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Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Oct. 14, 1946 (Monday)
Medford residents asked by Vernon Thorpe, city engineer and acting city superintendent, not to burn fall leaves in the streets because the heat is injurious to the pavement.

20 YEARS AGO
Oct. 14, 1936 (Wednesday)
Jackson county has a registration of 20,788 voters for the general election, and of this number 11,254 are listed as Republicans; 9,081 as Democrats, and 453 voters as miscellaneous.

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 14, 1926 (Thursday)
A record was established for the Crater Lake National park during the season past when 94,770 people entered its boundaries.

40 YEARS AGO
Oct. 14, 1916 (Saturday)
E. B. Stanley of Central Point elected president of the Southern Oregon Schoolmasters club.

50 YEARS AGO
Oct. 14, 1906 (Sunday)
Citizens of San Francisco arming themselves to resist thugs and footpads who have become bold under the inefficiency of the city administration.

What's the Answer?
Can You Get 4 of the 17?
Copr. 1955 Editorial Research Report

1. President Eisenhower is now the oldest man in the Presidential office since the Civil War; right or wrong?
2. The Elsie Dinsmore books were written by Harriet B. Stowe, Lydia Pinkham, Martha F. Finley, Charlotte Bronte, Jane Austen, or a man?

3. Most states that adopted daylight saving time this year are now off it; right or wrong?
4. The party in power always loses a Presidential election if it lost the Congressional elections two years before; right or wrong?

5. Allspice is a combination of spices or a separate spice in itself?
6. Of all U. S. war veterans more than 2/3, about 2/3, 1/2 or 1/3, or less than 1/4 belong to the American Legion?
7. The late Louis D. Brandeis was or wasn't the first U. S. Supreme Court Justice of the Jewish race.

The answers: 1. Wrong; Truman was older before he left the White House. 2. Martha F. Finley. 3. Wrong. 4. Wrong. 5. Separate spice. 6. Less than 1/4. 7. Was.

A New Law is Needed

Oregon needs a new law to put some teeth in the office of Public Utilities Commissioner, unless we the people want to be run as California was run many years ago, by the Southern Pacific.

As the record in recent years shows, when the PUC in Oregon orders the SP to do something in the public interest, that billion-dollar corporation thumbs its nose, does nothing and when the matter is taken to court it seems always to win.

As far as we can determine the courts are not at fault, the laws governing the office of Public Utility Commissioner and his powers ARE.

THE RECENT decision of the SP to reduce its Daylight service between Portland and San Francisco to three days instead of seven days a week is a case in point.

Oregon's PUC refused to give its OK and so did the California commission. But according to reliable report, the railroad was not disturbed in the slightest by the action in Oregon but was and is much put out by a similar action in California.

We will have to leave the details of the remedy to the lawyers, and the members of the forthcoming state legislature.

But as stated unless the SP is to run the state and determine what the public interest DEMANDS, there must be radical changes made in the laws that govern such matters, in this state.

Not only are the orders of the Oregon commission disregarded but the railroad has been allowed to discontinue all passenger service in one of the most prosperous and rapidly growing sections of the state, by running all passenger trains through the barren wastes of the Natron "cut-off." This wouldn't be allowed in California for a minute.

Not only will the denial of such action as contemplated for the "Daylight" stick, but when the California commission told the SP to continue its passenger service between San Francisco and Eureka as well as between San Francisco and Sacramento the SP obeyed. It also changed and improved its passenger equipment as the commission ordered. That's the way it should be.

Surely what California can do in the direction of public utility control Oregon should be able to do.

When the Legislature meets will be the time to do it.—R.W.R.

Why?

One of the mysteries of this senatorial campaign—there are many—is why the McKay supporters persist in keeping alive the much-publicized Al Sarena mining-timber deal.

We should think they would like to forget it. For by no stretch of the imagination can it fail to bring discredit upon the McKay administration of the Interior Department. Yet it is continually being revived not by the supporters of Senator Morse but by his opponents.

Is there some sort of "guilt-complex" involved here, or do the Al Sarena defenders and apologists feel that the issue is still alive and hurting the Republican candidate, so they intend to do what they can to stop it?

WE DON'T know the answer, but we do know that the more the McKay supporters try to gloss over this approval of "mining for timber in the US Forest Reserve," at \$5 an acre, the more they advertise the fact that while the transaction, no doubt, was "within the law" at the time it was put over, it was from the standpoint of conservation of the national forests, and a fair deal to the non-mining buyers of government timber, unprecedented and indefensible.

Small wonder that Secretary McKay's successor looking over the record assured the people of the country that nothing like the Al Sarena deal would happen again, so long as he held office.

THERE is another peculiar feature of this journalistic "alibi" for the Al Sarena deal—the persistence of so many of the McKay supporters that the law compelled Secretary McKay to do what he did. Listen to this, from one of the anti-Morse newspapers, quote:

"Why should the (Al Sarena) claims have been denied? Are you asking that public servants refuse to do their job as they have sworn to do? Are you suggesting they attempt to circumvent the law?"

Might one inquire: WHAT law? There was no law that COMPELLED the "solicitor" of the Interior Department to do what he did, without the sanction or knowledge of the head of his department—as former Secretary of the Interior McKay now admits.

As far as the policy and long-established tradition of the Forest Service is concerned, the denial of the mining patents by the mineral assay branches of both the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management would have been sufficient to quash the proposal at the outset as was the case under Mr. McKay's predecessor in the Interior Department.

But for the first time on record, without the knowledge of the head of the Interior Department, one of his subordinates oked the deal, the patents were issued and for \$5 an acre, the Al Sarena mine owners—we did not say operators for they never really operated it and don't now—secured their timber land valued in the open market at \$500.

NOT a "GIVE-AWAY?" How could any fair-minded observer term it anything else?

And if the precedent thus established were to be followed—fortunately under the new Interior Department dispensation, it won't be—there would be more phoney mining claims in Oregon's Forest reserve,

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.

The Whispering Campaign

To the Editor: Some of the Morse haters in the beautiful Rogue Valley must have taken the "low road" in their campaign tactics, according to a neighbor lady who says she was approached recently by a lady who was registered, and intended to vote, proceeded to tell her that as many women failed to go to the polls, she was doing a little instruction work.

So according to her, our neighbor lady should, of course, vote for Ike and McKay. As this didn't seem to have the desired effect, she went on to inform her that both Stevenson and Morse were communists.

She happened to be talking to a lady that not only "thinks", but has for many years taught children in the public schools to think.

Of course this charge is so utterly ridiculous, that no one with ordinary intelligence will pay any attention to it, but the intent to damage reputations, and lessen chances for election, is obvious, and we believe is punishable by law.

Wayne Morse is amply able to defend himself against any out-in-the-open attack, but these whispering assaults are not in his category.

We wonder if the Republican County Committee will sanction this manner of campaign to win an election?

R. E. Nealon, Table Rock rd., Central Point, Ore.

How About It?

To the Editor: Has any man or group of men any moral right to claim by statement or implication any glory or credit for a job or task well done by another man or group of men who worked hard to achieve a given goal?

I am referring to the truce in Korea. The truce teams of Truman and Red China worked out and agreed on a truce for the Korea war. They bogged down on one point, and that was the forcible return of prisoners. Red China had other work for the army in Indochina so it waived the point of no forcible return of prisoners and in July, '53, a truce was signed. Ike should have credit for holding out for that one point but not for stopping the war.

The credit or glory should go to the Truman and Red Chinese truce teams and not to Eisenhower, as Truman would have signed the same truce that Ike signed had Red China waived the prisoner issue during Truman's administration.

President Roosevelt kept us out of war for nine years and did not take us into war until half of the Pacific fleet was on the bottom at Pearl Harbor and Hitler had declared war on us. Just what do the Republicans mean when they call the Democrats the war party? Just what would Ike have done had he been our president at the time of Pearl Harbor? How can Ike and Dick take any credit for the larger pay checks for labor when both were hostile to the \$1 an hour minimum wage law? Any credit for the largest pay checks in history should go to George Meany, Walter Reuther, John Lewis and to organized labor and not to the present administration.

The Republican orators try to tell us how lily white this administration has been. Just how much of this honey do they expect us to swallow? If we reject Ike and a few more McKays the natural resources of our great country will go the same way as the Tidelands Oil and Al Sarena mining claims went, namely to big business.

John R. Schumpf, Route 1, Box 312, Central Point, Ore.

Annexation Needed

To the Editor: The news item regarding probable elimination of the Berrydale District annexation from the ballot Nov. 6, prompts me to use your column to reach the most people in the shortest time. I wish to remind the City Planning Commission, the City Council, and Mr. Doernbach's group that there has been a

great deal of work done by some Berrydale residents to obtain a sewer and improve conditions in our district, dating back some seven or eight years.

Nearly all of these people have reached the same conclusion, that our only solution is annexation by the City of Medford, inasmuch as it is the only source of annexation outweigh the disadvantages so much that any sensible citizen of this area cannot afford to see the proposal dropped and delayed any longer.

I cannot condone the poor excuses of the opposition present at the meeting Oct. 10. I signed the petition in good faith and I read it first. There wasn't a single word or statement that would indicate any misunderstanding of its purpose. It is the only first step in securing improvement of our district.

Let's remember that the people in the present City of Medford will share part of our burden, just as we already enjoy some facilities paid by them every time we travel into town. It is very true that sewers, streets and other needed improvements are going to cost us money. How else do you expect to obtain such improvements? The planning and administration of such facilities alone is a tremendous job and where else could we obtain trained men except from the city?

Let's leave the annexation up to the good old American custom of decision by the voters where majority rules. The opponents present did not represent the majority of the citizens of our district.

For the health of our people, protection and decent living, let the people of our district decide what we want on Nov. 6, 1956, not 1957, 1958, or 1959.

N. F. Gier, 2902 North Pacific Hwy., Medford, Ore.

As to "White Supremacy"

To the Editor: One sentence in F. J. Clifford's letter of October 5 caused us to take pen in hand to ask a question. The sentence was, "They're fighting to stay white folks, they don't want to become colored, which they sure will if forced to live with the blacks."

Supposing in all fairness we were to reverse that sentence when the white man was so eager to settle in America, and the American Indian had said, "We are fighting to stay red folks, we don't want to become white, which we sure will if forced to live with whites." At that time, the Indians had to contend with "white" foreigners, but today we are dealing with colored American born citizens!

Why, on the one hand, did we condemn Hitler in his attempt to retain the Aryan race by practicing inhuman atrocities, and yet by the same token, sanction the southern white man's merciless attempt to uphold his superiority over the colored man? Where, oh, where did the white man ever obtain the ungodly notion that he rules supreme over all other races?

At times like this, we can obtain encouragement from the scriptures found in the book of Acts. "If this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."

Mrs. Helga Mitchell, Route 1, Box 7B, Jacksonville, Ore.

He Likes Frank Jenkins

To the Editor: This is to express my appreciation of the fact that your good newspaper publishes "In the Day's News" by Frank Jenkins, in spite of his frequent statements which seem to be in opposition to much that you express in your editorials.

Senator Morse has done a lot of expensive "politicking" by the use of his so-called "Senator Morse Reports" which have been paid for by the voters—all of them, regardless of their political preferences. Months ago I wrote to the senator asking if his reports were paid for by him or the Federal Government. His office answered, but the answer was to a question I had not asked. If his reports

were factual and free from propaganda calculated to aid in his re-election, they would be welcome, even though it costs thousands of dollars to print, fold, stuff, address and pay cost of franking the stuff to the voters.

Ivan Peoples, Gold Hill, Ore.

Use of Funds

To the Editor: This is an age when a question has to be worth at least \$64,000 to attract much attention, and yet, at the risk of appearing inexcusably petty, I would like to consider one that involves nickels, dimes and single dollars.

Yesterday in the mail there was a letter from the Jackson County Public Health association urging attendance at a meeting to promote fluoridation. The letter, which was over the signature of Isobel Sickels, was not very remarkable, but the printing at the bottom was almost unbelievable. "Financed by the Sale of Christmas Seals." I always thought this money was donated to help those ill with tuberculosis.

Having made several phone calls to make sure there is no mistake—that Seal money is not being used to promote fluoridation—I think it is important to ask the following questions, publicly.

Why, if the Seal Sale officials were intending to use these funds to promote fluoridation, didn't they say so at the time they collected them? The 1955-56 Seal Sale letter makes no mention of anything but tuberculosis. They say they have a right to use their funds as they see fit, and the privilege is granted by their charter. If their charter does indeed give them authority to collect funds for one thing and use them for another it is a unique and remarkable document.

How, since Ashland voted down fluoridation, can their Seal money be spent to force it on Medford? All of Jackson county buys Christmas Seals . . . and this is a city measure.

Finally, if there is a surplus of tuberculosis funds so that the allotment to fluoridation is surplus, unneeded money, then why are chest x-rays not free instead of \$1.75?

The question here is not fluoridation as such. Whether one supports it or thinks it is deadly, it is his constitutional privilege to support his opinion. If charitable funds can be taken from his pocket and quietly used to defeat his opinion and deny his privilege, then we have here not only decayed teeth but also crumbling democracy.

Jane Gillaspie, 636 West Fourth st., Medford, Ore.

Editor's note: The following statement was issued Saturday by Mrs. Henry Padgham, president of the Jackson County Public Health association, with regard to the questions raised in the letter above:

"The charter of the Jackson County Public Health association, made up 37 years ago, specifies that we do a tuberculosis control program and a general health education program. "Dental health was one major activity from 1928 to 1939, and the association, with local dentists, supported a clinic to fill teeth. That was discontinued because of the shortage of dentists and other difficulties. Dental health education was continued, however, with emphasis on prevention. At this time one can't talk prevention without discussing fluoridation of local water supplies. We submit a program of work each year to the state organization. It has been approved for 1956 and 1957. "The Public Health Association has brought in outside speakers who were experts in their line on many health topics, including heart, sanitation, tuberculosis, mental health, and other subjects. "We are not spending seal sale money on the promotion of fluoridation, such as through television, radio or newspaper advertising. A local committee has raised its own funds for that. But we do feel the citizens of this county are entitled to sound information on dental health and any other subject, and we will continue to give it to them. "Any parent or group of parents who want unbiased information should attend our meeting Oct. 19 at 1:30 p.m. at the courthouse auditorium."

Mrs. Henry Padgham, President, Jackson County Public Health Association.

On Loggers' Noses

To the Editor: I have noted the campaign groups in Jackson County are putting on to rid the county of porcupines. It seems that porcupines are killing and maiming our young forest trees. In order to exterminate these vicious little rascals, the Chamber of Commerce, with the cooperation of the Kiwanis Club, is sponsoring a contest to see which 12 to 18-year-old can bring in the most porcupine noses. It is stipulated that the noses must include both nostrils and contestants are advised to salt the noses carefully to avoid "deterioration." The Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club are to be commended for being so conservation-conscious, it is only fair that these organizations should know that the porcupine,

too, is worried about our vanishing timber supply. This was one of the main subjects of the Annual Convention of Porcupines, the last meeting of which I was fortunate enough to witness.

All the porcupines gathered in the middle of a logged-off section of land for the meeting. Their chairman, and old and greying porcupine standing on a tree stump, brought the meeting to order.

"Fellow porcupines," he said, pounding his gavel, "we are in the midst of a great crisis. Every day more and more trees are disappearing from our domain—some are being packed off the property bodily, but worse, others are being knocked down to lay and rot. And what is the cause of this state of affairs? LOGGERS! That's what!"

There immediately arose a loud babble of agreement among the assembled porcupines.

"Furthermore," said a lady porcupine, "they are accusing US!" She shook with disgust. "In all my many years of porcupining, I've never seen as many trees ruined by us as they ruin with one sweep of one of their 'Cats.' I ask you, what are we going to do about it?"

There was a long pause while everyone thought. Finally someone in the back row said, "Exterminate the loggers!" There was a great burst of applause, and the speaker sat down, coughing and blushing modestly.

"A good idea, that," said an old porcupine, "but how?"

"Well," said a gentleman in the fourth row, "as a member of the Porcupine Pivanius Pub, I suggest that we have a contest. The lad bringing in the most logger noses wins a cigar."

"Wonderful, wonderful!" said the chairman. "A nose for every logger and for every logger a nose."

"Ugh!" said a young co-ed, smoothing her quills, "what'll we do with them?"

"What'll we do with the noses?" said the co-ed, grimacing with distaste.

"Well, said someone, "we could put rings in 'em and sell 'em for sink stoppers . . . we'd all be rich."

"Or," said another, "we could . . ."

Well anyway, you can see what the porcupine population thinks of the timber shortage. It should make everyone feel good to know that the Chamber of Commerce isn't the only one who's worried. After all, trees are the porcupines' bread and butter.

Sylvia Reed, 219 N.W. "E" St., Grants Pass, Ore.

Why Pick on Morse?

To the Editor: I don't like Ike and nix on Nixon. And as for the Secretary of State—why couldn't Mr. Eisenhower have appointed the most intelligent man in the United States instead of the Dulles?

In fact, I quitte go along with Theodore Roosevelt, who found the Republican party so corrupt that he left to found the Bull Moose—the Progressives. Remember Senator La Follette? Why pick on Senator Wayne Morse? He merely did what other great Republicans have done—left the party when he found he couldn't disentangle it from Big Business and corruption.

Why even Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, widow of the late great Republican governor of Pennsylvania, wrote a letter to Oregonians coming out flat-footed for Morse. You see, Mrs. Pinchot was a chief forester before being elected governor of Pennsylvania—and he helped Theodore Roosevelt start conservation policies in the United States. Until then it was mostly plunder. We wouldn't have had a drop of water flowing over Niagara Falls if it had not been for Theodore Roosevelt. The factories-to-be along Niagara were going to divert ALL the water and leave the people of the United States a dry Niagara.

In the days of Abraham Lincoln and later of Theodore Roosevelt I would have been a Republican. Then we had another great Roosevelt—who rescued us from Hoovervilles (now, I wonder where they ever got that name?) and Farmers' Holidays. In them there days you could have bought the whole town of Medford for \$1200—only nobody had \$1200. And we got the CCC, which took jobless boys out of city slums and into the depleted forests, which the boys promptly proceeded to replant and rebuild. Well, in those days, strange as it may, I became a Democrat. I saw armed guards turn away desperate people from the "Dust Bowls" and the "Tobacco Roads."

Remember the Tidelands Oil money—some of which should have gone to the schools of this state? Well, a lot of the water supply and power has just now been shot to Hells Canyon. Oh sure, what's good for General Motors is good for the country—but what about that anti-trust suit against General Motors?

Compare the two Gettysburg addresses—David Dwight Eisenhower's and Abraham Lincoln's. I'll take Lincoln's.

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POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors).

The problem was this: What sort of a note should Mommy leave for home son to find when he got home from school, to let him know she wouldn't be gone too long?

The solution, proposed by pre-school daughter, was as follows: "Mother will be home soon. Amen!"

One of the nicest things about Fall is the fact that school has started, and publication of "The Lincoln Legend" is resumed at the Lincoln school. At hand is Vol. II, Issue No. 1.

One enterprising reporter for the periodical made the rounds of the school staff to inquire "What did you do last summer that gave you the most enjoyment?" The three answers we liked the best were:

"Mr. DeVoss: I went fishing, fishing, fishing."

"Mrs. Ragsdale: I stayed home while my husband went fishing, fishing, fishing."

"Mr. Gilbertson: To San Francisco I went, and a portion of money I spent. We rode on the ferry. 'Twas a ride most merry, then home with a pocketbook bent. (I NEVER went fishing.)"

"Gov. Paul Patterson has called a conference . . . was a phrase from one alert, up-to-the-minute local organization, brought to us in the form of a press release last week."

The other evening, as curfew was tolling the knell of another partying day, a weary staff member was asked by his wife what he planned to eat for breakfast. His reply was cereal, of course, the same kind he'd had for breakfast every day for a long time.

"Don't you ever get sick of eating the same kind every day?" she asked, somewhat petulantly. "Not particularly," he replied.

"Well, I get sick of WATCHING you eat the same thing every morning," she stated.

The staff member, in reporting the conversation, thinks it might be the result of the fact that his wife has been on a diet for a week.

One candidate for elective office has the initials "L. G." Someone asked him what they stand for. "Looks Good," he replied modestly.

A neophyte reporter, who is getting a good, solid indoctrination in reporting political speeches as the election campaign gets into high gear, is thinking about buying himself an umbrella—particularly if, when going to political functions held in connection with dinners, he continues to be placed at the head table where, in the past, he has been dampened by a gentle dew from the lips of aspiring and aspirating politicians.

Nov. 4 to 10 is Cat Week.

The gastronomic item of which a local cocktail lounge is just proud is listed on its "special" menu.

Conversation at the family dinner-table turned to the new school acquaintances of the younger members—such things as what their fathers do, how the new friends do in school, what church they belong to, and so on. The question arose as to the church affiliation of one particular boy. The young member of the group thought for a moment and said:

"I'm not sure, but I think he goes to the Osteopathic church."

Southern Pacific To Keep Shasta Run

San Francisco (U.P.)—The Southern Pacific will continue its regular daily schedules for Shasta Daylight streamliners pending a review of an application to make the runs two-weekly during winter months. Claude E. Peterson, vice president in charge of passenger traffic and public relations, said he believed the winter schedule was "a necessity" because of light travel, which resulted in the loss of \$5,000 per day. He said, however, that the railroad was deferring to the Oregon and California Public Utilities commissions in delaying plans to start the tri-weekly service Monday.

The railroad has proposed, under the winter schedule, that the Portland - San Francisco streamliners would be trimmed to three times a week in each direction during the light months while still maintaining daily service from June through September and during the winter holiday periods.

HI, DAD! Akron, O. — (U.P.) — When a "masked" man entered her father's market here, Dorothy Friend dashed out to summon a police, who captured the intruder without a struggle. He was her father, who entered holding a handkerchief over his mouth after having some teeth pulled.