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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
March 13, 1946
(It Was Wednesday)

Phoenix plant to start making pumice brick soon.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Tuesday, it was windier than a candidate for Congress with no chance of being elected, but full of both wind and promises.

20 YEARS AGO
March 15, 1936
(It Was Friday)

Medford's sewage disposal plant almost 60 per cent completed, city superintendent Fred W. Scofield says.

Ralph E. Sweeney enters primary race for Democratic nomination for Jackson county.

30 YEARS AGO
March 15, 1926
(It Was Saturday)

Floyd Young, government frost expert, warns orchardists to place smudge pots in orchards immediately.

Medford High survives second round of state basketball tournament by defeating Astoria, 30 to 18.

40 YEARS AGO
March 13, 1916
(It Was Monday)

Week long revival services at Nat end; conducted by Mathis.

From along Rogue River news: The Cotteral Bros. took a band of cattle to feeding grounds on the east side of the river Sunday.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7?
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

1. If President Eisenhower wins in November, at 66, he will or won't be the oldest man ever elected President?

2. The island of Bahrein in the Persian Gulf is notable for its beautiful women, oil deposits, Oriental rugs, caviar, or pearl fisheries?

3. The Negro proportion of the population is as high in Alabama as in any southern state; right or wrong?

4. There are two, four, six or eight standard cups of granulated sugar to a pound?

5. When a senator dies, his seat remains vacant until a special election is held to fill it, or is filled temporarily by appointment of the state governor?

6. The real name of which stage, radio and TV star is Ethel Zimmerman?

7. What is the real name of movie star James Stewart?

The answers: 1—Won't: W. H. Harrison was elected in 1840 at 67. 2—Oil deposits. 3—Wrong (higher in South Carolina and Mississippi). 4—Two. 5—Is filled by appointment of governor. 6—Ethel Merman. 7—James Stewart.

Assessor Takes to Air To Find More Taxes

Chicago — (U.P.)— Cook County tax assessor Frank Keenan took to the air Monday to dig up $94,000 in back taxes.

He said aerial photographs ranging from homes to a factory which are not listed on county tax rolls.

Kefauver Is Smart

Senator Kefauver has never been our No. 1 choice for President but he is a shrewd campaigner, and, as all those who attended the Democratic convention in Chicago four years ago will agree, he is a hard fighter.

His first announcement on entering New Hampshire we thought was particularly smart. He said he would not make an issue of President Eisenhower's health.

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WE HAVE a hunch that made a hit with the voters of this conservative New England state.

For before the President entered the primary he had raised the health issue himself. Why do it again? Said he:

> "It would be idle to pretend my health can be fully restored. My future life must be carefully regulated to avoid excessive fatigue."

That opinion has been sustained by the President's subsequent remarks, by the doctors' verdict, and particularly by Dr. White, the eminent heart specialist's final word:

> "With moderation and proper care the President as President represents a good risk."

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WHY GO INTO the matter further?

Above all, why make it the subject of continuous campaign debate pro or con? The people of the country now have the salient facts from headquarters, barring an upset (which is unlikely), they will remain approximately the same through the campaign.

Then why not let the issue rest and let the people decide how important they think the question of the President's health is from a political standpoint? They are going to consider it and discuss it anyway.

If they agree with Chairman Leonard Hall of the GOP National committee, that Mr. Eisenhower as a "part-time president," would be better than any one the Democrats could nominate on FULL time, then they will know what to do without any further consideration. They will vote for Ike and take their chance. O. K. — —.

If they disagree with the somewhat ebullient Mr. Hall, and particularly if they don't like or trust Mr. Nixon, they will undoubtedly give the question more extended consideration. So why not leave this decision up to the voters? They won't pay much attention to what the campaign orators on either side have to say on this purely medical subject anyway. Most of them will accept the medical verdict. We repeat Senator Kefauver is smart.

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WE ALSO liked the Tennessee Senator's attitude from another angle. He seems to regard Mr. Eisenhower's state of mind as more important than his state of health, politically speaking, that is. He appeared more concerned with the record of four years of GOP rule, under "Ike" than actuarial tables or mortuary statistics of a purely personal nature.

The question he propounded was roughly:—do the people of the country want four more years of it? If they do—let them vote for it.

If not then no matter how much they "like Ike" personally they better NOT vote to keep him away from his Gettysburg farm and a well deserved rest but vote for a change in controls in Washington, and a general house cleaning.

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THAT makes sense.

The Republican press is making a desperate effort to make it appear no issues divide the two major parties but "Ike."

This, if true, would make the campaign a short and simple one. But it isn't, of course.

There are many important differences between the two parties though we grant, to listen to many of the campaign speeches to date one wouldn't think so.

The Senator from Tennesse didn't go into particulars but he could have and we regret he didn't. Being from Tennessee he could have said something like this:

> Had the Democrats been in control the past forty years there would have been no Al Sarena case.
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> Had the Democrats been in control there would have been no Dixon-Yates case.
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> Had the Democrats been in control there would have been no Tidelands oil give-away.
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> Had the Democrats been in control there would have been no Natural Gas grab bill to veto.
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> Had the Democrats been in control there would be one high multiple power dam for Hells Canyon instead of two small and inadequate dams, the people of the Columbia basin would have been assured of more and cheaper power instead of less and more expensive power.
>
> Had the Democrats been in control the General Welfare would never have had to take second place to General Motors, nor would TVA have been condemned as "creeping socialism."

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BUT if Senator Kefauver made these points or any similar ones there was no report of them over the wires.

Outside of Oregon the Democrat party is a majority party numerically but one would never suspect this judging by the head-lines, the news reports and the campaign this far.

The Democratic party as we see it needs more unity, self confidence and enthusiasm. We sometimes wonder if they haven't more to fear from General Apathy than from General Eisenhower.

PS:—Senator Kefauver is smart. Although from the South he refused to sign that Southern manifesto condemning the Supreme Court for its interpretation of the Constitution in favor of educational equality. —R.W.R.

Power, Prestige of UN Declines, Tsiang Says

Taipei, Formosa —(U.P.)— Dr. T. F. Tsiang, Nationalist Chinese representative to the United Nations, said Monday that the power and prestige of that world organization is declining.

Nationalist sources said Tsiang made his statement during discussions with Nationalist Chinese Foreign Minister George Yeh. Tsiang returned to Taipei from his U.N. post last Friday.

Record Number of High-Level International Visits Slated

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent

This certainly is going to be a record spring for high level diplocatic vsits in world capitals.

Charles McCann

Moscow, London, Washington and other capitals will be receiving visitors of note in the next few months on an unprecedented scale.

Russia's Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist party chief Nikita S. Khrushchev will share the star role as visitors and hosts.

They have been doing that now for several months.

Bulganin and Khrushchev will make the most important of their visits to Great Britain starting April 18.

Later they plan to visit Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

Danish Premier H. C. Hansen is visiting Russia now, as is former French President Vincent Auriol.

French Premier Guy Mollet intends to visit Bulganin and Khrushchev May 14.

U. S. Invites Nehru

It is understood that Mollet will invite the Russians to visit France.

United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold plans to visit Moscow some time this spring, probably after the Burganin-Khrushchev visit to London.

Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru announced on Feb. 29 that President Eisenhower had invited him several months ago to visit Washington, and that he planned to do so. Nehru said he also had invited the President to visit India.

A dispatch from Djakarta, Indonesia, quoted well-informed sources as saying that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has invited President Sukarno to visit the United States. It was added that Sukarno was believed to have accepted the invitation.

Dulles is now on a wide tour of Asian capitals which will take him as far as Japan.

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd has just left for home after a tour of the Middle East.

Pineau Visiting India

French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau is visiting Nehru now.

Pineau invited Nehru to visit France. Nehru accepted "in principle."

Dulles, Lloyd and Pineau started their tours after attending the conference of Southeast Asia Treaty Organization members in Pakistan.

What all the visits, made and to be made, will add up to remains to be seen. They hardly can do any harm and they may do some good toward relieving international tensions.

It is notable, however, that the Dulles, Lloyd and Pineau tours are defensive. That goes also for the conference held in London over the week end by British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and French Premier Mollet.

The Big Three foreign ministers are trying to strengthen weakened relations with some of the countries they are visiting. Eden asked Mollet to London on an urgent basis after French Foreign Minister Pineau let lose a startling blast against Allied policy.

The Russians, on the other hand, are on what might be called diplomatic velvet. They have no special fences to mend. They will be able to concentrate, as visitors and hosts, on aggressive salesmanship of the Mocow line.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Well! Well! Well! What a political thriller Friday turned out to be!

Nobody will ever be able to say that the 1956 primary election preliminaries in Oregon were dull and uninteresting. Interior Secretary McKay's dash by air from Washington back to Salem in order to file at the last minute as a candidate for the Republican nomination for U. S. senator from his home state was drama of a high order.

It left everybody breathless.

IT CAN be assumed that Secretary McKay's entry in the Oregon senatorial race is upper bracket Republican strategy to beat once-Republican, once-strongly-pro-Eisenhower, now-Democrat, now-bitterly-anti-Eisenhower Senator Morse.

With the senate as narrowly divided as it is—and as it may be in the next congress—that desire can be understood. The program that President Eisenhower has laid out has not yet been carried through to completion. As I understand his feeling in the matter, it was to carry his program through that he consented to become a candidate again, regardless of the strain on his physical resources that may be involved.

But President Eisenhower ALONE can not carry his program through. He must have support and backing in the congress. The senate is now narrowly divided. Witness the situation that arose Saturday morning. On a motion to restore a rigid high support level to wheat, the senate vote split 45-to-45. The tie-breaking vote of Vice President Nixon was all that saved the Eisenhower-Benson flexible support program on wheat from defeat.

THAT was a narrow squeak. There may be other narrow squeaks in the future—for at present no one anticipates a landslide that will give the Eisenhower forces complete and unchallenged control of the next congress.

If Senator Morse is re-elected, it must be expected that he will be against the Eisenhower program.

DEFEAT of Senator Morse is a worthy objective from the Republican standpoint, but the handling of the McKay candidacy certainly displayed poor staff work. It should have been launched much earlier—immediately, one would say, after the untimely death of Governor Patterson, which upset the Oregon Republican political situation. Because of the delay, clear up to the last moment, good Oregonians like Lamar Tooze and Phil Hitchcock—both of whom, I think, were motivated more by desire to maintain able Republican representation from Oregon in the U. S. senate than by personal ambition — have been placed in a most embarrassing position. Because of the embarrassing position in which they have been placed, their friends must feel considerable resentment.

All this could have been avoided by better Republican staff work at the top level.

DWIGHT EISENHOWER is a great President and a great man. Even his political opponents concede that. He is able. He is sincere. He is frank and open and straightforward. These qualities endear him to everyone, everywhere. Not only do they endear him to people. They COMMAND RESPECT—not only on his own country but all over the world.

But he is a soldier. He was trained in the soldier's trade. As a military commander, he knew how to pick able staff assistants. When he became President, he knew nothing of the politician's trade—which, in a government like ours, is an essential trade. Few Republicans have ever doubted the greatness of their leader, but many, including this one, have had doubts from time to time as to the wisdom and the skill of his political staff.

Senator Taft's death was a national loss. He was a statesman and a dedicated patriot, and he knew the trade of politics. If he had lived, the Republican party's political staff work would have been better.

BUT it's time to quit philosophizing and look at the facts: Douglas McKay is a candidate. As this is written, it seems probable that he will be the Republican nominee for U. S. senator from Oregon. He is an able citizen. He is a dedicated believer in the Eisenhower program. He is well grounded in national affairs.

Do we want him to represent us in the U. S. senate?

Or do we want Senator Morse?

That's the issue.

Matter of Fact

By Joe and Stewart Alsop

THE NIXON HUBBUB

Washington — The acres of newsprint that are being lavished on the political future of Vice-President Richard Nixon are chiefly interesting as proof of the way the figure of President Eisenhower now dominates the political scene.

Joseph Alsop

The first trial heat of the Democratic nomination race is at hand in New Hampshire; and it may be much more interesting than most people have expected. The leading Democratic contender, Adlai Stevenson, has been speaking frequently; and much of what he has been saying has been worth attention. The world horizon is positively black with chickens coming home to roost; and practically every one of the chickens looks more like a vulture than a hen.

Stewart Alsop

But what is the American nation discussing? With the Republican convention nearly five months away, the main topic of political discussion is the Republican Vice-Presidential nomination, which is normally a hasty after-thought. In part, this obviously reflects the general but publicly unfashionable suspicion that a coronary thrombosis really does not resemble a rest-cure. But even more, this Vice-Presidential discussion reflects the almost unanimous belief that the President, having made his great choice, is a shoo-in for re-election.

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PRECISELY because a President who has had a heart attack is now so likely to be re-elected, his choice of a running-mate is of course important. But that does not give real significance to the "will he, won't he, will he, won't he" speculation, like nothing so much as another song by the mock turtle, that has been going on for so long. The main facts of the situation are very plain indeed, if ordinarily reliable information can be trusted.

In the first place, the President likes and trusts Nixon, and would prefer him to any other running mate. But as Eisenhower has repeatedly said, he does not want to commit himself at this time. He will never exclude Nixon from the ranks of the potentially blessed; but he wants a free hand to bless other contenders if Nixon really begins to look like a serious handicap to the ticket.

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IT MAY be true that in order to insure having a perfectly free hand, the President offered the Vice-President the Interior Department, which is now being vacated by Secretary Douglas McKay. He may even have suggested the Defense Department, which may later be vacated by Secretary Charles E. Wilson. But if the President did this, he quite certainly made his suggestion in a way that invited a rejection. Probably he wanted to end a White House argument, by putting himself in a position to say to the anti-Nixon Republicans:

"I've done everything about that problem I honorably can, and I can't and won't do anything further."

In these circumstances, in the second place, Nixon is quite plainly several laps ahead of all other contenders for the Vice-Presidential nomination at the present time. He has certainly been wounded by the President's failure to give him a final endorsement at this time. He is reported to reason, and reason very logically too, that he is being penalized for bearing the brunt of the political battle at the President's request and on the President's behalf.

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HIS PERSONAL position is also extremely delicate, perhaps even more delicate than in the doubtful period after the President was first taken ill. As these words are written, therefore, he is authoritatively reported to be considering an announcement that he too thinks the Republican Vice-Presidential choice should be left open until convention-time.

But the dolors of Nixon's personal position do not in any way reduce his present lead in the race. He is the preferred choice of the President. He is the preferred choice of the Republican organizations in about three-quarters of the states. He is the announced choice of the Republican National Chairman, the astute Len Hall, who does not speak without "clearing it with Sherm."

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THERE are only two ways, therefore, that Nixon can be beaten. One way is for a solid phalanx of opposition to form in the Eastern wing of the Republican party, where anti-Nixon sentiment chiefly centers. But this way is blocked, at least for the present. There can be no anti-Nixon Eastern phalax without New York state; and Nixon is also the preferred choice of former Governor Thomas E. Dewey.

The other way to beat Nixon is for Nixon to beat himself. He may so mihsandle himself as to cause the President to turn against him, or to cause the political polls to show that he really is a handicap to the ticket. But as long as Nixon handles himself as well as he has done in these last difficult months, the betting is on Nixon to win in the end.

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Amnesty Period Turns Out To Be Success

Pompton Lakes, N.J. — (U.P.) —Library officials said a week long amnesty period for holders of overdue library books was a roaring success.

Librarian Mrs. Maura Connolly said a total of 87 books worth an estimated $250 came in during the drive, including two books overdue for more than five years.

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.

Smart Senator

To the Editor: Senator Wayne Morris proposes to buy farm votes with tax money. He's smart, else he wouldn't be fooling ye editor.

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Automation

To the Editor: The progress of automation versus manpower is not a new theory. The idea was conceived by men like Jules Verne and Edward Bellamy, scientist, in his book, "Looking Backwards" in the early eighteenth century. A system to make the whole plan work for all the people, all the while, would most logically be on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Everyone in their age group would be a unit towards making automation a success. No one need be a drone, for each individual would be needed, as the "pay-as-you-go" plan would create enthusiasm to expand everyone's fondest hopes of accomplishment in a lifetime here on earth.

This is no fantastic forerunner of imagination, but a concept of life, liberty and justice for all. No exploitation would be used to retard man's way of equality in a competitive system. Tax only machine's product for painless extraction.

Bert Kissinger
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Let Druggists Do It

To the Editor: In regards to the letter by Dr. Nelson in the March 11 paper—the last paragraph led me to understand that Dr. Nelson's five children are not benefiting from fluoride at the present time.

What I want to know is—of Dr. Nelson and these other people that are so emphatically for fluoridation—why are they denying their children this benefit right now? It seems to me that it would surely be a simple task for these people to buy some sodium fluoride from their druggist and mix it with the proper amount of water—or for that matter the druggist would probably be glad to mix it for them. It may take a year or two or even longer before it will be coming out of the water taps—incidentally what about the children living outside the city—shouldn't it be made available to them also? Just because some are shouting "It's poison—don't force it on me!"—shoudln't keep those who believe in it, especially Dr. Nelson, from seeing that his children are getting it now, not next year or maybe years from now. I recommend that he ask his druggist to fix him a gallon or two right now and take it home and give some to his children. Also, since Dr. Nelson is a dentist, he might recommend this method to his patients. (It's a shame to waste precious time since 12 years of age is the deadline).

Come to think of it—this method might put a stop to this arguing back and forth—those who want it could have it—those who don't well—they can still drink what they darn well please. Besides, when the children get too old to benefit anymore, these people can put their money to some other purpose.

Yours for letting the druggist do the job.

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Mission of the Churches

To the Editor: Frequently we hear the question, "Do we need churches? Cannot the fraternal organizations and social service clubs do the work the churches are doing and do it more satisfactorily?

The answer depends on what the churches are doing. If the church is an organization with no higher purpose than fellowship and social welfare, then why not let the fraternities take over?

But the church was not created for the purpose of social welfare alone. It has a higher mission to perform, a divinely appointed task to lead men to God. When Simon Peter said, "Thou are the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus replied, "On this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Why did Jesus want a church? Did He have in mind a great fraternal organization or social club, or something more? We find an answer in His words, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." This is more than a reference to His crucifixion. It means also the continued task of holding up before a sin-sick world a Savior. For that task He needs a church, an organism of living human souls dedicated to the service of God. That is the mission of the church, the supreme purpose for which it was created, the one real reason for its existence.

The divinely appointed task of the church is to show to men this Savior that they may hear Him say, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He means rest from the slavery of sin.

Why are we so reluctant to preach about sin? Are we afraid we will be called old fashioned and unsophisticated if we mention sin? Maybe so. I know of nothing more old fashioned than sin. It began in Eden's garden and has been going strong ever since.

If and when the church loses sight of its high mission of preaching the gospel of a crucified and risen Savior and tries to substitute entertainment and social welfare, we might as well let the social clubs take over, or let Marx and Engle have the world without further ado. God forbid. May the church never lose sight of that high mission.

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Pictures, Statues of Stalin Being Removed

Moscow — (U.P.) — Western observers noted today the apparent start of a movement to eliminate all pictures and statues of the late Premier Josef Stalin from the Soviet Union.

The famous Tetyakov picture gallery here, the largest in Russia, has suddenly and silently removed every picture of Stalin.

The only sign of the Premier seen by a nine-man delegation of American churchmen that visited the gallery was a bust which appears in the background of a painting of a wounded soldier.

Just a few months ago there were at least 25 portraits and other pictures of Stalin in many rooms of the gallery.

Allan Holcomb, NY Newspaperman, Dies

New York — (U.P.) — Allan T. Holcomb, 66, head of the copy desk at the New York Herald Tribune since 1933, died early today.

Holcomb was a graduate of Knox college and got his first news experience as a reporter for the Rocky Mountain News in Denver. He later served as state and city editor of the Rocky Mountain News and headed the copy desk of the Denver Post before coming to New York.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Janet H. Griswold, and Mrs. Aileen Hamilton. His wife, Mrs. Grace P. Holcomb, died in 1952.

Salem (U.P.)—Management policies which have operated so successfully in preserving Oregon's exceptional recreational resources are possible only through public understanding and cooperation, Gov. Elmo Smith said Monday in calling attention to National Wildlife Week March 18-24.

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Bears Son at 90

GEO. N. TAYLOR

Abraham was 100 and Sarah, his wife was 90 and she had ever been childless. But God promised Abraham that a son would be born to them. God said it; Abraham believed it and that settled it, even though a woman of 90 had never given birth to a babe. Because he believed God in this, God clothed Abraham in his own God-righteousness. In due time Isaac, the babe was born to them.

Just so you are to believe. Believe God, that the blood of Jesus Christ, poured out at His crucifiction, cleared your page of all sin. Believe it down in your heart and God gives you eternal life. Else you die lost.

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