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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. 18, 1946 (Friday)
Robert S. Farrell, Republican candidate seeking reelection as secretary of state, visits Medford.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Sauerkraut making is the order of the day in the rural regions. There are more ways to make sauerkraut than cure a cold.

20 YEARS AGO
Oct. 18, 1936 (Sunday)
Farm income from crop and animal production in Oregon in 1936 will exceed income from production in 1935 because of increased output and a higher average level of prices.

The American College of Surgeons issues list of approved hospitals in Oregon which includes Sacred Heart hospital.

30 YEARS AGO
Oct. 18, 1926 (Monday)
Local Odd Fellows plan series of social meetings for the fall and winter season.

A snappy program will be one of the features when Ashland Lithians are guests at Crater club meeting tonight.

40 YEARS AGO
Oct. 18, 1916 (Wednesday)
Medford council employs Howard A. Hansen, municipal counsel of Seattle, to work out the city paving problem.

No reply received from Congressman Hawley to the challenge to the joint debate at Medford of the Wilson policies.

50 YEARS AGO
Oct. 18, 1906 (Thursday)
Lee Willard and company appear at the Opera House; present the play, "Monte Cristo."

Medford city council conducts routine business last night.

What's the Answer?
Can You Get it 4?
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1. Less than one-fourth, about one-third, not quite half, or over half of all U.S. Families collect savings stamps?

2. A person may or may not be classed as a dependent for income-tax purpose if not related to the taxpayer?

3. The world's first full atomic-power commercial plant is now operating in Great Britain, Russia, Canada or the U.S.?

4. The AFL-CIO federation has a membership of about (a) 8, (b) 12, (c) 16, (d) 20, or (e) 25 million?

5. Vice President Nixon is or isn't the youngest man elected to that office since the Civil War?

6. The statue on the Capitol dome at Washington, D.C., is of George Washington, an Indian chief, George III, Freedom, Jefferson or Lincoln?

7. Haym Solomon was a Jewish financier siding the U.S. in the Revolutionary War, the U.S. of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War or war against Spain?

The Answers: 1. Over half, save stamp collections. 2 May. 3. Great Britain. 4 About 18 million. 5. Is. 6. Freedom. 7. Revolutionary War.

Phil Parrish

"Men may come and men may go but I go on forever."
The first person pronoun in Tennyson's familiar poem referred of course, to the "brook."

At the moment however, we are thinking more of the men—those who come and go—particularly go. There are too many of them of late who can't be properly regarded as "dispensable," on the basis of age or usefulness, who on the basis of service to the community and public welfare should live on for many years. But "whist"—off they go to that bourne from which, as far as available records go, they will never return.

WE HAVE in mind, at this time particularly, Phil Parrish, who was editor of the editorial page of the Oregonian for nearly two decades and who during the late 30's, we frequently called on while in Portland.

We were never close friends, and even then did not see eye-to-eye politically, but he was a delightful and rewarding person to talk with on any subject—current events, educational problems and what have you, nor was the somewhat demoralized and controversial game of politics ever taboo.

We always came away with increased admiration for the young man—with that rank and rampant head of bushy dark hair he naturally (to any egg-head observer), appeared younger than he was—and with regret that he did not own the Oregonian and could therefore write as freely as he talked, and as well.

WE DON'T mean to indicate that Phil Parrish ever had a wandering eye from a strict party standpoint. He was no doubt, a loyal and confirmed Republican—he would hardly have held his job long if he had not been—but he had too much intelligence and humor to indulge in any elephantine GOP worship, and off-the-record, he was a wise and penetrating critic of both parties. He had a special allergy for the "Old Guard" troglodytes and isolationists in the GOP as he did for the extreme and fanatical New Dealers, and while the undersigned did not always agree with the latter comments, it was always interesting and often enlightening to hear them.

THE PERIOD of our acquaintance preceded the "rise and fall" of Joe McCarthy and McCarthyism, but we never doubted what he thought about both and if he had had a paper of his own, how he would have gone after them—the David and Goliath scenario would have been a tame affair in comparison. Not that Phil was ever the "give 'em hell" type, but the stones in his sling-shot had sharp edges.

WE WERE surprised to hear of Phil's retirement from the Oregonian and not knowing it was due to illness expected to hear he had decided to devote himself entirely to historical writing or perhaps follow the example of Bill Tugman of the Eugene Register-Guard and get a small paper of his own.

The news of his death, therefore, came as a complete surprise and shock—we had not pictured him as Tennyson's brook "going on forever" but we did think he was going on in the journalistic or literary field—or both—for a long time. And it is a great loss to both in this state, that we were so sadly mistaken. —R.W.R.

"Fortune" Looks at Oregon

Fortune, the big-business magazine, in its current issue reviews "Five Hot Senate Races" that may determine which party will have control of the U. S. Senate next year. The first and hottest is the Oregon contest between Senator Wayne Morse and ex-Secretary Douglas McKay. Here are some of the observations of Fortune's reporter after his visit to Oregon, quote:

"Prior to 1954 (McKay last ran for office in 1950) there was something of a civil-service atmosphere about campaigning under the Republican banner in Oregon; GOP pluralities were dependable enough to ensure the election of primary winners without any messing around with 'issues.'"

"But there are good grounds for believing many Republicans wanted someone more liberal than McKay, who though sympathetic to Ike is rather drably conservative in viewpoint."

Relating how McKay, campaigning in "Pete and Mary's" cafe in Joseph, hurled his customary epithet of "Socialist" at a Democrat who happened to disagree with him about Hells Canyon, Fortune's reporter concludes:

"This little episode . . . underscores the by now well-established McKay proclivity for putting his foot in his mouth. . . . Unhappily, his talent for saying the wrong thing is not balanced by any aptitude for saying the right thing with equal force."

Fortune's reluctant forecast: A Morse victory in November. To which we may say, "Amen."

1956 Is an Election Year!

Senator William F. Knowland, Republican leader in the Senate, as quoted in U. S. News & World Report for December 24, 1954:

"Granting the Communists an armistice in Korea was a mistake. I thought so at the time and I have not changed my views on that. I think the armistice is a farce."

Senator William F. Knowland, as quoted by the Republican National Committee on September 5, 1956:

"The whole nation knows that the Democrats tried vainly for 18 months to end the stalemate war in Korea. The people know that Dwight D. Eisenhower visited Korea and a peace ensued under which the Communists gained not one foot of ground."

What could have changed Senator Knowland's mind? —Senator Neuberger

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"Forward Without Fear!"

To the Editor: Socialism is a horrendous word. A Socialist is a hybrid of the Witch of Endor and the Devil. A Socialist has a forked tail, cloven hoofs, horns growing out of his forehead and breaths fire and smoke out of his mouth and nostrils. His eyes glow out on the end of a stalk like a crab's and he can shoot poison out of his eyes like a basilisk. (You can look that word up in the dictionary if you don't happen to know it. I did.) And a Socialist CREEPS, CREEPING SOCIALISM. So get down on your knees and thank Tricky Dick for saving us from CREEPING SOCIALISM.

Examples of Socialism in the United States include public ownership of the highways (U.S. or state), county roads, the post-office (which really ought to be sold to the highest bidder so some "malefactors of great wealth" could charge us what they please for transporting our letters), public schools (let's do away with all of them, they're subversive), government ownership of waterways (the Columbia River yet belongs to all of us even if Hells Canyon doesn't), municipally owned power plants such as some Washington cities have so their electricity costs them about half what ours does, TVA (the big Dixon-Yates contract didn't go over so big with the public, either), our county board of health, housing projects such as the payment to the City of Francisco of \$162,000 in lieu of taxes by the San Francisco Housing Authority (10 per cent of authority's income from 3,672 low rental units now in operation). Old age pensions, social security, and unemployment insurance are Socialistic. Ask Mr. Eisenhower to repeal them and see what happens.

Sure Socialism's creeping right up on you, Dick, just like the ocean crept up on King Canute when he sat in a chair by the ocean and commanded the tide not to dare soak his kingly feet.

Look out it doesn't happen to you like it did to Lot's wife — you might turn into a pillar of salt if you don't look forward instead of always backward. America is going forward, not traveling backwards like a lobster swims. Americans have better brains than the lobster.

Look up the word Socialism in the dictionary. Don't let Bogeyman Dick scare you. The great English writer H. G. Wells was a Socialist. So was George Bernard Shaw.

The U.S.A. made great progress under 20 years of Democratic administration. Forward march, Democrats. Let the Republicans look back. We're not afraid. We're going ahead. Edith Y. Ingle 38 Bessie St. Medford, Ore.

Against McKay and Kefauver To the Editor: With so much to be said for and against both teams in their all-out slugfest for the presidency of the USA, it's hard to decide for which to vote, as party lines mean nothing at all to us. But when Kefauver came out recently for repeal of the Taft-Hartly law, that cooked both him and his teammate's hash, for our votes. Of course, he knew full well he would have little chance of doing that, if elected. He knows the labor unions and every right thinking person knows that it is the only ruling that gives job-providing industry a fighting chance, recognizes public rights and gives some protection to the union member against his union, gone predatory.

But McKay with his favoritism give-aways will be eased out of our voting the same as he was of his Secretary of Interior sinecure, but with no "so sorry dear McKay," from us. Morse has pulled some moves that don't sit too well with us here. But he has proved his sincerity and displayed lion-courage in staying with principle regardless of votes, just the reverse of McKay's "principles mean nothing, it's the votes that count." How anyone can cast their sacrificed wealth, tears and blood, and vote for a, er—(must not call names)—a citizen of that mental standing and reasoning, is beyond me. F. J. Clifford 1211 West Main st. Medford, Ore.

GOP Tactics Disgusting To the Editor: I am descended from a line of staunch California Republicans. I cast my first vote for Herbert Hoover, and I continued to be a Republican and to be proud of it until I moved from California to Jackson county and witnessed at first hand the kind of rabble-rousing tactics the Republican Central Committee of Jackson county stooped to employ in its misguided and wholly unsuccessful efforts to prevent the election of Richard Neuberger to the U.S. Senate.

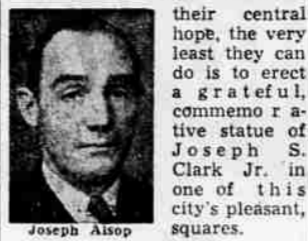
At that time, I became so thoroughly disgusted — nauseated perhaps is a better word — that I changed my registration from Republican to Democrat as a personal protest. Now, unable to profit from their own mistakes of the past, both county and state Republican Central committees are em-

Matter of Fact THE ELECTION

By Joseph Alsop

JOE CLARK'S TOWN

Philadelphia — If the Democrats carry Pennsylvania for Adlai Stevenson, which is now



their central hope, the very least they can do is to erect a grateful, commemorative statue of Joseph S. Clark Jr. in one of this city's pleasant squares.

With a professionally trained companion, John Kraft, this reporter has just finished an arduous round of door to door polling in the old 25th Ward. The experience was rich and interesting in many ways. But the overwhelming single impression that it left behind was an impression of the far-reaching character of the political revolution that Joe Clark has effected here with the help of his successor in the Philadelphia mayor's office, Richardson Dilworth.

Back in 1951, decades after most other big cities had gone over to the Democrats, Clark finally drove out Philadelphia's ancient, squalid and deeply entrenched Republican machine. He then began the job—as one simple Negro woman described it—"of pulling this here city right up out of the dumps."

ONE result of Clark's success is a political phenomenon wholly novel in this reporter's experience. Everyone who has attempted door-to-door polling is familiar with the Franklin Roosevelt Democrats—the people who tell you, "we were always Republicans until FDR came along, but we've been good Democrats ever since." But in the 25th Ward we actually found considerable numbers of Joe Clark Democrats—people who had changed their party allegiance only five or six years ago because of Clark.

Without these Joe Clark Democrats, Adlai Stevenson could not have carried Philadelphia by 160,000 votes four years ago; and he would have little hope today of carrying Philadelphia by a sufficient majority to put all of Pennsylvania in the Democratic column. Judging by the 25th Ward, however, Stevenson now has that hope. At any rate, the Pennsylvania race looks like being pretty close.

Yet Clark may not need a bronze image to betoken the gratitude of his party, either. The responses of the 25th Ward voters also indicate that Clark's own Philadelphia majority ought to elect him to the Senate seat he is now seeking. He is running far ahead of Adlai Stevenson in this city, and therefore he is really snowing under his Republican opponent, Sen. James Duff.

INDEED, there is a strong spirit of picking and choosing in the 35th Ward nowadays, which was perhaps best symbolized in an extreme form, by Morris Stein, who runs a corner drugstore at 2824 Frankford Ave., was positively vitriolic about President Eisenhower, who he blamed for the current hard blight of small businessmen like himself. He was equally vitriolic about Adlai Stevenson, whose campaigning had "disgusted" him.

"I'll not vote for either of the damn thieves," Stein snorted. "But I'll go to the polls just to vote for Joe Clark, the best mayor this city ever had."

But besides this strong sentiment for Joe Clark, we got other interesting results in the 25th Ward, which is a solid, stolid, shabby but somehow homely working class district bordering on the Reading Railroad yards. In the endless, gray streets of small, old houses many people own their own homes, and a fair number are still Republicans despite Joe Clark. The 25th Ward gave Eisenhower 6,892 votes against 10,493 for Adlai Stevenson four years ago. This

... And You

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DEMOCRATIC STATEMENT

The old adage, attributed to various characters in literary history, "Like Me, Like My Dog," is currently being applied to President Eisenhower, on the one hand, and his administration on the other. It is being used strongly by the Republicans in the "I Like Ike," slogan.

Certainly, it is one thing to like Ike. Many people do. They like Ike, the man. But do they like his "dog," his administration? That is quite another thing, and like the old character, if you like Ike, you gotta like his dog. Well, a lot of people don't like Ike's dog, and for good reason. Since the two are inseparable, let's make some comparisons.

On Oct. 4, 1952, Candidate Eisenhower promised the farmers 90 per cent of parity, and promised to work for 100 per cent. And what did he do after he got elected? The Eisenhower administration gave farmers a sliding Benson scale. It gave them a "triple B" program, Benson, Below Parity, and Bankruptcy.

Under the Democratic administration, farmers had been more prosperous than any time in history. Their products were sold at or above parity. Farm mortgages were at the lowest level in history. Farmers were on an equal footing with others. Ike changed all that.

Candidate Eisenhower, in 1952, promised the people of the Tennessee Valley that he would give the TVA maximum support. He promised to carry on the great program of area development. And what did he do? He tried to turn the entire project over to private power interests, and went so far as to enter into the notorious Dixon-Yates contract. He publicly termed the TVA as "creeping socialism."

In contrast, the Democratic administration works for area development, for the greatest good for the greatest number, in Oregon, in the Northwest, and in the Tennessee Valley. Candidate Eisenhower, in 1952, promised to reduce taxes.

was a good Republican showing in such a district. TODAY, several pulls are visibly at work on the 25th Ward voters as they approach their choice for the Presidency. Other small merchants are as angry with the President as Morris Stein, but the others we talked to were now ready to vote for Stevenson. A significant percentage of working class families who chose Eisenhower last time are also thinking like Mrs. Wanda Mishak, of 2008 Hartlane St.

"My husband and I are back and forth about it, but I guess we're going to vote Democratic, even though we're not sorry we picked Ike four years ago," Mrs. Mishak said. "Ike's a good man, but there's Nixon; he bothers us. And then we think the Democratic party's more on the side of folks like us."

Yet there are other 25th Ward people like Walter Daniels, a young bakery worker of 2959 Memphis St. He voted Democratic in 1952 but now thinks "things are going too good to change Presidents."

Over-all, therefore, our poll of 128 persons in the ward indicated that Stevenson was doing only a hair better than holding his own so far — although there were others beside Morris Stein who did not like Stevenson's campaigning.

He did. Corporation taxes were reduced by \$200 million. You, as an individual taxpayer, know how much your taxes were reduced. The Democrats attempted to give the small taxpayer the reduction, but were opposed by the Eisenhower administration. Candidate Eisenhower promised to increase prosperity. He did. During the Eisenhower administration corporation profits have increased \$8 billion. The average personal income of the great middle class group in the United States has increased \$8 per year, and cost of living is the highest in history.

What the man promises, and what the dog gives, are two different things, and since, with President Eisenhower, it is a case of "Love Me, Love My Dog," there isn't much to do but turn them out.

REPUBLICAN STATEMENT

Here's the breakdown of Republican Prosperity: Employment: 66 1/2 million in June, highest in history—four million higher than the Democrats' highest peak, in war-time August, 1951.

Wages set new June records at \$1.98 per hour and \$79.40 weekly per average factory worker. This is 25 cents an hour and \$7.26 a week more than the highest rates ever reached under the Democrats. Real wages are also much higher because Republicans have held the value of the dollar to within 2 cents of its January 1953 value. In contrast, Truman's dollar lost 33 cents of its April 1945 value by January 1953.

Cost of Living index is now 116.2 up 2 per cent under Republicans, compared to 12 per cent increase in Truman's last 3 1/2 years. Gross National Product, America's total production, is now running at an all-time record rate of \$403 billion a year, 17 per cent above Truman's highest year—wartime 1952.

Per capita disposable income is also highest in history, at the rate of about \$1,658 per year per person. This means that every man woman and child averages \$150 a year more to spend under Republicans than they ever did under Democrats.

Family income: The nation's 52 million families averaged \$5,520 income per family in 1955 before taxes, the highest in history. Fifty nine per cent of U. S. families had before tax incomes of \$4,000 or more. Average three-year family income under Eisenhower was \$5,410—nearly \$100 higher than Truman's last three years, which covered the Korean war.

Our country is doing very well today and its future will be bright—if the Eisenhower policies are continued. Nothing is more important in America than jobs—millions of good jobs. Today, more people are working, earning more money in more and better jobs, than ever before in this country. We have heard many fine-sounding promises lately but actions speak louder than words. The American people in those good jobs, enjoying record prosperity under the policies of the Eisenhower Administration, will not trade a record for a promise.

Our present prosperity comes from the confidence of 169,000,000 Americans in the continuance of the sound policies of this Administration. With this confidence they are moving forward as never before. Unless they are given some reason to fear a departure from these sound policies, this country can continue to rise to new peaks of well-being for all of the American people to enjoy.

Take The Offices of Coroner and Surveyor Out of Politics! VOTE YES on No. 4 QUALIFICATIONS FOR COUNTY CORONER AND SURVEYOR. Purpose: To amend Oregon Constitution by authorizing legislature to prescribe qualification for office of county coroner and county surveyor. YES X NO. [] Paid Political Adv. Chapel Mortuary Across from the Courthouse Frank Morgan—Harold Snodgrass FUNERAL DIRECTORS