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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

Sept. 27, 1945

(It was Thursday)

Flue shortage predicted if state AFL lumber strike continues.

From Arthur Perrey's Ye Sledge Pot column: Astronomers estimate there are 200 billion stars. This seems like enough stars for the present.

20 YEARS AGO

Sept. 27, 1945

(It was Friday)

Chicago Cubs trim St. Louis Cardinals to take National League pennant to face Detroit in world series.

CCC field day planned between Camp Diamond Lake and Camp Annie Springs at the latter place.

30 YEARS AGO

Sept. 27, 1925

(It was Sunday)

Half Boy Scout campaign fund under C. E. (Pop) Gates is filled, best results in any community campaign so far.

From the Local and Personal column: Apple and pear pickers are needed according to Chris Gottlieb, in charge of the local U. S. free employment bureau, in the valley orchards. This forenoon 25 pickers were needed, with no men available.

40 YEARS AGO

Sept. 27, 1915

(It was Monday)

Ashland ice plant making plans to move to Medford in near future.

H. O. Nordwick, proprietor of Medford Roller Mills, preaches to Scandinavians in Norwegian at Baptist church, the first sermon so delivered in the valley.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7?

Cops. 1955, Editorial Research Report

1. About one, two, three, four or five out of ten housewives with TV have been found to watch a morning show regularly?

2. Orthodox Jews celebrate the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) for one day or two days?

3. Omaha Beach is in Nebraska, the Far East, Normandy, New Jersey or Long Island, N. Y.?

4. About 50, 65, 80 or 95 per cent of all U. S. business units are classed by the Government as Small Business?

5. What prominent Washington figure has the middle name of "Milhouse"?

6. About half, much more or much less than half of all U.S. automotive production comes out of Michigan?

7. Wilhelmina is or isn't Queen of The Netherlands?

The Answers: 1. About two out of ten, 2. One (but other holidays for two), 3. Normandy, 4. About 95 per cent, 5. Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, 6. About half, 7. Isn't (abdicated for daughter Juliana in 1948).

Amateur Detective Released by Police

Chicago—(U.P.)—Police reported they freed Mrs. Kathleen Keefe from the trunk of her husband's car by prying the trunk door open.

She told them "I was doing a bit of detective work in my husband's car when the trunk closed." She didn't elaborate, police said.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Sept. 24—Something new to us but probably not to Medford pear growers—"Piggy pears" from the Highcroft Orchards which are as red and blooming as Spitz apples used to be. Price 13 cents each or two for a quarter.

Oregon was badly beaten by USC at L.A. 42 to 15 last night. But it was a moral victory for the Webfoots, for they weren't given a chance by the California sports writers. USC is doped to go on the Rosebowl again, whereas Oregon was advertised as fast but green—"in the High School rather than the college class."

As stated Oregon was badly beaten, but scared the Trojans for the first quarter by scoring the first touchdown, and gaining as much yardage on the ground—not so hot in the air—for the first half. One of the stars for Oregon was Medford's Morris, who did the kicking and was great on interference and defense. Dick James of Grants Pass was outstanding also—two boys who were great rivals as High school stars. What they could do had they had a few minutes help from Shaw and van Brocklin!—at that it looks as though the Webfoots will give a good account of themselves this year, they are not only fast, but clever and full of fight.

Of course this baby kidnapping was the story of the week, but as we see it, the police made a mistake in releasing so many of the details to the press. If they had asked the papers to go slow as they did a couple of years ago on another kidnapping case, the papers would have complied and the woman who snatched the baby might have been less guarded in her movements and thus been apprehended. As it looks now recovery of the newly-born infant, alive, appears unlikely to say the least.

Word has just come in that Maryland has beaten UCLA 7-0, which will make several football experts blush a bit—if they can blush.

If any of them predicted Maryland would beat the team rated No. 1 in the country, we failed to listen in. At that we wouldn't play UCLA short, as far as winning the coast conference is concerned. It was a rainy day and that UCLA fumble on the 2-yard line, was the pay-off. Just one of those tough breaks that probably won't happen again all season.

No upset however in that acquittal of the two men who kidnapped and killed a negro boy because he allegedly gave a wolf-whistle in the direction of one of the men's attractive wife. We only visited Mississippi once, but that was long enough to realize that this southern state is not only still fighting the civil war, but has the view of the colored problem that existed before it. Murder down there, if a colored man is the victim, comes under the general heading of petty larceny.

The news has just come in over the air that President Eisenhower suffered an attack of indigestion last night and is under a doctor's care. That may be correct—just an attack of indigestion. But there have been so many "attacks of indigestion" that have proved to be heart attacks that most people will be uneasy until they get the low-down. Whatever the final diagnosis the news commentators will have a fine time with this item and its possible results regarding Ike's running for a second term. To do the presidential job in this country satisfactorily takes more than freedom from disease, it demands PERFECT health, of the superb quality. We have always been led to believe this is what "Ike" had.

Well, perhaps he has and this will prove merely a temporary and very minor indisposition. Everyone at home and abroad hopes so. But even so the political repercussions may be considerable—in fact tremendous.

That colored cartoon of V. P. Nixon which was ruled out of the San Francisco Art Festival has been sold to the former chairman of the San Mateo county central committee of the Democratic party. The price was \$25, and Marcus Kent—that is the buyer's name—says he may use it on some post cards during the campaign. Incidentally the cartoon was titled "Dix McSmear" and there was no other mark to indicate Nixon was intended, except a very slight physical resemblance. One wonders if Mr. Nixon will be as generous and broadminded regarding the right of criticism of anyone in public life next year as he was this?

One of the best stories regarding the farm delegation from Russia here appeared in the SF News as follows:

"When that farm delegation was here they visited a factory in California. Leader asked a foreman how many hours his men were working per week. 'Forty,' said the foreman. The Russian shook his head, replying that in his country they worked 70 hours a week.

"You'd never get this crew here to work 70 hours," said the foreman. "They're a bunch of Commies."—R.W.R.

Later:

It is now reported the attack of indigestion was a mild coronary thrombosis, the President has been hospitalized in Denver and is under an oxygen tent. The country is stunned, but all reports are favorable and there is every reason to believe he will make a prompt and complete recovery. There are probably a dozen men in the congress who have suffered more severe heart attacks but have been able to return to work. Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson is one of them. At such a time it is cheering to note partisanship is entirely forgotten, and the entire country regardless of politics joins in wishing the chief executive a speedy recovery and a return to his duties at the White House just as soon as conditions permit.

P.S.—With OSC defeating Stanford for the first time since the flood, one thing appears certain: Oregon is not going to play the poor relation role THIS year in the N.W. conference.—R.W.R.

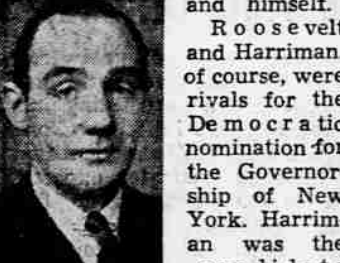


RUSHING TO PRESIDENT'S ASSISTANCE—Presidential Press Secy. James Hagerty (left) arrives at Fitzsimon's Army hospital in Denver with Col. Thomas W. Mattingly, a heart specialist from Walter Reed Army hospital in Washington, D.C. Col. Mattingly flew into Denver to confer with President Eisenhower's personal physician, General Snyder on the President's condition.

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

THE NEW YORK PATTERN

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Jr. tells a rather rueful story, these days, about Averell Harriman and himself.



Joseph Alsop

Roosevelt and Harriman, of course, were rivals for the Democratic nomination for the Governorship of New York. Harriman was the candidate whom no one took seriously until the last minute, except the people who really mattered. He was also the nominee whom hardly any one took seriously until the last minute, except the people who had the votes. But although they were hard-fighting rivals in the final contest for the nomination, Harriman and Roosevelt have remained close friends.

After Harriman's inauguration, Roosevelt came to have a meal with the new Governor at the rambling old executive mansion here. Harriman discussed the beaming confidence of the Republicans that President Eisenhower can defeat any opponent on earth if he chooses to run. He also remarked that Adlai Stevenson, whom he favors for the Presidency, seemed to be the leading contender for the Democratic nomination.

"But Averell," put in Roosevelt, perhaps a trifle maliciously, "the Eisenhower people and the Stevenson people don't know what I know—which is your knack for coming from behind." The story, which happens for once to be true, is also a useful illustration of an important fact concerning the American political stock market. Few stocks have attracted more supercilious bears than the stock of Averell Harriman, and in few stocks have the bears been caught so painfully short so painfully often.

As revealed in a previous report in this sport, Gov. Harriman will become an active candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination under certain carefully defined conditions. As he has said all along, he is for Adlai Stevenson—quite sincerely for Stevenson, in the sense that he would like to vote for Stevenson for President of the United States.

But he will not be for Stevenson as Democratic Presidential nominee, if there is a pallid, indifferent national response to the expected November announcement of Stevenson's candidacy, and to Stevenson's ensuing active campaign. If Harriman does not think that Stevenson looks like a potential winner against President Eisenhower, he will become a candidate himself, although probably an avowed candidate only at the last minute.

The pattern, in short, will be the same as in New York, if the pattern develops at all. Throughout all the earlier stages of the New York govern-

orship race, Harriman said he would be for Franklin Roosevelt if Roosevelt looked like a winner. In the end, he decided that he had a better chance than Roosevelt. He became a candidate, and was nominated with the backing of the astute Tammany leader, Carmine DeSapio, whom young Roosevelt had defeated.

Harriman's claim that he was standing for the nomination because he believed he was a stronger candidate than Roosevelt was ridiculed by every expert as insincere political fakery. Then, when the votes were counted, the electorate rather roundly confirmed what Harriman had said all along. Roosevelt, who was on the ticket with him, was badly beaten while Harriman won by a narrow margin.

Furthermore, the Republican leader of the New York legislature, Oswald Heck, has privately admitted that Harriman would have won much more handsomely if the efficient New York Republican organization had not, brilliantly exploited a last-minute canard about rural school taxes. And Heck is the best possible authority on the subject.

The New York parallel is by no means intended to forecast Gov. Harriman's final decision. He has said he would like to vote for Adlai Stevenson. He means what he says. If Stevenson looks like a promising Democratic candidate, then Harriman will support him for the Democratic nomination. There will be no Harriman candidacy—which will give great pain to Harriman's two political managers, Carmine DeSapio and state chairman Michael Prendergast.

Prendergast and DeSapio, meanwhile, are already convinced that Harriman will have to be a candidate, for the rather simple reason that they think Harriman can carry New York state against Eisenhower. The appearances are against them, but they really believe it. And, without hindrance from Harriman, but without prejudging Harriman's final decision either, Prendergast and DeSapio are acting on their conviction.

They are doing what is only normal and standard in their situation. They are encouraging favorite son candidacies in all the many states, particularly where there are Democratic governors. At least one of these may become a real candidate, for it is known that the vote-getting young Michigan governor, Mennen Williams, has begun to take himself extremely seriously as a Presidential aspirant. But DeSapio and Prendergast are confident that if Stevenson does not make it, Harriman will.

They expect bad trouble in the South. They admit that with peace and prosperity on his side—if both are indeed on his side—President Eisenhower will be fantastically hard to beat. But then they point out that Harriman has repeatedly surprised everyone before. They are trying, in short, to pull off the surprise of the century.

Indonesia Expected To Deal Bad News To Communist China

By CHARLES M. McCANN

United Press Correspondent

Communist China is likely to get some bad news within the next few days.

The young republic of Indonesia, the world's sixth largest nation, is to hold its first parliamentary election Thursday.

Premier Burhanudin Harahap's Masjumi party is expected to get enough votes to form a strong coalition government.

And that would be the bad news for the Peiping Red regime.

The Masjumi party is based on the Moslem religion. It is utterly opposed to the anti-religious Chinese Communists and is right wing in politics.

The Nationalist party, which was in power until Harahap became Premier on Aug. 12, was strongly left wing. It was friendly toward Red China and depended on the 17 Communists in the Provisional parliament to stay in office.

Predecessor a 'Neutralist'

Nationalist Premier Ali Sastroamidjojo, whom Harahap succeeded, was a fellow "neutralist" of Premier Jawaharlal Nehru of India.

This so-called neutralism actually has worked in favor of the Chinese Reds and against the United States and its allies.

Harahap has announced that if his party wins the election he will keep Indonesia neutral in the Cold War.

But he is on record as being friendly to the United States. It is indicated that even if he remains neutral—and he may not—the balance of Indonesia

policy will be swung from the Communist bloc to the West.

Indonesia is a big and important country. Its 3,000-odd islands and countless islets sprawl for 2,000 miles along the equator.

With 81,000,000 people, it is outranked only by China, India, Russia, the United States and Japan in population.

Wealthy in Resources

It is the wealthiest country in Southeast Asia in natural resources. These include rubber, sugar, tea, rice, coffee, spices, oil and tin.

It is suffering from severe growing pains. There are sizeable revolts in Java, the main island, Sumatra, the Moluccas and Celebes. Its army forced Sastroamidjojo's resignation. Since Sastroamidjojo resigned a number of the country's highest officials, including two of his cabinet ministers, have been arrested on corruption charges.

Harahap won the prime ministry by waging a fight against corruption. He never had been a cabinet minister until he was named premier, and he was little known to the public until a few months ago.

Stodious looking, spectacled, he is 38 years old. He fought in the revolution against Dutch rule and took a law degree before he entered politics. From the Western viewpoint, he seems a safe man.

Police Inform Man Of Missing Daughter

Columbus, O.—(U.P.)—Col. Peter Chance retired, of Lacand, Calif., was surprised when a suburban Whitehall patrolman stopped him but he soon found out why.

The patrolman informed Chance that his daughter, Cindy, 7, had gotten out of the car unnoticed a few miles back.

1912 Senatorial Fight In County Recalled by Former M-T Publisher

(Editor's note: The following is another in a series of articles about the early days in Oregon written by George Putnam, now editor emeritus of the Salem Capital-Journal and former editor and publisher of the Medford Mail Tribune. It is reprinted from the Salem paper by permission.)

By GEORGE PUTNAM

In 1907 Jonathan Bourne was the first United States Senator elected to the U.S. senate by a legislature having received a majority of votes in the 1906 election through "Statement No. 1."

This enabled legislators to pledge themselves to vote for the popular choice for senator if they desired, and enabled senatorial candidates to get names on the ballot. This was a clever device of the "Oregon System" to get around the U.S. constitutional provision that senators were elected by legislatures and elections degenerated into bribery contests.

Largely through Bourne's pioneer efforts the federal constitution was amended to provide direct election of senators some 10 years later.

Twice Defeated in 1912

Bourne lost the Republican nomination in 1912, defeated in the primaries by Ben Selling, Portland merchant and president of the Oregon senate. He ran in the election as independent, splitting the Republican vote, and Harry Lane, Democrat, former mayor of Portland, was elected.

In discussing his independent candidacy Bourne's hope for election, he told the writer, was based on the bitter opposition of the Oregonian, which he figured was good for 10,000 votes for him; his championship of the "Oregon System" reforms, in which he claimed responsibility; his popularity with the free silver Democrats and the Populists; his senate record, parcel post and Oregon appropriations secured. Sufficient support failed to materialize at the polls.

Carried Jackson County

Bourne, however, carried Jackson county by approximately 800 votes, mainly because he had secured the passage of a sizeable appropriation for highway development of Crater lake park, the first made. Bourne was one of the conferees on the appropriations bill and dead-

locked the entire bill until his Crater lake appropriation was approved.

A practical joke also figured in the Bourne vote in Jackson county. Selling had delivered a campaign speech shortly before election in Medford, and just after the speech a newsman from the Mail Tribune was standing on a Main street sidewalk in front of a saloon, when along strolled the prohibition leader of Jackson county, a fanatical, rabid dry if there ever was one. Under local option, when half of Medford voted wet he had tearfully proclaimed that "Our beautiful little city has gone to hell."

Practical Joke Helped

The reporter asked the dry chieftain if he had heard Selling speak. "No," he replied, "I got in too late from the country, but I wish I had seen and heard him. I'd like to meet him."

Just then out of the saloon staggered an orchardist who was of the same height and build and resembled Selling. Seeing him the reporter said: "Here is Selling now." Beckoning the orchardist over he introduced him as Selling and the orchardist was drunk enough to play up the part. "Please to meet you, senator," he said.

"Why, he's drunk," said the horrified dry boss. "Can't help that, you wanted to meet him," replied the reporter.

The prohi leader disappeared in a telephone booth to flash the alarm and soon the word was spread all over the county that Selling had been tipsy in Medford and the dries plumped for Bourne, because Lane was a wet also. For once Bourne had nothing to do with it.

Little things like that often swung an election in this land of the free and home of the brave, and the wets and the dries.

Motorists Warned In Evacuation Test

Portland—(U.P.)—Police Chief Jim Purcell today warned motorists or pedestrians who violate rules of the city's test evacuation they would be arrested.

"Operation Green Light," biggest test evacuation of a large city to be held, was scheduled to come off today, tomorrow or Thursday. Civil defense officials indicated it would come in the afternoon.

A full three minutes of steady tone by the city's seven huge public warning sirens will signal the evacuation. Just before the evacuation sirens will give the conventional test signals of 30 seconds of wailing followed by 30 seconds of steady tone.

That means that everyone who hasn't special business or isn't a transient is supposed to clear out, by foot, automobile, of the downtown area. It's illegal to leave cars parked on streets in the evacuation area.

The test was expected to last about an hour.

MR. INSURANCE Fred Brennan

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