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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
June 3, 1946
(Pit was Monday)

Promoter Mack Lillard has signed world champion wrestler Ernie Plasso for the main event of Wednesday night's card at Medford armory.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: County Agent Bob Fowler is the latest bouncing grandfather of a proud baby who arrived Friday.

20 Years AGO
June 3, 1936
(Pit was Wednesday)

Jackson county court denies a score of requests by miners for permission to "work" the old court house grounds at Jacksonville.

Frank Rector installed president of the Medford Typographical Union No. 559.

30 Years AGO
June 3, 1926
(Pit was Thursday)

The first barbecue to be held in Medford for several years will begin in the city park at 6:30 p.m. as a part of the Chamber of Commerce membership drive.

Petitions are being circulated asking the city council to give free license hereafter to the Chautauquas.

40 Years AGO
June 3, 1916
(Pit was Saturday)

Ashland plans to entertain at least 30,000 people on July 4 and 5, during the formal opening of the new park.

From Local and Personal column: William Moore, or Roseburg, is visiting friends in the city this week.

What's the Answer?

- 1. California's delegates at the 1952 Democratic convention were mostly for Stevenson, Kefauver, Sen. Russell (Ga.), Harriman or Barkley?
2. U.S. aircraft manufacturers have orders for around (a) 100, (b) 125, (c) 200, or (d) 250 jet air transports?
3. Korean Vice President-elect Chang belongs to the same political party as reelected President Syngman Rhee: right or wrong?
4. The number of peages in Britain has declined in the past 50 years, stayed about the same, or gone up?
5. A constitutional amendment to prohibit abolition of slavery by Congress was submitted to the states on the eve of the Civil War: right or wrong?
6. Communist international radio propaganda broadcasts have been increasing or falling off in recent years?
7. Woodrow Wilson was born 100 years ago next Dec. 28 in Princeton, N.J., Savannah, Ga., or Staunton, Va?
The Answers: 1. Kefauver. 2. 200 jet transports. 3. Wrong (Rhee's running mate was defeated). 4. Net increase of 214 peages. 5. Right (Corwin amendment, March 2, 1861; ratified by Ohio, Md., Ill.). 6. Broadcasts tripled between 1948 and 1953, according to U. S. Information Agency. 7. Staunton.

The U. S. exported 3,000,000 tons of coal to Japan in 1954. One-third of the homes in the U. S. are 25-50 years old.

A Comeback for McCarthy?

McCarthyism is dead but not buried. With a presidential election approaching there is apparently a country-wide but underground effort to stage a resurrection.

We are in receipt of a poster from a post-office box in Glendale, California—no names mentioned—for example, headed as follows:

"Knowland for President—IF."

THE "IF" means if President Eisenhower should be unable to accept the Republican nomination because of ill health, then the supporters of this pronouncement will be for Knowland, and want "all traditionally-minded American patriots" to gather around the standard of "100% Americanism" now, so if any such regrettable tragedy should happen these 20th Century members of the Knowland Tea-Party will be prepared.

It is realistic to assume that the man who admits at this early date he will be able to make only six or seven television speeches might very easily conclude it would be unwise for him to accept the nomination at San Francisco. Shrewd politicians of great power in the party who have always opposed the Knowland-Taft-McArthur elements are warming up several horses in their stable which include Stassen, Lewey, Humphrey, Milton Eisenhower and others. If they are exercising prospective candidates on the risk of an emergency situation then it behooves us to do something very practical and realistic without in any way embarrassing Mr. Knowland's responsibility to the party.

WHERE does Senator McCarthy come in? Well as he undoubtedly wished, not by a frontal attack, but by a flank movement aided by the smoke screen of Knowland-Taft-and-McArthur—in short, the method made famous by Moscow—political infiltration.

There is in short, no DIRECT plea for McCarthy and McCarthyism, but throughout this manifesto, in a subtle but effective way, the importance of a rejuvenation and reinstatement of the junior Senator from Wisconsin is made clear.

For example, quote: We believe the situation is so fraught with danger in the light of the world crisis that a draft Knowland movement should rise above even his personal desires, to the end that the Republican party be saved from the menace of APPEASEMENT, NEW DEALISM, UNITED NATIONS tyranny and a score of other threatening potentials that might mature, if a last-minute decision had to be made by a handful of men who literally hate such statesmen as Knowland, Bricker, McCarthy, Jenner, Welker and their compatriots. (The capitalization is ours.)

Well there is the cream of the pro-McCarthy group in the Upper House of Congress, for as the poster points out in its endorsement of California's senior senator, he is one of the few GOP stalwarts who "in spite of terrific pressure from the White House and elsewhere" fought against the censuring of Senator McCarthy. He promised to lead a campaign to withdraw from the United Nations if Communist China were recognized—another McCarthy item.

AND HERE is the final exhortation, which certainly sounds like McCarthy if Wisconsin's junior senator did not write it, quote:

"The purpose of this call is to alert people who are in a mood to stand ready for a sensational and dynamic challenge, when, as and if it becomes necessary. If the emergency arises and we are unprepared, our party will be sucked down into a pit of socialistic, international statecraft that could easily sound the death knell of the Party and America as we know it and love it."

There is the old fear complex and conspiracy bugaboo again.

If any of our readers wish to join this "sacred crusade" and further the cause of this brand of "100% Americanism" as represented by "Knowland, Bricker, MacArthur, McCarthy, Jenner and Welker," all they have to do is to send their contributions to P. O. Box 1222, Glendale 5, California, and if they add ten cents per name for a list of friends similarly disposed, the friends will each receive a copy of the poster commented upon above, suitable for posting in any conspicuous place, such as the front door of the office or the back door of the family garage. — R. W. R.

California Will Decide

Even Adlai Stevenson's political enemies should agree about one virtue he has, namely: HONESTY. One may agree or disagree with his political views but no one—at least no discerning person—can deny that he believes what he says and he says what he believes. There isn't a phoney note in his make-up. As Mrs. Roosevelt recently remarked, Stevenson thinks political problems through—he doesn't skim their surface—and when he comes to a conclusion he announces it, and sticks to it—so long as he believes it, and no longer.

THIS INTEGRITY, this freedom from make-believe, has been clearly demonstrated in this primary campaign by his reaction to the results which with the exception of his victory over the ebullient and irrepressible Estes Kefauver here in Oregon, have not been particularly encouraging.

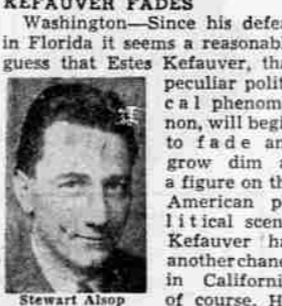
Mr. Stevenson has not, like so many politicians, pretended them to be. After the Minnesota debacle, for example, he frankly admitted his disappointment, had no alibis to offer—merely said he would continue to stay in the contest and intended to do better by making his position and his convictions clearer.

THAT he has done. He won a clear-cut victory in Florida, getting 22 out of 28 delegates—but he made no pretense it was a knockout victory, only a decision, and he spared the ear drums and feelings of the "disloyal opposition," confining his comment to a single sentence, thanking the people of Florida for their "vote of confidence." His opponent, Senator Kefauver—and another op-

Veterans Organizations Reject Commission's Pension Report

Washington—(CQ)—The GI's General—Omar N. Bradley—has veterans' organizations taking the field against him over his report to President Eisenhower on benefits for ex-servicemen. Bradley, chairman of the President's seven-man Commission on Veterans' Pensions, and former chief of the Veterans' Administration, told Mr. Eisenhower that "the whole structure of traditional veterans' programs . . . (should) be modernized . . . and brought up to date." Citing the growth in the number of veterans and their dependents since World War II—in 1940 there were four million veterans, now 22 million veterans and their families amount to 45 per cent of the United States population — Bradley's group generally recommended less benefits to non-disabled veterans, more for those disabled during their service career. Conditions Seen Changed This basic recommendation was made, reports the Commission, because conditions of military service have "changed for the better" since the Civil War, concepts of military service are "forcing us to reshape" thinking on veterans' benefits and the "basic needs" for economic security are being met increasingly through general government and private programs. Most controversial is the Commission recommendation that military service is "an obligation of citizenship and should not be considered inherently a basis for future government benefits."

Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop



KEFAUVER FADES Washington—Since his defeat in Florida it seems a reasonable guess that Estes Kefauver, that peculiar political phenomenon, will begin to fade and grow dim as a figure on the American political scene. Kefauver has another chance in California, of course. His defeat in Florida was by the slimmest of margins. It is always dangerous to make predictions about American politics, and Kefauver has been about the most consistently under-estimated American politician. But when all this is said, it is hard to see how Kefauver can recover from his Florida defeat. To understand why the Florida defeat is so devastating in Kefauver's case, it is necessary to understand the kind of campaign he waged in the last few days of the Florida race. On Wednesday of the final week of the campaign, all the reporters covering Kefauver took note of the fact that he had made a decision sure to affect his whole political future. His decision was to play it rough.

Stevenson vetoed was, as the Chicago "Sun-Times" pointed out, "passed by a Republican-controlled Legislature as a political trap for Adlai." He must have known that the Legislature provided no revenues for the increase, and that, as the "Sun-Times" also said, it took "rare political courage and honesty" for Stevenson to veto the measure. If Kefauver did not know these things, it could only have been because he made a conscious effort not to know them. As a shrewd and experienced politician, Kefauver must also have known the risks he was taking in adopting such tactics. In the first place, they were absolutely guaranteed to infuriate Stevenson's supporters and Stevenson himself. One Stevenson intimate, asked if Stevenson might still consent to run with Kefauver if necessary for the nomination, replied in measured tones: "Never, never, never." But there is more to it than that. Whatever happens in California, Stevenson is now assured of a big and loyal bloc at the convention. If Kefauver had not made his fateful decision to play it rough, he might logically have hoped to inherit an important proportion of Stevenson's delegate strength if Stevenson failed to go over. Now that hope is dead. Whatever happens to Stevenson, he and his managers can now be counted on to do everything humanly possible to deny Kefauver a place on the ticket.

THE Northern liberal groups, moreover, who still exercise great influence at Democratic conventions, have always been cool to Kefauver—some what illogically, since Kefauver has a near perfect liberal voting record, and has in the past shown real courage, especially on civil liberties issues. Now, thanks to Kefauver's tactics in Florida, the liberals will have a logical reason for opposing him. So will the professional politicians, who have been even cooler to the Kefauver cause. Conceivably, Kefauver might still fight his way to a place on the ticket—the notion of a Harriman-Kefauver ticket, for example, is still much favored in the camp of New York's Gov. W. Averell Harriman. Yet the apathetic Florida voters, in defeating Kefauver by a mere handful of votes have certainly hurt him very badly. And, as so often happens in American politics, it has been Kefauver himself, in his desperate thirst to win, who has hurt Kefauver most.

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ponent, the Portland Oregonian—did not show similar sportsmanship or restraint. The former proclaimed the result as a triumph for him—a great "moral victory"—while the Oregonian dismissed the Stevenson victory as "pyrrhic."

By what reasoning this 6 to 22 defeat was a moral victory for the man defeated and was a pyrrhic victory for the winner—that is a victory so costly that if repeated would spell disaster—is not clear. One wonders what the verdict would have been had the former governor of Illinois been beaten, as some of his friends feared he would be? Although the margin of victory as far as the popular vote was concerned, was probably not as great as many Stevenson supporters hoped for—a victory is a victory, regardless of the margin and this is as true in a primary as in a final election.

NOW IF Senator Kefauver can achieve a similar "MORAL victory" in California and Adlai Stevenson can register a "similar pyrrhic" triumph in the Golden Gate state, "The Gentleman from Illinois" will enter the Chicago convention as the odds-on favorite and the "Gentleman from Tennessee" will be definitely out of it as far as the party nomination is concerned. Or so it appears at this time and at this distance.

IN OTHER WORDS, California promises to be as determining a factor in the race between Messers Stevenson and Kefauver for the presidential nomination of the Democratic party, as it was some four decades ago between Charles Evans Hughes and Woodrow Wilson for the presidency.

The victor will be definitely "in" the race, as the loser, almost as definitely, will be "out." — R. W. R.

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)
We overheard a doctor (who shall remain anonymous for obvious reasons) comment on psychiatrists the other day. He said: "Anyone who goes to a psychiatrist ought to have his head examined."

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.

The Only "Honorable" Way

To the Editor: You have written many double column editorials to justify a politician changing parties, and be governed by principle above party. We do not know of anyone that does not agree with that, and also the right of a senatorial representative of a party voting with another party on measures he believes for the best interests of his constituents. We all like to read editorials that agree with us. We also agree when a person can no longer agree with the party he had undertaken to represent in the Senate, he should resign and get out of the way, and let the Governor, as provided by law, appoint a suitable representative. A man of principle above party would surely do that. That would be simple decency after their votes and considerable expense for him, at least when he had fully determined to oppose them in the future. Any principle at all would be that, instead of depriving them of any representative that the election entitled them to. We know of only two ways of getting to be a Democratic senator, either by election by Democrats as their representative, or by appointment by the Governor of the state. We know of no honorable or legal way that a man can get elected as a representative Republican state and then by wishful thinking have himself transferred to a Democratic representative, for a state whose Democratic representative had been defeated at election. When a man is elected to a six year term in the senate nothing can deprive him of that job except death, impeachment, or resignation. And any one of the three deprives him of any honorable legal vote in the senate, as far as I know, not being a criminal trained lawyer, especially if principle enters in above party. When he resigns the job he was elected for, he has no more business in the senate, if he has principle above party. Ira C. Jones, Stewart Ave., Medford, Ore.

A "Thank You"

To the Editor: This is a "thank you" to the merchants of the community and to the membership of the YMCA for their response to the auction and smorgasbord dinner in May. It was gratifying to the committee who worked hard to make the affair a success that it turned out to be a happy, successful occasion. So to all those who participated, and especially to those merchants whose generous donations of food made the dinner possible, we say thank you. To the committees and persons who gave so much of their time and effort, we say "Well done," and thank you one and all. Mrs. John Mansfield, Chairman, Dinner Committee

Remember the horse, kept on the front lawn to keep it trimmed short, who seems to feel he's an automobile because he is found in the garage each morning?

Well, his owners returned after a week end away recently to find him trapped in the chicken yard.

And a few days later, they found him back in the garage in the morning, but how he got there is a mystery. They had put a chain across the doorway, and are still puzzling over how he climbed over, or under, without wrecking a thing.

He's like some people we know, who get into messes as easy as pie, but need help getting out again.

You've read stories quoting "reliable sources," and so on. Well, we've run across a few definitions which may prove handy in such an event.

A "reliable source," we are told, is the guy you just met, and an "unimpeachable source" is the guy who started the rumor originally.

Is a razor-back a clam or a hog?

A minor controversy developed in the newsroom over this question yesterday, one faction contending that a razor-back is a hog and nothing else, and another faction contending that clams, too, can be razor-backs. Or is it razor-necks?

We're still not quite sure, for a hotel menu, listing razor-back clams, started the whole thing, but a call to a seafood and butcher shop resulted in a hearty laugh but no conclusive and expert opinion.

The Albany Democrat-Herald editorialized on the perils of the first meeting of the parents of the prospective bride and the prospective bridegroom. It can be "pure horror," the editorialist maintains.

He adds: "They brought the two sets of parents together from distant points for a day together. Ages were similar. There were no disparities of race or nationality or any of those obvious things. "But her father is western representative for a big distillery, an arch conservative, a worldly and affluent leader of his circle, and once-a-decade church-goer. "His father is a Methodist minister, a liberal, and possibly the most unworldly man since Thoreau. To top it off, he likes solitude. "What did they talk about? "In the words of the would-be groom, 'They sort of kicked the weather around—in fact they beat it to death.' "The path to wedded bliss is paved with land mines," the editorial concludes.

Editorial Comment

INVESTMENT GROWS A growing realization for the need of off-street parking in America's cities is resulting in vast expenditures for this purpose. The bulletin of the Public Administration Clearing House carries a report on a survey made by the American Municipal Assn. It shows that present expenditures and those committed for future action total nearly a half billion dollars in 326 cities of 25,000 and over population. New York City, the nation's largest, had 9,150 off-street spaces publicly provided in 1955 and plans a \$50 million expenditure in the next five years. The present program has cost \$13 million. In most cases, cities have floated revenue bond issues and earmarked on-street parking meter revenues to handle the financing. Sacramento, Calif. issued \$1,600,000 in revenue bonds, acquired several lots and is paying off the debt rapidly. Financial returns are showing an annual surplus of more than \$50,000. Congress is marking time on both the veterans' pleas and the Bradley commission report. Action seems destined to be put off at least until the new congress convenes in January. (Copyright 1956, Congressional Quarterly)