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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: Nov. 1, 1926 (Friday) Medford's war price and ration board, in operation since the first rationing of tires and sugar early in the war, will close Nov. 4.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Fears are felt in some circles the state will go to "crack-pot" next Tuesday.

20 YEARS AGO: Nov. 1, 1916 (Sunday) County dramatics committee meets at home demonstration agent's office to prepare rules for Jackson County Rural Dramatics contest.

Warning to Rogue valley turkey raisers to be wary of their selling arrangements this year is issued by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

30 YEARS AGO: Nov. 1, 1906 (Monday) An Ashland citizen presents a petition to 88 business and professional men today asking them to favor the removal of the county seat to Medford.

Mary Stanley of Central Point High school wins first prize in Jacksonville anti-county seat removal prize contest.

40 YEARS AGO: Nov. 1, 1916 (Wednesday) J. D. Skinner returns from two month visit to Texas cattle ranch.

A Republican rally will be held at the Natatorium today at 8 p.m.

50 YEARS AGO: Nov. 1, 1906 (Thursday) P. W. Washau, who with his brother has been conducting the Owl Pool room, sells his half interest to S. I. Brown.

P. M. Kershaw returns from a business trip through northern California.

What's the Answer? Can You Get 4 of the 17? Copr. 1935 Editors Research Reports

1. Most Halloween rites in the U.S. derive from the British Isles, Scandinavian lands, Germany or Africa?

2. Many more city traffic accidents come at or between street intersections, or is it about 50-50?

3. Adam C. Powell, Negro Representative from N. Y., now out for Eisenhower, calls himself a Democrat, Republican or Independent?

4. A man is said to die intestate when he leaves no widow, children, real estate, insurance, or will?

5. California voted for Eisenhower over Stevenson in 1952 by a relatively wide or thin margin?

6. The million Arab refugees from Israel are generally agreed to have left it voluntarily, or to have been forced out, or is it in great dispute?

7. A uxoricide kills his wife, children, parents, in-laws, girl friend, rival for her love, or king?

The Answers: 1. British Isles, especially Ireland; 2. About 50-50; 3. Democrat; 4. No will; 5. Wide margin; 6. In great dispute; 7. Wife.

"Anything to Beat Morse"

If Senator Morse is defeated, it won't be because of the "Big Money" campaign made against him, but in SPITE of it.

For flagrant misrepresentation, mendacity, misinterpretation and all-around "silly business," this "anything to beat Morse" drive has established a new low in the political history of this state.

In the latter category take this claim that whenever our senior Senator has arisen to speak in the Senate, all the members "have walked out," so he has talked to an empty chamber.

This absurd contention has been supported by a photograph, showing Senator Morse speaking in the Senate entirely surrounded by empty seats.

IT NOW develops that this photograph was taken from "Life Magazine" and doctored up to eliminate the figure of Senator Knowland with whom Oregon's senator was debating at the time—in other words it was a "fake" along the line of the notorious Joe McCarthy fake photograph used in Maryland to defeat Senator Tydings four years ago.

According to "Life" this reproduction also violated its copyright, and no one who has followed the anti-Morse campaign at all would question the willingness of the "Old Guard" to descend to that level if they thought it would give Douglas McKay a few more votes.

BUT what a ridiculous charge to make and equally nonsensical the claim that Oregon's senior Senator has been a "Do Nothing" senator distinguished by his roll-call absences and his failure to get favorable action on the measures he has introduced.

The plain truth is the Morse record of attendance, except when he was seriously injured, and forced to be absent for several weeks, is far above the average, far better in fact than that of Oregon's last Republican senator. No—the real objection to Wayne Morse—aside from that unforgivable sin of leaving a party in which he no longer believed—is that he has done TOO much, been too active, and effective in the Upper House rather than the reverse.

What the "Old Guard" opposition really wants is someone to represent Oregon in the senate who will do nothing but follow orders from the party "GHQ", join in the chorus that all is perfect in the Republican party and all is evil in the Democratic and while looking wise, keep his mouth shut except when told what to say and how to say it.

WE GRANT, that on this basis, Morse is NOT their man!

But that does not justify their full page ads headed by this sneaking smear, quote:

"Morse backs Scheme Russians favor for Halting Bomb tests."

What follows insinuates our senior Senator is not a loyal American because he has dared to criticize the Eisenhower administration when he has believed it right; whereas all the loyalty, honesty and patriotism rests in "Doug" McKay because he can be depended upon to go down the line for the present administration no matter what he believes—or rather he won't have any beliefs of his own for the "King can do no wrong;" issues don't count it is just the votes, and so all as well with the country and the world as long as the GOP is in absolute control.

How many voters are going to be influenced by such vicious and intemperate "stuff and nonsense"?

The "Anything to beat Morse" crowd must have a very low opinion of the average taste and intelligence of the Oregon electorate to waste their money on such McCarthyistic and low brow tactics. But they must believe in it or they would not do it.

As indicated above the Mail Tribune believes that such a campaign as the Morse-haters have conducted has taken more votes away from their hand picked candidate than given him.

And there is evidence here in Jackson county to support this belief. We have received reports of registered Republicans who have no great love (or hate) for Morse but who are going to vote for him, as a protest against the sort of campaign that has been waged against him. They have no use for "McCarthyism" in either party, and they resent being told by outsiders how they must vote to save the country from communism. They consider themselves quite competent to make that decision on their own, and that is what they are going to do come the first of next week.

IN ANOTHER and less reprehensible category, but still showing how desperate the McKay forces must be in their all-out effort to put just another "Yes man" in Wayne Morse's seat for six long years, the Oregonian recently conjured up what it called a "give away" by Oregon's senior senator. It was called the "Big Deal at Big Meadows" and was so far from any "give away" like Al Sarena, that even one of Senator Morse's most vigorous opponents, and well known Republican attorney, Robert Maguire of Portland couldn't "take it."

So he answered the Oregonian's long insinuating editorial with a long but, to any impartial observer, convincing reply of which the following is an extract, quote:

Over 42 years ago, on February 13, 1912, the state of Oregon sold this land to Hugh Johnson as it clearly had the right to do. The state collected taxes for nearly 20 years, when there being a default in the taxes, it was foreclosed by a tax sale. Curry county on July 7, 1949, sold the land to J. F. Kronenberg, who sold it to Bradley and Leonard in May, 1951. The forest service first asserted title in July 1951.

The West Coast Title company relied upon these records and issued its title insurance thereon, and it would be most unfair and unjust, after 40 years of acquiescence, for the government to assert title.

There is no provision in the law by which the purchasers

Editor's note: The pre-election volume of letters to the editor has become so great that it obviously will be impossible to publish them all prior to election day. An attempt is being made to select those of greatest interest, and on subjects not previously and repeatedly discussed. Letters which are brief and to the point will have the best chance of being published.

Scents Another "Give Away"

To the Editor: I believe that many Tribune readers have never heard of the Big Meadows Case and if they have, know very little about it.

My information is that private interests purchased 560 acres of Oregon timber now valued at \$300,000, many years ago for \$4,200, the title to which is clouded involving many legal questions too complicated to attempt an explanation here. I understand that Mr. Morse, in order to avoid having these legal questions determined in our courts, admits he introduced a bill or resolution in the Senate to enact SPECIAL LAW to "give away" this \$300,000 timber tract to these private interests for \$4,200 and if elected again would attempt to pass such a special law BECAUSE if he is wrong, Congress would have the right to turn him down and the President could veto it.

If a law student would have given such an excuse or answer while Mr. Morse was dean of the law school, he would have flunked such a student out of school. Mr. Morse knows the proper place for these private interests to have their rights determined is in our courts of law. If these private interests cannot sue the United States without its consent, then why doesn't Mr. Morse introduce a resolution that would give the consent of the United States to be sued by these private interests? Such resolutions are not uncommon in the State Legislature and in Congress. Special laws should never be used until it has been determined that claimants have no remedy in our courts. For instance, if "A" claimed "B" owes him \$1000 and "B" claims he has paid it, should our legislators pass a special law determining whether or not "B" owes "A" \$1000?

I believe Oregonians have more confidence in the judgment of our courts as to whether or not these private interests are entitled to a \$300,000 timber tract for \$4,200 than by a SPECIAL LAW made by legislators, some of whom are more interested in the political weather-vane than in the State of Oregon.

How can Mr. Morse pretend to be against "give away" and at the same time try to "give away" \$300,000 of the taxpayers money to private interests for \$4,200? We should not worry too much, however, because based upon Mr. Morse's record of success, the resolution only has three chances out of 97 of becoming adopted.

J. F. Fliigel 32 North Central ave. Medford, Ore.

The Closing Spasms

To the Editor: In the last days of an election campaign, almost any kind of statement may be made or stunt tried, but the attempt to describe the two Democratic candidates for the legislature as subservient to the S.P. because they did not appear against the S.P. at the recent hearings, and because in the case of Bob Duncan the law firm of which he is a member was among those representing the S.P., is characteristic of this stage of the campaign. But when the further attempt is made to portray the two Republican legislative candidates as the people's last hope against the S.P., it is novel indeed—even for the last gyrations of the closing days of the campaign.

The truth is that all four candidates are men of integrity and are deeply interested in the welfare of this community. However, there will probably be several more days of irresponsible

from the state can sue the government to establish their title. The other remedy was to have a bill introduced into the congress and thereby get an opportunity to appear before a congressional committee and set out the facts, as to which there is no dispute, and urge the passage of a bill confirming title. Under these facts Senator Morse agreed to submit such a bill, and I think all good citizens will be compelled to admit that he was right in so doing.

ROBERT F. MAGUIRE 723 Pittcock block Portland.

Now there is absolutely no "give away" involved here, all that Senator Morse did was to draw up a bill to correct an apparent injustice on behalf of two of his constituents, the entire proceeding being above board and the final decision not being up to Oregon's senator, but the proper committees of the senate and house, with the certainty of a presidential veto if the President and his advisers should not approve of it.

The fact that the timber-land involved along with all other timber land in Oregon increased in value fabulously in the past 42 years had nothing to do with the case. It was solely a question of clearing the title. But apparently the Oregonian thought here was a chance to perhaps take a few more votes from Wayne Morse, so along with the other Morse-haters the paper hopped to it.—R.W.R.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

you will be just a number to produce more and more gold for a centralized gang lusting for power while you squirm under a centralized police Gestapo from Washington, D.C. You already are a number, try to get a job without your commy social so-called security number. You can't get one—that is communism—get it? You are a serf—the gangsters must get there in some tax plunder or you don't eat? Do you get that? Soon as anyone of this gang is voted in—a bureaucrat will be set up in each state of federal Gestapo to see you have no state constitutional rights or bill of rights—what happens then? It's easy, the blood bath Americans will fill every telegraph pole in the U.S. with red rats and there cohorts. There is a way out—if you are not apathetic—end dead in mind and body—Vote American—the men I mentioned don't like the declaration of independence do you? or do you like being a serf? if not vote for Coleman Andrews for president—Thomas H. Werdell for vice president—and conservative Ellsworth and McKay and Smith—about the only others I would say to vote for is the dog catcher—that are in favor of America.

George S. Reilly 338 North Laurel Ashland, Ore. For America Constitutional party.

Big Money Talks To the Editor: It seems to me that the Democrats have given a most excellent reason for electing Republicans. The Democrats have loudly complained that the Republicans were able to give so much more money for the election campaign than the Democrats could do.

So evidently there are many more men in the Republican party who have proved themselves able to handle large sums of money successfully, and it would seem good sense to choose such successful financiers to manage the great financial affairs of the nation, rather than a group of men with a lot of unproved theories. England with her own socialist program was in a mess.

Why follow her mistakes with a lot of Democratic socialist mistakes, such as big government owned and operated dams? Horace W. Thompson 3642 Hillcrest rd. Medford, Ore.

Idiots Delight To the Editor: If as they say I'll be elected again because the American people look to this election as a "Queen for a Day," or "Atlantic City Bathing Beauty Contest," not on the issues and what the parties stand for, and by fate we are drawn into a war to protect our way of life, would all registered Democrats be excused because then it would be a Republican war?

Then we could keep making H-bombs and tell our enemies to go ahead and start a war. We'll use this bomb, even if it kills us. Of what use is a weapon that when you pull the trigger you kill yourself or deform generations to come?

George Rockel 901 West Harbeck Grants Pass, Ore.

Will it Hurt TB Fight? To the Editor: I just read Janet Guches communication to your paper, and it left me with such an empty feeling that I had to air my views.

First of all let me go on record as being in favor of a good public health program, in favor of fluoridation, and a good dental program, but the attitude that has been rendered in recent weeks as to the use of Christmas Seal money, and its general distribution has left me cold. If this money were to be spent for a general health program, why have they hid behind the skirts of Tuberculosis, and why haven't they come out in the open before? If you were to meet 100 persons on the street, and ask them what their Seal money goes for, 99 will tell you Chest X-rays, and tuberculosis research. They have never been given any reason to believe otherwise until the recent fluoridation issue.

I would like to ask Mrs. Guches if the County Public Health Association was interested only in dental health, why did they wait until just before an election to provide expert, informed and authoritative men to give these facts regarding fluoridation? Why weren't they educating us about fluoridation a year or two ago?

I'm wondering how the present attitude "so be it" will affect the over all county health program this year. Yes, it may promote fluoridation, but what will it do to the ground that has been gained towards defeating Tuberculosis and how far back will the Christmas Seal campaign slide because of the present attitude of the Public Health Association?

Lea Jenkins 2548 Starlite lane Medford, Ore.

A Doctor's View To the Editor: I wish to take issue with an assertion that fluoridation of the municipal water supply endangers individuals as a "cumulative protoplasmic poison."

That expression implies there is a build-up of the chemical in the body. Whoever is responsible for that "catch-phrase" has little acquaintance with studies done on fluoridation.

At I part per million, intake and output is practically balanced; only a minute amount of fluoride ingested stays in the body—and that goes into the building of strong teeth. This is not hearsay or assumption, but scientifically proven fact. Studies on the actions of fluorides in animals and man are voluminous. A fine compilation of many of these studies is published in a monograph by the American Association for the Advancement of Science entitled "Fluoridation as a Public Health Measure."

Further, if there were any "cumulative protoplasmic" effects from drinking 1 ppm fluoridated water, they would have turned up in the generations of over 3,000,000 persons drinking this substance—or, certainly, in the large populations drinking water which naturally contains fluoride at many times this level. Reputable scientific literature does not bear out any hazards attributed to drinking 1 ppm fluoridated water for any length of time.

The doctors of our community, just as in other areas, support fluoridation on the basis of these recognized scientific findings of its proven effectiveness, safety and economy—and not because the A.M.A., or the U.S.P.H.S., tells us to do so; and not because of some "calculus" gain.

Do you know why we want fluoridation? It's because at our house we have four little sets of uppers and four little sets of lowers and mother and dad want the teeth in them to grow strong and not have to be fitted.

Ralph E. Hibbs, M.D. 1032 West Main st. Medford, Ore.

She Wants Prescriptions To the Editor: One could hardly make a mistake in voting for any candidate among those present at the Fair, but I am still in doubt about the fluoridation issue. It is not logical to put digitalis in a water system because some people have a heart condition. According to your paper, prescription filling demands specialized knowledge. Why then how could it be safe to dose everyone with fluoride because some have sick or decayed teeth?

It is an established fact that each individual absorbs, digests, rejects and reacts differently to the same substances taken into the body. So how can any authority say that the same percentage of fluoride will be helpful or harmful? Would it be safer to have a prescription to meet the individual child's needs?

Mrs. C. J. Moore 340 Wabash Medford, Ore.

An Attorney's View To the Editor: Much has been written on both sides of the fluoridation controversy, and if I was certain that the addition of fluorides to our drinking water was truly beneficial I would be shouting loud for it. However, after studying both sides of the matter, I feel that it is a matter on which we should go slow. At least 87 cities have given fluoridation a fair trial and have discontinued its use. Sheridan, Wyo., is one of these. Sheridan, Wyo., is one of these. Sheridan, Wyo., is one of these. Sheridan, Wyo., is one of these.

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Porter will work and fight for federal aid to education, the United Nations, protection of our great national forests, more small tract timber sales, abundant low-cost power, peaceful application of atomic energy, an impartial labor law, aid for the family farmer, social security liberalization, better housing, and see to it that Southwest Oregon gets a better break than the disheartening results we've been given to date.

I know Charlie Porter, his wife, Priscilla, and the children. I know that he teaches Sunday school in the First Congregational church of Eugene. I know a lot of things about Charlie that the Oregonian ought to learn because come November we're going to have a man in office that the Great Newspaper of the West will have to introduce for the first time to an awful lot of readers.

Ronel M. Paddock, P. O. Box 122, Oakridge, Ore.

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COLUMNS ON PAGE 10 Columns which ordinarily appear on the Editorial page, today will be found on Page 10.

health for our children and the adults they will become. A vote for dental health is a vote for economy, for progress and for human betterment. How can anyone vote against fluoridation because he is in favor of the unnecessary and excessive tooth decay of our area, and the pain and high costs of dental repair?

For 30 years I have been following the careful research that has led, step by step, to our modern knowledge of the relationship between traces of fluoride and prevention of tooth cavities. Fluoridation of the water supply is the most completely validated method we have ever had for the improvement of dental health.

Mrs. JoAnn Townes 913 Newtown st. Medford, Ore.

Porter Qualified To the Editor: I have read the Oregonian's loving editorial "three experienced congressmen are running for re-election in upstate Oregon against three Democrats who have no legislative experience whatsoever."

It is as logical to say we'll not have new teachers, doctors, lawyers, or editors tomorrow because those taking time to earn degrees have not had "the experience."

Ellsworth has been instrumental in solving timber problems which are of paramount interest to his district," says the Oregonian piously.

Presumably that means he solved the Al Sarena knot for the McDonald Brothers of Alabama so well that the National Forest now has 166,000 like claims against public forest land just waiting to see if the Ellsworth-McKay Giveaway claim can get away with it.

That the Oregonian should endorse Ellsworth's high pressure help to aid big money interests and monopolistic grabs of our precious timberland is a revelation that worried Portland editors feel the GOP machine must be saved at any cost.

Charles O. Porter is first of all QUALIFIED as no congressional candidate has ever been in Oregon history. For 15 years he has studied law-making. He was serving Uncle Sam for four years in Europe and earning three battle stars and a distinguished citation.

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