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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 17, 1946
(It was Friday)

The 20-30 club of Medford regained its charter and former rating in the national organization of 20-30 clubs at a dinner and ceremony May 11, held at the Holland hotel.

From Arthur Perrey's Ye Snudge Pot column: Leon Offenbacher, the Applegate tiller, towned yes. He was looking for a mowing machine nut, and rain.

20 YEARS AGO
May 17, 1936
(It was Sunday)

One hundred and thirty-five pounds of fish were taken in five hours yesterday by Bill Fillingim, and Dick Green, Mail Tribune pressmen.

John Noon celebrated his 98th birthday at the county farm yesterday.

30 YEARS AGO
May 17, 1926
(It was Monday)

The Wednesday surprise bar gains of the Medford merchants become more popular from month to month, reports say.

A telegram was received here this morning from W. H. Gore, chairman of the western Oregon counties' citizens' delegation.

40 YEARS AGO
May 17, 1916
(It was Wednesday)

Dr. J. M. Keene, councilman from the Second Ward, and crowing roosters were the headline acts at the regular mid-month meeting of the city council Tuesday night.

The grand jury is today compiling its report on the county officers and their management.

TWO-WAY NAME
Memphis, Tenn. — (UP)—The pastor of Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian church here says he's name is Dr. Harold Gordon Harold.

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

1. Still in school are a much larger percentage of all 16 and 17-year-olds from urban than from rural areas, or a much larger percentage from rural areas, or about the same from each?

2. Thomas E. Dewey clinched the Republican presidential nomination in 1948 when in the Oregon primary he beat Taft, Stassen, Bricker or Vandenberg?

3. The Preakness race, second part of the Triple Crown, is run in Baltimore, elsewhere in Maryland, New Jersey, a New England state or Kentucky?

4. New York grants divorce on more grounds than most other state do; right or wrong?

5. Davy Crockett was once or never a member of the U.S. Congress?

6. Most epilepsy can or can't now be controlled by drugs and chemicals?

7. Tennessee Williams, outstanding U. S. dramatist of today, was born in Tennessee; right or wrong?

The answers: 1. About the same from each. 2. Stassen. 3. Baltimore. 4. Wrong. 5. Was once. 6. Can. 7. Wrong.

Why Such a Rush?

We can understand why many Democrats wish to be delegates to the Chicago convention. For that involves an interesting trip across the country and an exciting dramatic session. But why a record-breaking number should wish to be given a badge and a hard wooden-seat at the Cow Palace south of San Francisco for the Republican conclave is a mystery.

It must be mainly San Francisco—its proximity (in spite of the SP!)—and its charm. One might add its fine invigorating climate but for the fact that August is the worst month in the year, as far as the Golden Gate is concerned, and usually cold, windy and forbidding.

AS FAR AS excitement goes the GOP conclave promises to be about as exciting as the next meeting of U. S. Steel Board of Directors. Everything has been arranged and the program cut and dried. We doubt if there is much of a fight even over civil rights and the farm problem. It is different with the Democrats. If they have nothing to fight about they manufacture something and stage a good one. Nothing like that for the Grand Old Party. They like peace, prosperity and platitudes—and that's all they are going to get this year.

YET THERE ARE 45 GOP applicants for 12 positions at the Cow Palace. And each one would like a "kind word" from the Mail Tribune. Sorry, but it can't be done! We never heard of most of these people and with a few exceptions, only know the local aspirants. Moreover, no real issue is involved. Who the delegates are to these conventions makes practically no difference to the country or the party, but only to the individuals concerned. Our only suggestion, therefore, would be that if any member of our list printed below is known to be allergic to boredom and inclined to fall asleep in the midst of ham acting and synthetic political noise and fury they be eliminated. For it would be poor advertising for Oregon to have any delegate from this state peacefully snoring, particularly while the organ played the "Star Spangled Banner." The always-alert press gallery would undoubtedly spot him—or her—and broadcast the item.

However, as remarked above, we have had many requests, and in the interest of time-saving in marking the ballots, here goes, to-wit:

REPUBLICAN, DELEGATES-AT-LARGE:

- Wm. M. McAllister, J. C. Talbot
Robert A. Elliott, Rudie Wilhelm, Jr.
Earl T. Newbury, Philip Bladine
Katherine Coney Corbett, Jess Gard
Elmo Smith, James S. Lonergan

DISTRICT DELEGATES:

- Robert R. Dickey, Rodney Keating

DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES-AT-LARGE:

- Monroe Sweetland, Edith Green
Wm. Grenfel, Jr.
Alfred H. Corbett, Wm. L. Joslin
Dexter Fairbank, Richard L. Neuberger

DISTRICT DELEGATES:

- Alex Hamilton, Jr., Joseph N. Barnett

— R. W. R.

Keep Nunley On The Job

Apparently there are some voters in the county who have interpreted our failure to conduct a campaign in favor of District Attorney Walter Nunley, as we did four years ago to disappointment in him and his record.

This is not true. Four years ago we entered the primary and carried on a vigorous campaign in favor of Nunley, because we regarded the issue involved as extremely important. As we viewed the field this year no issue of equal importance seemed in the picture. So we followed our long established custom of leaving the selection of candidates by the two parties up to the members themselves and reserving our selection of those best fitted for their jobs until the November election.

HOWEVER, in view of this misinterpretation, which has been helped along, no doubt, by Nunley's enemies, it is only fair to him to state that we think our present District Attorney has done a good job, deserves renomination and reelection and we believe that is exactly what will happen.

Nunley, we grant, was a bit green when he took over, and he made some regrettable mistakes—but one thing he didn't do, he didn't repeat them, and he is today, we think, far better qualified to carry on the important duties of his office efficiently and properly than he was four years ago.

THE CHARGE has been made that he has been extravagant and by increasing expenses of administration inordinately has increased taxes. This has been good campaign material, no doubt, for the people of the county at this time are particularly tax-conscious.

But it is no more true than the misinterpretation regarding the Mail Tribune's attitude. The increased expenses of this department were ordered by the County Court, and not by Nunley, and primarily for one reason—namely:

THE OFFICE of District Attorney is very important to the County Court in its proper administration of county affairs, and while Mr. Nunley cooperated at all times with the court, the latter soon found that to have the desired efficiency it was necessary to materially increase the salaries of the entire staff or men

of the desired training and capabilities, could not be secured—or if secured, could not be retained.

By bringing salaries up to the standard level, a well-balanced and efficient staff of county law enforcement has been secured, and exists today.

It would, as we see it, be extremely unwise as well as costly to the taxpayers, to change horses in the middle of the stream, and thus fail to profit by four years of experience, and the steady improvement in this department that has been made. — R. W. R.

Purely Preferential

Because of many requests for information we are concluding the primary campaign by expressing the following M.T. preferences for nominations in both parties:

REPUBLICAN:

NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN: John Merrifield
U. S. SENATOR: Phil Hitchcock
GOVERNOR: Elmo Smith
SECRETARY OF STATE: Mark Hatfield
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Walter Nunley

DEMOCRATIC:

NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN: C. Gerald Davidson
U. S. SENATOR: Wayne Morse
GOVERNOR: Robert Holmes
FOR PRESIDENT: (write-in) Stevenson
COUNTY ASSESSOR: Andrew Hawver

NON-PARTISAN:

FOR SUPREME COURT: Hall S. Lusk
DISTRICT JUDGE: Rawles Moore

— R. W. R.

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.

No Grounds for Suspicion

To the Editor: I was one of the ministers the District Attorney invited to sit in on the reading of a report made by Private Investigator Walter Jeffries. The report was read aloud to the group; in fact, I did a good share of the reading. I had two private interviews with Mr. Jeffries; I read through his credentials and dozens of letters of recommendations. Mr. Jeffries is not an imaginary character, or a man of low morals or motives.

We were invited to hear the report and to meet Mr. Jeffries with the plain understanding that his work was confidential. This arises from the very nature of the investigation.

It was a survey, a kind of reconnoitering to discover where—if any—corruption, dope peddling, and gambling were carried on. The investigation and report were not the gathering of evidence to prosecute in court. There is a vast difference between evidence to prosecute, and information for further investigation. The court is the place to use evidence for prosecution. General information is not evidence for prosecution, and neither is it the kind of material to be broadcast.

In the very act of spreading it, the report loses its value. It is my opinion that nothing more than curiosity can be served by releasing the report. Great injury could follow to persons involved but not guilty of crime that could be prosecuted.

Clergymen were invited precisely because, on the one hand they are concerned about the moral tenor of the community, and on the other hand, because they are not involved in either prosecution of criminals or law enforcement.

I have written to assure my fellow-citizens that we have not been fleeced or hood-winked. Whether or not any citizen or official thinks an investigation ought to have been made is a matter for private opinion. I believe that a general is wise who sends out scouting parties to discover the points of enemy concentration.

The investigation was authorized by the County Court and the Citizens Budget Committee. It was made by a reputable private investigator, a report was made, and the monies were spent by authorized authorities. Curiosity may thrive on secrecy. So can suspicion.

There may be grounds for curiosity. There may be grounds for debate about the need for wisdom or the investigation. But there are no grounds for suspicions about the handling of the investigation.

The Rev. Kenneth F. Korby, 17 Vancouver ave., Medford, Ore.

About DA's Office

To the Editor: The district attorney's committeeman, Dan Krotz, has accused me in this column of using smear and propaganda. For the past month I have been charging the district attorney with specific acts of incompetency and waste in office, giving dates, circumstances, and amounts of money.

Many of these charges were made when the district attorney was present, not five feet from me. The district attorney had full opportunity to expose them, if they really were smear and propaganda. He did not do so, and still has not done so, because the charges are simply a factual recital of the sorry public record that the district attorney himself has made.

I repeatedly challenged the district attorney in person at public meetings in Granges and

Incidents Serve As Reminders That Spies are Still Operating

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent

Britain's frogman incident and the mystery of the Berlin wiretap tunnel are reminders that the spy business is flourishing as usual.

Nobody has admitted that a British intelligence agency sent frogman Lionel Crabb to snoop around the Soviet cruiser Ordzhonikidze while the Kremlin's Mr. B. and Mr. K. were visiting Prime Minister Anthony Eden.

Nor has it been admitted that an American or British agency built the tunnel under East Berlin to listen in on Red German and Russian army telephone conversations.

It is pretty certain, however, that Crabb was not just out for exercise when he went swimming in the chill waters of Portsmouth harbor where the Ordzhonikidze lay at anchor.

It seems unlikely that the Communists dug the tunnel, starting from the United States Army radar station in West Berlin, and filled it with American and British electronic equipment.

These men piece together, bit by bit, the things they read until they fall into a pattern. This pattern may give them the news

of some big development in nuclear energy research, in the production of a new type of military plane and the details of a new gun or tank.

Every military, naval and air attaché in every embassy is a spy in a sense. It is their job to get information about the armed forces of the countries to which they are assigned. We frequently read of a Russian attaché being caught in espionage. One reason seems to be that a lot of them are not too careful and not too clever.

The spy business dates back centuries before Christ. But Oliver Cromwell and Cardinal Richelieu were the creators of organized espionage. That was in the 17th century.

In czarist times in Russia, the chief of the revolutionary terrorist organization was for years an agent of the Okhrana, the secret police. He directed the assassination of some of the highest czarist officials—with the Okhrana's knowledge.

In both world wars, the British Secret Service managed to maintain agents on the German general staff.

In all, the spy business is a big one in peace as well as in war.

say he has probably tried three times as many cases during his term as were tried in the term before him. He has lost a few cases to some pretty experienced lawyers, but his batting average is good and I think most peace officers are glad to have him to carry the ball when their cases come to court.

It has been an uphill drag all the way, but Walt Nunley has done a job that some people didn't think he could do when he took over the district attorney's office in 1953, and I think he had won the respect of many people who opposed his election in 1952.

DeArmond Leigh
Ashland, Ore.

Favors Rode

To the Editor: I know George Rode as a fine citizen. His education and interest in civic affairs fits him for the office of District Attorney of Jackson County and I wish to endorse him in this office.

Mrs. Alfred S. V. Carpenter,
Old Stage Rd.,
Medford, Ore.

Opposed to Morthland

To the Editor: The work and responsibilities of a county commissioner are great and important. I have sat on boards and commissions with both Mr. Lattie and his opponent. I feel that Mel Lattie is much better fitted to fill the position of county commissioner than the other candidate.

Alfred S. V. Carpenter,
Old Stage Rd.,
Medford, Ore.

Figures Cited

To the Editor: Mr. Lattie is continuing to use incorrect figures in an attempt to mislead the voters of Jackson County. The figures presented below, which have been expanded over a period of years, are summarized in the following manner:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes: General Contractors for new county buildings \$405,721.51; Architects fees 27,742.52; Plumbing and heating contractor 35,541.15; Electrical contractor 15,249.28; New equipment and installation of system—County Tax Collector 23,199.97; New equipment—County Assessor 9,021.48; Equipment in other County departments, cost of moving departments, cost of improving old offices, etc. 28,998.68. Total: \$545,474.59.

Where, in the above figures, is there a \$10,000 tax waste? L. G. (Shy) Morthland
Candidate for County Commissioner

Stacy Replies

To the Editor: This is a reply to the letter of May 15 of Mr. Melvin J. Lattie.

In Mr. Lattie's letter he states "Is it possible that the auditor does not know what the accurate condition of the finances of Jackson County are?" It is possible that this is a statement "wholly without foundation" purely to influence the voters of Jackson County by misleading them?"

The statement to which Mr. Lattie refers is our certification

to the public of Jackson County that at April 30, 1956 there was on hand in the court house building and improvement fund the amount of \$154,241.55. Mr. Lattie states that this amount should be \$159,088.22. If Mr. Lattie will check warrant number 220, he will find that the warrant was issued in April and not cashed at April 30, 1956 so, while Mr. Lattie's figures are correct, he has not given consideration to the normal bank account reconciliation necessary at the end of each month.

The Treasurer's cash at the end of any month is never the same as the fund balance for the simple reason that there are always checks in transit which have not yet been presented to the Treasurer of Jackson County for payment.

As stated in Mr. Lattie's letter of May 15, we are the auditors for the taxpayers of Jackson County which, of course, include Mr. Lattie, and in our work for Jackson County we follow the principles and tenets of municipal accounting as required by the Secretary of State of Oregon.

George E. Stacy
Certified Public Accountant
Medford, Ore.

Voices Disgust

To the Editor: On May 14 the City Planning Commission of Medford held a meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposed freeway route in the vicinity of Medford. The meeting was well publicized and well attended by opponents of both the proposed Genesee route and the proposed Hillcrest route.

Considerable expression of opinion was advanced by those on both sides and after the Commission had heard all of those who indicated a desire to speak, the Chairman announced that action on the part of the Commission would be postponed since the Highway Commission had supplied inadequate information and either route would so definitely hurt so many people.

Relying upon these recommendations by the chairman of the Commission, most of those in attendance at the hearing went home. After the room had cleared of nearly all of the opponents of the Genesee route, the Planning Commission reopened the subject and passed a resolution giving their qualified approval to the Genesee Street project.

The factual and dispassionate account of the proceedings does not attempt to express my disgust at such obviously understood tactics. The people of Medford and the City Council of Medford should vigorously reject any recommendations from a Planning Commission that refuses to exercise its responsibilities in open meeting, and deliberately misleads a substantial segment of those adversely affected in order that they might cast their vote after the opponents of the Genesee route had been informed that they might go home because the Commission did not intend to take any further action at this time.

Dick House
15 Corning Court
Medford, Ore.

Find Out What Goes On

To the Editor: At the meeting of the Medford Planning Board Monday night there was a fine example of democracy at work. The members of the Board

were amazed to see the number in attendance, indicative of the public interest in their recommendation to the city council and the State Highway Commission on the location of the much debated freeway.

There was a great deal of discussion on the two proposed routes. Many reasons were brought out against the through-city route, mostly to do with the damage it would do to the city. On the other hand quite a few reasons were brought to light opposing the outer route, mostly to do with the damage which would be done to several wealthy individuals. Many questions were asked and the members of the Board were often forced to answer. "We aren't informed on the point." An informal vote was taken among the citizens present. Approximately 60 voted against the city route, half a dozen seemed opposed to the Hillcrest route.

After further discussion the Board announced the business concerning this subject was closed and most people left, thinking the only possible action the Board could take would be to become more informed. However, there must have been a few who remained, possible the half dozen, for it was announced Tuesday that the Board had taken a vote and decided to recommend the through-city route to the city council.

Now, if you are one of the many who doesn't know what is going on, you had better find out. You are going to find yourself living in a democracy that operates much like a dictatorship.

Mrs. J. C. Langston
114 Tripp st.
Medford, Ore.

Democrat for Nunley

To the Editor: I am a registered Democrat, but I am for Walter Nunley.

Walter is not only a prosecutor, but an advisor as well, and if you have a problem you can go in to Walter's office and sit down and talk to him, and will advise you as to the proper thing to do. I know, because I have had that experience.

E. J. Hopkins Sr.,
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Jacksonville, Ore.

No Starting Time Set On Multnomah Probe

Portland — (UP) — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said yesterday that no starting time has been decided for the grand jury investigation of alleged vice in Multnomah county.

VOTING IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS



When You Vote May 18 IT'S LEE WILMETH for Justice of the Peace Pd. Pol. Adv. Wilmeth Committee

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