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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. 20, 1945 (It was Saturday) Mrs. Elwood Hedberg, president of the Jackson County Public Health association, reports 176 cases of tuberculosis; reports on Christmas Seal plans.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Many of the fair sex are now wearing trouser-pleated skirts, a new style they claim is a year old. The pleats are supposed to accentuate the slim silhouette, what ever that is.

20 YEARS AGO Oct. 20, 1935 (It was Sunday) Walter Reese, president of the Rogue River Beekeeper's association, calls meeting to discuss state convention here next month.

Eighteen Jackson county men enlist for CCC duty; four assigned to Medford office.

30 YEARS AGO Oct. 20, 1925 (It was Tuesday) Carter Brandon tells of Far Eastern experiences at Carter's club meeting at Dinty Mohr's.

Classified ad in Mail Tribune: WANTED — Young man, alone, wishes to hear from maid or young widow matrimonially inclined.

40 YEARS AGO Oct. 20, 1915 (It was Wednesday) City council and Southern Pacific compromise that train engineers pull lightly on the whistle cord, shorten the blasts and do all in their power to moderate noise of trains.

From Local and Personal column: Hob S. Deuel, cashier of the First National bank, has been named second lieutenant in Company 7, to succeed R. N. Foster, who moved away.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7? Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report 1. The new armed forces reserves are supposed to build up over the next five years to 290,000; 1,290,000; 2,900,000, or 12,900,000 men? 2. No president or vice-president of the U.S. has ever resigned; right or wrong? 3. Most U. S. cities spend more each year on schools, libraries, streets, police departments, hospitals, or garbage and trash collection? 4. What make of car today puts out a series called the Montclair? 5. Most states do or don't elect governors this coming November? 6. Adlai E. Stevenson's grandfather (same name) ran for Vice-President once and was elected, or twice and elected twice, or twice and elected once, or never ran? 7. Rupprecht was the traditional name of the king of Austria, Bavaria, Bohemia, Denmark, Poland or Prussia? The Answers: 1.—2,900,000. 2.—Wrong; John C. Calhoun resigned as Vice-President in 1832 to enter the Senate. 3.—On schools, 4.—Mercury, 5.—Most don't. 6.—Ran twice, was elected once, 7.—Bavaria.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Oct. 15 — Usually a moral victory in sports is pretty watery soup. But not for Stanford-UCLA against UCLA. For except for the first quarter when the Uclans ran up 21 points in about 20 minutes, the boys from down yonder outplayed their highly-touted rivals, and when the whistle sounded were only one point and one foot from tying the score. It was a great game, one of the most exciting in an exciting and upsetting season. In spite of the radio broadcasters boosting for the Uclans—a more rankly partisan report we have never heard—the Indians followed the example of their namesakes in the baseball world and with a break or two from Lady Luck would have tied the game. As everyone now knows the final score was California-at-Los Angeles 21, Stanford 13.

San Francisco of course is a great place for sports over radio and TV. Saturday there was the Stanford-UCLA tussle at Palo Alto in the afternoon and the Oregon-California and OSC versus College of Pacific at Stockton Saturday night. The Oregon victory, 21 to 0, was a surprise to this department and a very pleasant one but it wasn't very interesting—too one sided. We can't recall a California football team being outclassed by an Oregon team before, but that is the way it sounded from Portland. We didn't get all the OSC game but the final minutes were about as tense and thrilling as anyone could wish. Naturally Ye Editor was boosting all out for the Beavers but COP paid no heed and won out by 6 points in the last two or three minutes.

Sunday the game between the S.F. 49'ers and the ex-pro champions, Detroit, was the pigskin offering—and here was another shilling-shocker—at least it must have given a shock to the 50,000 Detroit fans who sat in the rain for two hours and a half to see their team beaten—once more in the last two or three minutes—by 3 points, when at the half they had a lead of 18 points. Those alleged 49'er fans who booed Quarterback Tittle up at Kezar a couple of weeks ago, and yelled to put him on the bench, should feel pretty cheap, for it was Tittle and his quick-thinking that won the game. Knocked over and half buried in the mud, "Old Baldy" flipped the ball to Hal'back Perry for a score that turned defeat into a grand and glorious victory.

Some apologies should also be coming Chuck Taylor's way. When the ebullient "Chuck" returned from that terrific beating Stanford received at Michigan State he had no alibis to offer, he merely remarked Michigan State had the strongest team in the Middle West, was going to the Rose Bowl, adding that to be defeated by such a super aggregation did not necessarily mean Stanford did not have a chance against UCLA. All the local sports writers gave him the horse-laugh, but they still have to prove that he was wrong. We doubt if even Ira Blue can sell Michigan State short after that Saturday victory over Notre Dame.

So much for football—too much for some, no doubt. Glad to note France and England are not behaving in accordance with their traditions. Instead of firing Premier Faure France has sustained him and England instead of behaving in its usual conservative and proper manner regarding the romance between Princess Margaret and war hero Townsend, is behaving in a most UN-British fashion. In fact the newspapers and the rank and file are acting much as the Britishers have in the past accused the crude and vulgar Americans of acting, particularly in Hollywood. Why can't they leave the poor youngsters alone and let them and their families work out their own personal affairs in their own way? Our guess is the Princess will do much as her Uncle David did with more justification, for after all she doesn't have to give up the throne or shirk any duties of importance in marrying the man of her choice. However in this case as in many others only time can tell.

The Weather Man isn't doing so well today, but his batting average since our arrival is still extremely high. No rain for over a month but cold and cloudy now for three days.

Ran into the Dr. Tom Emmens en route to Medford after visiting Reno and Las Vegas. They both looked fit and frisky but we got the idea they found Reno more rewarding than L.A.—R.W.R.

Washington Roscoe Drummond

ON NOMINATING VICE PRESIDENTS

Washington—There is a growing feeling that the 1956 nominating conventions ought not to be allowed to go by without improving the method of selecting Vice Presidential candidates. It is not too soon to begin. There is no prospect of changing the long habit of choosing Vice Presidential nominees as a back-of-the-wrist, back-stage, casual after-thought to the main event unless there is an affirmative public demand.

The need for applying different and much higher standards of qualification for the Vice Presidential nominees of both parties should not be blurred by present personalities. There are many who will feel that Vice President Richard Nixon and Senator John Sparkman, the 1952 nominees, were above the average. But the basis for their nomination was not their fitness to become President of the United States. This was only incidental or accidental—and that is not good enough when we are selecting the possible heir to the most exacting, powerful office in the world today.

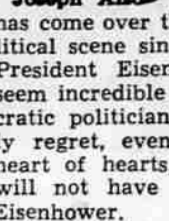
In 1952 neither Senator Nixon nor Senator Sparkman was considered by either party as qualified for the Presidential nomination. This has been the case in every Vice Presidential nomination except in the earliest years of the republic. Not in 119 years—that is since the nomination of Vice President Martin Van Buren to succeed President Andrew Jackson—has a Vice President ever received a Presidential nomination without first getting the Presidency by death. It is rather revealing that while the Democratic Party hesitated to consider Alben Barkley for the Presidential nomination in 1948 because of age, it did not hesitate to give him the Vice Presidential nomination.

IT IS not just President Eisenhower's illness which makes it important to re-appraise the casual attitude toward choosing Vice Presidential nominees. The law of averages is dangerously on the side that a Vice President will succeed to the Presidency without being elected to the Presidency. Ten of the 36 Vice Presidents in 166 years have become President—seven by accident, that is by the death of the President. That makes it one in five. Haven't we had enough experience to

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

STEVENSON NOT HAPPY WARRIOR

Chicago, Ill. — Adlai E. Stevenson is marching into the 1956 campaign with banners flying and a considerably larger following than any other Democratic candidate; but he is not a too happy warrior all the same. The trouble, so far as one can judge, is the great change that has come over the American political scene since the illness of President Eisenhower. It may seem incredible that any Democratic politician should sincerely regret, even in his inmost heart of hearts, that his party will not have to try to beat Eisenhower.



Yet Stevenson quite genuinely appears to regret this easing of the Democratic problem. He had made up his mind to one kind of campaign, with President Eisenhower at the head of the Republican ticket. He was even eager for it. But now he has got to make up his mind to another kind of campaign. No doubt he will make that kind of campaign and make it well. But he is not eager for it.

There was certainly a good deal of optimism in the way Stevenson originally expected the campaign to develop. He had hoped, first of all, that no other Democrat would really care to take on the Republican grand champion. In the Stevenson camp, even Senator Estes Kefauver, the man who runs for the Presidency as a lemming runs into the sea, was expected to master his instincts and hold still on this occasion.

With no significant competition, Stevenson, the generally accepted Democratic candidate designate, was to give the winter, spring and early summer to developing the issues. Then would come the campaign, which was to be an elevated "Democratic dialogue" with President Eisenhower. And after that the voters were to do their duty as citizens, and all would be over.

This remarkable projection, so happily devoid of political squallor or vulgar excess, has now of course been knocked galley-west. Sen. Kefauver's instincts are in the saddle again, encouraged, some Stevensonians darkly suspect, by Republican or even Harriman money. Averell Harriman is less and less for Stevenson and more and more for Harriman. Former President Truman, who used to be for Stevenson, too, has begun to talk out of both sides of his mouth; and this has been a very bitter blow indeed.

PRIMARIES loom ahead, and Stevenson will have to slug it out with Kefauver in enough key primaries to convince his party that he is even more the "people's Adlai" than Kefauver is the "people's Estes." On this point Stevenson has said, "I'm eager to fight the Republicans, but I had hoped I could give my whole time to the enemy, instead of spending most of it fighting my own party."

And even after the primaries, even when the nomination has been won, the election will have to be fought against Vice President Richard Nixon or some other Republican very unlike President Eisenhower. And so the development of a high level Democratic dialogue is very unlikely indeed, and this is another disappointment.

Possibly this reporter came to Chicago at an unfortunate moment, and so found Stevenson in an unfortunate and unrepresentative mood. In the old days, when appearances were better maintained, Stevenson had been invited to speak in New York at a grand Democratic dinner planned by Harriman and DeSapio. But now the sapient DeSapio had just abruptly cancelled the engagement, undoubtedly because he regarded Stevenson as much too far ahead already, and did not wish to encourage the Stevenson trend further by any seeming lukewarm-

Nationalist Regime On Formosa Facing Internal Difficulty

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

The Chinese Nationalist regime on Formosa seems to be facing a period of internal trouble.



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Two issues which affect the army and the cabinet are developing. The first concerns an official report, made public today, on Gen. Sun Li - Jen, widely respected by American military men. The report held that Sun must share responsibility for an alleged pro-Communist spy plot of which one of his most trusted aides is accused.

The second concerns Premier O. K. Yui and Foreign Minister George Yeh. Some influential members of the government political party, the Kuomintang, accuse Yui and Yeh of being "too American."

Yui also is charged with failing to come up with a solution of the island's serious economic situation.

Sun is 54, white haired but youthful looking. He probably is the most brilliant Nationalist general. Like Yui, he might be called pro-American.

Sun took the degree of bachelor of science at Purdue university and the degree of bachelor of arts at Virginia Military Institute.

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Chiang ching-Kuo learned about the commissar system in Russia, where he spent many years as a hostage. Sun was demoted from the post of commander-in-chief of the ground forces to that of personal chief of staff to the generalissimo.

Then, last May, Maj. Kuo ting-Liang, a member of Sun's staff, was arrested. It was asserted officially that he confessed being the leader of a spy plot.

It was announced in August that Sun had resigned after admitting "negligence" because of the alleged plot.

Since then Sun has been under investigation by a special government committee which made its report against him today.

A Scapegoat There is suspicion that Sun is being made a scapegoat. The army, or most of it, shares his opposition to young Chiang's political commissar system.

Hence army morale, especially important in Nationalist Formosa, will be badly affected. But if the committee had cleared Sun, young Chiang would not have been pleased.

The trouble in the cabinet reflects the growing fear on Formosa that the United States may be drawn into giving the Chinese Reds at least practical, if not formal, recognition and that as the result the Peiping regime may be admitted to the United Nations.

Opponents of Premier Yui and Foreign Minister Yeh say they have tied the Nationalist regime too closely to the political strings of the United States.

Argentina Ousting Election Machinery

Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — Argentina's provisional government today was sweeping away ousted dictator Juan D. Peron's corrupt election machinery in preparation for new presidential elections.

Provisional President Eduardo Lonardi, disclosing the action in an interview with United Press on Wednesday night, said no member of the government which replaced Peron would be a candidate in the election.

He also left little doubt that Peron's Peronista party would be barred from participation as a political party.

Raising of Shetland Ponies Big Business

Ponca City, Okla. — (U.P.) — Raising ponies is big business. E. P. Gouterman and his brother, Ray, paid a record \$8,500 for a four-year-old blue roan mare and a copper sorrel colt at the annual Perry, Okla., Shetland pony sale this summer.

E. P. started raising the Shetlands as a hobby 10 years ago. The hobby developed into the Beau Cheval Shetland pony farm at the green gables farm west of here.

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McKay Flying Home For Mother's Funeral

Portland — (U.P.) — Interior Secretary Douglas McKay will fly here from Washington today for the funeral of his mother, 82-year-old Mrs. J. W. Frater. Mrs. Frater died Tuesday at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland following a brief illness. She had lived here most of her life.