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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. 21, 1945
(That was Friday)

General George S. Patton died
of many of injuries received
in automobile accident with an
army truck.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: Today is
the shortest day of the year. The
run day officially ushers in Win-
ter, already here, and nearly
over.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 21, 1935
(That was Saturday)

Capt. Edward Whitehead, re-
gional airport engineer of bur-
eau of aeronautics visiting Med-
ford, says local airport merits
\$300,000 requested for improve-
ments.

John E. Doerr Jr., appointed
Crater Lake National Park natu-
ralist, comes here from Haw-
aiki National park.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 21, 1925
(That was Monday)

Johnson county leads Oregon,
the entire northwest in percent-
age of increase of farm land
values per acre, according to
item in publication Oregon Vot-
er.

Nicholas Murray Butler, presi-
dent of Columbia university,
says public opinion is turning
against prohibition in this coun-
try.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 21, 1915

Hall taxi company books 50
passengers for trip to Crater
Lake next summer, indicating
large attendance there in 1916.

From Local and Personal col-
umn: The following boys and
girls who have been attending
the University of Oregon at Eu-
gene returned home Saturday to
spend the holidays with their
parents: The Misses Ruth Law-
rence, Vera Olmstead, Ruth
Wilson, Ruth Nye, Lucile Mes-
ner, Mildred Brown, Gary Gar-
rett, Harold Grey, Dolph Phipps
and George Gates.

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

- 1. Dec. 25 is given as the day of birth of the Saviour in the Old Testament or New Testament, or in neither but is deduced from other events.
2. Population increased more over the last five years in the East, South, Middle West or West?
4. Which two of these married while President: Lincoln, Grant, Cleveland, T. Roosevelt, Wilson, Harding?
5. The Rockne car, long discontinued, was made by General Motors, Studebaker, Ford, Chrysler or Hudson?
6. Georgia will have more or fewer votes than Maine in the 1956 Republican convention, or the same number?
7. Sherman Adams, chief personal aide to President Eisenhower, used to be governor of a New England, Southeastern, Southwestern, Middle West or Western state?
The answers: 1. In neither, is deduced from other events. 2. The West. 3. About 60 per cent. 4. Cleveland and Wilson. 5. Studebaker. 6. More. 7. New England (New Hampshire).

The "Hiroshima Maidens"

One of the more heart-warming—if not inspiring—incidents arising out of World War II is the episode of the so-called "Hiroshima Maidens."

These girls, a couple of dozen of them, were among the victims of the atomic bomb which exploded over Hiroshima, devastating the city and virtually bringing the Pacific phase of the war to a close. All were burned—terribly, disfiguringly burned. Not only were they so injured that they could not hold jobs; even worse, they stood little chance of getting husbands.

THEIR plight became known in this country, and a small group of men, headed by Norman Cousins of the Saturday Review, decided to do something about it. It was a rather long and tedious fight, but eventually money was raised, red tape cut through, and the young women were brought to New York, where they are now undergoing plastic surgery.

It may be impossible to restore their faces to their original state, but any improvement, in some cases, means the difference between a secluded life of invalidism and a chance for a reasonably normal existence.

REPORTS indicate that the "maidens" have been delighted and well-nigh overwhelmed both with the fact of their being here for surgery, and with the hospitality which has been extended to them in the hospital and in homes.

From the bloody foolishness of war, it is gratifying, particularly at Christmas time, to find one incident of good arising.—E.A.

Sport or Show?

Is wrestling a sport? Or is it a "show?" The answer depends on what phase of the art is wrestled.

Wrestling, as a sport, is as old as mankind, in the sense that it is the practice of subduing an opponent without the use of weapons or clenched fists. Wrestling, as a "show," is of more recent origin, and has received its greatest boost since the advent of television, which has made millions of fans.

IN THE second aspect, the element of showmanship has become dominant, and the skilled sport possible in wrestling has become subordinate to the dramatic, the bizarre, sometimes the ridiculous. This has permitted the popularity of such individuals as "Gorgeous George," "The French Angel," "Man Mountain Dean," and others, including midgets and women.

Most members of their avid audiences know that wrestlers' ring personalities and their real personalities do not necessarily have anything in common. But, as in a Greek play, the convention is allowed as a substitute for reality, and the mask is taken at face value.

AS a result the contest often becomes the stereotyped "good vs. evil" theme, with the "may-the-best-man-win" idea subordinated or not present at all. This poses a problem for serious-minded public servants, such as athletic commissioners and state legislators. One California assemblyman declares that "wrestling has reached such a deplorable state that it should be removed from the jurisdiction of the (state athletic) commission and that no one in the state should have anything to do with it."

A commissioner replies, "Sure, wrestling is a show, an exhibition. In fact, if you had true, purely scientific wrestling in this state, it would be the quickest way to kill wrestling I know."

HE LIKENED it to western movies, adding:

The people seem to enjoy watching the villain prevail for the first 23 minutes and the hero come through in the final three minutes.

People do seem to enjoy it, for some reason we're unable to fathom, even though the semblance to an athletic contest grows dimmer and dimmer as time goes on, and the resemblance to a spectacle greater and greater.

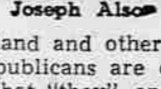
But it's all a matter of taste, we suppose. And if people like this sort of thing we'd be the last to suggest that they be prevented from watching it. But it would be a bit more honest to stop billing the events as pure and simple athletic contests.—E.A.

Quotes From the News

- Pittsburgh—A striking worker of the Westinghouse Electric Corp. on receiving a \$100 interest-free company loan: "There won't be much left over for toys after I buy the kids clothes and shoes."
Washington—Joseph Donohue, Washington attorney, on limiting the number of primaries Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) will enter: "I don't want to kill the senator. I want to elect him."
Amman, Jordan—Hazzah Majali, resigned premier of Jordan, on Jordanian membership in the anti-Communist Baghdad Pact: "I am still an ardent believer that joining the Baghdad Pact is the surest way for maintaining Jordan's territorial integrity."
Vienna, Ga.—Sen. Walter F. George on his meeting the almost certain challenge of young Herman Talmadge for the veteran senator's seat: "If my friends in Georgia desire to return me to the Senate next year, I hope it will be my last term."
Near the Western Front in Korea—Pfc. Fritz Moeller on Christmas for 30 orphans, most of them blind, whom he adopted when he found them living in a tent: "We haven't planned anything for Christmas. But at least they will be warm."
New York—An official of a bank which sold Nashua for a record \$1,251,000 on its promise to buy a saddle horse for Karen Ann McGuire, Valhalla, N.Y., who tried to buy the champion race horse with her \$24.03 savings: "We decided her bid should not be in vain."

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

THE POLITICAL REGENCY
Washington—Who compose the political Regency? President Eisenhower was never very politically inclined a n y way, and now he is further insulated from politics by his illness. Who then has charge of his Administration's political strategy?



Joseph Alsop

Sen. William Knowland and other like-minded Republicans are constantly saying that "they" are going to be disappointed, if "they" think they can control the Republican party's final choice by delaying the announcement of the President's decision about running again. But who on earth are "they?"

The answer seems to be that "they" are a somewhat modified continuation of the group of men who largely planned and directed the President's 1952 campaigns for the nomination and the election.



Stewart Alsop

Even in 1952, these men kept as much as possible in the background, tactfully calling themselves the "initial planning committee," as though to indicate the existence of some actually non-existent higher body that did the final planning. To others, they were known as "the Commodore group," because they usually met at the Commodore Hotel in New York City.

THE original members were Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Herbert Brownell and Thomas E. Stephens, who represented New York's huge convention delegation with the skill that had twice won Dewey the Republican nomination; Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, standing for the Massachusetts convention vote; Sen. James Duff, bringing Pennsylvania to the combination; Sen. Frank Carlson and Harry Darby, speaking for Eisenhower's native Kansas; former National committeeman Barak T. Mattingly, with his power in Missouri; and General Lucius D. Clay, who served as the intimate liaison with Eisenhower.

The positions of almost all these men have altered since 1952. Dewey, for instance, is no longer Governor, although he still controls the great bulk of the New York delegates. At least two members of the group, Sen. Carlson and his fellow-Kansan, Darby, have now become detached from it. Two very important additions have been made, in the persons of the President's Chief of Staff, Gov. Sherman Adams, and the Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Len Hall.

BUT these men are "they." Their relationship, no doubt, is not quite so well defined now as it was during the ten months before the President's election and inauguration, when they held their meetings formally and regularly, at weekly intervals. Their power, too, is probably somewhat less than the power of the original group, whose members wholly dominated the committee named by the newly nominated President to pick his Vice-Presidential running-mate.

All the same, the old Commodore group has now been informally re-constituted, with the changes above-indicated; and if anyone is now in charge of White House political strategy, then they are in charge. Moreover, Sen. Knowland and the other Republicans who do not like the idea of the President choosing his successor if he decides not to run himself, are altogether right about what "they" are planning. The Regency's whole effort, at present, is to set up the Republican convention in a way that will insure President Eisenhower and his advisors of iron control, whether or not the President is willing to run.

This task of course, had already been undertaken, although in a somewhat less urgent manner, even before the President's illness. The main agent on the job was Thomas E. Stephens, whose return to law practice from his post as Eisenhower's appointment secretary by no means divorced him from political activity. Stephens, apparently, is still the main traveler and telephoner of the political Regency.

THE task is made easier, very obviously, by deferring the

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.

Following are the passages recommended for today: Isaiah 9:2-7.

Mid-East's Tangled Rivalries Brewing Newest Crisis in Area

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent
Young King Hussein's trouble over his desire to take Jordan into the Baghdad alliance is just another of the crises that have long beset the Arab countries.



Charles M. McCann

Eight Arab nations are supposed to be united in the Arab league. When that alliance was formed on March 22, 1945 it seemed to be a step toward the years-long dream of pan-Arabism, which would unite 50 million people.

Actually the Arab countries are torn by rivalries which have prevented any real cooperation. The Arab league members are Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria,

Lebanon, Jordan, Yemen and Libya. Both Egypt and Saudi Arabia would like to be dominant in the Arab world.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia has inherited from his father, Ibn Saud, a feud with Jordan and Iraq.

Opposes Unification
Saud, like his father, is bitterly opposed to a recurrent proposal for a "greater Syria" which would unite the blood-related royal houses of Jordan and Iraq with Syria.

Syria wants no part of any such union. Lebanon, though a member of the Arab league, does not want to be dominated by it and especially it does not want to be drawn into a war with Israel.

The so-called Baghdad Pact was a punishing blow to Arab unity, if a blow were needed. This treaty for Middle Eastern defense against Communist aggression was signed Feb. 26 last between Turkey and Iraq. Egypt and Saudi Arabia were

bitterly angry over this development. It hit at their own ambition for Arab leadership and it put Turkey, the most powerful of Middle Eastern nations, into an influential position.

Alliance Grows
Since then Pakistan, Iran and Great Britain have joined the alliance and the United States has associated itself with it.

Now Jordan is involved in a serious internal crisis because King Hussein wants his country to enter it.

In doing that, Hussein would be following the lead of his cousin King Faisal of Iraq. "Anti-colonialists" might suspect that Britain has played a part in this situation.

Both Hussein and Faisal attended Harrow, the famous English "public" school—which means it is highly private—that numbers Winston Churchill among its more illustrious pupils.

Iraq has long been allied with Britain, and Jordan's Arab legion, the most powerful fighting force in the Arab world, is commanded by British General Glubb Pasha, who is John Bagot Glubb. He has been in Jordan since 1926, after fighting there in World War I, and assumed command of the legion in 1939.

As it happens, the Baghdad Pact has become the strong alliance which the Arab league was supposed to be.

Kefauver To Enter Wisconsin Primary; Donohue Selected

Washington (U.P.)—Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) announced yesterday that he will enter Wisconsin's presidential primary next April 3.

Kefauver previously had announced he would enter the California and New Hampshire presidential primaries. The California contest will put him against Adlai E. Stevenson.

Donohue Named Chairman
Kefauver told a news conference in his new campaign headquarters that final decisions have not been reached yet on other state primaries.

Kefauver also announced the appointment of several key members of his Campaign Committee including F. Joseph Donohue as general campaign chairman. Donohue, a Washington attorney, was chairman of the District of Columbia Board of Commissioners under President Truman.

Another Truman aide, former Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, was named by Kefauver as chairman of the campaign Executive and Advisory Committee.

No Challenge Hurdled
Asked if he wanted to challenge Stevenson to enter Wisconsin, Kefauver replied that he "just going to enter the primaries and others can do what they want."

He was asked a series of questions about other state primaries on which he said no final decision has been reached.

In response to questions he mentioned Nebraska and Oregon specifically as states still on his undecided list. He said no state primaries have been ruled out yet.

Dr. William Thompson Re-elected Director
Dr. William Thompson of Medford was re-elected director for three years at a recent meeting of the Vision Conservation Institute of the Northwest in Portland. The institute is composed of 250 professional men from Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

Members authorized a study of adult visual problems during 1956, with more than 200 members participating. The project will include analysis of more than 25,000 individual case histories, Dr. Walter Hart of Tacoma, Wash., managing director, said.

UP MAN NAMED
New York (U.P.)—Appointment of William C. Payette as assistant general news manager of United Press was announced today.

Chiloquin Man Badly Slashed With Bottle

Klamath Falls (U.P.)—A 59-year-old Chiloquin man was patched up with 58 stitches here after he was found unconscious and bleeding in a ranchhouse at Chiloquin junction Monday night.

Sheriff Murray Britton said the victim, Roland Lalo, had apparently been slashed numerous times with a broken bottle.

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