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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.

FLIGHT—10 YEARS AGO Dec. 6, 1945 Margaret Ruth Bolton moves into lead of Victory Queen contest.

20 YEARS AGO Dec. 6, 1935 (It was Thursday) Margaret Ruth Bolton moves into lead of Victory Queen contest.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 6, 1925 (It was Sunday) Delbert Anderson, George Creighton, Ord Reed and Harry Gould among cast in high school comedy "The Arrival of Kitty."

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 6, 1915 (It was Monday) Dr. J. Lawrence Hill withdraws candidacy as school board director because of wife's health.

What's the Answer? Can You Get 4 of the 7? Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

- 1. More Americans die of heart disease in the winter of the summer, or is it about 50-50? 2. The federal excise tax is higher on passenger cars than on trucks, or higher on trucks, or the same?

'The King Can Do No Wrong'

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.

We hope Mr. Lippmann is right, and that his sound advice is followed. But unless there is a marked change in the political temper of the Republican leadership it won't be.

We don't refer to the President's leadership for he isn't leading his party at the present time. We refer to the party leadership in the House and Senate as exemplified by Messrs Martin and Knowland, for example.

CONGRESSMAN Martin and Senator Knowland have already perfected their campaign strategy and it is a simple one.

Any criticism of the Republican administration's foreign policy is to be promptly dismissed as "playing politics"—in fact, it is attempting to disrupt the country's unity and destroy its morale, for the sake of votes.

THAT is one side of the picture. The other is to build up the ancient myth of the Divine Right of Kings, only in this case, it will not be a king but the President "who can do no wrong."

It is figured President Eisenhower's great personal popularity will spike-the-guns—if any—of the opposition so the opposition won't dare question the President or his infallibility as chief executive, for fear of adverse political reactions and results.

THIS is undoubtedly the present Republican strategy. That it will be changed because of the warning of Walter Lippmann—or any other news commentator—is unlikely to say the least.

This is true, we believe, regardless of whether President Eisenhower runs or doesn't run for reelection.

It all reminds one somewhat of the "Keep cool with Coolidge" slogan back in the SOMETimes "gay" 20's.

Calvin Coolidge never enjoyed the great personal popularity and following of "Ike" but he was well liked. There was not only peace but tremendous prosperity at the time and the G.O.P. theory then was that nothing could beat the Republicans if they just stood pat, didn't rock the boat, threw away their hearing-aids when the enemy started to shoot, and let Nature take its course.

The subsequent election proved they were politically right. Well, they may be right this time. Right or wrong one thing is, as we see it, for sure, namely:

There will be no confession of errors by the G.O.P. regarding foreign policy or anything else—not ONE little "miss" will be admitted.

For that would destroy that myth that won before and the party leaders are confident can win again. So they reason—let the Walter Lippmanns and other high-brow intellectuals talk about moderation and admission of failures in the past, so they may be corrected in the future, all they wish, that may be ok for a treatise on abstract ethics, but it has no place in practical—very practical—every-day politics.

SO AS befits a party led by a great military man if there is an attack—and of course there will be—the best defense will be a vigorous offensive.

What if the enemy does point to failures here and there regarding foreign policy, farm policy, or any other policy, it can be easily demonstrated that all these failures were due not to Republican errors but to the errors of the Democrats, which the Democrats "inherited" and all the Republicans need is four more years to correct them.

THAT is the basic strategy of the Republican campaign to date. With all due respect to Walter Lippmann,—one of the most intelligent, best informed and realistic commentators in the county,—we have little hope that anything he says or will say, will alter the course already established by the GOP leadership.—R.W.R.

Bus Flips Over North of Madras

Redmond—(U.P.)—Eight persons, injured when a Trailways bus with 22 persons aboard hit an icy spot and flipped over on Highway 97 five miles north of Madras, were under treatment in a local hospital today.

Hospital attendants said the injured spent a "good night." The accident occurred about 1:15 p.m. yesterday. State police said the bus spun completely around, skidded 75 feet off the highway and sheared off a telephone pole.

Officer Floyd Chestnut blamed frozen slush for the accident. Bus driver Stanley Younger, 56, The Dalles, said he was driving cautiously through some slush when the bus suddenly hit a frozen spot, spun around and turned over.

The bus was on franchise to Trailways from Greyhound Bus lines. It was en route from Klamath Falls to Spokane. The injured included: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Day, Yakima, Wash.; Mable Black, 81, Ogden, Utah; Betty Ashton, 25, Paso Robles, Calif.; A. L. Ortiz, 28, Geiger Air Force Base, Spokane; Iris Porter, 48, Stockton, Calif.

Two Appear in Court; One Case Dismissed Richard Dale Akins, 30, Canyonville, was bound over to grand jury in district court Friday on a charge of grand larceny. Akins was charged with the theft of a well drilling tool from Goff brothers well drillers, Medford.

Akins was released on \$1,500 bail Nov. 25. A charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor against Jimmy M. White, Gold Hill, was dismissed by district court Judge Rawles Moore, because of insufficient evidence.

Australian Election Campaign Nears End As Insults Swapped

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent Australia's parliamentary election campaign is approaching its climax in a free exchange of insults.



CHARLES McCANN

The vote will be taken Saturday for all 121 members of the House of Representatives and for 30 of the 60 members of the Senate.

Australian elections are a tradition a little wild and woolly. But in this one feeling is running especially high.

Labor Party supporters are calling Prime Minister Robert Gordon Menzies a Fascist.

Menzies's backers are calling Herbert Vere Evatt, the Labor Party leader, a Communist sympathizer.

Meetings Marked By Jeers Election meetings are marked by hoots, jeers and scuffles.

Menzies was shouted down eight times during one recent speech by opponents who demanded, among other things, "Give us an Australian policy for Australians, you mug."

Menzies, sweating freely but unbothered, shouted back that his interrupters were "a band of yahoo Communists."

The election stems directly from the "Petrov case," which became an international sensation.

Vladimir Petrov, third secretary in the Soviet Russian em-

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 cooperation with the American Bible association, the Medford Ministerial association and the National Council of Church Women.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Oregon State College Economist M. D. Thomas tells the Oregon Seed Growers League, which has been in session at La Grande, that the federal soil bank proposal is the hottest farm subject now under discussion.

THAT'S a new angle to the farm problem. But, after all, it isn't an unreasonable angle. The city folks, you know, PAY TAXES. And it's TAX money that is used to pay the high parity subsidies that have kept prices of certain basic crops such as wheat, corn, cotton, etc., high enough to encourage heavy over-production of them.

The farm folks produce the wheat, corn, cotton and such. The city folks CONSUME the bulk of them—at prices that have been kept HIGHER by the high parity system. So far, they haven't complained. They have felt, evidently, that since the war the farmer has had the hot end of the readjustment poker to handle, and so they have been willing to help him out.

BUT—Suppose they got tired of it. Suppose they said to themselves: "This farm subsidy business is the bunk. It keeps HIGH the prices we have to pay for food and fiber and all it does for the farmer is to build up surpluses that are cramming the storage warehouses to the bursting point and hanging like a dark thundercloud over the markets of the future."

Suppose they added: "It's a crazy scheme. We've gone along with it so far in the hope that it would help the farmer to readjust from inflated war markets to the normal markets of peace time. But it just doesn't work. It's even getting the farmer into a dangerous situation."

"So we're through. We've HAD IT. Hereafter we're going to vote against every politician who proposes further subsidization of agriculture—thus keeping up prices of the foods and the fibers we have to buy and still not doing the farmer any real good."

THAT could happen. And, if it did happen, it must be remembered that about two-thirds of the voters are city folks and only about one-third farm folks.

So—You see—If it is true that the soil bank proposal is more acceptable to city folks than any other farm assistance measure it's a rather important political consideration.

SO MUCH for the over-all, nationwide situation. Let's take a look now at the agricultural situation in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California.

SO FAR, we've been hurt rather than helped by this system of high price support backed up by acreage control for certain crops—none of which we grow in any considerable quantity. As acreage of corn, cotton, wheat, etc., has been taken out of production of these crops that we DON'T grow it has been put into production of crops that we DO grow—such as barley, potatoes, grass seeds and so on.

Thus our markets have been glutted. We have suffered severely from this new SUBSIDIZED production.

IN CONCLUSION, let's take a look at the probable effect of this new soil bank proposal. This seems reasonably certain: THE SOIL BANK PROPOSAL WOULD CREATE AN IMMENSE MARKET FOR THE SEED OF SOIL BUILDING CROPS, INCLUDING GRASSES.

Southern Oregon is a large producer of small seeds. We could be a LARGER producer if the market warranted expansion.

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON—Two of President Eisenhower's principal aides — Budget Director Rowland H. Hughes and Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Lewis Strauss—may be in serious trouble.



Joseph Alsop

The trouble results from the AEC's ruling that the Boston banker Adolphe Wenzell was found guilty of "conflict of interest" when he served as a Budget Bureau consultant in the Dixon-Yates deal.

Conflict of interest is a criminal offense, indictable under federal law. But the Wenzell case involves far more than that. It also involves a flat, clear conflict of sworn testimony, as between Strauss and Wenzell—and perjury is also an indictable offense, and it further involves an attempt to hide essential facts, not only from the public, but from President Eisenhower himself, which is not indictable, but is still a most serious offense in politics.

The facts are as follows: Testimony before the Kefauver subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee established that Wenzell wore two hats as a Budget Bureau consultant. In one hat, he played a prominent part in negotiating the AEC's Dixon-Yates contract. In the other hat, he served as an official of the First Boston Corporation, which acted as financial agent in the Dixon-Yates deal.

When the AEC cut its losses on the Dixon-Yates contract, the government became liable to pay a cancellation fee, estimated at about \$3,000,000, to the Dixon-Yates interests. But if Wenzell's wearing of two hats constituted conflict of interest, the contract was illegal, and the cancellation fee could not be paid.

The matter was thus referred to the AEC's legal department. Hertzell Plaine, a junior AEC lawyer, studied the case and wrote a straightforward opinion—that conflict of interest was clearly involved and the contract was therefore illegal. The Plaine opinion apparently threw the AEC into something of a turmoil, and with good reason.

ONLY last July, Plaine's chief, AEC General Counsel William Mitchell testified that the Dixon-Yates contract was "legal and binding." The Plaine opinion was so inconvenient, indeed, that Admiral Strauss, according to the Kefauver subcommittee's information, actually sent for young Plaine's security file, presumably on the grounds that writing such an opinion was potentially subversive.

At any rate, Sen. Kefauver and Sen. Clinton Anderson got wind of Plaine's opinion, and this in turn became known to Admiral Strauss. Thereafter, Mitchell hurriedly reversed his own former opinion and ruled that Wenzell was guilty of conflict of interest.

When the President said that all the facts on the Dixon-Yates contract were publicly available, the Budget Bureau and the AEC hurriedly drew up fact sheets. When Wenzell's name, which had not previously been publicly mentioned, appeared on the AEC's fact sheet, the Budget Bureau asked the AEC to eliminate it. An attempt has been made to explain this on the grounds that Wenzell played no important role in the negotiations. But consider Mitchell's own ruling: "It appears that Wenzell, while having a conflicting private interest, acted as one of the principal advisers of the government in the negotiation of . . . the contract . . ."

Finally, the evidence is clear that the facts have been consistently misrepresented to the President himself, as for example when he said that Wenzell never worked on the Dixon-Yates contract. Altogether, it has been a messy business. It is the messier still because Wenzell, an outspoken man with an honorable personal history, but a business lamb among the Washington wolves, is likely to be the only fall guy in the end.

Copyright 1955. New York Herald Tribune Inc. Meredith, N. H.—(U.P.)—Guy Cochran has purchased this town's old fire station for a dollar bill. He's going to tear it down and use the lumber to build a home for himself.

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CAP Progress To the Editor: In announcing my resignation as commanding officer of the Medford squadron of the Civil Air patrol, I want the public of Jackson county to know how gratifying it is to review the progress which has been made in the past few years, progress due in no small part to the wholehearted cooperation the CAP has received not only from the senior and cadet CAP members but also the citizens and business men and women of the entire community.

The building has been renovated and improved so that it now serves both as a meeting place and as a possible emergency station in case of need.

Four cadets, William Neal, Albert Eaton, Johnny Foust and Jim Merritt, have had trips abroad. We were hosts to five foreign CAP exchange cadets here in Medford under the same program. We have heard from many former CAP cadets now in military service, who have told us to keep up the training program, for it has meant a great deal to them.

We have participated in two air shows, the dedication of the airport terminal building, and in Armed Forces day celebrations. We have participated in several air search and rescue missions. We have acquired a Link trainer and CAP radio equipment, as well as other items including building furnishings, equipment and flags and flagpole.

My resignation does not mean I am quitting the CAP, but means I am passing the responsibility of leadership to someone I feel is more capable and able to cope with problems as they arise. I will still work for the good of the organization in whatever capacity I am needed other than as commander.

The progress I have mentioned has taken the help of a great many people, and it is from the bottom of my heart that I extend my sincere thanks to each and every one who has helped the CAP and me personally as commanding officer. I sincerely hope that the new commander, Lt. Robert Thompson, will receive the same cooperation so generously and unselfishly given me.

Marella Luschen, Capt., CAP Former Commanding Officer Medford Squadron

More On Library To the Editor: A few days ago I read with interest Mrs. Lynch's letter concerning the Children's Library and yesterday was equally interested in Mr. Allen's reply. After reading it I thought perhaps I should wait and see just what the results of the present changes and plans are to be.

However I can't help thinking that all too often one of the "good things" to go when efficiency moves in is the personal touch. For the most part the adults who use the upstairs library have their reading habits formed, but young minds respond to friendliness and attractiveness, curiosity - arousing surroundings. A child authority in a recent article suggested that parents can do much to improve their children's reading ability by taking them on hikes, arousing their curiosity, answering their questions willingly.

These are "time consuming" things and perhaps should be limited to the home or school. A good many other mothers joined me in the feeling that the Children's Library was rendering a real service to parents, teachers and children. I know of one grade school teacher who advised her class to make a special effort to go to the library to see the truly worthwhile carved doll display. For several that could have easily been their first introduction to the library and undoubtedly many stopped to choose books artfully arranged nearby. My small daughter's Summer Vacation Bible school class was taken on a field trip to the library, where they could see so many interesting things while the use of the library was explained. Many an excited child was begging mother later in the day to take them back on another visit.

You can't force a young child to love books. They need to be encouraged by the warm interest of those who love and understand them. The people of Medford had something of which they could all be justifiably proud. Let's not make the mistake of sacrificing too much on the altar of efficiency.

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