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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

Dec. 4, 1945

(It was Tuesday—
Karl Janouch, supervisor of Rogue River National forest, estimates some 20,330 wild animals in forest.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Caves dug in the sides of cliff, where prehistoric man dwelt, have been found in eastern Oregon. They are too far away from a department store and movie, to be any help in the current housing situation.

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 4, 1925

(It was Wednesday)
Medford Concrete Construction company apparent low bidder on Talent sewage disposal plant; bid of \$34,683 to be studied by council.

David H. Canfield, Crater Lake National park superintendent, announces decision of Rim rd. route; construction to start in spring.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 4, 1925

(It was Friday)
Managers of Gold Hill cement plant announce \$400,000 improvement program.

From Local and Personal column: The trustees of the Presbyterian church held a business meeting last night for the formulating of plans in connection with the erection of a new church in the near future. Hamilton Patton presided.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 4, 1915

(It was Saturday)
President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Gault will be married Dec. 18 in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. T. G. Heine, president of newly formed Medford Arts and Crafts league, in charge of league's first exhibit.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get a 77
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1. UNESCO is a UN agency on disarmament, racial equality, scientific-educational-cultural developments, labor conditions, or freedom of the individual?
 2. Are there more Republicans or Democrats on the present U.S. Supreme Court?
 3. Many more auto accidents in cities occur at street intersections, or between intersections, or is it about 50-50?
 4. Angina pectoris is an attack affecting the inner ear, lungs, heart, prostate gland, or vermiform appendix?
 5. The "Twin Cities" are Kansas City, Mo. and Kan.; Chicago and Milwaukee; Richmond and Norfolk, Va.; St. Paul and Minneapolis; San Francisco and Oakland; or St. Louis and E. St. Louis?
 6. In what game is a Stalemate recognized under that name?
 7. Everett M. Dirksen is a U.S. Senator; Republican or Democrat; and from California, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio or Idaho?
- The Answers: 1. Scientific-educational-cultural. 2. More Democrats. 3. About 50-50. 4. Heart. 5. St. Paul and Minneapolis. 6. Chess. 7. Republican from Illinois.

Week end traffic accidents injured more than 678,000 persons in the United States during 1954.

A Word to New Arrivals

Medford is growing. Since our two months absence we have been more impressed than ever with the fact—new houses, new cars, new faces—yes and new correspondents.

Among the latter was one whose offering interested this department especially, because it so plainly indicated the writer has not been a resident very long.

Here is a brief sample:

"I have been surprised to find in this strongly Republican county and state, the one daily paper to be strongly Democratic. How long I wonder has that been going on and how did it happen in the first place?"

WELL it never did happen in the sense the inquiring correspondent implies.

For over 40 years the Mail Tribune has carried on its masthead the one title "INDEPENDENT."

That is what the paper has been politically and in every other way.

In those four decades the M.T. (like the late Andy Gump) has worn "no man's collar," or the collar of any party group or faction.

It has been free at any time to support any cause or party in which it believed regardless of its label, and by the same token to oppose any in which it did not believe.

WE HAVE, from time to time, supported both Democrats and Republicans from the position of President down to county constable and coroner, and while we have had our share of disappointments—and no doubt made our share of mistakes in selection—there has been at least ONE line of 100 PER CENT consistency in that record, namely:

What we have considered best for the community, the state or the country has been the basis of this paper's final decision, not what the party label may have been, the pressures exerted, or the apparent unpopularity of the action taken at any given time.

IN FACT according to the record over the years the Mail Tribune has supported the Republican party far more often than the Democratic, not so many years ago indeed we were urged by a group of local Republicans to drop that "independent" title and substitute "Republican."

When that was refused we were asked to compromise with the title "Independent Republican" but that didn't appeal either, so the matter was finally dropped.

Perhaps our Democratic friends wouldn't object if we now used the masthead-title of "Independent Democratic," for since the Chicago convention which nominated Adlai Stevenson, and took a firm stand against the GOP policies particularly regarding TVA and Tidelands Oil, that definition would be reasonably accurate.

But we don't expect any such request to be made—most of the local Democrats have been here too long and are too aware of the true situation, to bother about making any such effort.

SO BEFORE the false impression goes any further we wish to make it plain to this newcomer, and all other new arrivals similarly mystified, that the term "independent" on the masthead of this paper means just what it says—and always has.

The M. T. has never been a "STRONG Democratic" nor a strong REPUBLICAN paper, nor a party paper of any kind, it has never been the mouthpiece of any one faction and so long as it is conducted under the present management, it never will be.

WE GRANT such a policy has its difficulties.

Obediently following the party line as so many papers do, saves a lot of research work and worry, and particularly at election time, considerable stress and strain.

But the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages.

So much so that we have always been surprised that so many papers year after year hew to the old partisan line, and swallow the completely discredited myth, that one collection of humans seeking office under one label are all saints and a similar collection of similar humans under a different label are all sinners.

That of course is nonsense.

BUT that is the way it is, and for many years has been. The extreme journalistic partisanship of the post-bellum days, however, has pretty much disappeared, and what we regard as the two greatest news papers in the country with the emphasis on "NEWS"—the New York Times and the Christian Science Monitor—have also placed principle above party, and the public welfare above all partisan consideration for a great many years.

So the MT has company—distinguished company—if it doesn't enjoy the COMFORT and ease of being a member of the same partisan chorus year after year ad infinitum.

But there are indications that the number of American newspapers that will in the future place loyalty to a party—ANY party—above its own freedom of thought and action is on the decline, and it is not a ski-run exactly but it is a tide and it is a fairly safe prediction that in another hundred years the 100 per cent partisan newspaper, with the party label branded on its flank for life, will pretty much have disappeared.—R.W.R.

Misrepresenting Magnuson

The slow but sure tendency of the American press to become less and less partisan and more and more independent is well illustrated by the recent metamorphosis of the ancient and honorable Oregon Journal.

Under the late C. S. Jackson the Journal not only

followed with almost religious fervor the Democratic party line, but it often determined that line in this state at least.

But since the vigorous and uncompromising "CSJ" departed, the Journal has not only heaved-ho with the donkey emblem, but gone so far to the right, that on important political issues, it is hard to distinguish from its former bitter rival and chief competitor, the Republican morning Oregonian.

This may add up to a temporary equality between action and reaction and ultimately the Journal may return sufficiently to the left to deserve the title of non-partisan. At least that is the hope we feel sure of many of its friends and well-wishers.

That the Journal "likes Ike"—who doesn't?—is certain, that it doesn't like Senators Morse and Neuberger is also an established fact. Just where it stands however on another important national issue "public vs private power" is not so clear.

Judging by a recent editorial, however, entitled "warning to diehards on both sides" the Oregon Journal appears inclined toward the Douglas McKay position which is not to take the stump against public power openly but to prevent any extension of it in every possible way, and put up the partnership proposal as a substitute.

IN SUPPORT of this position the Journal quotes Senator Magnuson of Washington as follows:

"The most stupid thing we can do both politically and economically is to get into a senseless fight over how to develop additional power.... There is a place for both public and private power. Let's quit arguing and get the job done."

The implication is Senator Magnuson would drop public power at Hells Canyon, for example, support the Idaho Power company plan there and join in the partnership program elsewhere.

But unless the Senator from Washington has changed his views very recently, he is still a strong supporter of the high dam at Hells Canyon and just as strongly opposed to the private power company's program there.

In other words Senator Magnuson in saying there is a place for both public and private power, did not mean he opposes public power where, as at Hells Canyon, it serves the public interest so much better than a private development. He undoubtedly meant that both systems have a place and where federal development of a large federal project is the more desirable it should be adopted and where private power can do the job as well that method should be adopted.

That is quite different from opposing extension of all public power projects and using the partnership program as an alibi and a smoke screen—as Secretary McKay has done.—R.W.R.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

MODERATION AND ALL THAT

Although words like moderate, constructive, non-partisan are hard to define, it does not follow that they do not mean something important. There is in fact every indication that these adjectives express qualities which a preponderant majority are looking for in the next president. We need not boggle too much over the definitions. There are lots of things in this world which are hard to define in the abstract and yet are obvious enough in the concrete.

Take, for example, an egg. There is hardly an egg-eater in the country who could tell a press conference what a good egg is. But it is no problem at all to recognize a bad egg. It is just about as easy to recognize an immoderate, destructive, and partisan politician.

If, as we all hope, there is to be an honest, serious and public-spirited discussion of foreign affairs, there is only one way to go about getting it. That is to see to it that each party nominates the kind of man who does not and who will not stoop to extremism, violence, and demagoguery. If either of the candidates is the kind of man who thinks that he is entitled to do anything to win, no amount of pious talk now will save us from a poisonous campaign. The character of the coming campaign, will, in short, be determined by the character of the candidates.

DURING the months to come the country, regardless of the campaign, will be hearing a great deal about foreign affairs. That is because a reappraisal, looking to a revision and a reinforcement in several sectors of our foreign policy, has become necessary. Our basic commitments to the United Nations to our allies in NATO, to our neighbors, are not in question. But there is little doubt that we shall have to re-examine and to debate such matters as our German policy, which is perilously near being at a dead end, and certain aspects of our containment policy in the Middle East and South Asia.

The overall characteristic of the situation is that, as of now, there is no clear issue on which Americans are divided and can take their stand and argue their side of the case. The old bipartisanism consisted of a coalition of Republicans and Democrats who were for the United

Nations, who were for the Marshall Plan and NATO and the like. The crux of the present situation is that the policies are not yet formed, that the policies have still to be hammered out, around which a bi-partisan coalition could be rallied.

THIS peculiar situation lends itself all too easily to aimless and irresponsible political talk. We shall not avoid that kind of talk by exhorting one another to be constructive. The bottom fact of the matter is that neither party and none of the candidates now has the answer to the question that needs to be answered. They are all seeking, or ought to be seeking, answers that have not yet been found.

The character of the campaign on foreign affairs will in the main be determined by the way the party leaders approach the search for these policies that have not yet been found. The primary responsibility is with the Administration, with the party in power. If they choose to stand pat, as Dulles seemed to be doing this week, they will precipitate a severe Democratic assault on the record of the results. Our position abroad has in fact deteriorated. It is easy to prove it. It is known to every disinterested observer. Dulles will be making the mistake of his life if he stands pat on his policies and the record.

The alternative is for the Republicans to take the lead in recognizing that the world situation has changed and is changing, and that United States policies must be adapted to these new developments. This is not only a sound approach, it is the only political approach. For if the Republicans stand pat, the Democrats have only to criticize. If the Republicans reappraise, review, and prepare to revise, the Democrats have to be "constructive," have, that is to say, to propose answers to the unanswered questions.

On the Democratic side, the question is also whether they choose to stand pat or whether they put themselves in the position of looking honestly for the new developments. Standing pat for the Democrats means of course standing pat on the Truman record and pretending that everything was going splendidly until the Republicans came in. In my view, the acid test of whether a Democrat is being unpartisan and "constructive" is whether he admits that at least some of our worst problems today originated in mistakes made by the Democrats.

I refer, for example, to the premature attempt to re-arm Germany in 1950 which has ruined the promising movement

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 initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Criticism Appreciated

To the Editor: I was delighted to learn from Mrs. John Lynch's conversation of interest in the Medford junior library. Too often, we feel, the library and its services are "taken for granted." It is refreshing to have friendly, constructive criticism.

The library is in a period of change, designed to make it a change, more useful place. But changes result in inevitable displacements and sometimes a temporary loss of good things.

The plants to which Mrs. Lynch refers were removed because they were the personal property of staff members, brought to the library out of a desire to make it more attractive and interesting. But there arose a question of the propriety of personal belongings being an integral part of a public, tax-supported institution. It was decided they should be removed. But Mrs. Lynch will, I am sure, be glad to know that through the kindness of garden clubs of the area, plants are being made to obtain other plants which will belong to the library and its patrons.

Tending the plants and the aquarium has taken many hours—hours which were willingly and happily given, but also hours taken from duties which serve the first purpose of a library. The library was created to bring good books to as many people as possible. Each additional duty, however pleasant and constructive, lessened the capacity to do that job. This is why less emphasis is being given to the delightful "extras" as the library, and more to the job it is legally obligated to do. But as time, money and personnel permit, those "extras" will remain a part of the library.

Despite recent increases in funds, the library is still far below recognized standards in many respects. Per capita support is only a few cents a year. But with the support of the people of Medford the annex was built, and now our first effort is for more books and better service. The number of new books added in the past few years far exceeds the number added in many previous years.

We hope to continue this progress. With the help of the people who support the library with their tax money and their patronage, we will do so. With reasonable limits we also hope to provide the added touches which do so much to make an attractive place and with which Mrs. Lynch is so understandingly concerned.

Eric Allen Jr., President Medford Library Board

Dislikes TV Ads

To the Editor: I have written a letter to KBES-TV protesting the kind of advertising used by Copco (in the person of Mr. Bill Dawkins) on their regular Wednesday 9-9:30 "Follow That Man" series. I would like to use your columns as a kind of public pressure device to convince the company (and Mr. Dawkins) that Copco is rapidly earning a bad name for itself by its TV practices.

Let me briefly retell the sequence of Copco's advertising practices on last night's "Follow That Man" series. Standing beside the lightning, supposedly electrifying, sign of Copco, Mr. Dawkins produced an apple and an orange and proceeded by obvious reasoning that you can compare the two fruits only insofar as they are fruits, but there you run into a dead end. The differences between the two supply the debate material from there on in. So far so good (if you assume that a comparison or contrast of fruits gets you very far). The difference analogy was then applied to government versus private power, who pays, who benefits and so on. No mention was made directly of Copco's advantages, of its supposed superiority over other types of power, as the TV viewer would expect. Copco did not get any direct promotion.

Mr. Dawkins' device of "card-stacking" is also a device in advertising (of the good variety) which any intelligent man, armed with the facts, can see through. He doesn't care to be insulted by a few facts about government power which he knows are only part of the total picture of government power and its services to the American

towards a European community, to the irreparable mistake of crossing the thirty-eighth parallel in Korea which turned a U.N. police action into a Chinese-American war, to the over-militarization of the containment policy which has jeopardized our relations with India and several other uncommitted nations.

PERHAPS we should add to our specifications, saying that in addition to moderation, constructiveness, non-partisanship, we are looking also for some self-criticism and that some unpolluted of all qualities, a saving humility.

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people. He only has to consult the "right" reports to be told what the government is doing and what it is not. Besides, a few facts about Copco, even if properly slanted, would be more helpful to the buyer who wants to know what Copco is doing, and not its opponent.

Grier Nicholl
630 Siskiyou blvd.
Ashland, Ore.

He SHOULD Read the M.T.

To the Editor: One of the best laughs of recent days was the story of a press interview with former President Truman which appeared in Wednesday's edition of the M.T.

It seems quite apparent that the Democrats for partisan political purposes are frantically thrashing about for any issue upon which to attack the administration. "Elder Statesman" Truman sagely comes through at this point with the proclamation that "the Republicans have just about ruined the country and the government." These Truman "charges" are just about the last word in hollow generalities. Brother! if this country and government have been in a state of ruin under the Eisenhower Administration I only hope we never recover from it.

The second gem of wisdom from this wise oracle, Mr. Truman, was that the Democrats are persecuted by the press because the newspapers are owned by rich people, and "any man who's rich is a Republican." Truman tells the "working press" that they are O.K.—it's those "rich" newspaper publishers and rewrite men that give the Demos all the trouble.

Obviously, H. Truman hasn't heard of our one and only "Medford Morseberger Tribune." Really, Mr. Editor, you should save Mr. Truman's wounds and quiet his bitterness toward the press by sending him a few editions of the M.M.T. Surely these would give him great comfort and solace. In fact he would probably go into a state of ecstasy to read some of your rewrites and "front page editorials" about Senators Morse and Neuberger.

Carl E. Wimberly Jr.,
30 South Barneburg rd.,
Medford, Ore.

Safety Advice

To the Editor: May I submit the following in regard to the current Safety Program?

SAFETY Webster describes it most aptly, as "Freedom from injury or harm."

So, the obvious perils that surround us, we view, and avoid with alarm. But, the pitfalls of danger are many.

The small ones so often neglected, become large, when an accident happens. From a source that is seldom expected, A bottle left low for the children; A match we forgot to replace; The chair Mother used for a ladder; Or, Dad's firearms out of their case. Collections of trash in the attic; Even slippery mats on the floor. Just to mention a few we so often forget.

A reminder to look for some more. Every day of existence, be wary. Seek the cause and you'll soon find the cure.

Whether driving, or working or playing, Be happy, be safe, but, be sure. Gig Farfan
723 South Newtown st.
Medford, Ore.

Didn't Ellsworth Know?

To the Editor: In commenting last week in Portland on the introduction of testimony about the Al Sarena case in hearings of the joint congressional committee on timber, Congressman Ellsworth said: "When the claimants had complied with all the requirements of the mining laws to the satisfaction of the Interior department, it had no choice under the laws but to issue patents."

It is conceded that if the Interior department officials who normally make decisions as to patents had had their way with respect to the 15 disputed Al Sarena claims, the timber (worth well over \$100,000.00) would still be in the possession of the United States instead of in the process of being cut and sold by the McDonalds who paid about \$2000 for it.

These officials were reversed by Clarence Davis, then solicitor (now under-secretary) for the department, acting for Secretary McKay. Three previous assays of these claims by unimpeachable assessors showed that the claims were not nearly up to "merchantable" standard required. Davis based his reversal on assays made by a company in Mobile, Ala., the hometown of the McDonalds.

Both Ellsworth and Davis should have known, in fact they did not actually know, of the drastic variance between the fourth assay and the other three. Then the action indicated

SUGGESTED BIBLE READING VERSES

The Medford Council of Church Women each year between Thanksgiving and Christmas sponsors a program of daily Bible reading, recommending a different verse of the Bible for each day during that period, in co-operation with the American Bible association, the Medford Ministerial association and the National Council of Church Women.

Following are the passages recommended for today:
Matthew 22:1-22.

was to have the umpire samples in Grants Pass checked. Instead, these umpire samples were chucked into the Rogue river.

The assays presented by the McDonalds to Davis may have been to his "satisfaction" and to the "satisfaction" of Congressman Ellsworth but I predict that in January as the investigation continues in Washington, D. C., the whole transaction will be adjudged "very unsatisfactory" by a great many citizens.

Charles O. Porter
858 Pearl st.
Eugene, Ore.

Gift of Life

To the Editor: As the Christmas season approaches we are imbued with the spirit of giving. It is for this reason many charitable organizations conduct their fund raising campaigns at this time. Each person will donate as much as his conscience and means dictate. We do not attempt to tell any person how much or to which charity he should subscribe, however there is one cause we believe to be worthy of your special consideration.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Medford on Thursday, December 8th, and attempt to fill their anticipated need for 240 pints of blood.

The giving of blood is a painless procedure, conducted in pleasant surroundings, and takes but little time.

In the search for Christmas gifts it is well to remember you can give the greatest gift of all—LIFE—to someone this Christmas through your donation of a pint of blood to the Red Cross.

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

Wants Highway to Sea

To the Editor: Why do the citizens of this country keep knocking our Administration? Makes no difference whether Republican or Democratic. We vote for an individual which we believe will be a good representative, then he is no more than elected, when he starts catching thunder. We never try to help him after he is once elected, everything he does is wrong. Why are we that way?

The American people as a whole are making more money than they ever realized before. But, at the end of the year, after meeting their obligations, namely taxes, both hidden etc, have to start a clean slate the first of the year. Guess they should not complain tho, as they must have a lot of fun handling a lot of money even if they do have to pay practically all for taxes. Anyway, why blame our Administration, no matter which is in control, they are going to give our money to foreign nations.

If the money given to foreign countries was distributed over this country to help build necessities to build up this country, it would certainly be a Utopia. As in this Rogue River valley, there is not a change for it to go ahead as it should, as it needs industries and industries can't operate with such high taxes, and costly transportation.

I do believe that if the people would get busy and contact our Congressman, that we might get a good highway down the Chetco river, also a good deep sea harbor at Brookings.

We need an outlet to the ocean for cheaper transportation then possibly industry could survive.

Francis (Shorty) Hibbard
1032 Saling ave., Medford

Grange

Gold Hill Grange
The Gold Hill Grange met Dec. 1 with most of the newly installed officers in their chairs. Business was taken care of in the usual way.

The lecturer's program consisted of motion pictures.

Our lecturer has done a grand job the past year, and every one is happy to have her reelected. The Christmas party will be held Dec. 15. Each person attending is requested to bring a gift for exchange.

Glen Miller and Charles Foote will get the Christmas tree, and all interested in decorating it are invited to help Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11. Grange members are requested to bring something of their choice for the lunch.

The Grange closed in the usual manner, and retired to the dining room for a lunch served by Mary McDaniels.

Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals is the only player named most valuable player in the National League three times.