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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 April 15, 1946 (It was Monday) Team of Janet Horsley, Bill Moffat, Glenda Fields and Jerry Igo take third place for Medford High in debate at state speech tournament.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The meadows were dotted over the week-end with epicureans picking mushrooms. No toadstools crept into the pail all reports indicate.

20 YEARS AGO April 15, 1936 (It was Wednesday) Philip B. Lowry of Medford, William Leevors of Ashland, Sidney Thurston of Central Point and Patricia Thompson of Phoenix win scholarships to state universities and colleges on basis of good high school grades.

30 YEARS AGO April 15, 1926 (It was Thursday) Work costing \$54,000 to start soon in Crater National forest according to Hugh B. Rankin, supervisor.

40 YEARS AGO April 15, 1916 (It was Saturday) Warnings for spraying issued by C. C. Cate for pears, apples and other fruit.

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

- 1. Total population of Monaco, new home of Grace Kelly, is about (a) 20,000, (b) 120,000, (c) 200,000, (d) 520,000 or (e) 1,200,000?
2. Many more U. S. homes are heated with gas than with oil, or many more with oil, or is it almost 50-50?
3. The U. S. is or isn't a member of the so-called Baghdad Pact?
4. Most Southern Democratic leaders are favorable or hostile to Gov. Harriman of N. Y. as 1956 presidential nominee, or are neutral toward him?
5. British colony of Hong Kong is on the Chinese seacoast, an island just off the coast, or an island just off Formosa?
6. Khrushchev, top man in Russia, is of Great Russian, Polish, Caucasian, Ukrainian or Siberian origin?
7. Which stage and screen star was originally named Emanuel Goldenberg?
The answers:
1. About 20,000.
2. Almost 50-50.
3. Isn't.
4. Most are hostile.
5. Island just off the coast.
6. Ukrainian.
7. Edward G. Robinson.

Tokyo (U.P.)—Communist East Germany has presented North Viet Nam with equipment for a 500-bed hospital, a 16-class school and two mobile dispensaries for rural areas Radio Peiping reported.

Don't Forget April 26th

There is no doubt about public sentiment in Medford and Jackson County regarding the Southern Pacific.

The people consider its treatment of this section of the state, particularly in view of the profits enjoyed in freight operations, a shame and a disgrace.

They bitterly resented the abandonment of all passenger service north and south on the fallacious claim of losing money—when on their total operations the S.P. was not only making money but breaking all records. And they were 100% behind the effort of Public Utilities Commissioner Heltzel to force the railroad to resume this greatly needed public service.

THERE have been so many delays and postponements however since the order against this action was issued that many people have lost interest in the controversy and many more have forgotten that a hearing on the question will be held here in the courtroom at the Federal Building on April 26th—which is only about ten days away.

WELL this is written to remind them. And it is also written to point out that the people themselves have a vital role to play in this effort.

If there isn't more public interest shown in this hearing and the transportation problem in general this year, than has been true in the past then the "billion dollar corporation" which advertises its friendliness on the bill boards, and for years has shown nothing but hostility to the people of this section of the state, will win as usual, virtually by default.

FOR if the people don't care enough about the resumption of railroad passenger service to this section of the state to make a fight for it, no one else will. And the only way they can now show they do care will be to appear at this hearing in force.

And while there either themselves or through their representatives make their wishes known.

BOTH the Ashland and Medford Chambers of Commerce have passed resolutions supporting the state in this action and will be represented at the hearing.

It is hoped not only such organizations and business firms, but the people as a whole will be represented as well.

Public sentiment at this stage of the proceedings can do more than any other one thing to get the sort of transportation service for Southern Oregon that its increased population and productivity deserve.

SO IT is not too early to start to see that when this hearing opens on April 26th at 10 a.m. the "SRO" sign is pinned up a short time thereafter.

The SP and its staff of high priced attorneys will be there of course, the more its passengers—or former passengers—who gather to listen to their story and present their own, the better the chances of justice being done, and the SP being forced to do what by the terms of its original charter it should have done voluntarily.—R.W.R.

"She Likes Ike"

There is one citizen in Medford who likes President Eisenhower too much to vote for him.

In fact this person is going to vote for the Democratic candidate whoever he may be—on the theory that such action will do as much as ONE individual CAN to allow "Ike" to enjoy a well-deserved and greatly needed vacation.

"The President has done enough for his country as the heroic leader of World War II and as President of the United States for four years" maintains this voter "and while I suppose nothing can beat him, I am going to do what I can in that direction and if possible give him what I think he wants and deserves—a quiet life on his beloved Gettysburg farm, free from stress and strain, relieved of a job he doesn't really like, and responsibilities which he should not be called upon longer to assume."

THE above is not entirely a figment of the writer's imagination. At least one other staunch Republican has expressed similar sentiments, although our guess is when it comes to election day he will find the political habit of years too strong to resist—we can conceive of him NOT voting for Eisenhower but it is hard to conceive of him voting for a Democrat. Our guess is he will take a walk.

HOWEVER that may be, there is more sense to such a position than most Republicans will admit, and there is no doubt of the Democratic judgment that such a decision would be sane, sensible, rational and humane!

There is little doubt also that off the record "Ike" would frankly admit that if he should be beaten there would be tremendous personal compensations. The defeat would hurt his pride of course, but he would have the satisfaction of at least being able to do what he really wants to do, and at the same time feel there has been no shirking of responsibility, that he had not quit the fight, but had gone down with chin up and flags flying, as "a good soldier" should to the end.

THERE is another point to consider. The more this prevailing adulation of President Eisenhower, especially among the women voters, grows the more likely this one sentimental voter will be joined by others.

The Republican National committee better sic one of its best feminine psychologists on the problem, before it is too late! This somewhat fantastic method of serving Ike might spread.—R.W.R.

Concerted Effort Designed To Get Out Record Vote in 1956

Washington—(CQ)—The Big Question of 1956 will receive a 64-million-vote Answer if registration-and-vote drives currently being launched prove successful.

Political parties and citizens' groups will use every technique of persuasion from the doorbell ring (three times between now and election) to the commercial song by a Tin Pan Alley trio (24 times a day, if the station permits).

And all for one purpose: To lure, entice, embarrass or shame every eligible citizen into the polling place next Nov. 6.

Non-Partisan Drive The big non-partisan drive again will be spearheaded by the American Heritage Foundation, which sparked a similar campaign in 1952. That year more Americans—11 million more—voted than ever before. The total fell from 61 1/2 million to 42 1/2 million in 1954, but still set a record for non-Presidential election years.

This year the American Heritage Foundation and its partner, the Advertising Council, have enlisted more than 100 grass roots organizations in the registration- and -vote campaign. Everyone's in it, from the American Legion to Zonta International.

The Foundation has a three-phase program, including registration and primary election voting, publicizing issues and candidates, then the final drive for a big vote. Advertisements in newspapers and motion picture theaters, on radio and television will tie in with community drives by the 100 or more participating groups.

Parties Not Idle While this is going on, the Republicans and Democrats will not be idle. The parties favor voting as an exercise in civic virtue, but their concern with the size of the tally also has a frankly partisan basis.

Both GOP and Democrat strategists proceed on the assumption that the bigger the vote, the better off their party will be. They can't both be right, but there's no way of knowing until Nov. 7 who guessed wrong.

The big-vote strategy of the Republicans is a repeat of their 1952 formula, but a departure from earlier precedents. During the New-Fair Deal years, the Democrats scored heavily in the big-vote Presidential years, the Republicans staged comebacks in the small-vote non-Presidential election years.

Stay-at-Home Appeal In 1952, the Republican strategy board decided, with Mr. Eisenhower's concurrence, that the "Me Too" campaign, aimed at the independent or liberal vote, could not win. What was needed, the GOP strategists agreed, was an appeal to the 45 million stay-at-homes. The results confirmed to the Republicans.

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 initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Dairy Prices

To the Editor: Dairy farmer and dairy products—every day on the radio over KMED we hear about the dairy farmers receiving only 45 cents per hour, and judging from my experience on a farm that is setting it high. But there is no mentioning of dairy products company employees wages in comparison. If I dare say they are from three to five times or even more, than the farmer receives.

I received a St. Paul Pioneer Press from Minnesota dated April 3, 1956, and in it I noticed an ad of one of the super markets in St. Paul. Two quarts regular homogenized milk 27 cents, 1/2 gallon; and coffee, two cents a quart or 45 cents, two quarts, 1/2 gallon. There is a difference of 9 cents per quart or 18 cents per one-half gallon.

I would like for some one of the dairy produce industry to explain the cause or reason for such a large difference. The winters in Minnesota are longer and a lot more severe than in Oregon.

Name on File Talent, Ore.

A Rose Without Thorns

To the Editor: As a reader of Medford newspapers for almost a half century—before and ever since the advent of The Medford Mail Tribune, may I congratulate you on 50 years of service? The Medford Mail Tribune has brought to its readers an ever-increasing abundance of local, state, national and world news; all quite comparable to many larger city dailies. It keeps us abreast of affairs at home and abroad. And editorials, on varied and sundry subjects, have been of high quality and equitable, well on a par with practically any U.S. daily newspaper. Keep up the good work.

John E. Gribble 139 Kenwood ave. Medford, Ore.

ans the wisdom of their choice. One party leader estimates Mr. Eisenhower received three-fourths of the new votes lured to the polls.

In 1954, the GOP again played for a big vote, but this time failed to get it. The falloff in the vote was as deadly to Republican hopes as an A-bomb fallout. The Republicans dropped 13.8 million votes from their 1952 Presidential total. The Democrats dropped only 5.1 million. The difference cost the GOP control of Congress.

The 1956 problem as seen by the Republicans is this: To draw as big a vote from a country contented with the Eisenhower Administration as they obtained from a country dissatisfied with the Truman Deal. "If those who appreciate the peace and prosperity don't vote," one Republican leader says, "we'll be beaten by the doctrinaire Democrats and the small pockets of discontent in the country."

Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

NO BEAUTIFUL BLONDE SPIES

Washington—It is strange how the highest Administration officials stubbornly disbelieve what their own intelligence experts tell them.

Take, for example, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson's recent testimony before the House Appropriations committee: No national myth dies harder than the notion that the Soviets are technically backward, capable only of slavishly copying what the West has already produced. But it is really very odd that Secretary Wilson, after more than three years in office, should still believe in this comfortable myth.

For throughout those three years, Wilson has been literally deluged with evidence pointing in precisely the opposite direction. There is, moreover, nothing particularly mysterious about the great bulk of this evidence—it does not come from beautiful blonde spies. Most of it comes, instead, from such items as a long, profusely illustrated book called "Aviation Gas Turbine Engines," by G. S. Skubachevskii. Mr. Skubachevskii's formidable work was published in Moscow last year, and it is freely available in technical bookshops in the Soviet Union. When it arrived in Washington recently, it caused quite a fluttering in the intelligence devotees.

It contained, for one thing, numerous cutaway drawings of something called a "split compressor engine." The split compressor system is used in the most advanced American jet engine design, and all diagrams and performance data are top secret. Yet here was a mere textbook, distributed to mere student engineers in the Soviet Union, containing numerous detailed diagrams of the split compressor engine.

THE NOTION that "they get it all from spies," which is a companion myth to the "backward Russians" myth, does not hold up in this case either. The text of the book contains not only a highly sophisticated discussion of the split compressor engine, but a number of jet engineering techniques new to American experts. Soviet spies could not have stolen these ideas from us, simply because we didn't have them.

Reliable information on Soviet weapons progress from such sources as Mr. Skubachevskii's book, is not as impossibly difficult to come by as it is often cracked up to be. Last year, for example, the magazine "Aviation Week" published excellent photographs of the mass flights over Moscow of the new Soviet heavy bomber, the Bison—the same plane which Mr. Wilson had previously opined was a fake, or a mere hand-made prototype.

The publication of these photographs caused horror in the Pentagon, and the editor of the magazine was called on the carpet to explain where he got such "top secret" material. He explained that he had called the New York representative of Sovfoto, the Soviet propaganda agency. Sovfoto had happily offered him as many excellent photographs as he could use, and motion picture films of the overflights as well.

THE NOTION that all information about Soviet weapons developments comes from beautiful but highly untrustworthy blonde spies is one reason why such officials as Wilson do not really believe their own intelligence. Another reason is that men like Wilson and Secretary

Democrats wholly disagree with his analysis. They regard the 1952 election as a "freak," believe Democrats successes in the last three years indicate their party again is the majority choice. State and local Democratic organizations are in top shape, the leaders say, and are ready for a major campaign effort.

Both parties have placed emphasis on precinct work—door-to-door or telephone canvasses to locate every potential voter of the right persuasion, be sure he's registered and then see that he votes.

The GOP has a "Republican Recruit" plan, designed to double the precinct working force. The Democrats have set up a special division in the National Committee to work on the absentee vote. Both parties have more tricks up their sleeves.

For the average citizen all this effort means one thing: It's going to be down-right hard to avoid voting this year.

of the Treasury George M. Humphrey tend to regard the intelligence experts as impractical longhairs.

Secretary Humphrey, for example, recently became much exercised when he learned from a British steel tycoon who had made a tour of the Soviet Union that Soviet steel mills were as good as the best in Britain. As a member of the National Security Council, Humphrey had been repeatedly told exactly the same thing in intelligence briefings. But he only really believed it when he learned it from a fellow businessman and payroll-meeter.

A third reason is that the Central Intelligence Agency is prohibited from making comparative estimates of Soviet and American weapons development, so that the estimates lack meaning and impact.

But there is also another reason why high officials tend to disbelieve or disregard their own intelligence experts. Believing them would inexorably suggest all sorts of highly expensive and highly inconvenient action. Copyright 1956, New York Herald Tribune Inc.

Mrs. Tummers Returns From Portland Meet

Mrs. Alex Tummers, Mon Desir dining inn, returned last week from Portland where she was honored at a Portland Symphony champagne ball where chefs de cuisine received recognition of their culinary arts. The event was held at the Multnomah hotel. Mrs. Tummers was introduced and recognition was given to her and to the dining inn.

The inn also has been selected for the "restaurant of the month" for the May issue of the Oregon Food and Beverage magazine, edited by Gene Rossman, who did the selecting. The magazine also is the official organ of the Associated Restaurants of Oregon, the Chef de Cuisine of Portland and the Portland chapter of the International Stewards and Caterers association.

Beekeepers to Hold Public Classes Here

Rogue River Valley Beekeepers association will sponsor two public classes in beekeeping this month, it was reported Saturday. Provided in the two night sessions will be pointers for beginners as well as general information on beekeeping.

Chief discussion leader will be Dr. W. P. Stephen, assistant professor of entomology at Oregon State college. Dates of the meetings will be announced next week.

Attendance was reported good at two similar classes sponsored by the association last year.

Editorial Comment

NEITHER NEW NOR COMPLICATED

For the third time the people of Marion county, on May 18, will vote on county zoning. For the third time the Capital Journal supports it.

The first time the question was voted on, in 1952, it was quite decisively defeated and the second time, in 1954, only narrowly so. This time it should win with a good majority.

POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)

Overheard in the office one day last week: "My husband, bless his heart, bought me a lovely bouquet of wildflowers, and now I have poison oak."

Newspaper offices can, indeed, be pretty hectic places some days. One such day was last week. There were at least a half-dozen visitors to the office, bringing in news, or voicing complaints, or just talking to the busy staff members. Telephones were ringing. The teletype was chattering away in its own clattering gibberish. The deadline was approaching.

Then, as the paper went to press, one of those inexplicable and sudden moments of quiet descended. The visitors vanished. The telephones and the teletype hushed.

In the midst of the odd silence, the elevator door opened and out came a delivery boy with a box for the society editor. It evidently contained a corsage.

The shock of the silence—and of the innocent visitor without story or complaint, only a gift—was too much. The staff broke into irrational laughter.

The delivery boy looked confused, and who can blame him? And who can explain just what the laughter was about, either?

Elsa Maxwell, the portly professional party-giver, is quoted as saying: "Flattery is one thing I can eat up. It is not fattening."

Only above the neck. Elsa. One of our volunteer informants writes to tell us that a local radio commentator last Wednesday, talking about Ex-President Truman's forthcoming trip to Europe, was debating the question of whether Mr. Truman would travel as an "elder statesman" (something Harry denied).

Leading up to his story, our man said: "Mr. Truman, accompanied by Mrs. Eisenhower, is planning a trip to Europe in May."

We know of a girl who looked at the scales not too long ago, and decided to shed a few pounds. She went on a diet, which included a ban of most sweets, including chewing gum—a favorite habit of hers, and one which, of course, is banned at the school she attends. Last week the authorities at the school decided to lift the ban in certain classes for special reasons. Our friend is now madly searching for a non-fattening variety of gum so she can chew in school—legally.

A Medford housewife was asked by a friend to visit to receive a gift prepared for her. She went to the friend's home, and found the gift—a cake with three candles.

The friend had remembered her 33 1/3 birthday—her third-of-a-century mark.

Today and Tomorrow By Walter Lippmann

The U.S.A. and the U.N. The main line of American policy in the Palestinian disorders has been clarified very considerably by the statement that the President, issued from Georgia.

We shall work primarily with and through the United Nations, relying on the Security Council to determine who is the aggressor, and who is the victim to be defended.

THIS is, I believe, a better line of policy than the alternative, which would be for London and Washington and Paris to make themselves the sole judges of aggression and to assume the whole responsibility for intervention. This alternative line, which would make the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 rather than the Charter of the U.N. the sovereign document, has two very serious disadvantages.

This first disadvantage is that it asserts a Western jurisdiction in the Middle East which is contrary to the facts of the actual situation and also to the spirit of the times. The second disadvantage is that an Anglo-American attempt to pacify the Middle East would carry with it the incalculable risk that the Soviet Union would then have a free hand to throw its weight around.

THE great advantage of working through the U.N. is that it seeks the collaboration of the Soviet Union in working out agreements to prevent war, and it fixes the fact that the Soviet Union has a solemn responsibility for the prevention of war. It is the part of wisdom not to have the Soviet Union operating

against the Chinese frontier. Nevertheless Soviet intervention in the Middle East by infiltration, by propaganda and by arms running could not be prevented. This might not lead to a world war. But it might well lead to a long, indecisive and frustrating guerrilla war.

THE again, in peace, I say again, in the hands of the Soviet Union. If Moscow speaks the word in Cairo and we speak it in Tel-Aviv, there is every reason to think that war can be prevented. The word that needs to be spoken in Cairo is that the Soviet Union is opposed to war as the way to settle the Palestinian conflict. The word that needs to be spoken in Tel-Aviv is that Israel, while defending itself against these provocative raids, must not forfeit the support of the U.N. and of Britain and America by going on with the policy of big retaliatory blows.

everywhere should be spoken through diplomatic channels and publicly through the information services that the U.N. but its greatest opportunity. For it is committed to preventing a war which the U.N. can in fact prevent. All that is required is the concurrence of the great powers, everyone of which has vowed that is a peace-loving state. Copyright, New York Herald Tribune Inc.