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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: Aug. 15, 1946. (It was Thursday) Jackson County 4-H Livestock judging tour will be held Saturday at the courthouse.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Jewish refugees in Palestine pay less attention to curfews imposed by the British than juveniles in American do to their own city curfews.

20 YEARS AGO: Aug. 15, 1936. (It was Saturday) Residents of Jackson county receive total of \$459,417 from Home Farmers Loan corporation during the three year period of refinancing operations which ended June 13.

Public hearing on a Rogue river flood control project will be held at the courthouse here Sept. 19.

30 YEARS AGO: Aug. 15, 1926. (It was Sunday) B. L. Sanderson, salesman at Pierce Harrison Motor company, one of 20 in northwest for membership in "72" Car club.

An article on Crater Lake by Herb Grey, advertising manager of the Mail Tribune, will be printed in a 100 papers along the coast.

40 YEARS AGO: Aug. 15, 1916. (It was Tuesday) The first deer of the season, a five point buck, was brought in this morning by Police Chief J. F. Hittson.

The 15th concert of the 1916 season will be given at the City park at 8 p.m. today under the direction of Reginald Rowland.

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

1. Radio "soap operas" were so-called because they were sponsored by soap companies, brought water to the eyes, were clean, or came mostly on Wash Day?

2. The world's largest single car maker is Fiat, Volkswagen, Citroen, Chevrolet or Hillman?

3. In bowling duckpins a score of 200 is made often, occasionally, or very seldom?

4. The Democrats so far this century have chosen (a) 1, (b) 3, (c) 5, (d) 7 or (e) 9 Southerners for Vice President?

5. The American Jewish Committee says that anti-Semitism in western Europe has risen, fallen or stayed the same in the last five years?

6. Much more traffic normally goes through the Panama or the Suez Canal, or about the same through each?

7. Democratic national chairman Paul M. Butler claims most "working" newspapermen are Democrats or Republicans or about evenly divided?

The Answers: 1. Were sponsored by soap companies. 2. Chevrolet. 3. Very seldom. 4. Three—Robinson (Ark.), 1928; Garner (Tex.), 1932, 1936; Sparkman (Ala.), 1952. 5. Has risen. 6. Much more through Suez. 7. Mostly Democratic, he claims.

One More Hurdle

Only one more hurdle remains before work can begin on the Talent project. This is the election Aug. 22 at which time landowners of the Talent Irrigation district will pass on a repayment contract with the federal government.

We suspect (and hope) the election will be little more than a formality, for the landowners will, if they approve the proposal, be getting a monumental bargain.

THERE have been a few misconceptions about the project and the contract which have been publicly corrected. It is to be hoped all the landowners are aware of the facts, and will vote a resounding approval.

For, as far as we are aware, the only logical grounds for opposition are ideological—that the federal government shouldn't be messing around with power, flood control, irrigation or recreation. Such an attitude is—to put it mildly—out of date.

LANDOWNERS of the district this year will pay a per-acre-per-year water assessment fee of \$10.75, which includes both operation and maintenance costs and bond redemption funds. If the contract were to be turned down, the costs would go on as at present until the bonds were repaid. Meanwhile, the condition of the district's water distribution system is such that major rehabilitation is fast becoming a necessity, and it soon would be inevitable that the fees would have to go up to finance it, if, indeed, it could be accomplished at all.

On the other hand, the Talent project offers rehabilitation of the system as part of the overall job, in addition to a large increase in the amount of deliverable water to users, plus enough to provide new irrigation for some 5,000 acres of land.

Because the work will virtually cut operating and maintenance costs in half, and because bond amortization is figured in to the repayment plan, water fees in the future will be little if any changed, even with construction costs figured in.

THE Talent district through its water assessments will pay back over a long-term period about \$5,800,000. While this is a sizable sum, it is only about half of the costs allocated to irrigation. The rest will be paid by power revenues, which will also pay for the entire cost allocated to power production.

The federal government will pay for such non-revenue producing features as flood control and recreation.

FOR these reasons, it would certainly seem to be to the enlightened self interest of the Talent landowners to approve the contract. For their own sake, we hope they do.

We also hope they do for the sake of all other residents of the valley, who stand to gain vastly in both tangible and intangible benefits from this multipurpose project: In more available power, in decreases in the flood potential of the Bear creek drainage, in the opening up of a big and beautiful part of the county, in vastly increasing the recreational opportunities of the growing area; in a healthier agriculture and agricultural processing industry.

It isn't every day that a relative handful of residents have the opportunity to stamp "OK" on a project as far-reaching and worth while as this.—E.A.

What Is An "Accident?"

As of this writing, 22 persons have been killed in Jackson County so far this year in "accidents."

Webster's good book defines it as "an event that takes place without one's foresight or expectation, especially one of an afflictive or unfortunate character; a casualty."

The total so far this year, swelled by the five-death automobile accident last week, includes 16 dead in traffic, three in logging, one in a mill mishap, and two by drowning.

AN ACCIDENT, by definition, takes place without foresight or expectation. That's the trouble. It is a rare accident that could not have been prevented by the use of foresight, and its resulting care and caution.

Nobody INTENDS to go out and kill or be killed on the highway. Yet it happens with startling regularity. The record so far this year, if the rate is maintained, will result in one of the worst traffic-death years in history. The state police office reports the previous worst two years were 1946 (with 26 killed) and 1952 (with 24 killed).

OUR sympathy is at a minimum for the driver who carelessly kills himself. But our heart goes out to the innocent victim of the careless one's carelessness. Today's cars are so smooth, so powerful, so easily-controlled, that it is fatally easy to get into the "it can't happen to me" frame of mind.

The statistics of death prove otherwise.—E.A.

Scientists Strip Atoms To Learn of Matter

berkeley, Calif. — (U.P.) — The science boys take atoms apart to find out what makes matter stick together.

That's why they seek to build even more powerful atom-smashers. In the words of Dr. Edwin M. McMillan, Nobel laureate and professor of physics on the University of California campus here: "By taking apart the matter which makes up our universe, we learn more about how it is put together. Each time we raise the energy range of the particles

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.

Cites Great Northern

To the Editor: We have enjoyed your editorials, or most of them, since we moved here in '48. Some of the letters that are published in "Communications" we agree with and many we do not, and some make us ashamed of the human race.

We have been following this hearing on the Southern Pacific R. R. with great interest for I was born and raised in a little town between Great Falls and Helena, Mont. The Great Northern R.R. has a line through my town of Cascade (pop. 500) and for many years they (G.N.) tried to disband their service through there but were never able to talk the people out of it.

Two weeks ago I received my home town paper (Cascade Courier) and there was an article in it that might be an idea for the Southern Pacific.

I am enclosing the article and you can do what you want to with it.

We agree fully with Senator Neuberger on the S. P. dispute and hope that everyone else will too.

Mrs. C. H. Knotts Shady Cove, Ore.

The article follows: GREAT NORTHERN PUTS NEW ONE-CAR DIESEL INTO SERVICE HERE

A new stainless steel diesel car combining passenger, baggage and express service and its own motor power began service Monday on the Great Northern Monday line between Great Falls, Billings, Helena and Butte, H. J. Surles, Butte division superintendent announced.

The new unit will make a six-times-weekly round trip between Great Falls and Billings, and between Great Falls, Helena and Butte, following the present schedule between those points.

The 85-foot self-propelled unit, known in rail circles as an "RDC," is the first of its type to be ordered by the Great Northern.

Passenger seating capacity of the streamlined, air-conditioned coach is 45. A separate baggage and express compartment has a capacity of 13,200 pounds.

The unit is powered by two water cooled diesel engines, with drive to the axles through a torque converter up to 55 miles per hour. Beyond that speed the drive is direct. This contrasts with the diesel-electric locomotives in which the diesel engines power generators which in turn produce electricity for traction motors.

Editorial Comment

"SLEEPING OUT" Sleeping out is rapidly becoming a sort of lost art.

True, people still "sleep out" in the vacation months of summer, but not in the manner of olden days. They spread their downy beds in mosquito proof tents, they improvise cars as sleeping quarters, they rent cabins on lake shores.

That was not the way people, especially young folks, of another generation slept out.

They spread a quilt or two on the ground, in the dog days of July, covered themselves with a blanket and watched the stars wheel by. Those stars, incidentally, were huge and glorious, undimmed by blasting electric lights or the neons of nearby streets.

There are youngsters now grown old who recall the thrill of sleeping under the stars in those dark nights of yesteryear. In the south blazed Scorpio, with its great sun Antares. Overhead were the never-setting circumpolar stars. Occasionally lustrous planets vied with summer stars for attention.

And blazing through those summer skies were the "shooting stars," flaming out of Perseus to leave fiery trails across a score of constellations.

People still sleep out in the farm nights of summer, but not to the mystery wondering about the fallacies of the universe.

The glare of neons, car lights and street lights has erased that universe.—Bend Bulletin.

Vancouver Aluminum Signs Three-Year Pact

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — A new three year contract covering some 1350 Vancouver Aluminum Company of America employees was signed yesterday.

Across the board pay increases of 9.5 cents an hour the first year are provided for in the new pact with a 7 cent hike the second year and an increase of 8 cents the third year.

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Nature vs. Desegregation

To the Editor: Any and all supreme court decisions, any and all rules and regulations evolved by mankind, cannot be made to work when and if in conflict with laws of nature. Along with nature's first law, self preservation, is another of almost equal importance; tribal species control. It is the law that keeps one tribe of ant, that particular species. It is the law that keeps the robin a robin despite the proximity of similar birds. It is the law that keeps the white-tailed deer what it is despite other variations all around it.

Running north from Klamath Falls where the high plateau lands break away to the lowlands is a dividing line between the black-tail and mule-tail deer, the bucks of either species fighting the others away. An old-timer told me of finding the antlers of a black-tail buck and those of a mule-tail locked together, a mule-tail evidence of their death struggle in protection of their blood-lines.

All this has been going on since the creation of living things, be it the broad-leaf forests or those of the needled conifers or the furred and feathered tribes that inhabit them. Such laws cannot be set aside. Yet, that is the very thing attempted today in this segregation problem that is bringing us back to the hatreds, the sorrow and misery preceding the war between the states.

It is not because the white man thinks he is any better than the black man. We know full well that some Negroes possess talents seldom if ever equaled by the Caucasian; like the great Negro, Dr. Carver, with his magical products from the lowly peanut, Booker T. Washington, and others. In the deep south, a man from there told me that the presence of whites at all-Negro churches and schools is resented. In Japan and Korea, the poor little GI-fathered waifs, called "round-eyes," are unwanted, despised and spurned. Tribal species control is an age-old law and no rulings of mankind can bring harmony out of its violation, the forcing of antagonistic races of people to mingle in social proximity.

F. J. Clifford 1211 W. Main st. Medford, Ore.

Ok's Al Serena

To the Editor: In your issue of Aug. 12, I read with much interest a letter by Ken Corliss, headed "Why Not Discuss Issues?" His letter ties in very nicely with the spirit of some of your editorials on McKay's "give away" re Al Serena.

I am sure that you and Mr. Corliss felt that statements made in editorials and in the letter referred to were correct. I am also sure that if you had had the facts, such harsh criticism would not have been made.

The Saturday Evening Post is a magazine of integrity and honesty and will not make statements without proof of factual credence. Had Mr. Corliss read the Sat. Eve. Post Aug. 4, the article, "Oregon Grudge Fight, Can the GOP Break Wayne Morse?" by William Worden, beginning on Page 26, giving McKay and Morse fair play and reaching the crux of the matter on Page 64, beginning with the third paragraph and covering remainder of the page, I doubt that he would have pitted his statements against Mr. Worden about Al Serena and wild life refugees being a give away and a steal. Mr. Morse undoubtedly knows better, but political expediency makes strange bedfellows. May I ask that Mr. Corliss read the article named above and acquaint himself of the true facts in the case. Also good reading for Mr. Editor.

Mr. Corliss may want to know my political affiliation because I call his attention to his errors in his letter. I have been a registered Democrat for 50 years till this spring, though I could not accept Mr. F. D. Roosevelt's nor Mr Truman's politics. I registered Republican this spring to be able to vote for my friend Phil Hitchcock in the primaries, believing him to be the best man. I'll vote this fall just as I please.

Dr. Jouett P. Bray 317 Lozier lane Medford, Ore.

McCANN ON VACATION

Charles M. McCann is on vacation. His weekly news outlook and daily foreign news commentary columns will be resumed upon his return.

Truman May Be Running Out of Luck as Demo Leader, Is View

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Correspondent Chicago — (U.P.) — It looks like Harry S. Truman may be running out of luck, an elder statesman on the way toward being just another member of the Democratic Party.

More than a few Democrats here are fresh out of patience today with the dapper ex-pressman for whom they whooped and hollered when he reached town just a week ago.

Some top party men feel that Mr. Truman has double crossed them and this Democratic National Convention. They will say so, too, but less often publicly than in private. It had been their understanding that Mr. Truman was coming here as a neutral—to seek party harmony and winning ticket. They claim he told them that was his plan.

What he actually did was call for the nomination of an Eastern Democrat whose choice would invite a Democratic brawl fit to rank with the angriest in party history.

Says Harriman Best Mr. Truman proposed the nomination of Gov. Averell Harriman of New York whom he called the Democrat best qualified for the White House. That was last Saturday. He told questions Tuesday that he wasn't against anyone, but merely was for Harriman. At the same time Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois could not be elected next November. That's almost a foul in the game of politics.

Mr. Truman has had unbelievable good luck throughout a long political career. He performed the improbable feat of rising to the White House from a patronage job in old Tom Pendergast's corrupt Kansas City machine. Mr. Truman wasn't corrupt, the machine was not. So was Mr. Truman's sponsor, old Tom, who finally went to jail.

More improbable was Mr. Truman's election in 1948. Four years later his luck still held. He dictated the nomination of Adlai E. Stevenson for president although Sen. Estes Kefauver came to the 1952 convention with a long lead.

There were strikes on Kefauver in 1952. One of them was the opposition of congressional colleagues who knew him best. Another was geographical. Tennessee comparatively is a small border state. Strike No. 3 and out, however, was called the previous March in New Hampshire's presidential primary.

Kefauver entered his name against Mr. Truman's in New Hampshire and licked him good. Kefauver would have been better off without New Hampshire's handful of delegates and with Mr. Truman's friendship. He learned that offending presidents is dangerous business.

Stevenson would certainly be nominated today if he had Mr. Truman on his side. It is fair to assume that Mr. Stevenson would be there, too, if Truman had not snubbed him after winning the 1952 nomination. Stevenson had his own plans for the 1952 presidential campaign and they did not much include Mr. Truman. Disappointed, hurt and angry, Mr. Truman evidently felt Stevenson had bitten the feeding hand.

Some Delegates Annoyed So, whatever the other factors may be, Mr. Truman here in 1956 is doing what he did here in 1952—trying to prevent the nomination of a man who offended him. Some of the delegates are recalling these political facts.

Old pros who have been holding high convention office for years or who have been gradu-

ated to the easy pasture of delegate-at-large are especially annoyed. They hold that Mr. Truman is willing to jeopardize party harmony to establish himself again as kingmaker or dictator of this convention.

If Mr. Truman pulls it off, he will, indeed, be a powerful figure in the Democratic Party in his declining years. If he fails—well, what happens to dictators who fall is pretty well established by now.

If it happens to him, Mr. Truman isn't going to like it. A lot of his old buddies would enjoy it quite a lot.

In The Day's News By Frank Jenkins

Listening to Governor Clement of Tennessee, the keynote of this 1956 national convention of the more than a century and a half old Democratic party, I was forced to the conclusion that these professional Democrats who are assembled in Chicago to choose a leader and an assistant leader don't think much of young Richard Nixon, who is the assistant leader of the opposition. They howled their approval every time Clement dressed him down, which was rather often.

Listening further, it seemed to me that these Democratic delegates don't think much of Republicans in general.

BUT— I wouldn't have missed it for the world. It took me back along the paths of memory to a day when orators were SOMEBODY and when red, white and blue orators who could make the rafters ring were double-somebody.

GOVERNOR CLEMENT is 36 years old. That is the exact age of William Jennings Bryan when he was the Boy Orator of the Platte as he keynoted the Democratic convention in this same city of Chicago with his Cross of Gold and Crown of Thorns speech that won him his party's nomination for PRESIDENT.

He came to Chicago a youthful unknown. When the convention closed, he had started a career that fills pages and pages in the history books.

All because of his gift of oratory.

AS YOUNG Governor Clement was delivering his winged words there in the Chicago Convention Hall last night, and as the applause rolled up to him in waves and he had that exciting consciousness that comes to an orator when he knows he has his audience with him, there must have entered his mind this intoxicating thought: "Bryan did it. 'MAYBE I CAN!'"

IN HIS keynote address, Governor Clement lambasted the wicked Republicans as the "party of privilege and pillage." He lashed Vice-President Nixon as the "vice hatchet man of the Republican party." Of Secretary of State Dulles, he said: "He is unquestionably the greatest unguided missile in the history of American diplomacy." He shouted that come November the Republicans will "do the greatest fadeaway in history."

Back in 1896, in this same city of Chicago, young William Jennings Bryan lambasted the Republicans in equally flamboyant language. He condemned the trusts, the monopolies and the high protective tariff. He bore down hard on the money ques-

Grain Volume Said Highest in History

Salem—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department's grain inspection division handled the largest volume of business in its history during July.

R. Ralph Harry, division chief, said grain receipts to Portland were 10 million bushels. Of this amount, 920 trucks brought 564,000 bushels and barges brought 801,000 bushels.

Twenty-four full carloads were shipped out of Oregon ports during the month—21 from Portland and 3 from Astoria.

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IN HIS peroration, he thundered: "You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns; you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold."

That did it. It made him the Presidential nominee of the Democratic party.

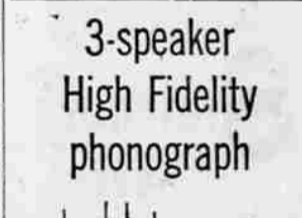
YOU know about Napoleon Bonaparte and his Grand Army. It was said that every private carried in his knapsack a marshal's baton—just in case.

Well, it's that way with the Democratic party when its representatives assemble in convention to choose a leader. Every delegate carries in his handbag a marshal's baton—also just in case. William Jennings Bryan carried one in his carpetbag when he went to Chicago in that July of 60 years ago.

That's what makes the Democratic party the Democratic party. That's what makes the Democratic conventions the rip-roaring affairs they are. That's why the Democratic conventions are the nerve-tangling shows they are.

I can't help hoping fervently they never change.

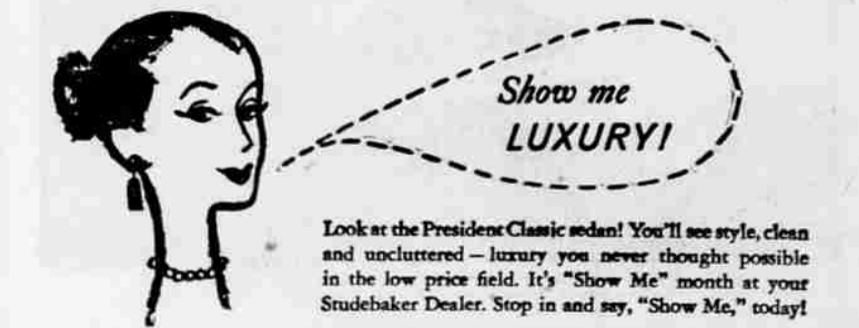
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