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Flight of Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1945 (It was Tuesday) Diamond Flynn named chairman of Jackson county unit of National Federation of Small Business, Inc.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A volcano expert reports smoke arising from the waters of Crater Lake is due to some minor subterranean devils, and there is not much chance of a Class AA eruption that would bury Prospect in lava like Pompeii.

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1935 (It was Wednesday) W. Woodrich, manager of Eagle Point Lado cheese factory, reports theft of 500 pounds of cheese.

Jim Pinniger, former Michigan State star, elected business manager of Provolet Lime plant basketball team.

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1925 (It was Friday) Jackson county court signs order reducing maximum truck loads on county roads.

Enrollment at Talent High school almost doubled what it was last year, school officials report.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 20, 1915 (It was Saturday) Castilian Grill on South Grape st. advertises the following: Chicken Broth; autumn salad or shrimp salad; roast pork, apple sauce; roast chicken with cranberry sauce; mashed potatoes, cream gravy; mashed peas; jello fruit or pie; coffee; tea, milk all for 50 cents.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7? Copr. 1953, Editorial Research Report

- 1. If this winter is especially cold, fuel oil will be, says the oil industry, scarce, plentiful, or just about enough for home heating needs?
2. About one in every five, ten, 15, or 20 U.S. families changes its residence every year?
3. Which two men prominently mentioned for the 1956 Democratic presidential nomination have been divorced?
4. About 45 per cent, 60 per cent, 75 per cent or 90 per cent of all U.S. car owners carry personal liability insurance?
5. The island of Aruba in the West Indies is a British, Danish, Dutch, French, or U. S. possession?
6. There are about twice as many Democratic as Republican federal judges, or about twice as many Republican ones, or about the same number of each?
7. A whiffletree is found in a forest, on a sail boat, on a carriage, in "Alice in Wonderland," or behind a lunch counter?
The Answers: 1.—Plentiful. 2.—About one in five. 3.—Stevenson and Harriman. 4.—About 90 per cent. 5.—Dutch. 6.—About twice as many Democratic ones. 7.—Carriage (it's an attachment for harness.

"Small Potatoes"

Some of our Republican friends are hard to please. When ex-Governor Stevenson of Illinois announced he would make known his decision regarding the Presidency early in November he was chided for pretense of action and lack of candor. For example:

"Why doesn't he come out and say he is going to be a candidate when everyone including himself knows he is? Why try that old game of being coy and 'hard to get' again, as he did in Chicago 3 years ago? That old dodge is played out and Adlai ought to know it."

NOW that Mr. Stevenson HAS made his announcement—very brief and to the point—he is condemned by the same group as before and Adlai is now rushing things, jumping-the-gun, and extending the political campaign needlessly to the detriment of his own party and his own chances.

WE FEAR nothing the Democratic candidate of 1952 may say or do, is going to please the Oregon press—at least the overwhelming Republican majority.

Even the usually fair minded and judicial Salem Statesman scores the Stevenson announcement as properly invoking the term of "egg-head." It is too brief and mild apparently to arouse any enthusiasm in his own party or the country, and—of all things—lacks the fire and "give 'em hell" punch of that stalwart "Gentleman from Missouri," and former President of the United States, Harry S. Truman! (Considering what the G.O.P. had to say about Harry's campaign methods, that is something for the book!)

WHAT did the Statesman want or expect?—a rip snorting, table-thumping campaign speech following the old time-honored stencil of the professional politicians giving everyone on one side hell and fitting golden halos on the heads of the other?

Ex-Governor Stevenson is not the hell-raising type of political spellbinder, never has been and never will be. This announcement was, moreover, a personal announcement, not the opening shot in the 1956 campaign.

Why should Adlai start out to play a part so foreign to his nature, and his conception of what a campaign for the office to which he aspires should be?

As Stevenson often remarked in the '52 campaign, he wasn't trying to appeal to the emotions or prejudices of the voters, but to their reason and their sober judgments. He was in other words trying to talk sense, to clarify the issues not distort or becloud them, or conduct his campaign along the bally-hoo line of an Atlantic City beauty contest.

He did talk sense. He made some of the finest speeches from the standpoint of logic, lucidity, good natured humor and charm, ever made in a presidential campaign but as everyone knows, and history now records, "Ike" gave him a terrific beating. This was not because of logic, lucidity or charm of HIS opponents speeches, but on the latter's PERSONAL charm and magnetism and on the turn of the political tide due.

IT WOULD no doubt have been too much to expect the Republican press to have praised Mr. Stevenson's brief announcement—there was no cause for bouquet throwing from either side—but it seemed to this department it was pretty small potatoes to condemn the announcement, on the grounds that it failed to be what regardless of party no such announcement, by the nature of things, should have been.—R.W.R.

Why?

As for jumping the gun as far as the presidential campaign is concerned the private power companies are doing that.

For many weeks now the Republican press has been deluged with anti-public power propaganda.

Public power development, it is claimed, is the invention of the devil and the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt, is not only creeping socialism but second cousin to Stalin communism, and must be extirpated from the body politic if the American way of life and the free enterprise system is to prevail.

THIS is the same old wheeze that marked the reign of Samuel Insull a quarter of a century ago and should cause no surprise. It may not be so generally known that this campaign is not really designed only to defeat further development of the public power but to defeat Senator Wayne Morse. Oregon's senior Senator is a seasoned and extremely effective campaigner, he has also started his campaign early, but one of his main platform planks is the support and extension of public power, and if the Oregon electorate can be turned against public power and in favor of private power it is reasoned that regardless of who runs against him, Wayne Morse can be defeated.

Mebbe so. But we wouldn't advise anyone to mortgage the old homestead and wager the proceeds on it.

However, there is one striking feature regarding all the private power propaganda thus far circulated in the state, that one thing is what will the price of electricity thus produced be—how will those prices compare with public power prices?

AFTER all one of the most important factors in northwest development is "cheap power." Not public power that will drive out private power but public power that will keep private power prices within reasonable limits and provide the maximum benefits for development of the country and all the people in it.

One naturally wonders why, this important factor in all the pro private power propaganda has never to date been mentioned!—R.W.R.

Communications

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Retarded Children's Week

To the Editor: Nov. 13 through 23rd has been designated by President Eisenhower as Mentally Retarded Children's Week. It is well that the nation pause and give thought to the many people born with this affliction.

In the state of Oregon alone there are more than 32,000 mentally retarded persons. Approximately 12,000 mentally retarded are school age children.

Friends of Retarded Children, a local chapter of the Oregon Association for Retarded Children, is deeply concerned with this "number one" child handicap. We promote counseling with parents, showing them they are not alone in their trouble, we ask the public school system to establish special classes for retarded children. Jackson county deserves high praise in this respect for it is the only district in the state which has special classes for the education of retarded children. Friends of Retarded Children cooperates with Fairview, the state institution, in every way possible. We promote the general welfare of the mentally retarded of all ages, we try to develop better public understanding of the facts of mental retardation and therefore public acceptance of helping these citizens that are born less fortunate.

Many ministers, concerned with the despair, the heartache associated with this affliction, will give announcements, concerning National Retarded Children's week and in Grants Pass will distribute leaflets giving information about Oregon.

Friends of Retarded Children welcome membership from all interested persons and especially from civic-minded organizations. For information write our secretary, Mrs. Claude Keyte, 626 S.W. Western ave., Grants Pass. Our next meeting will be Dec. 8 in the Eagles hall, Grants Pass. We want you to send a representative from your school, your lodge, your church. We need you.

Friends of Retarded Children 519 S.E. "H" Street, Grants Pass, Ore. Mrs. Neil Hachenberg, President.

Merchant's Praised

To the Editor: The streets of Medford presented a beautiful sight on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. What is more beautiful and inspiring than our National Flag? And the streets of Medford were well bedecked with the stars and stripes on that national holiday. A partial check showed that nearly every merchant who possessed a flag had it displayed in front of his place of business Friday.

The Medford post of the American Legion worked hard to distribute as many flags as possible before the holiday but the project was just too big. Many merchants have inquired as to why they did not have a chance to purchase a flag and bracket.

Being commander of a Legion Post the size of Medford's is like having the job of the mother with 17 small children. Two hands cannot begin to handle all the work and even with 40 hands there are just not enough hours in the day to complete all the tasks before us. The rest of the merchants of Medford will have their chance to obtain the flags and brackets soon. However those merchants who had the flags are to be complimented on having them displayed.

On the other hand it would appear from all the rumblings and complaints from the individual merchants, that Medford was open for business as usual in spite of the fact that most of them wished to close. The progressive town of Ashland to the south of us closed up business for the day in order to celebrate our victories over our enemies. Flags were well displayed and many of the Ashlandites came over to Medford to join in the festivities and ceremonies.

Why should Medford have to be the pigtail and follow what they did in a few cities up north? Why can't we take the lead along with Ashland and show the other cities of the state that we are glad that the wars are over and that our form of government has been preserved? Don't force our veterans to work on Veterans day. Let's all plan and work together for next year to make Medford the leader on this very important holiday.

Bud Fisher, Commander Post 15, American Legion.

Let Ike Know

To the Editor: During its three years in office the Eisenhower administration has made a massive contribution to the well-being of the American people. Perhaps its two most significant long-range achievements have been the re-dedication of the Republican party to its traditional role of promoting intelligent social progress and the acceptance of the responsibilities implied in America's new role as the world's greatest power.

To my mind, the best interests of the American people dictate the continuation and extension,

after 1956, of the progressive Eisenhower program. And the best man to carry out that program is Dwight D. Eisenhower himself.

The President's remarkable recovery from his recent illness indicates that he is able to make the race if he wants to. The final decision must, of course, be his and his alone, but I think that the American people should let him know how they feel. In 1952, when enough Americans said "We Like Ike," our great wartime leader responded to the call. Now is the time for us to reaffirm our faith in him.

It would seem singularly appropriate that Oregon, which has provided so much progressive leadership for the Republican party in the past, should lead the way now. At the recent Young Republican State Convention I sponsored a resolution urging Mr. Eisenhower to run again. But I am certain that our President will be much more receptive to the urgings of individual citizens than to the pronouncements of political organizations.

I am convinced that a second term for Mr. Eisenhower is the best insurance policy for America's future. If you feel as I do, write the President and tell him that you are hoping he will run in 1956. Let's show Ike how we feel.

Paul Kerrigan, Reed College Eisenhower-for-President Committee, Portland 2, Ore.

Carnage Continues

To the Editor: As I heard the talks Wednesday at the Congressional hearing on federal forest lands, a great many and varied thoughts percolated through the gray matter beneath my graying hair. I've walked and worked over much of that land, even in "impenetrable" Curry county terrain. My thoughts went back to millions of Michigan acres of virgin white pine, left a scorched earth by ruthless dollar-worshippers; some of whom moved on West with exhilarated destruction. I recall warnings, pleadings, attempted passage of laws to stabilize and maintain America's forests. I thought of the tireless Gifford Pinchot, Grover Cleveland, Teddy Roosevelt, and many other farsighted, public-spirited souls, and finally creation of National Forests, the only balance-wheel to prevent unbridled forest destruction.

I recalled another Congressional committee inquiry about 15 years ago when Col. Greeley, W. C. L. A. Secy. was asked, "Why such liquidation of America's forests?" He replied, "Because the owners of that timber have no faith that it is going to be worth anything 20 years from now. And being businessmen they feel no other course but to cut it and get it off their hands," etc.

So, carnage continued. Yet, long before, and ever since Greeley's talk, distress, even disaster signals, were everywhere visible, warning of the timber famine we're in today, and will increasingly plague each succeeding American generation. Maybe each generation must add just itself to circumstances, as present nomads in other once-forested lands have done.

As witness after witness presented his needs for more timber, each urge edged small operators faster and closer to exhaustion of timber. Then what? Tax-delinquent county forest land is bought, stripped of a bit more dollar value, goes back; each time at reduced value and increased liability. As forest resources dwindle tax money must come from elsewhere; fruit-trees, shade trees, flower gardens? Else we must live within our much-reduced means.

As you scan deforested ridges, just visualize the beautiful, bountiful, inexhaustible supply of a thousand forest products God gave freely for millions of people to use and enjoy, on through the ages. But, alas, alack!

John Gribble, 139 Kenwood Ave., Medford, Ore.

Taxes Too High

To the Editor: You wondered why people were angry over the revaluation of their property? Because so many homes were put too high. A family can spend \$3,500 for materials and build their home. The board revalues the place at \$7,500. Why?

Others have spent \$300 for their home in the depression years and managed to put another \$100 on it in repairs, revalued up so high that the taxes were four times what it was the year before. Another person spent out on labor and paint \$500 to preserve their building, revalued at \$1,000 above what it was.

As one woman said while standing in line, "It's highway robbery." She paid her taxes all right but that's the general feeling.

Just why the new addition to the court house? Why can't one floor of it be used for the juvenile detention home? Why didn't the last congress try to balance the books instead of

raising their pay so high? Are we heading this country into a monarchy by over-doing the taxation business?

A working man may be buying his home, raising his family, yet his taxes will include county tax, federal income tax, state income tax, F.I.C.A., state industrial, etc. So by the time his deductions are paid he has little left to buy food, clothing, etc., for his family which also should include doctor bills.

The late Phyllis Swearingen left Chicago, Ill., years ago because they insisted on having money from the patient before being taken in. She told me she had seen too many people die because of lack of money, so she came to Medford and run the Community hospital in a humanitarian manner. I wonder how she would feel now.

Glady's Hamilton, Route 2, Box 468, Medford, Ore.

Organic Foods

To the Editor: I was so glad to see so many people out to the meeting of Natural Food Associates at Grants Pass, Oct. 22. And such wonderful meals they served there; were simply delicious, foods all grown organic way.

And the women of Grants Pass certainly knew how to prepare them. All grown without poisonous spray. The N.F.A. Journal tells us food can be grown this way, and will not burn foliage, men or beast.

The table centers were decorated with apples, grapes and peaches for all, grown the organic way.

In the September Monthly Journal of N.F.A., Dr. Nichols stated, thousands of dollars are given each year to various national fund drives which could be better used in N.F.A. He said we know what is wrong with the national health, we need money for action.

I sure wish everyone in America could hear Dr. Joe Nichols' wonderful talk that night. I feel sure all who did, will never use D.D.T. or phosphorus sprays again.

May God protect and bless him in his wonderful work. Julia Grissom, Route 2, Box 657, Central Point, Ore.

Seek Public Interest

To the Editor: We wish to clarify our letters written to the Medford Mail Tribune. This committee and Steelhead Post are not against any political party or the members thereof so long as they do not advocate the overthrow of our government through the use of force. We are sworn to uphold and defend the Constitution, the laws and institutions of the United States of America.

At the inception of this program it was our plan to commend our local public servants. Contrary to the belief of some we have found some in public office worthy of commendation and in due time these will be recognized.

It is our belief that most Americans are law abiding citizens who want public servants that can be trusted and respected. We further believe that most of us take our government, city, county, state and federal, too much for granted and fail to realize that our public officials are actually public servants who perform the duties that are our responsibilities.

If we allow small pressure groups or individuals to dominate our public servants we will not have a government of, by and for the people, and given opportunity (of which there is plenty) these pressure groups can usurp all our liberties and privileges.

We can have a government, national and local, which is truly representative of the people only when we are interested enough to study the qualifications of each person who desires public office.

When the method for selection of a person for any public office does not permit a free choice of those best suited we must insist that another method for selection be used. No small group can be allowed to determine the candidates for any office.

Dan F. Krotz II, Chairman for Community Service, Steelhead Post VFW, Shady Cove, Ore.

Who Voted It Down?

To the Editor: We have built a truly wonderful economic machine here in America, one that has made possible this golden age we live in, appreciated so much by us older ones with memories of "the good old days" that were rather often "root, hog or die" days. Like all machines, this economic one must have its wheel bearings greased with a special brand known as taxes. Taxes we all must pay directly or unnoticeable like in commodities we buy and rents we pay. The past year we voted for new schools, a detention stop-and-listen station for unruly kids, and a few other odds and ends in keeping with the age and our way of life. But we voted down proposals for new monies to finance all this, the sales-tax that bordering states have had for quite some time and whose people we welcome here in vacation time or for seasonal work, all of which they seem to enjoy, especially the

Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

A NEW REPUBLICAN FACE

Topeka, Kan.—Although hardly anyone outside his native state has so much as heard his name, Fred L. Hall, 1, the stocky, scrappy, ambitious, out-spoken, intelligent young Governor of Kansas, may well prove a man to reckon with in 1956.



Stewart Alsop

Hall has a number of political assets, including a forceful speaking style, a very attractive wife and the personal liking of President Eisenhower. But he has one asset that over-shadows all the rest. He is strong in precisely those areas where the Republican party—minus Eisenhower—is weak.

There were three essential elements in the Eisenhower landslide—almost solid farm support, a big slice of normally Democratic labor support and a huge slice of the independent vote. If the President does not run, the Republicans must somehow hang on to enough of these Eisenhower gains to win.

As they will admit in private, farm discontent in this area has the Republican strategists worried sick. Hall has not—publicly at least—joined the hue and cry for Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson's scalp. Nor does he claim that 90 per cent party support is the whole answer to the farm program. But he says, with refreshing candor, that the whole national economy is being subsidized and that the farmer deserves his full share. He adds, even more frankly, that the reason the Republican party is in trouble with the farmers is that the Party has not kept its promises to them. Right or wrong, Hall's stand on the farm issue is the popular stand in these parts.

As for labor, if there is a hero of organized labor in the Republican party, it is Hall. This spring Hall vetoed a "right-to-work" bill, which had already been signed into law by eighteen governors, twelve of them Democrats. He vetoed on the grounds that the bill "destroyed the principle of collective bargaining."

In so doing, Hall earned the undying enmity of powerful conservatives; congratulations for his "courage and devotion" from the Eisenhower Secretary of Labor, James P. Mitchell; and the genuine gratitude and admiration of many labor leaders. The admiration of labor leaders is an unusual but not inconceivable asset for a Republican.

What ONE can safely define independent vote, unless it is being exactly in the political center. Hall, an all-the-way Eisenhower man except on the farm issue, considers himself an Eisenhower middle-of-the-roader. But the Kansas Governor also has a

special political style of his own, very different from the blandness now politically fashionable, but with a certain appeal to the independent mind. He is no mincer of words. Consider these unminced words, prepared for delivery to the National Republican Club:

"There is an almost incredible thing about the Republican Party... At a time when we can ill afford the loss of a vote, we are alienating... labor and agriculture. We are fighting the farmers. We are fighting with labor. The farmers and labor are the vast majority of the people... No political party can afford the luxury of alienating the votes of the majority of the people."

There are still a surprising number of Republicans who have failed to grasp the simple mathematics of the last sentence quoted above, and Hall has a right to call himself, as he does, a "pragmatic Republican." He is also an instinctive scrapper. Friendly critics here in Topeka say that his greatest weakness is a tendency to leap into the fray when there is no sound political reason to do so.

To be sure, he got where he is by leaping into fray. Again and again he has defied the powerful Republican Old Guard, led by former Sen. Harry Darby. Again and again the Darby faction has done its damndest to purge him and failed. But the end is not yet.

The Darby faction is expected to do everything in its power to kill off any budding Hall candidacy by sending an anti-Hall faction to San Francisco. Hall claims he can "lick them again, if they want to fight." But Darby also has important national connections, while Sen. Frank Carlson, a Darby ally, has access to the President, and will do the Governor no good in that vital quarter.

There are other high and low obstacles to a Hall candidacy. The still powerful right wing of the party is not likely to clasp him to its bosom. Hall is also very young—he will be barely forty by convention time. Aside from war-time service with the War Production Board, he has little experience in the vital defense and foreign policy fields. He is not a veteran—he has high blood pressure, and was rejected despite repeated attempts to volunteer for service. Finally, there is the too-fresh memory of the terrible licking Hall's fellow Kansas, Gov. Alfred Landon, took in 1936.

And of course Hall may suffer from far more serious disabilities, as well—no one can judge his real stature until he has played a greater national role. But he is certainly one of the most interesting new faces to appear on the political scene for a long time. And if the President bows out, it will be well worth keeping an eye on the chunky young Governor of Kansas.

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POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

Mrs. Bill Bostwick, who lives in Sunnyside, Wash., is a former Jacksonville girl and the sister of Mrs. Lewis Applebaker, Jacksonville, whose husband is fire chief there, and the daughter of Mrs. Riley Norris, also of Jacksonville.

Well, Mrs. Bostwick, we are told by our Jacksonville correspondent, became the mother of a boy last Nov. 2, in Sunnyside. She asked a friend, Mrs. Lola White, to call Mrs. Applebaker in Jacksonville, and report the blessed event.

Mrs. White made the call, but found the telephone at the Applebaker residence busy, so quite naturally decided to call Chief Applebaker at the fire hall. The call went through successfully—on the alarm phone.

The siren wailed and 15 volunteer firemen came rushing to the fire hall from all over town. The excitement died down gradually, the birth was announced, and the long-distance operator was told of the circumstances.

But a second operator somehow got the idea the call had not been completed, and put it through to the fire hall again. The siren wailed and 15 volunteer firemen came rushing to the fire hall from all over town.

Seldom, we are sure, has a baby been given such a noisy and exciting double welcome.

sales-tax-free supplies and other items they need or just want. Hence, the main tax load must be taken on by the property owner. And everyone of them talked with, swear they voted for the sales-tax. Who the dickens then voted it down?

So, the devious officials who have the chore of rustling money with which to meet our public debts, had no other choice but to place a fair market value on all properties. A very fair valuation was placed on the one here but nigh doubled the taxes, the first big bite of \$125 going to the school fund, \$66 to the city and \$144 to the county, some of which also goes to schools.

F. J. Clifford, 1211 West Main St., Medford, Ore.

anywhere, as was Gregory Allen Bostwick, of Sunnyside, Wash., in Jacksonville, Ore.

Deb Addison, of the Klamath Falls Herald and News staff, has a boat which he calls "The Dog's Nose" because it is wet, cold and has no hair.

A Medford school held an open house for parents last week. In one room, a teacher had prepared for the event by telling her students she was going to give their parents an arithmetic test, and asking them to write a note of welcome, to be left on their desks to greet their parents in the evening.

A Potluck operative copied down a couple of the notes, and here they are:

No. 1—"Dear Dad—If you listen you might learn some subtraction. Welcome to open house."

No. 2—"Dear Mom & Dad—I'll find out if you're as good as you say you are in arithmetic. Because you're going to have a lesson."

"P.S.—Good luck."

Young daughter (speaking out of a clear blue sky): "Daddy, did you ever wish something when you were little that you wished you hadn't wished when you were bigger?"

A valley family recently purchased a large older home. They found, in an upstairs bedroom, a little closet, shallow and flat, which seemed to have no particular purpose.

They found a purpose for it, however. Come Halloween, when it came time to put away the decorations, they found that a folding skeleton just fit when hung in the closet.

They now can lay claim to a bona fide "skeleton in the closet."

WEATHER

By United Press

Northern California: Mostly cloudy through Sunday; occasional rain Ukiah and Red Bluff north; slightly warmer today; southerly wind near coast 20-35 MPH Point Arena north and southwest 10-20 elsewhere.