they have now
rechecked by telephone with the
men who seemed to be the
soundest judges of political form
in each of these ten states.

The results, though not con-
clusive, contain some interesting
surprises, as in Kentucky and
West Virginia, and in general
should give at least a glimmer
of hope to any Republicans who
may have lost heart. Here, then,
are the current
views of this
group of sages,
with their
former views
as well to give
a before and af-
ter picture.

Kentucky: Before: Alben
Barkley's a
shoo-in. After:
John Sherman
Cooper has
waged a miracu-
lous campaign.
He's been getting
miraculous
crowds. And I wouldn't be
surprised if he passed a miracle,
which beating Alben Barkley in
Kentucky certainly should be.

West Virginia: Before: Old
Matt Neely's got it in the bag.
After: Republicans are behind
the eight ball in this state, but
Tom Sweeney's been making
gains by stressing the peace is-
sue; Neely's age is hurting him,
and you can see he's scared be-
cause he's stopped attacking Ike.
Neely should win, but it isn't in
the bag anymore.

Ohio: Before: It's a toss-up be-
tween Bender and Burke. After:
Bender seems to have the edge,
although there's a smell of trou-
ble for the Republicans in Ohio
this year, and Governor Lausche
who's generally more right than
anyone else, thinks Burke will
just get by.

MICHIGAN: Before: The Re-
publicans haven't got a
prayer for the Governorship
against Soapy Williams, and in
the Senate race, Homer Fergu-
son is running damn scared.
After: Ferguson seems to be in
good shape in spite of Secretary
Wilson and his dogs, and the Re-
publicans are even talking of
beating Williams with their
man, Leonard, although I don't
believe it.

Minnesota: Before: Hubert
Humphrey's got it cold in the
Senate race, but the Republi-
cans should win the govern-
ship with C. Elmer Anderson.
After: Humphrey's still got it
cold, but Orville Freeman's been
coming up in the Governorship
fight.

Illinois: Before: Paul Douglas
is in, no matter how much the
Republicans spend. After: Dou-
glas is still ahead but Joe Meek's
gained. Furthermore Chicago
registration is down 220,000 at
least, and suburban registration
is up over 50,000. That could hit
Douglas hard where it hurts the
most, in his Cook county major-
ity.

New Jersey: Before: Clifford
Case is the victim of circum-
stances. After: Howell has a big
lead on Case, and what with un-
employment and the Republican
organization in Bergen county
being in ruins, it's hard to see
how Case can win. But he just
might.

Wisconsin: Before: The Repub-
licans look in much worse shape
than 1932. Kohler could lose the
governorship, and more than one
Congressional seat is very doubt-
ful.

Mothers Agree To
Take Own Babies

London—(U.P.)—Two mothers,
whose boys were exchanged in
a hospital nursery have agreed
against their better judgment to
switch them back, at least for a
"trial period," it was reported
today.

The Daily Mirror front-paged
a picture of Mrs. John Bowers
and Mrs. Alfred Reed tearfully
exchanging the infants they
have learned to love, while their
husbands sympathetically looked
on.

The Laborite tabloid said the
mothers have agreed at last to
accept "conclusive evidence" of
the hospital's error and yield to
the pleading of their husbands.

Cartoonist Opposes
Burning Comic Books

Litchfield, Conn. — (U.P.) — "Lil
Abner's" creator, cartoonist Al
Capp, said last night, "don't burn
comic books because that will
lead to the burning of other
types of books."

ful. After: The Republicans have
been plugging the theme, "Do
you want your son in battle to
get higher prices for your cat-
tle," and it seems to be catching
on with the dairy farmers.
They're in better shape, but the
Milwaukee junior McCarthy,
Charley Kirsten, still looks like
a loser.

Iowa: Before: It looks like Gil-
lette, although I can't see quite
why. After: It still looks like
Gillette, and I still can't quite
see why.

New York: Before: The polls
have already elected Averell
Harriman to the governorship.
After: Whether you like it or
not, this last minute blitz that
Tom Dewey and Irving Ives have
put on has thrown the race into
doubt, but I'd still bet on Ave if
I had to bet.

THE nation (as seen by one of
the few politicians who was
almost exactly right in both
1948 and 1952: Before: The Re-
publicans don't even know what
is going to happen to them. Af-
ter: The Republicans have picked
up some, but I believe it's too
late; the Democrats should have
a majority of 37 in the House
and take the Senate by two or
three seats.

The last speaker was a Demo-
crat, of course. His Republican
opposite number, while refusing
to be specific, was cautiously op-
timistic about the Republicans
holding the Senate, which he
had all but written off two weeks
ago. There you have it, and you
can pay your money and take
your choice.

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Is That So?

Many animals have special
talents determining their life
patterns much as human beings
concentrate upon some particular
specialty for their life job. Some
of these professional counter-
parts are:

Farmer: A southwestern ant
cultivates a plant, appropriately
called ant-rice. This ant levels
about a square yard of soil,
dividing it with highways. It
cares for the plants tenderly and
when the seed is ripe, fathers it.
Husked, it is stored in long, con-
nected underground galleries, or
should I say granaries? Should
the seed get damp, it is brought
out and dried in the sun to pre-
vent rot or germination.

Robbers: Many professional
thieves exist in the wild. Perhaps
the most notorious is the frigate
bird. Its food, consisting almost
entirely of fish, is obtained by
flyway robbery. It waylays and
attacks homecoming terns and
gulls. To escape, the terrified
birds eject a portion of their
partly-digested supper, which
the frigate bird catches in mid-
air.



Soldiers: Warrior ants form
into armies and lay siege to and
surround the nest of rival ants.
In the resultant battle, heads and
legs are nipped off by the dozens.
When victorious, the nest is raid-
ed, and the spoils of war are
carried off — in this instance,
the immature pupae which are
then hatched in the victor's
homes, reared, and brought up
in slavery to work and fight for
their captors.

Hunters: Most proficient are
the meat-eaters, members of the
dog and cat families. Some, like
the cheetah, are fleet of foot;
others like the wolf, hunt in fam-
ily packs; a few, like the cougar
may lay in wait for large prey.

Trappers: An ant-lion makes a
cone-shaped pit, two to three
inches across the top in loose
sand. Then it hides at the bottom.
When a curious bug comes along
to investigate the hole, the top
sand gives away and the victim
tumbles headlong to the bottom
... and into the waiting jaws of
the trapper.

Wasp Makes Mortar
Masons: A wasp mixes fine
particles of earth with her own
saliva producing a mortar which
hardens. With this she fashions
a cell in which she deposits an
egg. Along with the egg, she
puts in a caterpillar which has
been paralyzed but remains alive
so it won't spoil. This is food for
the grub when it hatches out.
Then the mason seals up the en-
trance to her cell.

Milkmaids: Some ants keep
aphids, plant lice, which they
"milk" by stroking them gently
with their antennae. Some aphids
are kept prisoners, housed in
stables hollowed out of tree
branches. These stables have
exits just wide enough to ac-

Back Stairs: Fingers Are Crossed

By MERRIMAN SMITH
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Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—Backstairs
at the White House:
President Eisenhower's re-
fusal last week to make a pub-
lic prediction on the outcome of
today's congressional elections
reflects the feeling of much of
his staff. They have their fingers
crossed.

The President's advisers seem
to feel much better than they
did a couple of weeks ago about
the Ives-Harriman race in New
York, although they're not mak-
ing any audible, firm forecasts
of an Ives victory. They think,
however, that the Republican
chances have improved materi-
ally in the last 10 days.

Mr. Eisenhower is the first
President in a long time not to
return to his voting residence
on election day. The Chief Ex-
ecutive went to New York to
register, but he cast an absentee
ballot.

The late President Roosevelt
and ex-President Truman, how-
ever, never failed to go home for
the voting. F.D.R. relished his
visits to the town hall at Hyde
Park where he delighted in giv-
ing his occupation as "tree
grower" or "farmer." He almost
knocked the ballot booth over
one day when he couldn't get
the voting machine to function
properly.

"The damned thing don't
work," he trumpeted from be-
hind the green curtain.
Mr. Truman used to hit his
precinct voting place in Inde-
pendence, Mo., shortly after 6
a.m.

By Eugene Burns
Ranger-Naturalist

commodate the slender ants but
too narrow to permit the fat-
stidded aphids to go through.

Cooks: Female bees stir up a
sort of pudding by collecting
pollen and nectar from flowers
and then storing this dainty mix-
ture in cells for the grubs. The
frivolous males never don an
apron — they merely hang
around and are fed by the cooks,
and wait their turn for romance
with the queen.

Bodies Buried
Undertakers: The sexton
buries bodies by digging
beneath a dead animal and low-
ering it away in the earth. When
deep enough, it is covered. The
purpose is to permit the female
to hide her eggs in the buried
carcass and assure her progeny
of ample food. These little sex-
tons are extremely industrious,
performing Herculean feats. In
one experiment, four of them
buried four frogs, three small
birds, two fish, a mole and two
grasshoppers — all in the span of
50 days.

School Teachers: Many birds
are accomplished teachers.
Hawks and eagles train their
young to become expert fliers by
dropping dead birds or mice
from the nest and then urging
their students to follow and
catch the food in mid-air. Others
teach their young to fly by en-
couraging them to hop from
branch to branch, gradually in-
creasing the distance so that they
have to try their wings. The
razor-bill teaches its chicks to
dive and swim under water by
holding them by the scruff of
the necks and dunking them.
The old-school disciplinarian.

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575, Sausalito, Calif.

Educators Advised

To 'Quit Begging'

Chadron, Neb. — (U.P.) — A Ne-
braska education official has ad-
vised educators to "quit beg-
ging."

Education, said Don Kline, ex-
ecutive secretary of the Nebras-
ka State Education association,
"can stand on its own two feet."
"People are ready to take up
the problem of financing educa-
tion and to face the issue square-
ly," he added.

He advised educators to forget
the "hat-in-hand" posture and
emphasize importance of educa-
tion. The public, he said, should
be made conscious "of the tre-
mendous service constantly per-
formed and often taken for
granted" that education pro-
vides.

The Eisenhowers are going to
get a new and larger color tele-
vision set. If they'll just start
showing tinted Western movies,
it would make the President a
happy man.

The sentries at the Military
Air Transport Service terminal
seem to be getting tough again.
The MATS terminal is used by
the President and other govern-
ment dignitaries when they fly
in and out of Washington.

The President went to the air-
port last week to greet Secre-
tary of State John Foster Dulles
upon his return from Europe. A
carload of White House report-
ers drove out with the Chief
Executive.

As the reporters got out of
their car, a Secret Service agent
explained that because there was
no public address system,
they should follow him into the
area reserved for distinguished
guests so they could hear the
President and Dulles at the
newsreel, radio and television
microphones.

As the agent and seven report-
ers passed through the military
sentry line, one of the troops
slammed a rifle butt at the feet
of one of the reporters, missing
him by inches.

"You're not permitted in
here," snapped the sentry. "Get
behind the barrier."
The Secret Service man point-
ed out that the reporters were
being moved into the VIP area
under Secret Service convoy
and furthermore, the newsmen
were in the presidential procession.
The sentry relented with a
frown.

There is an interesting little
story in the news of the day this
is written. It concerns Owen D.
Young, former industrialist, fi-
nancier and statesman, who on his
80th birthday the other day told
reporters who remembered him
and came to see him that he is
too old to pass out advice now.

Celebrating the day quietly at
his home in Von Hornesville,
N. Y., he commented:
"I don't think the advice of an
old man is any good."

I DON'T know about that, Mr.
Young.

You know the old proverb:
"Old men for counsel, young
men for war." In our modern
world, as well as in the older
world, we must have both coun-
sellors and fighting men if we
are to survive. So, if I were
you, I wouldn't hesitate to give
forth out of your experience
if you have anything in the
way of advice that you consider
worth giving.

Bernard Baruch is no spring
chicken, and he never hesitates
to give advice when he thinks
it may be useful. The fact that
his advice—which is apt to be
conservative—is seldom taken
in these days never seems to
bother him.

PRESSED by the newsmen for
some kind of an interview—
there is nothing that grips a
good reporter like being sent
out to interview somebody and
then finding that the somebody
won't talk—Mr. Young did go
on to say that he thought the
most stimulating thing of his
life was his part in the develop-
ment of the American radio in-
dustry.

He explained that President
Wilson had become so impressed
with the then youthful medium
of radio that he had urged
Young to lead the General Elec-
tric Company in its develop-
ment. Young said he accepted
them.

It is also worth recalling that
an astonishing change has come
about in our big business. There
was a time when big business
was owned and operated by a
few big men.

That time is past. One of the
most interesting and least
known facts in connection with
modern BIG BUSINESS—such
as General Electric, General Mo-
tors, Westinghouse, U.S. Steel
and so on—is that the number
of stockholders in these big in-
dustries usually equals and
sometimes exceeds the number
of the workers employed by
them.

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