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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. 18, 1945

It was Tuesday) Roy Parr, principal of Talent schools, announces close of the schools because of influenza epidemic.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Sledge Pot column: The Chinese population of this burg has been inflated three-fold.

20 YEARS AGO Dec. 18, 1935

(It was Wednesday) E. N. Bultre elected president of Medford Active club.

Dr. W. J. Crandall, Ashland, elected president of the Southern Oregon Osteopathic association.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 18, 1925

(It was Friday) H. H. Lowe, T. B. Orr, and L. E. Newbery elected officers of Rabbit Breeders' association at Talent.

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 18, 1915

(It was Saturday) President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt will be married tonight in Washington, D.C.

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

1. All persons buying a new car these days about (a) 5, (b) 20, (c) 35 or (d) 50 per cent own a second car?

2. Goa, world trouble spot, is a Portuguese colony in Africa, the East Indies, the West Indies, China, India or South America?

3. There is or isn't any maximum limit now on the amount paid any individual farm producer for crop price supports?

4. Lukemia, type of cancer that attacks the blood, is its acute form afflicts most often the young, middle-aged, or elderly?

5. Stevenson, Democratic presidential nominee in 1952, ran in (a) 12, (b) 8, (c) 4 or (d) no presidential primaries that year?

6. Who was elected vice-president when Warren G. Harding was elected President in 1920?

7. John Costello heads the government of Italy, San Francisco, Brazil, Ireland (Eire), or Massachusetts?

The Answers: 1. About 35 per cent. 2. India. 3. Isn't. 4. Young. 5. None. 6. Calvin Coolidge. 7. Ireland.

WEATHER by United Press Northern California: Cloudy; occasional rain continuing Sunday; snow in mountains; south to west wind 10-20 MPH near coast.

The One Hope

It was Edmund Burke who said one could not indict a whole people. He referred at the time to loose and irresponsible talk in England regarding the "traitorous inhabitants" of what is now the United States, and were then British colonists.

Burke should have said we SHOULD not. Because since then we have, as Americans been indicting nations as nations, whenever we have come directly in conflict with them.

Not many years ago, for example, every German was a despicable "Hun"; few years later the Japanese joined them and were put in a cage of yellow apes, who had no human instincts, and never had been endowed with them.

And now the Russians, at the present rate, will soon be classified even lower in the scale than Kipling's bear.

We should not render these sweeping indictments of nations as nations even in war because, eventually we have to eat our words, and that isn't pleasant or dignified.

THIS fact was brought to our attention forcibly of late when we read the stirring words of Secretary of State Dulles regarding the importance of having the people of Germany united and on our side in the struggle against Russia.

Where are those "beasts in human form," white and yellow, now?

They are not only human apparently, but they are highly civilized, superior in the sciences, the arts and general culture, and to fail to recognize their superiority and admit them to the select body of the United Nations, was nothing short of an "outrage" and will be resented by decent and self-respecting nations everywhere!

IT IS rather absurd, isn't it?

The people of Germany haven't changed in the brief interim, nor the people of Japan either.

They are ESSENTIALLY the same physically and morally as they were ten and forty years ago—good, bad and indifferent, as with all of us.

And as far as that goes, "we the people" haven't changed. Only the CONDITIONS have.

But that has been enough to change our views and judgments, completely.

There is only one hope we will show more sense in the future. That is—the hope that the human race, including the U.S., will gain enough wisdom and common sense soon enough to destroy war, instead of letting war destroy them!

For these delusions are the direct and probably necessary product of the war spirit. They will disappear when war disappears and probably not until then.—R.W.R.

Slanting the Headlines

We have often complimented the Oregonian on the accuracy and fairness of its news treatment, especially in the political field.

But we can't say as much for its headlines and treatment of same in the past few months.

ON PAGE I in last Friday's edition, for example, a story was featured under a blaring 2-column head, informing the world, quote:

"Blast Hurlled at Neuberger in Tree Deal"

The story below was not objectionable, but unfortunately too many people read only the headlines.

And in this case the headline-readers would have been justified in assuming as they passed along, that Oregon's junior Senator had been accused of some wrong-doing in a shady timber deal, by a person of sufficient standing, and his charge of sufficient gravity, to warrant a column-right leader on the front page.

HOWEVER, those who did read both the headline and the story must have wondered what all the shooting was about.

It seems that the accuser was attorney for certain Bend interests favoring a sale of timber that was denied by the U.S. Forestry department, the denial being urged by Senator Neuberger. Well to a man up a tree that appeared to be his right. For as he explained, he felt this transaction would contribute more to employment and proper development in Oregon, than the other.

THAT no serious impropriety was involved, much less any misdemeanor was demonstrated with ample clarity in the hearing when the Bend attorney, a strong and ardent Republican, did not even in the heat of his argument call Oregon's Democratic senator a "crook" or a "liar", but only that mildest of opprobrious terms, "INTELLECTUALLY dishonest" and insincere in his protestations of devotion to timber conservation.

AS SUCH things go this certainly added up to an extremely mild criticism of the Senator from Oregon, and considering the source and the circumstances, instead of the story deserving space as a leader on Page I, it should have been, via any fair appraisal of its real news value, tucked away somewhere inside under an 8-point machine head and left that way.

And had former Senator Guy Cordon instead of his successor been involved, it is a fairly safe wager that is where it would have been placed.—R.W.R.

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.

Advice About Music

To the Editor: During the recent visit in Medford, of Thomas L. Thomas, the noted baritone of radio, television and the concert stage, I was fortunate in being invited to listen to the entire rehearsal of his program given here, and also to discuss with him the idea of musical careers for young persons of talent.

The biggest thing is preparedness, in Mr. Thomas' opinion. There is a great deal young persons can do, locally, and before they go to the large musical centers, they should exhaust the local potential, he advises. They shouldn't break local ties, but rather go away quietly, and then, if they don't make the Ed Sullivan show within three weeks, they won't come back home, embarrassed and sad, as many do, he believes.

Seeking a musical career should be a joy, not a heart-break, he stated. He also stressed the wisdom of attaining musicianship, before and during the period of career seeking. Many young persons with remarkably fine voices, are still not musicians, because of lack of education, he noted. He believed more recitals and concerts should be given at colleges and universities.

Most of all, Mr. Thomas wanted to emphasize that a musical career is far from all glamour, a view which a young person is apt to see in a prospective career. "It is plain hard work, a human story, after all. For instance, one can miss a plane, travel all day in a day coach or bus and experience an understandable weariness at the end of a journey, and yet must appear rested, go on the stage and give a fine performance, that evening," he explained.

Each young person must find the channel for artistic ability, for which he or she is best suited, he said. For some, the concert stage; for some, radio; and for others, television. It all depends on individual talent. He stressed, again and again, that more than a voice, no matter how good, was needed and that the overnight careers as seen in the movies or over television, do not happen. He said that television and recordings were a big influence in bringing fine, artistic works, to the notice of young people, but that much of the present day popular music was disastrous to them, musically and morally.

Mr. Thomas said he was deeply and sincerely interested in young people and their education. He wished he might spare them unnecessary heartbreak. "After all," he said, "I've been around quite a bit, I should know something about it."

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Out of Hospital

To the Editor: Well here I am, still abed but sitting up here at home, thanks be. So glad too, to say thanks for get-well cards here and to hospital where they had me under oxygent five days, but then lifted and laid home by ambulance

Christmas Gift

To the Editor: We want to suggest a Christmas gift for each public servant—a copy of the Constitution of the United States. It should be printed on reasonably durable paper and of a size to be held in the hands for study.

This document, if studied and used as a guide, will do much to give us better government at a lower cost provided its mandates are followed. Compliance with all its provisions will restore justice and by this we mean impartiality to all citizens.

Many standards change in our country, as we progress, but we can accept no change in basic honesty and justice. All must be treated equally under the law and no person can be permitted to have special privileges to the detriment of others. Special privileges for any small group or even just one person is detrimental to the rights of all others.

At this time of year we are frequently faced with the words "Good Will" preceded and succeeded variously. The power of the printed word is strong but only when the meaning is practical. Our politicians and public servants will do well to put into practice their pledges and promises of good and just government efficiently conducted.

We do not expect our public servants to perform miracles and they don't. We do expect and demand that those who serve us in public office perform their duties impartially and efficiently that we may all enjoy the blessing of freedom guaranteed us by our Constitution.

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

through good old streets of Medford.

Seemed a bit silly but no one could see me and siren silent. Ambulance man told of taking home a little old lady who suggested, "just a little toot on the siren." So out where it would be little heard they touched off a couple of walls. "Now ain't that nice," she chuckled. "Puts the frostin' on the cake."

Well, they can have it, all of it, but just include me, too. Sure can feel for Ike and the torture he went thru. Doctor remarked as how our cardiographs were sure to be alike. By the way, he says he won't run again. How come? He told me so. Well, likely it was just a dream, but it sure did seem a wide-awake real one.

Just how stupidly cruel and ruthless can politics get to be? They've had one sacrifice not too long ago. Ike will be lucky to finish out his term with health left to enjoy his Gettysburg farm retreat with his loyal and worried Mamie.

Making fair recovery. Breathing a bit difficult at times, putting question mark on sleeping. OK so far, obviously. Thanks again for get-well messages. Good medicine.

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

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

CHIANG AND THE U. N.

The Chinese Nationalist veto, which blocked the admission to the U. N. of the 18 states, was on its face bold to the point of foolhardiness.

Chiang's government in Formosa has a very precarious and dubious title to represent China. It still sits in China's seat on the Security Council only because the United States has used its utmost influence with its allies and neighbors. They have permitted Chiang to remain in that seat in order to spare the United States government embarrassment in American domestic politics. There is a majority in the United Nations which believes that since Chiang's government is not in fact the government of China, it should not continue to speak for China.

The Chinese Nationalists know this. Yet on a matter which has the support of an overwhelming majority of the United Nations, Chiang has chosen to thwart the will of this overwhelming majority.

IF WE ask ourselves what Chiang thought he was doing when he ordered the veto, it is a reasonable guess, I would suppose, that he was saying a spectacular farewell to the United Nations. There is not much doubt that is only a matter of time, and a short time at that, when his credentials will be rejected. We have managed to save him

for the calendar year 1955. It has looked very unlikely that we could save him once our own elections are over in November, 1956.

Facing the prospect of being ousted on the ground that he does not genuinely speak for China, he has preferred to pick a quarrel with the majority of the United Nations. He has chosen as his issue one in which he could claim to represent morality while the rest of the United Nations, who are preparing to oust him, stand for expediency and immorality. He has chosen to end his participation in the U. N. not with a whimper but with a bang. On this calculation, he has lost nothing that he is able to keep, and he has acquired in many eyes a heroic posture.

Is the package deal immoral, and is it true that in all the world there are only two governments—the one in Formosa and the other in Cuba—which are the unsullied defenders of righteous principles? Who will say that we have come to that? A decent respect for the opinion of mankind should cause us to realize that if this package deal is immoral, then virtually all the governments on earth have conspired to do an immoral deed.

WHY IS it not immoral to admit Outer Mongolia, which is a Soviet satellite state, to membership in the U. N.? Because there is no other way of bringing about the admission of a large number of highly eligible and desirable states? Would the presence of Outer Mongolia be such an evil thing that it should be refused even

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 Methodist Ministerial association and the National Council of Church Women.

Following are the passages recommended for today: Romans 8:14-19.

Wolverton, Portland Businessman, Dies

Portland (U.P.)—Byron William Wolverton, 55, prominent local business figure, died following a heart attack here Friday.

Wolverton was president of Byron Wolverton and Son, Inc., which owned and operated several apartment houses in Portland. Funeral services will be held Monday.

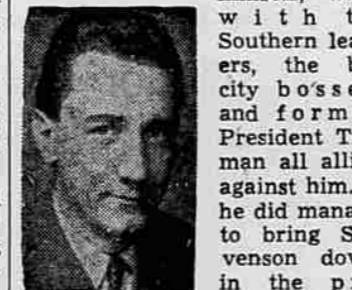
Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

Washington—If politics were a logical business, Adlai E. Stevenson and Sen. Estes Kefauver would already have made a deal. There has rarely been a time in recent history when a deal was more clearly in the mutual interests of two leading politicians.



On the one hand, the clear and present danger to Stevenson is that he might be beaten badly by Kefauver in an important primary. Indeed, many political observers believe that this is the only way Stevenson can possibly be prevented from becoming the Democratic candidate. Moreover, even though he has finally announced that he will enter primaries in California, Florida, Pennsylvania and Illinois, the prospect of these contests is very clearly distasteful to Stevenson, who has often said that he prefers to run against Republicans, not fellow Democrats.

On the other hand, hardly anybody thinks that Kefauver can get the Presidential nomination himself, what with the Southern leaders, the big city bosses, and former President Truman all allied against him. If he did manage to bring Stevenson down in the primary, Kefauver would only clear the field for someone else. And if Stevenson gets the nomination anyway, he is hardly likely to choose as his running mate the man who gave him so much unnecessary trouble in the primaries.



WHAT more logical, then, a mutual agreement on a Stevenson-Kefauver ticket? The ticket would be a strong one. Stevenson's troubles would be about over, and he would walk into the nomination. And Kefauver would be assured of second place, which even his strongest admirers concede he would get under any other circumstances.

The logic of such a deal has appealed to supporters of both men, as two recent episodes suggest. But these episodes also suggest that politics is not as logical a business—or even as cynical a business—as it is supposed to be.

EPISODE No. 1 starts with one of Kefauver's leading supporters at the expense of Italy, Ireland, Austria, Portugal, Spain, Japan, and Finland? The answer is that if we look too closely at the realities behind governments, we could find certain states already admitted where many evil things prevail, for example in one case where human slavery still prevails. We have put up with such governments for years and nobody has been injured or contaminated by them.

There is, in other words, a feeling in the great majority of the nations that in a universal society like the U. N. the ruling principle is not the virtue of each state but the universality of membership.

THERE is one way in which Chiang's veto may prove to have serious practical consequences. While there is not much doubt that his days as the representative of China in the Security Council were numbered anyway, his disregard of the feelings of the whole United Nations make it most difficult to save out of the wreck a membership for Formosa in the General Assembly. Many of us have hoped that in the final settlement Formosa would be recognized as an independent state within the United Nations.

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

We've heard of horse; with taillights. But dogs?

It's true, though, so help us. The "Forest Log," the informative little publication of the state department of forestry, reports that the bloodhounds used by the department in rescue work, when people are lost in the woods, are being equipped with flashlights, fitted into special harnesses with the beams projecting to the rear.

This allows their handlers to concentrate on following the dogs through the underbrush, the Log says, rather than on handling the dogs on leashes.

A distaff member of the news staff brought a bouquet of pussy willows to the office last week. They're budding, too.

Spring must be on its way—even though it isn't even winter, by the calendar, yet.

R. E. Nealon, who has corresponded for the Mail Tribune

from Table Rock since the ming of man runneth not to the contrary (and most entertainingly, too), tells a story in his most recent correspondence that he liked so well we "lifted" it from the Table Rock item and take delight in printing it, as follows:

"The present showery weather reminds us of when we were a youngster. During the rainy season my uncle, who grew up in the 'Gone With the Wind' section of Georgia, used to tell the following little ditty about the rain: More rain, more corn; more corn, more whiskey; more whiskey, more Democrat."

"Being too young to recall that Uncle, who had a high sense of humor, was only joking about whiskey and Democrats, and the fact that father, a Connecticut Yankee, had gone to the south after the Civil War to work with the U.S. Revenue service, where he collected taxes on liquor and caught moonshiners, caused us to grow up with the idea that the Democrats consumed most of the whiskey. But with the passing of time, we have realized that Uncle was only joking about the corn and whiskey, and from what we have seen during Prohibition and after repeal we have found you can't tell a person's party affiliations by his drinking habits."

In the "Jackson Hickory Chips," the publication of the Jackson school, we note a paragraph which says: "We have been studying about the News Papers in reading. We are looking for all the different things we can find in News Papers. Some of the things we have found are news, sports, advertisements, weather reports, TV and radio programs. We also learned about the News Paper staff and what they do."

"Gee, we hope they didn't find out EVERYTHING about us. Husbands can be the meanest people in the world, and we won't speculate on what might drive them to be that way. Anyway, we thought we'd found a mean one when a staff member picked up a report of a woman who complained to police that her husband had scattered tacks in her driveway. When the investigating officers asked if she were sure it was her husband, she informed him indeed she was sure of it because her husband was always doing things like that. At which point a feminine staff member said that was nothing. Her husband had squeezed shaving cream into her tube of toothpaste.

Another staff member, shopping in the basement of a downtown store, was alarmed by the sudden terrified screams of three tiny tots who had been joyfully testing things out in the toy department. The cause of their terror was not, however, a lion in the streets, but simply the arrival of jolly old Santa. Three embarrassed mothers quickly claimed the little ones, and an embarrassed Santa left hurriedly.

There was some debate last week as to just where we should print a news story. The story was about twin boys who underwent appendectomies. The debate was whether to put it on Page 1, or in Potluck.

We finally picked Page 1. But we should have made it Potluck. As the story came out in the paper, the boys were identified as being 163 years old. Oh, my. For the record, they're 16.

A staff member shopping at a local hobby shop overheard this conversation between two small boys standing before the model airplane counter. "Good gosh! Haven't you ever heard of the PTX-Y2-22?" (At least that's what the staff member thought he said.) The reply: "Of COURSE I've heard of the PTX-Y2-22, but I thought it was still in the experimental stage." And to think we sometimes worry about the younger generation being able to cope with the atomic age!

There's a professional man in town who drives a Volkswagen. He also has a pretty wife and two attractive children. Well, en route home the other day, the family stopped to inspect Christmas trees in a lot a few blocks from home. As Father and the youngsters looked at the trees, Mother decided to make a small purchase at a nearby drug store.

When she returned, Father, children and Volkswagen were gone. Muttering to herself, she trudged home. As she arrived, Father was backing the Volkswagen out of the driveway. "Oh," he said, "there you are. I was just coming to get you. We got the tree and both it and you wouldn't fit in the Volkswagen so we brought it home."

Grants Pass Man Jailed By City Police Friday

James Westcott, Grants Pass, was jailed by city police Friday when he stopped at police headquarters to bring in an accident report.

Police said they had been seeking Westcott since May 4 for cashing a fictitious check for \$10 at the Rogue restaurant. He also is wanted in Nebraska, police said.

Westcott was involved in an auto accident Thursday at West Main and Fir sts.

WRONG NUMBER

Hastings, Mich. (U.P.)—Florist Harm Wilcox, who said he does 75 per cent of his business by telephone, ruefully discovered today that the personalized calendars he sent to his customers for Christmas had the wrong telephone number printed on them. The number was that of Chip St. Martin, Hastings, only other florist.