

# Mail Tribune Today Observes 50th Year

The Medford Mail Tribune today observes its 50th anniversary of publication.

The publication started March 22, 1906, as the Medford Daily Tribune, moving here from Ashland because "no town in Southern Oregon has so bright a future." J. M. Potter, publisher, moved the plant of the Ashland Tribune to Medford and started the paper as an evening and weekly.

The genealogy of the Mail Tribune includes at least five papers.

First was the Medford Mail, founded in 1888 by Thomas Harlan, which was issued each Thursday. Newell Harlan published the Mail in 1890, and Felix G. Kertson in 1891. A. S. Bliton in 1893 purchased the Mail, and published it until 1909.

After the Tribune moved to Medford from Ashland, where it was founded in 1896, the Medford Tribune also published a twice-a-week edition, the Southern Oregonian. Sidney D. Charles had established the Southern Oregonian four years previously, and in 1906 absorbed the Jacksonville Times.

Another paper in the Mail Tribune's genealogy was the weekly Sun, issued Sundays. The paper was started in 1906 by L. C. Branson and S. Sumpter Smith.

## Putnam Succeeds Moore as Editor

George Putnam succeeded A. F. Moore as editor of the Tribune in 1907, and two years later, on March 20, 1909, Bliton sold the Mail to the Tribune Publishing company. The consolidation resulted in the present name, the Medford Mail Tribune, which has continued to publish daily and weekly since that time.

Putnam remained with the Mail Tribune until 1919, when he went to Salem to publish the Capital Journal. He is now editor emeritus of that paper and still active in writing editorials and columns of his reminiscences.

Robert W. Ruhl and Sumpter Smith of the Sun purchased control of the paper when Putnam left. Smith died in 1935. The Mail Tribune is now owned by the Medford Printing company, stockholders of which are members of the Ruhl family and certain employees of the paper.

**'Picturesque Environment'**  
The Daily Tribune's March 22, 1906, lead editorial read, in part, "the Ashland district, with its unrivalled fruit, its picturesque environment, its splendid water supply and its undeveloped mineral resources, is one of the favored spots of the great west. But as a point of vantage from which to view and report the great work of developing the entire county, the publisher believes Medford is far more advantageously located."

The policy of the paper was "one of enthusiastic support of all legitimate enterprises in every part of the county."

Devoted to "the development of Southern Oregon's agricultural, mineral and horticultural resources," the editorial continued: "The man who endeavors to block the wheels of progress in Medford, be he Republican, Democrat or what not, will very likely be 'bawled out.'"

It concluded: "Let everybody who has the interests of the city and county at heart cooperate with the Tribune, our cause is a common one. Put your shoulders to the wheel and push the good old red wagon of prosperity to the top of the hill. The exercise will do you good and put money in your pockets."

That edition had four pages.

## Top Story of Day

Top story of the day was from Wallace, Ida., where a sheriff was seriously wounded attempting to serve a writ of restitution to secure the eviction of a man from railroad property. Another story concerned news of John D. Rockefeller's health.

Other Page 1 stories included one about Swift Packing company purchasing 1,700 acres of land in three tracts near Portland for establishing plants; and about the Oregon Railway and Navigation company letting contracts for construction of a railroad between the mouth of the Willamette river to Joseph, some 47 miles distance.

A senate committee that day recommended passing a bill appropriating \$20,000 for construction and equipment for a life-saving, ocean-going tug for service on the North Pacific coast.

## Candidate for Office

Among candidates for political offices were James Withycombe of Corvallis, Republican candidate for governor; Walter L. Tooze, Woodburn, Republican candidate for congress; E. V. Carter, Ashland, Republican candidate for state treasurer; S. G. Van Dyke, Medford, Republican candidate for Jackson county sheriff; Eugene A. Sherwin, Democratic candidate for state senator; W. R. Coleman, Phoenix, Republican candidate for county clerk; and O. D. Owen, Medford, Republican candidate for county treasurer.

R. C. Hensley, secretary of the county Socialist club, notified residents of a county convention to nominate a full county ticket for the Socialist party.

## Local and Personal

In the "local and personal" column of 1906, was the following item:

"The weather:—It rained a little yesterday afternoon, but cleared up in the evening. Today we are having sunshine and clouds alternately, but no rain. Temperature is moderate."

"Another 'personal' item read as follows:

"Fred Champlin, of the Foots Creek dredger, is in

the city having his hand treated. A short time ago he suffered a slight burn, but blood poisoning set in and he is having rather a painful time with it."

John Luther Long's "Madame Butterfly" was scheduled at the Ashland opera house the next day, and the Butte Falls Sugar Lumber company stockholders elected new members to the board of directors, including B. H. Harris, John McAllister, W. F. Entrop, F. W. Streets, J. E. Enyart, Holbrook Withington and J. H. Miller.

Ben A. Lowell of Woodville advertised subdivisions of a 1,900-acre Rogue River ranch, 80 rods from the Southern Pacific depot, for sale.

**'Good Rigs'**  
J. A. Elmhirst advertised "fine stock," "good rigs" and "day and night cab service" at the Nash Livestock stables. The Medford bank, with capital stock fully paid totaling \$50,000, had filed an application to become the Medford National bank. The Jackson County bank also listed capital stock of \$50,000.

Russell's confectionery, in a half-page ad listed candies "that are hand made and fresh," while Cameron and Meyers, "The Metropolitan Outfitters" of Medford noted that the firm's shoes are "best by test, give them a trial."

Price for the 1906 paper was 50 cents per month delivered to southern Oregon homes. Circulation of the Daily Tribune started with 50 paid subscribers, and by Sept. 10, 1906, had increased to 300 paid subscribers.

Today, the Mail Tribune has about 16,200 subscribers in southern Oregon and northern California.

## Ralph Cook Buys Antelope Orchards

Purchase of Antelope orchards on Yankee creek by Ralph Cook, local orchardist and rancher, was announced today.

The orchard is believed to include the largest single block of seckel pears in the world. It consists of about 40 acres, and yields about 20 carloads of pears annually. Former owner is John Ramsey, who have moved to Nevada.

The orchard is located east of Camp White near Antelope creek from which it receives its name. Purchase price was not announced.

Seckel pears are used principally for pickling and are sold through New York City markets for this purpose.

## Investigation Into Death Continues

Authorities are still investigating circumstances in the death of Mrs. Jean Gunter, 30, Ashland, who died March 16 of a 22 gunshot wound, according to District Attorney Walter Nunley.

Mrs. Gunter's husband, Jack, 30, told law officers he found his wife's body in bed last Friday morning when he returned home. Nunley said a formal inquest to determine exact nature of the shooting is pending.

# 'Great Decisions' Program Opening Day Set

The Jackson County "Great Decisions" program for 1956 will get under way this week end.

The foreign affairs discussion and evaluation plan will start with a discussion leaders' training "institute" at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Medford High school library. Anyone interested in forming or leading a discussion group in the Great Decisions program is welcome to attend, according to Don Hansen, chairman of the committee in charge.

Hugh Simpson, of the Southern Oregon college faculty, will conduct the institute. Fact sheets on the subjects scheduled for discussion will be available starting this week end from three sources.

They can be obtained at the office of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, 5 South Riverside ave., at a charge of \$1

## Kefauver Backers Planning Oregon Write-in Campaign

### Candidate Approves On Brief State Stop

Portland — (U.P.) — Supporters of Sen. Estes Kefauver planned today to wage a campaign for write-in votes for Oregon's May 18 presidential primary, and they had the go-ahead of the candidate himself.

Kefauver stopped briefly here early today, en route by plane from Montana to San Francisco and was met by a group of his supporters who said he gave his approval to a write-in campaign.

### Would Bind Delegates

Neither Kefauver nor Adlai Stevenson entered the Democratic primary in Oregon. But under Oregon law the 16-member Democratic delegation to the national convention would be bound to support the candidate getting the largest write-in vote.

Kefauver said he had not previously announced his willingness

to support either candidate.

**Minneapolis — (U.P.) — How were Republicans able to vote in the Democratic primary election in Minnesota?**

State election officials, in response to numerous queries, today explained that in a Minnesota primary election, a registered voter may request a ballot of whichever party he desires when entering the poll.

Republicans crossing over party lines in this way was credited with a significant effect in the surprise victory of Estes Kefauver over Adlai Stevenson in the presidential preference election Tuesday.

ness for a write-in campaign because he had not had a chance to talk to Oregon Democratic leaders.

Kefauver's go-ahead also may touch off a campaign to get write-in votes for Adlai Stevenson, who has many Oregon supporters.

### Chairmen Contacted

Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national committee, said he had written all Democratic county chairmen, urging them to encourage voters to write in their preference for the presidential nomination.

"Presumably the champions of Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver will be active in every county, and perhaps other aspirants will appear," Sweetland said.

## David Shaw to Speak At Phoenix Grange

Attorney David C. Shaw, Gold Beach, Democratic candidate for congress from the fourth district, will speak at a dinner sponsored by the Democratic Social club at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Phoenix Grange hall.

Shaw's subject will be "Flood Control and Full Development of the Rogue," according to Clyde Fichtner, president.

Also on the program will be colored slides of a European trip by Mrs. Frank Perl.

A discussion period will follow Shaw's talk. The dinner is open to the public, and reservations may be made by calling Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Norton at 3-2888.

## Weather

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy through Friday with scattered showers. Slightly cooler and windy. Low tonight 35. High Friday 52.

Highest Yesterday 61  
Lowest this Morning 37  
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for the eight sheets. Those wishing to have them delivered call telephone 2-5355, and make arrangements for delivery, and they can be ordered by mail from the office of Gene Piazza, 207 U. S. National Bank building, telephone 3-5331. A charge of \$1.50 is made for mailed or delivered copies of the fact sheets.

Information on any phase of the program can be obtained from Hansen, whose telephone number is 3-5311.

Radio stations KYJC and KMED will sponsor weekly half-hour programs on the topic for discussion each week. The broadcasts are being prepared by members of the Southern Oregon college staff in cooperation with interested individuals and the radio stations. Times of the programs will be announced later.

A survey of the first of the dis-

# US Offers Cut in Manpower

## McKay Says Pressure To Run For Senate Came in Oregon

### Groups Appealed To Administration, Secretary Asserts

### Public Opinion Poll Showed Apparent Wish

Salem — (U.P.) — Interior Secretary Douglas McKay said today the factors that made him an eleventh hour candidate for the Senate "originated in Oregon and not in Washington, D. C., or in the national committee."

McKay, here to launch his primary campaign and mend some political fences, said he was "besieged by those who insisted that I run" when he visited Oregon in February to attend the funeral of the late Gov. Paul Patterson.

"My answer was emphatically 'No.' I believed that as secretary of the interior I was already doing an important job," McKay said.

McKay's statement continued: "These people then appealed to the administration and to the national committee. Their answer supported the position I had taken. Finally, under increasing pressure, it was agreed that a public opinion poll would be taken by an independent out-of-state agency to determine who would be the strongest candidate. When this poll showed the apparent wish of the man in the street that I make the race, I then discussed it with President Eisenhower and agreed to run."

"There was no time for further discussion with state leaders and I boarded a plane for Oregon," the secretary said.

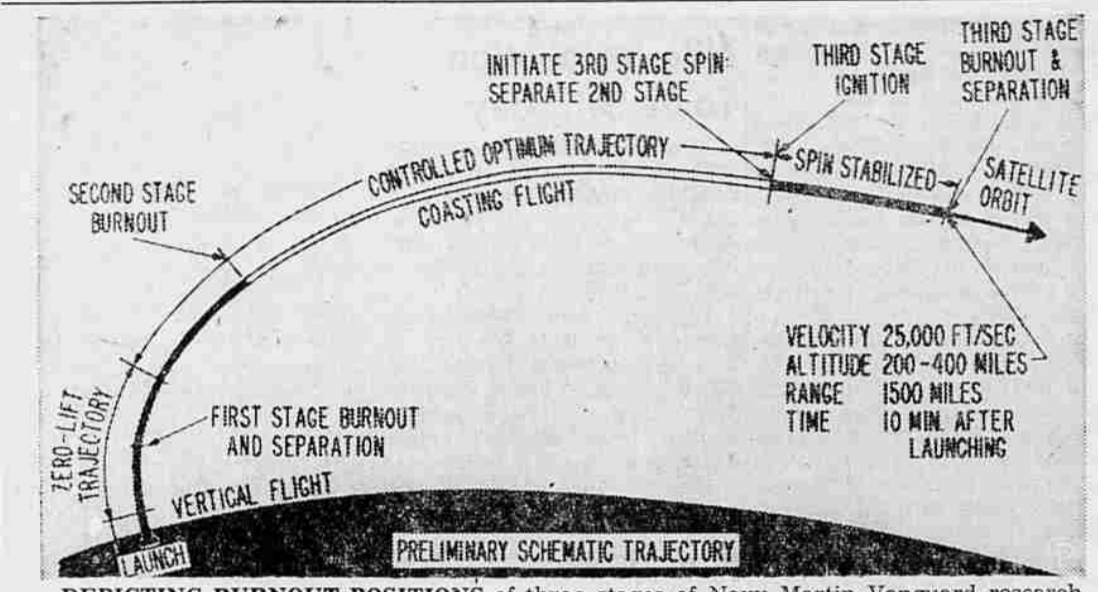
In explaining his decision to try to unseat Sen. Wayne Morse, McKay said he wanted the following understood: "It was the opinion of Oregon voters and not the insistence of party leaders in Oregon or Washington, D. C., that determined my decision."

"A Republican primary is open until 5 p.m. of the last legal day for filing and my filing was made when there was yet time for any other Republican to file, withdraw or otherwise follow his convictions."

"I never at any time in this or any other election asked any man to withdraw in my favor and I never will. It was reported to me before I left Washington that other candidates would withdraw if I filed. This did not influence my decision. My decision was based upon my convictions of my duty to Oregon, to President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the principles for which he stands."

McKay concluded his statement by saying it was not "easy to give up a position in the President's cabinet to enter a tough political campaign. But I am doing what I have been doing through 25 years of public service: I am doing what I believe the people of my state want me to do."

The interior secretary flew to Oregon last night to endorse preliminary plans and a nucleus organization for his primary campaign.



DEPICTING BURNOUT POSITIONS of three stages of Navy Martin Vanguard research vehicle, drawing discloses flight path of rocket which is to be fired from Florida later in year. It will become satellite about 400 miles above earth. (International Soundphoto)

## Russian Nuclear Blast Reported

Washington — (U.P.) — Official sources speculated today that the new Soviet nuclear test means the Russians are going all-out to perfect atomic warheads for long-range ballistic missiles.

Others said it proves the Russians have achieved "atomic plenty." They are now, one well-informed source said, building up a "whole family of atomic weapons" comparable in versatility to the larger U.S. nuclear arsenal.

Such weapons include atomic warheads for everything that now uses high explosives—artillery shells as small as eight inches in diameter, a growing variety of missile charges, bombs of many calibers, land mines, torpedoes, and depth charges.

### May Have Been More

The new Russian explosion was announced Wednesday night in London and Washington. It was part of a series of explosives which have been going on intermittently since August, 1955. Although the United States has reported only five individual shots in the series, informed sources said there may have been many more.

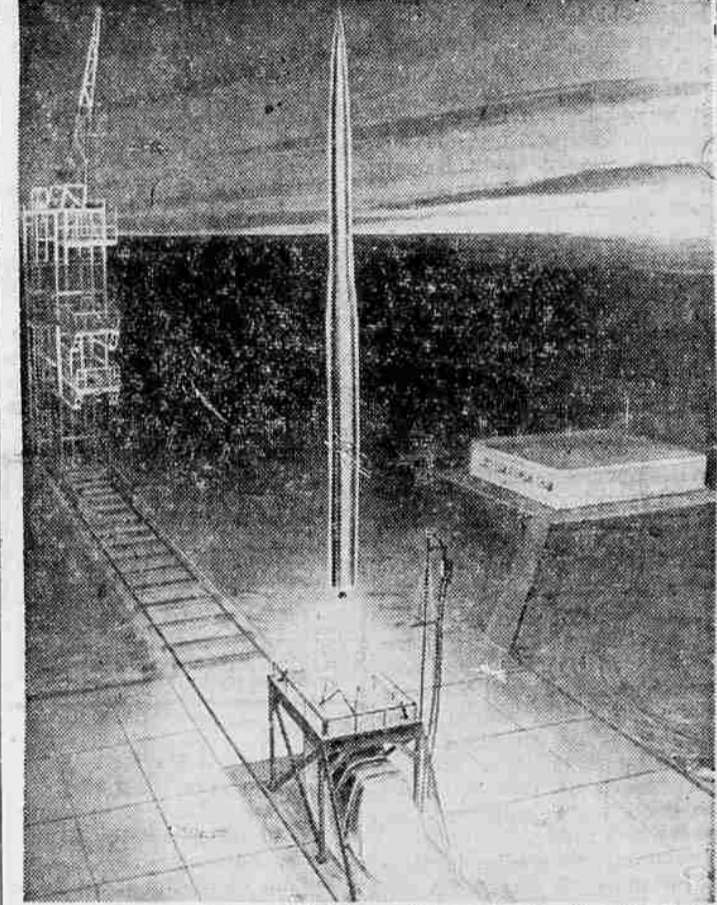
Never before, since their first test in September, 1949, have the Russians been able to stage so many tests in so brief a time. Instead of months, the gap between tests previously had been years.

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## DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 510.94 up 3.02, 20 rails 171.72 up 2.87, 15 utilities 67.23 off 0.06, and 65 stocks 180.97 up 1.44. Sales today were about 2,650,000 shares compared with 2,930,000 yesterday.

Salem — (U.P.) — A hop growers vote on whether they wanted a commodity commission formed for their crop was completed Wednesday. Votes won't be tabulated, however, until all county ballot boxes are received by the State Department of Agriculture.



WORK IS PROGRESSING on Navy Martin Vanguard research vehicle which will place world's first man-made satellite in its orbit around earth. This is artist's conception of launching, scheduled for Florida test center. In background is gantry which places vehicle on launching stand. At right is blockhouse housing scientists in charge. (International)

## Little Harm Expected From Commerce Order

An Interstate Commerce Commission order prohibiting circuitous routing of lumber by rail is not expected seriously to harm lumber interests here, local sources have indicated.

The ICC issued the order Tuesday, to go into effect April 9. Under the circuitous routing system, a shipper sends unsold lumber to a distant point by a roundabout route rather than a direct route. The shipper attempts to sell the lumber at some point before it reaches the final destination.

### Ties Up Box Cars

Often the circuitous routing system ties up box cars as long as 60 days. Normally, lumber shipped by the direct route could reach the same destination in slightly more than a week. Complaints that this type of routing may in part be responsible for the current box car shortage inspired the ICC order.

The roundabout routing is, however, one way for mills to sell their lumber. For example, lumber which cannot be sold locally might bring a good price elsewhere where demand for that particular type of lumber is greater. It also has been pointed out, however, that the reverse can happen. One source said that a certain type of lumber might be considered "out of style" elsewhere in the nation and would therefore have to be sold at a distress price, which would be considered generally economically undesirable.

### Expecting Order

Some local sources have indicated that they have been expecting the order from the ICC and have expressed favor for it. Feelings appeared to be that anything contributing to the re-

ported box car shortage should be curtailed.

One source said that some smaller wholesale lumber firms may be hurt by the order, but predicted no major permanent crippling effect in general. It has been claimed that the circuitous routing curtailment will make it necessary for some firms to build up inventories in order to sell lumber. Some other lumber interests, however, foresee little or no change in inventories as a result.

## County Truck Bids Awarded to Two Firms

International Harvester company, 2232 Biddle rd., and Automotive Equipment company, 1245 Biddle rd., were successful bidders yesterday to provide Jackson county with six dump trucks, according to the county court.

Four five-yard trucks costing \$4,918.05 each will be purchased from International Harvester and two Diamond I eight-yard trucks at \$11,000.53 each will be purchased from Automotive Equipment company.

## Maxwell House Cuts Prices on Coffee

White Plains, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The Maxwell House Division of General Foods Corp. today announced it will slash prices for its regular ground coffees three cents per pound, effective tomorrow.

Recent lower prices for green coffee beans made the cuts possible, a spokesman said.

## UN Disarmament Committee Hears Stassen Proposal

### Plan Calls for Mutual Reduction by Russia

London — (U.P.) — The United States offered today to cut its military manpower to 2,500,000 men if the Soviet Union will match it.

The American proposal was put before today's session of the U. N. subcommittee on Disarmament by U.S. delegate Harold E. Stassen.

Stassen said the United States also was willing, on a mutual basis with Russia, to reduce armaments and military expenditures to levels in line with the smaller armed forces.

The entire American offer was contingent on the Soviet Union reducing its armed forces to 2,500,000 men, with a corresponding reduction in expenditures and armaments.

### Reciprocal Basis

The American plan specified that the scheme must be carried out on a "reciprocal and safeguarded basis."

Stassen began unveiling the American plan yesterday with a dramatic proposal for a 20,000 to 30,000 square mile "test strip" in Russia and the United States where means of detecting war-scale military buildups could be tried out.

Almost at the same time the British Defense Ministry announced that Russia has "recently embarked on some further nuclear tests." Russia began a similar series at start of last summer's "Summit Conference" in Geneva and it was believed the new series was timed to bring pressure on the London Disarmament Conference.

### At Least One Port

Each test zone would contain at least one port, airfield and rail terminal and various non-secret military installations in which the effects of a major assembly of soldiers and supplies could be observed.

The proposal is a logical sequel to President Eisenhower's "Open Sky" plan for air inspection as a means of guaranteeing peace.

Russia's Andrei Gromyko did not reply at once, and observers here doubted he will do so until he has had a chance to check with Moscow.

## Jacksonville Census Scheduled Next Week

Jacksonville — A census of Jacksonville residents will be taken Monday and Tuesday, March 26 and 27, Mayor John Keaveny has announced.

He stated that the city council authorized the census in order that Jacksonville's pro rata share of certain state funds will be increased on proof of population growth since 1,190 recorded in the 1950 federal census.

Three enumerators will record the name, age and sex of all persons residing within the Jacksonville city limits. All persons who will be absent from their homes on Monday and Tuesday are requested to leave the required information in a conspicuous place outside the house.

Everett Ravnor is census director. Enumerators are Mrs. Fred Richardson, Mrs. Walter Moring and Miss Judy Frohs.

## Request Funds for Experiment Station

A request for \$4,000 from Jackson county to assist in operational expenses of agronomic work at the Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station was made yesterday to the county court.

Representatives of the station and the county extension service told the court that the station will need \$6,000 next year to carry on present experimental work, due to a drop in income at the farms.

Josephine county has been asked to consider budgeting \$2,000 for the work.

Commission Chester Wendt said the court has taken the request under advisement. Property composing the experimental farms is owned by the county and operational costs are covered by state funds and income from the farms.