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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. 28, 1944
(It was Tuesday)

Medford's Mayor C. A. Meeker to act as host for regional meeting of League of Oregon Cities in Medford.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 28, 1934
(It was Wednesday)

Medford area CCC camps to provide dinner for 900 men on Thanksgiving day.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 28, 1924
(It was Friday)

Manager George A. Hunt admits all Medford Boy Scouts to Craterian theater free of charge.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 28, 1914
(It was Saturday)

North side of Roxy Ann covered with snow for first time this year.

Sixteen-year-old Medford youth caught smoking cigarettes has his supply confiscated and is given a lecture.

What's the Answer?

- (Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
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- The latest amendment to the Constitution was on votes for women, prohibition repeal, third presidential term, limit on taxation, or scope of treaties?
 - Auto dealers as a whole made a higher or lower percentage of profit from new car sales in 1954 than in 1952-53?
 - Angina pectoris is a disease of the liver, the lower back, the lungs, the heart or the appendix?
 - Some State Department officials attend Soviet embassy parties in Washington; right or wrong?
 - The "Mother of Presidents" is New York, Ohio or Virginia?
 - For every ton of hard coal produced in the U. S., about 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25 tons of soft coal are mined?
 - A hermaphrodite is a small fish, a person addicted to drink, a turn in skiing, a ballet step, or some one part male and part female?
- The Answers: 1. Prohibiting a third presidential term. 2. Lower. 3. The heart. 4. Right. 5. Virginia. 6. About 15. 7. Some one part male, part female.
- CONTRACT AWARDED**
Portland—(U.P.)—The Corps of Engineers has awarded a \$2,916 contract to the Albina Engine and Machine Works of Portland for repair of the dredge Luckiamute.

An Excellent Choice

It is an honor to the state, and a former Governor, that Charles Sprague, editor and publisher of the Salem Statesman, should be selected as one of three distinguished American citizens to sit on a committee to consider the rights and wrongs of the threatened national railway strike.

A better selection could hardly have been made. For Charley Sprague possesses that quality rare in the genus homo—and especially in the newspaper business—the judicial temperament.

Ex-Governor Sprague is a congenial conservative, and a confirmed and conscientious Republican, but as the recent campaign in this state demonstrated he is never a blind partisan—never has been, and never will be.

AS was to be expected Sprague supported the Republican ticket this year and urged the election of Guy Cordon as the regular GOP nominee. He could hardly do otherwise.

But unlike practically all of the newspaper editors supporting the Republican candidate, he didn't go overboard, didn't indulge in any personalities, and even more noteworthy, didn't hesitate to criticize Senator Cordon's record in many respects—so many in fact that at least one of his readers, didn't know until near the end of the campaign, whether the Statesman was going to end up for the Republican or against him.

That, as stated, is a very rare quality in American Journalism. Or anywhere else for that matter. And it is a quality of special value in any such service as this committee has to render, where the controversy is between management and labor, where emotions so often cloud the proper judgments.

THERE need be no fear, however. Editor Sprague's emotions will never cloud HIS judgment. As is his habit he will first get all the pertinent facts, study the background carefully and then makes his decision impartially and objectively, according to those facts. He will be firm but kindly, just, but tolerant.

He is in short that type practically extinct in modern journalism—the metropolitan areas particularly—an able editor, a fair-minded arbiter and—believe it or not—a good Presbyterian!—R.W.R.

Why the Double Talk?

Now that the election is over why doesn't Secretary McKay drop the double-talk?

It would save him the trouble of saying one thing in the East and denying it in the West. According to the trustworthy and conservative Associated Press, Secretary McKay, speaking in New York, departed from his prepared speech to, quote: "denounce public power as a federal monopoly." And later on again, quote:

"We don't want bureaucrats coming out and telling us how to live, we'll tell them. . . . Regarding social security the country is being handed a lot of socialistic propaganda—the idea of security from the cradle to the grave is impossible and hogwash."

THERE is nothing new there. That is Secretary McKay's well known political philosophy, he has said practically the same thing many times here in Oregon.

But he again denies the truth of the report, claiming he was improperly and incompletely quoted—"I did not scoff at either public power or social security," he protested.

WELL, our former Governor appears to be falling back upon semantics for his latest "out."

He did not "scoff." The wrong word, he merely indicated his strong opposition to public power and his ardent support of private power; his opposition to what he calls socialistic propaganda—covered so often by the time-honored slogan of "creeping socialism"—and his desire, thus far frustrated, to return the country to the "good old days" and destroy the last feeble gasps of the hated "New Deal."

When he denies all this, and talks about public power "partnership," the evils of bureaucracy and how he favors public power where the people locally WANT it,—he may be kidding himself, but he isn't kidding anyone else. That is just political hokum.

The thing that irks this department is not so much Secretary McKay's opposition to public power and social progress—he is entitled to his opposition. But his refusal to admit such opposition, and his double-talk in seeking to escape the responsibility, that goes with it.

There is nothing to be ashamed of. There are undoubtedly 200,000 voters here in Oregon who agree with him. There are several million respectable citizens elsewhere, also.

Why not stand by his guns? Particularly as the election is over and no votes can be lost?

The issue is a clear-cut one. And, as has so often been stated in this department, it isn't a moral issue at all, but merely a matter of belief, a matter of what one believes is best for the country and all the people in it, and what isn't.

The Republicans as a whole are on one side, the Democrats as a whole on the other. Why pretend otherwise?

Honest differences of opinion are what make political parties, as well as boss races. Let's have them!—R.W.R.

SUGGESTED BIBLE READING

The American Bible Society, the Medford Ministerial Association and the Medford Council of Church Women are cooperating in sponsoring daily Bible reading in the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The suggested scripture reading for today is: John 1:1-34.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Former President Herbert Hoover, who is spending six days in West Germany on a goodwill mission, held a news conference in Bonn with German and foreign correspondents. In the course of it, by way of setting forth his beliefs, he made a little speech.

He said: "The only hope for our safety is the BUILDING UP OF ARMS and a united front among free nations which will deter Communist aggression against us."

He added: "Unless the allied agreements to rearm West Germany are ratified (and carried out in the spirit of all for one and one for all) the security of Europe will depend on the malevolent will of the Communists."

He concluded: "The sole purpose of the Western alliance is to convince the Communists of the futility of starting war."

THOSE are strong words from a man who was born and raised a Quaker.

But they are TRUTHFUL words. As Hoover says, our first job is to convince the Communists they couldn't win if they started a war. If they ever think they can win, they'll start a war. Their objective is world Communism.

CAN we convince the Communists they can't win a war if they start one?

That will depend on two things:

1. Our faith in our cause and our will to win.
2. The ability of the free nations to REMAIN UNITED.

NEVER was it truer than now that "united we stand; divided we fall."

As to faith in our cause, we and all the free nations must say with Sir Galahad: "Our strength is as the strength of ten because our hearts are pure."

IF we can stick together, there is an excellent chance that we can convince the Communists they couldn't win a war if they started one.

After that will come the job of learning how to live in the same world with Communism—because it isn't a part of our ultimate purpose to WIPE THE COMMUNISTS OFF THE EARTH.

Besides—There are good reasons to believe that Communism is so foul a thing that if another world war can be staged off long enough it will fall of its own foulness.

Human liberty flourishes in times of peace.

Efforts to destroy human liberty flourish in wartime.

LEARNING how to live in the same world with Communism won't be easy. It will take patience, tolerance and forbearance. There will be times when the provocations will be almost unbearable.

But always the alternative to learning how to live in the same world with Communism will be present before your eyes. The alternative will be starting another world war WITH WEAPONS THAT CAN DESTROY THE WORLD.

Morris Announces Brokerage Set Up

Bob Morris, local representative for the W. R. McCann Brokerage company of San Francisco, announced yesterday that he has completed negotiations for purchase of the company's food lines in Oregon and northern California.

The main office of Morris' newly formed brokerage company will be located in Medford and will be operated here under the name Morris Brokerage company with the same policies under which the McCann company operated.

The brokerage rights purchased by Morris include Mannings Coffee, Mary Ellen Jam and Jellies, Scandia Commercial company, Golden Grain Macaroni, and Marlo Packing company.

The amount involved in the transaction was not announced.

Oil Tankers Collide In Gulf of Mexico

Port Arthur, Tex.—(U.P.)—An outbound oil-loaded tanker collided with another tanker in the Gulf of Mexico off Sabine pass early Saturday and reports said there were no injuries and damage was minor.

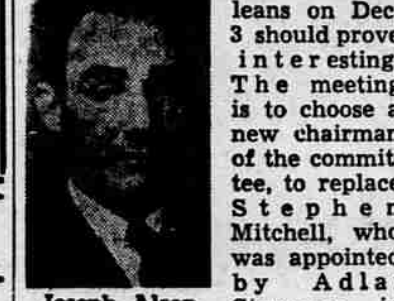
The vessels involved were the Gulf Oil Co. tanker "Guilford" and Magnolia's "Shabonee."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

STEVENSON, TRUMAN, AND THE PARTY

Washington — For a number of reasons, the meeting of the Democratic National Committee in New Orleans on Dec. 3 should prove interesting.



Joseph Alsop

The meeting is to choose a new chairman of the committee, to replace Stephen Mitchell, who was appointed by Adlai Stevenson in the Democratic nomination in the bag.

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Stevenson would be hailed as a defeat for Stevenson. The fact is that plenty of Democrats who have not opposed Stevenson openly will hail the election of almost anyone to the chief party post as a defeat for Stevenson. When Stevenson appears in New Orleans to address the National Committee, moreover, the will be looking for any slip, any sign of weakness, and any practical way to combine effectively against him. This is, indeed, always the fate of the front runner. And this is why it is still a great deal too early, despite all the signs, to say that Adlai Stevenson has the Democratic nomination in the bag.

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Potluck

By M-T Staff and Contributors

As time for Thanksgiving dinner approached last Thursday, a Medford family suddenly discovered that its pet parakeet was missing. They searched the house, high and low, without success. Someone suggested the bird might have gone up the chimney.

But, someone else had another thought. Maybe the parakeet had gotten mixed up in the dressing for the turkey, when it was being made earlier in the day. Dinner was served, but nobody seemed to want any dressing. They were afraid they might find the bird.

However, everything turned out all right. The parakeet finally was found, having his own Thanksgiving dinner. He was located in a cupboard eating oatmeal.

A truck driver was cited into Medford district court recently on an overload charge involving a truckload of 12 cows.

He explained to the court that the truck really wasn't overloaded, but "the cows must have seen the weighmaster and ran to the back of the truck," giving him a one-axle overload.

The cow-scarer weighmaster was not available for comment. The judge's comment? "Sixteen dollars and costs."

Mail Tribune staff member who makes the round of telephone calls each morning usually asks "Do you have any news for us this morning?" If the answer is yes, the story usually ends up in the paper. But, one of these stories didn't make it Friday.

The person at the other end of the telephone line told the reporter "Yes, I have a story for you. I had a Technicolor dream last night." With that astounding bit of information, the call was interrupted. Now, we can hardly wait until the next round of telephone calls to see if it was also in Cinemascope, with stereophonic sound and Marilyn Monroe.

Local radio announcer the other day charged into a commercial giving the details of how a Medford firm was offering a free turkey with every purchase amounting to a certain sum of money.

Suddenly the announcer stopped short. Then he let out his breath in a long "who-eee" and said apologetically: "That offer expired yesterday."

Caption under a one-column picture on the sports page of the Klamath Falls Herald and News the other day stated: "Elvis Mitchell—repeats again."

Doesn't seem to be any end to a statement like that.

Rogue Valley Country club golf bugs are still talking about that fogbound foursome—Al Littrell, Roland Hubbard, Paul Meyers and Glen Fabrick—who attempted to play in last Wednesday's misty blanket.

The fog wasn't so bad at the start of the afternoon's game but after a couple of holes the situation deteriorated rapidly. The players would whack a ball and then gallop forward into the wild blue yonder, trying to follow the hole in the fog made by the pellet in its flight. The method proved workable except when one of the four would slice or hook his shot out into the rough. In such cases following the fog hole was practically impossible.

Another complication was the inability of the friendly but not too trusting four to keep an eye on each other. On finally arriving on a green no one would believe the others' stroke count.

After nine holes, and as many lost balls, action was finally adjourned to the clubhouse where, according to last reports, the score is still a matter of argument.

Prowlers Get \$1,500 From Salem Office

Salem—(U.P.)—Prowlers took the safe from the Northwest Poultry firm office here Friday night, and police said about \$1,500 was taken.

The officers said the theft was similar to an attempted theft Nov. 18 of a safe from the Mill Supply Corp. here.

Is That So?

By Eugene Burns

Ranger-Naturalist

One of the marvels of the animal world is how some warm-blooded animals can dive so deep, where pressures are so great, remain submerged so long, and then surface so fast.

Man does well to dive 100 feet where the pressure is 45 pounds to the square inch—three atmospheres, as pressures are reckoned—and remain there two minutes. In fact, a quick surfacing may give him the "bends," or caisson sickness brought on by the pressure forcing nitrogen from the air he breathes into the blood and tissues. Sudden death may result.

Yet warm-blooded animals with a lung capacity scarcely that of a man's can dive much deeper, remain under water longer, and return to the surface more swiftly without suffering ill effects.

The young of the seal has been known to dive 240 feet—that's over 10 atmospheres. Adult seals feeding on a particular type of fish must descend over several hundred feet beyond that figure—but just how far has not yet been ascertained.

But deep as the seals may go, whales descend much farther. For them, amazing records have been established, mostly accidental. For example, three sperm whales, apparently in search of food, have become entangled in submarine cables and perished: one at 1,500 feet, another at 1,600 feet, and most astonishing, a 45-foot whale met his end, entangled in the cable which he severed, at a depth of 3,240 feet! That's more than 98 atmospheres, where the pressure exceeds 1,400 pounds to the square inch!

Aside from the phenomenal depths attained, these aquatic mammals can remain submerged for long periods. The elephant seal has been timed at 12 minutes; the common harbor seal at 15; the Alaska fur seal at 20. But whale's records, again, are more impressive: the fin whale remained submerged for 30 minutes; the blue whale for 49; the sperm for 75; the Greenland right whale for 80; the bottlenose for 120, that's two hours. Automatic Valves

In comparison of submersion periods, terrestrial-aquatic mammals are much shorter—but even their time is much better than man's; the otter has been timed at four minutes—perhaps far short of his maximum; the muskrat at 12; the beaver at 15.

For safety, these animals are all equipped with automatic valves in both ears and nose which close when they submerge and open when they surface. But this does not explain the mystery of how these animals—can retain their breath so long, how they can resist the enormous pressures, then come up so quickly yet avoid the "bends."

The answer is not larger air capacity; proportionately speaking, the seal has no larger lungs than man, in fact, the whale's lungs are relatively smaller. Besides a great lung development would hinder an animal from diving.

What then? In the first place, man only renews from 15-20 per cent of his air when breathing; the whale renews up to 90 per cent! With it, the whale extracts more oxygen and stores it in his blood and muscles. Besides, he can "overdraw" the oxygen from his muscles and blood to a much greater extent than man. And, he seems able to absorb more carbon dioxide without ill effects.

Pulse Rate Lowers

Next, the pulse rate goes way down. In seals it may drop as drastically as 93 1/3 per cent—from 150 heartbeats a minute to only 10—and remain that low during the whole dive. With it, of course, the animal's metabolism drops severely.

Finally, these animals can withstand tremendous pressures on their lungs—and their lungs are capable of tremendous compressions. In the whale it has

Four Sheppards Set To Give Testimony

Cleveland—(U.P.)—At least four Sheppards will be star witnesses for the defense in the murder trial of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, his attorney said Saturday.

Heading the list from the family of osteopathic surgeons will be Dr. Sam himself, Attorney William J. Corrigan said. The defense already has said Dr. Sam will testify five ampules of morphine were missing from the medical bag found upended in the hallway of his home.

That testimony would bolster the defense claim that Marilyn Sheppard was killed by a narcotics addict who wandered about the house looking for morphine and failed to take money and valuables.

The other Sheppard witnesses will be Dr. Sam's two older brothers, Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard, 34, and Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, 38, and Mrs. Stephen Sheppard.

Columbia leads the world in the production of emeralds and is the third largest producer of platinum.

been estimated that at 600 feet, his lungs are compressed to less than 1/35th of their normal capacity and as we have seen, whales go down much farther than 600 feet.

To make this compression possible, and to avoid the "bends," both whales and seals expel most of the air from their lungs, leaving comparatively little nitrogen.



gen to be forced into the blood and tissues—at least, the amount is so small that the pressurized nitrogen has little dangerous effect.

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Exploratory Work At Dam Site Starts

Yakima, Wash.—(U.P.)—A crew of core drillers set up a rig Friday on the Yakima county shore of the proposed Priest Rapids dam site on the Columbia river east of here.

The drilling operations were authorized under a Federal Power Commission permit granted Oct. 21 to the Grant County Public Utility District No. 2 to conduct sub-surface to exploratory work.

Meanwhile, two core drilling crews were working on the eastern shore of the river and preparations are under way for getting a fourth crew started on What Island in midstream.

Officials of the public utilities said the purpose of the core drilling which is being done under a \$107,050 contract held by the Boyle Brothers Co. of Salt Lake City, is to determine suitable footing for the dam.

County Clerk Named To Legislative Group

Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, Jackson county clerk, has received word of her appointment to the legislative committee of the Oregon County Clerk's and Recorder's association.

The appointment was made by John L. Lavee, Grant county, president of the association. Serving with Mrs. Hopkins will be four other clerks, Herman Lanke, Marion county; Ralph P. Schindler, Benton county; Charles Doerner, Douglas county, and Sid Cohn, Multnomah county.

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 initials 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.

The Flea on the Dog?

To the Editor: It seems to me taken for granted that the Democrats will organize the next senate. To my way of thinking they will not. The facts are we now have 48 duly elected Republicans, 46 Democrats and two Independents, one of which is deserting from the elected Republicans. The other was clearly elected by write-in independent voters, defeating the Democratic nominee for a known Eisenhower man.

This clearly indicates the voters' intentions, and should be respected. It would be strange if in the 46 elected Democrats there would not be more than one to respect the voters' mandate and refuse to accept the Republican deserter's offer to sell his vote in exchange for committee appointments.

These are plain facts. Then we have the other independent, elected as such, knowing him to be an Eisenhower man, we doubt that he will desert Eisenhower.

The farmers by their vote plainly indicated they had more common sense than greed, and we believe this duly elected independent believes in honesty, economy, clean government, justice, and punishment for enemies of our government.

The other self-appointed independent without a single vote will continue as in the past with about as much influence as a flea on a dog.

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