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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: May 13, 1946 (It was Monday) Employment in the Medford area shows increase in April, according to the monthly review by the employment service.

20 YEARS AGO: May 13, 1936 (It was Wednesday) Sale of the Carhill Court by the Prudential Life Insurance company to Mrs. M. E. Schuchard of 108 Geneva st., announced.

30 YEARS AGO: May 13, 1926 (It was Thursday) Forty-seven crippled and handicapped children of Jackson county examined at free clinic for handicapped children at First Baptist church Monday.

40 YEARS AGO: May 13, 1916 (It was Saturday) Bids opened Saturday by the county court for the surfacing of the Medford-Jacksonville road with buckshot gravel.

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

1. A car's wheelbase is the distance between its front and back axles, bumpers, windshield and rear window, front and back tires, or differential and transmission?

2. Of all occupied hospital beds in the U. S. one in about (a) 2, (b) 5, (c) 10, or (d) 15 is occupied by a mental patient?

3. British political leader to visit the U. S. in mid-May is prime minister Eden, Labor party leader Gaitskill, Winston Churchill or Foreign Minister Lloyd?

4. More than half the natural gas consumed in the whole U. S. originates in Texas, right or wrong?

5. Digitalis is prescribed by doctors to help eyesight, hearing, heart action, sleeping or digestion?

6. In Israel a Kibbutz is a cooperative factory, fortification line, cooperative farm, type of military plane, or prayer for the dead?

7. J. Bracken Lee is governor of California, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Texas or Utah?

The answers: 1—Between axles. 2—About one in every two. 3—Gaitskill. 4—Right. 5—Heart action. 6—Cooperative farm. 7—Utah.

Milk output in France in 1955 was 42,000,000 pounds.

Hitchcock Gaining Fast

The most sensational feature of this primary campaign has been the rise of Phil Hitchcock and the decline of Douglas McKay in the race for the senatorial nomination on the GOP ticket.

The first important newspaper to switch from McKay to Hitchcock was the Salem Statesman—probably outside of Portland the most influential paper in the state.

Then the Bend Bulletin, also strongly Republican, joined in. And a few days ago that Gibraltar of party regularity on the Republican side—the Corvallis Gazette-Times, kissed the cherubic ex-Secretary of the Interior goodbye and jumped on the Hitchcock band wagon.

At this rate, before another week rolls around, the newspaper opposition to "Give Away" Doug, may be unanimous.

IT IS VERY interesting to this department, and revealing, also.

Our only regret is we have been unable to get all the facts. It was supposed, for example, that when Secretary McKay in 24 hours changed his mind about being a candidate, President Eisenhower was responsible.

But when asked if this was true, McKay declared emphatically it was not. The President, he said, had had nothing to do with his decision. What impelled him to declare one day he would not run for the Senate, and the next day he would was the demand that he received from the "home folks" in Oregon—it was their insistence, not pressure from the White House, that induced him to execute such a complete and sudden somersault, from not being a candidate to being one.

WE DON'T KNOW how many people in Oregon believed this tale of home support, but obviously ex-Governor Sprague, editor of the Statesman, didn't put much stock in it, for the day after this explanation the Statesman remarked editorially as follows, quote:

"The circumstances attending his (McKay's) decision have been disturbing. Over his off-expressed determination not to run for office he was pressured into running by top political brass in Washington. The ostensible reason was to encompass the defeat of Morse who stands out as GOP Enemy No. 1. The Statesman questions the wisdom of this decision."

Judging by the way Republican newspaper support is ebbing, a majority of the Republican party question the wisdom of the decision also. And this opposition to sending the former Secretary of the Interior to the Senate for the next six years, promises to be even greater when the polls open this coming Friday.

THE STATESMAN also declared its primary reason for supporting Hitchcock instead of McKay was the former's "high potential of statesmanship."

Well, there is no doubt our former Governor lacks that "potential." But we can't go along 100% with that rationalization of this defection from McKay to Hitchcock, by so many outstanding representatives of the Republican press, as well as prominent members of the Republican party.

After a careful reading of all the editorial explanations the real reasons for this switch may be stated, we believe accurately, in a very few words to-wit:

"Secretary of the Interior McKay's record from the standpoint of promoting the best interests of the PEOPLE of this state, and the country, has been such a depressing one, that the papers don't want the job of defending it added to the task of defeating Senator Morse. And the latter is the common denominator of all these "explanations." That is the purpose No. 1, not only of the Republican party in this state, but in Washington. Whatever you do, GET Morse, is the slogan. So putting first things first, they prefer a relatively unknown candidate against whom little can be said, to a well known candidate as vulnerable as the acknowledged champion of the 'Give Away technique,' and against whom so much CAN be said."

That is all there is to it, as we view it. It is not because the Republicans rate Phil Hitchcock so high in the realm of potential statesmanship—or anything else—but because they rate Secretary McKay so low.

They feel no certainty that Hitchcock can beat Morse, but they believe he has a good chance and they believe Secretary McKay has practically none.

So Mr. Hitchcock, against whom little if anything but his lack of experience can be said, is the beneficiary of the Republican hatred of Wayne Morse.

How much that beneficence will add up to the Friday primary should disclose. At this writing it looks considerable and is steadily growing.—R.W.R.

The Tydings Case

We hope former US Senator Tydings of Maryland wins out in the official count of Tuesday's primary.

If ever a man deserves to be returned to the Senate he does. Mr. Tydings had a fine record of intelligent and statesmanlike service in the Upper House, even though he was too much on the conservative side to satisfy some of his more radical colleagues.

But Senator McCarthy, who was then at the height of his prestige and power never forgave Tydings for the report of his Tydings committee in the Owen Latimore case, and decided that he must be liquidated.

So "Mac" and a few of his most trusted undercover men concocted a fake photograph scheme showing the Maryland Senator consorting with Comrade Stalin, had the same put in friendly newspapers and circulated throughout the state in pamphlet form. This was to back up the scurrilous personal attack against "The Gentleman from Maryland," terming him soft on communism, and impugning his loyalty to his own country, although he had a brilliant record as an officer in the World war—and had no more sympathy with

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop



Joseph Alsop

Kuwait, Persian Gulf—Here in Kuwait, the West's extreme vulnerability to the new Soviet flank attack in the Middle East is brought home with extreme vividness. This tiny desert Sheikhdom at the head of the Persian Gulf is now little more than a vast oil well with a small town on top of it. Kuwait's oil output now substantially exceeds the combined output of Iran and Iraq.

IN THESE circumstances, it is hardly surprising that Kuwait is a boom town. By Saudi Arabian standards, the ruling clan of Kuwait, the House of al-Subah, is distinctly restrained, yet the desert is dotted with their palaces which they like to illuminate by night in a way that puts Broadway to shame.

Even after all these expeditions, so much is left over that the British government thought it worth while to send the British Ambassador in Washington, Sir Roger Makins, on special mission here when he was one of the top officials in the Foreign Office. Sir Roger's task was to persuade the Sheikh of Kuwait to invest his reserve funds in London. The Sheikh complied. Today his money is probably the biggest single sum of new capital annually available for investment in the sterling area.

In these circumstances, it is not surprising that the British regard the Persian Gulf Sheikdoms, and especially Kuwait, as their hole card.

THE entire population of the three oil producing Sheikdoms, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Qatar, hardly amounts to more than 400,000 persons. But even if all the other Western positions in the Middle East crumble in the end under the pressure of the new Arab nationalism, spurred on and supported by the Soviets, the oil wells of these little Sheikdoms can be made to meet Britain's and Western Europe's requirement for fuel—

lifelood for a long time to come. If these grim circumstances ever arise, Britain will have to choose between holding the Sheikdoms and surviving, and risking the loss of the Sheikdoms and ending her career as a serious world power. The choice has already been made in London. The Sheikdoms will be held, by naked force if necessary. The ugly war in Cyprus is being fought to make sure of a transit base for troops bound to this region.

The question is whether this British strategy of the hole card will really work. Certainly it will be difficult to execute. To be sure, there is little of the popular unrest in Kuwait that is creating such a problem in Bahrain. The house of al-Subah really rules its Sheikdom, and with an iron hand. Most Kuwaitis are contented by the new prosperity, and for any who are known to be subversive, there is harsh and summary punishment.

BUT even the house of al-Subah will be anything but pleased by a military occupation, if this becomes necessary to protect the Kuwait oil source from the drive of nationalism in the rest of the Arab world. The trouble in Bahrain, in this event, would of course be even worse. Furthermore, if the Arab nationalist drive finally forces Britain to play her hole card, one can foresee all sorts of other very grave troubles, perhaps on the borders here, certainly at Suez, and quite probably at Aden.

The Soviet object in the Middle East is simply to use Arab nationalism to bring down the Western Alliance, by encouraging the Arab states to deny to the West the vital oil on which Britain and Western Europe so absolutely depend. Since this is quite certainly the Soviet purpose, it is a little difficult to see what good results can be expected by trying to negotiate a Middle Eastern settlement with the Soviets. This increasingly popular expedient will be like sitting down with your own murderer to argue about whether he will stab you in the heart or only cut your jugular vein.

BY THE same token, however, the present British plan for dealing with the Middle Eastern danger if worst comes to worst does not look very practical or very attractive when one examines it on the spot, here in the gulf coast Sheikdoms where the last ditch defense is to center. The problem in the Middle East, therefore, is not just to prevent a new outbreak of Arab-Israeli fighting. The problem is to find a firm, united, imaginative and generous Anglo-American policy towards Arab nationalism which will frustrate the Soviet Strategy and protect the oil source without recourse to desperate measures. Copyright 1956, New York Herald Tribune Inc.

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Who Is McKay?

To the Editor: Will you be so kind as to inform me who this great and mighty McKay, who shot off his mouth so loudly over radio and television a few days ago, may be? You know, the bird who was so RIGHTEOUSLY (?) indignant at our Senator Morse?

I do not suppose HE ever heard of the old adage "He who lives in glass houses should never throw stones". And he certainly threw enough stones to fill a box car.

What is he trying to do? Does he hope to scare Senator Morse, or does he hope to scare him to death? Or just drive him to drink?

Maybe Mr. McKay wants to turn cannibal. It could be that he hankers for a roast or a fry from Morse's carcass. However, it may prove to be mighty tough chawin'.

Or, it could be, as he has so often stated, that his "respect" for the "dollar" has increased to real veneration?

Such things have happened to many others in the past, as witness the story of Midas the king. Whichever it may be, or neither, he seems to want to go to the Senate that, to him, all means are to be used to that desired end.

Let's take a look at the Al Sarena case. McKay says he complied with the law. Did he? I have the U.S.F.S. records in the matter, wherein emphatic protests to the issue of patents were made. Were he in the right, those protests need not have been made. That every man with reasoning power will agree.

Also, I have been over the Al Sarena many times in the last 32 years, and while I have only a prospector's experience, I aver that there is no metal on any one of those claims worthwhile.

McKay also said the timber thereon was small and worth little. How does he know? Was he there at any time?

If worth little, why are the claims being denuded of such timber as fast as possible? I have seen that timber and I state unequivocally that it averages up to the rest of the timber on the reserve. That is a fact.

About the Hell's Canyon Dam give away?

Does he forget that the people of this state know that the Coulee Dam in Washington and the big Bonneville Dam are paying for themselves, and that in the future the dams will have paid for themselves and give a fine profit to the federal government thereafter?

He says Morse was always against the President's projects. I have Morse's voting records for this Congress.

He supported the President 82 per cent.

And that was enough, and, as I see it, too much. A. L. Unger, 634 Pennsylvania ave., Medford, Ore.

Fire Protection Costs

To the Editor: The city of Ashland fire protection budget for 1956 is \$42,000. This figures out to \$5.25 per person, or \$21 for a family of four living within the city limits.

For this same average family living in an average construction \$10,000 house on a lot worth \$1,000, the fire insurance premium will run about \$15 a year.

So, we reach the figure of \$36 spent by this "average" family total for fire protection for a year.

Taking another "average" situation, I say that this house catches on fire to the extent that it is damaged 30 per cent during a fire.

Doing some figuring, the fire insurance will recompense the homeowner \$2,700 for this fire. Thus, the fire department has succeeded in preventing the complete destruction of the house, giving a figure of \$6,300 saved by the fire department for the homeowner.

Breaking this down we find that the homeowner has been recompensed \$180 per dollar-amount?

NO, THAT isn't it. An entirely different principle is involved. The situation is roughly this:

Some time ago the Portland General Electric company obtained a permit from the federal power commission but NOT from the Oregon hydroelectric commission. In subsequent litigation, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in effect that the federal power commission has the right to license the Deschutes dam regardless of what the state of Oregon may do about it.

That raises this question: WHO OWNS OREGON'S WATER? That is the biggest question in Oregon's future.

IF OREGON accepts without resistance the theory that the federal government can do with Oregon's water what it pleases, it will STRENGTHEN the contention that the federal government owns Oregon's water. That theory we MUST NOT accept by acquiescence.

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

A staff member with cleanly habits was taking a luxurious bath Saturday morning before coming to work. As he was soaking in the tub, the telephone rang.

He muttered a curse and heaved himself out of the water, planted a foot on the bathroom floor, slipped, and crashed down amidst a flurry of spray. He cracked his head on the heater, sprained a shoulder and barked an ankle. Undaunted, he grabbed a towel and limped, head ringing and shoulder hurting, to the telephone.

It was (need you ask?) a wrong number.

Automation has its hazards. We assume it was the result of a misplaced digit and the new long-distance dialing now possible in some cities, which resulted in a telephone call received by local area last week. The call was from a city in Massachusetts, and the person calling didn't want Medford, Oregon, at all. They wanted Ansonia Derby, Connecticut.

Mrs. Bette Hoskins, the Mail Tribune's correspondent in Jacksonville, has come up with something that newspaper people appreciate. She reports that a contributor to her regular Jacksonville column donated a quotation from the Hewitt Banner, in Hewitt, Minn., which goes like this:

"I know not what the truth may be. "I tell it as 'twas told to me." Mrs. Hoskins added, "As Jacksonville correspondent, I trust this will explain any mistakes I may have made in the past or may make in the future." So say we all of us.

One well-known Kiwanian put his brother club members to shame last week at the Wednesday Mothers' Day luncheon. He not only brought along his mother, but his mother-in-law, too.

One of our feminine staff members (about whom more elsewhere in today's paper) spent some time at the police firearms training school last week. At one point in the proceedings her car got stuck in a muddy area, and she called for help from the assembled lawmen.

They responded nobly, and with some grunting and heaving (combined with usual male statements about women's abilities as drivers) helped her get her car unstuck.

After she got back to town she suddenly realized, to her horror, that her auto license plates had expired. She still isn't quite sure whether the officers who helped her were being gentlemanly in not noticing the expired plates, or simply unobserving. Anyway, she dashed out pronto and got her car legalized.

As a post script, it should be noted, perhaps, that the same officers who commented caustically about women drivers got their own cars stuck in the same mud puddle later the same day.

Last Sunday, we reported on Jacksonville Police Chief Frank Carter chasing a white male, which escaped in the direction of Mom's Hideaway. Immediately that restaurant proudly brought out a menu which listed "White Mule Steaks, a la Frank Carter."

It's an old story, but still good. A Medford housewife some time ago asked her businessman-husband to take her out to lunch. No, he said, because his service club met that noon. When he arrived at the service club, the presence of a number of women reminded him—too late—that the meeting that day was the annual session to which club members were SUPPOSED to bring their wives.

We're not sure whether he ever told her that or not.

I. A. Mirick, school instrumental music supervisor, arrived late at a Washington school program dress rehearsal last week, so young Jim Johnston directed the band in its first number. He did so well that Mirick called on him to lead the band for the first number at the regular program the following night.

Say!! Whatever happened to Davy Crockett?

Herbert Seitz Elected Lions Club President

Herbert Seitz was elected president of the Medford Lions Club for the year beginning July 1 at the club's annual election Wednesday.

Other officers include Louie Ruhl, first vice-president; Joe Tomjak, second vice-president; Lee Knox, secretary-treasurer; Ed Ashton, lion tamer; Lee Mellish, tailtwister; Jerry Lausmann and Speed Waters, directors for two year terms and Elliott Becken, director for a one-year term.

newspaper for publication so that the people of Jackson county can be correctly informed of the issues. George L. Stacey, Certified Public Accountant, Medford, Ore.