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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.

16 YEARS AGO Nov. 2, 1940 (Saturday) Jackson County Model Railroad Society holds meeting in building at the county fairgrounds.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Sledge Pot column: The fat sex have started running around in their furs and look chic and snive.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 2, 1936 (Monday) Yesterday was first day of open season on bear in Jackson County.

National, state and local election returns will be announced as they are received tomorrow night over the Mail Tribune's public address system.

24 YEARS AGO Nov. 3, 1932 (Tuesday) "I will run for mayor again, again and again and keep on running until either myself or some other satisfactory man is elected," says Earl Fehl, independent candidate for mayor.

The "Leadership training program," conducted by the Crater Lake Council, Boy Scouts of America, meets Monday.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 2, 1916 (Thursday) An aerial tramway to be used at the Blue Lodge mine arrives in Medford.

Small samples of sugar have been received in Medford, taken from the first bag of commercial sugar manufactured in southern Oregon.

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 2, 1906 (Friday) A four-horse team headed with coal, the product of the coal mine six miles east of Medford, passes through here bound for the Blue Lodge today.

J. W. Perkins, Jackson County representative and orchardman, wins the honor of producing the finest pears in America.

What's the Answer? Can You Get a of the 77? Corp. 1953 Editorial Research Report

1. Public schools in Washington, D. C. are now fully integrated or fully segregated, or are working gradually toward integration? 2. The typical U. S. Senator is about (a) 50, (b) 60, (c) 70 or (d) 80 years old? 3. President Eisenhower has ruled that Communist Yugoslavia is or isn't admitted to future aid from the U. S.?

TOO LATE Louisville, Ky.—UP—Police Chief Carl F. Hendrix sent letters to all major firms here recently advising steps to take in case of robbery. The same day a young Negro robbed a Liberty National Bank & Trust Co. branch of \$8,100—the city's first bank robbery of the year.

A Miracle is Performed Undoubtedly domestic politics makes strange bedfellows. But foreign politics can make miracles. At least "miraculous" is the best word we can find to describe the complete transformation in the world's political situation within a brief week. Who would have thought a week ago, for example, that the Eisenhower administration would not only be praising the policies of the Kremlin, but joining with the Red Russians in voting against England and France in the United Nations? Yet that is the case, it is now "history."

NOT only that but the leader of the Republican party broadcasts to this country and the world, that if the reported policy of Soviet Russia to withdraw its troops from Hungary and other satellite (and still communist) states is carried out, it will be the greatest step forward in improved international relations of this generation. Strong words—high praise!

Yet only a week or two ago President Eisenhower and other GOP spokesmen were broadcasting to this country and the world that the USSR could not be trusted to keep its word regarding control of the H-bomb or anything else, that largely because of this distrust the arms race, atomic and otherwise would have to go on. Today, however, there is no such distrust—or if there is it is not expressed—instead Red Russia is highly praised, the American lamb is lying down peacefully with the Russian bear, and "Old Man Debil" no longer resides in the Kremlin, but at 10 Downing Street and the Quai d'Orsay!

If anyone had seriously predicted such an alliance a week or ten days ago a hurry-call would have been sent out for a police-net and a straight jacket, tout suite.

THIS is not to condemn this transformation in policy by the Eisenhower administration.

Under the course of events which came as such a shocking surprise to the people of the country, the President had to take a stand and could hardly have upheld what he considered "armed aggression" by England, France and Israel, particularly in view of his campaign promises and his frequent pledges of devotion to world peace and the principles of the United Nations. The mysterious thing is that it came as such a "surprise," and shock not only to the American people, but apparently to the President himself.

It must have been both for only a few weeks ago General Eisenhower told the country, all serious danger in the Suez canal situation had passed, and a signal diplomatic victory under United States leadership had been won. We can't believe that he had been informed as he should have been of the true situation in the Near East and the potential dangers involved, nor can we believe that Secretary Dulles with his frequent conferences with the British and French governments did NOT know them. If this assumption is correct the obvious question is why didn't the Secretary of State inform the President? The correct answer to that would, we are sure, be interesting.

HOWEVER that may be, sufficient unto the day are the good tidings thereof and from the standpoint of any World War III breaking out is concerned, this unexpected and regrettable break with our two former foremost allies, may prove a blessing in disguise.

For as long as Soviet Russia and the USA are working the same side of the street internationally, and a truce in the cold war even if armed is maintained, any world war is out, for the very simple and sufficient reason that only the two giants in the atomic arms race could or would wage such a war.

All this may prove somewhat bewildering and embarrassing to the McCarthys and the Nixons, as far as the communist smear against the Democrats is concerned. But to replace a relationship of mutual suspicion, hatred and fear with a relationship of at least non hostile cooperation in the cause of preventing war, is surely a consummation devoutly to be wished. It is also one which only a few days ago would have seemed to be far beyond the realm of human possibility.—R.W.R.

Yes or No? Many people assume nothing will be heard of the Al Sarena "give away" after the election. We hope they are right but doubt it. At least this department is still getting letters from friends of the Al Sarena owners to the effect that so long as the mining patents were granted and according to the law such patents gave them surface rights to the timber why shouldn't they do as they have done, and cut it? The answer is no reason at all. This paper has repeatedly stated the deal was "within the law" and by disregarding the assays of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, the McDonald Brothers got what they wanted—no mining of minerals, but mining of timber.

THE point, as has been repeatedly stated in this column, is: should such a procedure be continued, namely granting mineral rights at \$5 an acre to timber valued in the open market at approximately \$500 an acre, or should a law be passed to prevent it? The former Secretary of the Interior McKay and his supporters say "yes," his opponents say "no." We believe the voters of Oregon Tuesday next will back up that "no" with their votes.—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.

Editor's note: No Communications on political subjects will be published election day, Nov. 6. To be considered for publication Monday, letters should be at the Mail Tribune office not later than Saturday. Letters which are brief, to the point, and which have a fresh viewpoint will have the best chance for publication, since space will not permit printing all received.

Strong for Nunley To the Editor: During the primary election I was sorely tempted to write this letter on behalf of Walter Nunley, our District Attorney, but did not have the courage to do so. I have that courage now, and am proud to be able to do so.

Since April, 1955, Mr. Nunley has written numerous letters in an effort to locate my husband in order to get support money for me and my children, and is now trying to serve him with reciprocal papers which his office has gotten out for me. I know that it is not Mr. Nunley's fault that he has been unable to get the support money for me, as his file on my case is filled with copies of letters which he has written in my behalf, and he is still trying.

I am a poor woman so far as "money" goes, but I am not poor in judgment. I say this: if you want a person of understanding, sympathy, perseverance and honesty, with a goal to do the right thing for you, I say "Let's keep Mr. Nunley in office." He sure deserves a lot of credit. May Mamie Mosley Rogue River, Ore.

Why Medford? To the Editor: The hearing on the freeway destination is a thing of the past, and the Jackson county court, the planning commission, irrigation districts, fruitgrowers, orchardists, etc., all pounced on the Bear creek route as the most feasible.

A few intelligent people pointed out it was a freeway designed for a quick transportation artery, not a dawdling, pleasure-seeking highway. The Pacific highway would be normally used if people wanted to visit Medford, do business here, or stay all night at a hotel or motel.

The one good thing the city of Medford did for its population was build our lovely Hawthorne Park for recreation and rest in the shade for older people. Now they are evidently regretting their good work — by using a right of way through it, which will not only use 300 feet of it, but use the remainder for machinery and equipment in building the freeway, if it is decided to take that route.

They are also mistaken if they think the property along Bear creek will be acquired for a song. Most of the land deeds reach to the middle of the creek. Some of these people worked for years to make their humble homes.

Wake up, folks of Medford. There were two other routes pointed out for the freeway location which would not hurt Medford and vicinity. Anyway, the orchards have more land to spare than do people with perhaps only a 50 by 100 foot lot with a little home on it in Medford.

No other Oregon city or town has a freeway cutting through it. Why should Medford be specially visited? Mrs. Mary S. Morgan, 618 East Ninth st. Medford, Ore.

True Representation To the Editor: It is time that the citizens of Jackson county have true representation in the Oregon State House of Representatives. We need Robert A. Boyer and Robert B. Duncan in the state legislature. They are qualified by training and experience, as attorneys, to deal efficiently with the legal problems of a representative of the people.

More important, however, are their interests and their positions in life, which they share with a great percentage of our people. They are young men with growing families to support on an average income, just like most of us. Therefore they have a vivid understanding of such matters as taxation and how they affect our families.

These young men have shown their willingness to serve us and to accept the sacrifice of leaving the source of their incomes during legislative sessions. This, to me, is eloquent evidence of their intense desire for the real representation of our people. It is good to see such devotion to the common good. Warda Kane, Route 1, box 407A, Talent, Ore.

Against Fish Bill To the Editor: While the fishing measure, No. 7, on the ballot is not a major issue this election, I feel that more information on the subject is in order.

In the first place more fish going up to spawn doesn't insure a larger run of salmon in years

to come. This can be noted in the closure of the Rogue river many years ago with no increase as yet. If there is not sufficient feed in the river, then overstocking can do more harm than good just as it will with cattle on the range or in the pasture.

Second, it should be mentioned that sport fishing already takes 45 per cent of the salmon run, commercial fishing, in ocean and rivers combined, accounts for 25 per cent of the run and 30 per cent is allowed, by closed season method, to return to the spawning areas. These figures were released by the Fish Commission after 10 years of tagging on the Pacific coast.

Third, there is the cost of maintaining the salmon hatcheries, which the commercial fishing industry carries. There is no suggestion in this measure to replace the loss of revenue from this source. While netting salmon is only seasonal work and no one expects to make a living from it, it can be the difference in doing and going without, just as the fruit work makes a difference to many here.

Fourth, there is the fact that the Fish Commission has the authority to close these rivers whenever it becomes necessary. It might be wise to leave this matter in their hands since they are doing everything possible to increase the salmon supply. Agnes E. Hall, 2133 Spring st. Medford, Ore.

Waste Is Cited To the Editor: On last July 6, Mr. Robert Lee, superintendent of the city water department, reported that the people of Medford used over 17 million gallons of water in one day when the temperature went up over 107 degrees. Of that amount less than 1/2 of 1 per cent was used for drinking and in the preparation of food. The other 99 1/2 per cent was used in other ways.

Would there be a sound economy shown in spending about \$30,000 to install the equipment to feed the sodium fluoride into the city water system, plus an additional sum of about \$3,000 for maintenance, and have 99 1/2 per cent of the water go down the drain, which would be a wasteful and uneconomical way of doing, especially when our taxes are already pretty high?

And here is what Mr. Arthur C. Ford, commissioner of New York City has to say in reply to a letter of inquiry from Mayor D. H. Mackay of Calgary, Canada, about New York City's water department attitude towards fluoridation of its water supply: "Our concern and responsibility is to provide the people of New York City with a dependable supply of the purest and safest water possible. No one can guarantee a safe water supply to all the people of New York City by using the water as a fluoride vehicle."

"Placing of fluorides in the communal water supply has been under the city's water department scrutiny for more than 20 years. No satisfactory reason has ever been advanced to show why every one in a community must be compelled to risk life-long extraordinary exposure to the toxic action of fluorides particularly when safer, more effective and more economical ways of administering fluorides are available."

The same theory advanced by Mr. Ford is also applicable to the city of Medford. Louis N. Gentner, 207 South Orange st. Medford, Ore.

Free of Harm To the Editor: A recent advertisement in the Mail Tribune, sponsored by the Anti-Fluoridation Committee of Medford, quotes an article on toxicity of fluorine compounds from the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The article referred to deals with toxic effects of fluorine compounds; but pertains to concentrations of fluorine far in excess of that utilized in drinking water supplies for prevention of dental decay. For purposes of arousing fear of fluoride poisoning, a description of the bad effects of fluorine (in toxic quantities), is of course effective. It does not, however, have any bearing on the proposal at hand. One part per million of fluorine (about 1 teaspoonful in 1,000 gallons) has been shown by years of observation of naturally and artificially fluoridated water supplies, to be free of any harmful effects on the human body. John L. Welch, M.D., 1032 West Main st. Medford, Ore.

Is It Worth It? To the Editor: Granted that fluoride may be helpful in reducing decay in children's teeth during a short period. This may be done in several ways besides mass medication and putting the burden on people who have raised their families and are hard pressed to pay the steadily rising taxes and other costs of living. The younger parents are mak-

ing more money now than any other generation. Why should they not take care of their own dentist bills as we older parents did? I have lived in Medford a long time and paid in taxes on several different city water pipe lines. Now we enjoy pure mountain spring water which will have to be distilled, with addition of fluoride, for car batteries, we will have corroded plumbing, we will have still higher public debt and higher water rates. Is it really worth it? Berna Esther Clark, Medford, Ore.

Her Three Reasons To the Editor: I am strongly in favor of fluoridation, after reading the material provided by those for and against the proposal.

While I do not have the scientific background to fully understand the technical parts of fluoridation, I am going to vote yes on the proposal because 1) my children will have a 68 per cent chance of having NO cavities in their baby teeth, and consequently a much more "permanent" set of permanent teeth; and 2) I have faith in the organizations supporting fluoridation, that they do have the scientific knowledge to properly assess all aspects of fluoridation (such organizations as the American Dental Association, the American Medical Association, the U.S. Public Health Service and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the many other outstanding scientific organizations who are supporting fluoridation and which do not give their endorsement and sanction without extremely thorough investigations and unless they have the most advanced technical information available on the subject); 3) even to my unscientific eye the material presented by the fluoridation group in Medford showed their "facts" were supported by scientific study of the issue, and not emotionalism.

I hope that in 20 years my children will not have to question me why their teeth were not protected and saved by fluoridation. Mrs. Jean Danielson, 2211 Jean avenue, Medford, Ore.

"Unfair, UnAmerican" To the Editor: I have read many communications in your paper regarding fluoridation of Medford's water supply and I don't believe any have stressed the most important thing about developing and keeping a sound healthy set of teeth. If many of the children of today used their hands as little as their teeth would be so defective and useless as their teeth.

I believe babies cutting teeth should have a bone or piece of hard wood or other object fully as hard to bite on instead of a soft rubber toy as is generally used. They should be taught to chew their food hard and vigorous even though it be soft food.

I believe whole raw hard wheat is one of the best tooth developers there is. I ate a lot of it as far back as I can remember. Raw vegetables are also good. I ate a lot of them too, including raw potatoes in winter when we had no other raw fresh vegetables.

I had my first decayed tooth at 59, a wisdom tooth it was, and another one at 66, this time a good molar. I had gotten into a habit of lazy jaws so I went back to my old habit of hard chewing. I am now within four days of 77 and I have had no more tooth trouble.

I have cracked many nuts of many kinds with my teeth and the only kind small enough to go between my jaw teeth that I couldn't crack with my teeth was a black walnut. I have often cut a willow fish pole with my teeth when I didn't have a knife, in my boyhood days.

I repeat, the secret of a good sound set of teeth is to use them hard and vigorous from the cradle to the grave as nature intended them to be used.

This I firmly believe I have learned by experience and observation. So I want to belatedly congratulate the good citizens of Ashland for having voted down fluoridation of their city water supply. Now they can fluoride themselves or their children as they see fit or as their doctor or dentist prescribes without forcing it on the very large majority who either don't need it or don't want it.

Also there is the many outside of Medford who will have no chance to vote on the fluoridation joker. And that is very unfair. In fact the whole thing is unfair and un-American. Vote no on fluoridation of Medford's pure and wonderful water. E. L. Hitt, Route 2, box 381F Medford, Ore.

For Future Citizens To the Editor: It is a fact that Medford's water supply is lacking in elements vital to the formation of good teeth. Many far-sighted cities with the same problem are providing a means to better health for their citizens by fluoridating public water supplies.

Over one-half the cities in the United States with 500,000 popu-

# Election Spotlight Shifts Suddenly To Foreign Policy Field

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Correspondent Washington—UP—This presidential campaign began with its outcome seeming to depend very much on the farm issue. It is ending with American foreign policy on the hot spot.



This probably is a good break for President Eisenhower. Mr. Eisenhower has been more at ease in discussing and disposing of foreign policy matters than in the area of farm economics.

Moreover, as the news has directed public attention away from domestic matters and toward foreign affairs, it has concentrated public attention more on Mr. Eisenhower and away from the party which he leads. Democratic strategy has been a double-barreled thing.

Adlai E. Stevenson and his supporters sought, first, to cut Mr. Eisenhower down to size, to tip him off a war hero's pedestal. The second Democratic objective was to link Mr. Eisenhower securely to and with the Republican Party. This latter was relatively easy in connection with most campaign issues.

Foreign policy, however, is a peculiarly personal field. It is not the State Department or the Senate which makes U.S. foreign policy. The President makes it. Republican and Democratic presidents alike seek and sometimes get bipartisan support for their foreign policies.

The blind staggers now afflicting the North Atlantic Alliance, which has been the basis of U.S. foreign policy, cannot be direct-

ly charged to the Republican Party. It was Mr. Eisenhower's responsibility to protect the alliance and himself in the field of foreign affairs to the best of his ability. The policies were his, although he actually inherited them from the Truman administration.

Mr. Eisenhower has been seeking reelection on a peace and prosperity record. World peace has been savagely shattered. The recent events in the Middle East suddenly have cast Mr. Eisenhower in the role of world peacemaker. That's not a bad election-year role for any candidate.

More bad news from the Middle East may be on the way. There is likely to be, however, brighter news from the United Nations and Washington reporting developments in the new Eisenhower foreign policy. The new policy is to put the brakes on two of the principal U.S. partners in the North Atlantic Alliance—Great Britain and France.

A new and effective foreign policy is being made the most urgent need of the Eisenhower administration and of candidate Eisenhower. A great power whose basic foreign policy fails suddenly is like a speeding ship which has dropped its rudder. The skipper probably knows where he wants to go but has no means of getting there.

Such conditions cannot long continue without the risk of calamity and disaster to the United Nations. Assembly changes world opinion effectively in support of Mr. Eisenhower's efforts toward peace. He will have substantially discharged the United States' responsibility as a world leader for peace. And the rudder will almost be in place again.

# In The Day's News

Well—The fat is in the fire. The British and the French, going it alone, are SHOOTING in the Suez. Bombs are dropping on Egyptian targets.

THEY gave the Israelis and the Egyptians the old-fashioned 12-hour ultimatum. There was a time in the world when all that was necessary, when somebody got out of line, was to SEND THE BRITISH FLEET, and that was that.

The extreme right wing of the British Conservative party, which has long been humiliated by the disintegration of the British empire, has decided to go back to those days. Hence the ultimatum. Israel accepted it on the condition that Egypt accept it also. Egypt refused.

So the shooting started. WHY was this chosen at the time? Let's quote an old proverb: "When the cat's away the mice will play." Russia is in a mess at the moment. So Israel moved into Egypt, shooting as it went. Britain and France then moved into the Suez.

That accounts for the timing. THE burning question: Can it be stopped short of Armageddon? I think Senator Bill Knowlton put his finger on it this morning when he said this is the hour of supreme trial for United Nations. If UN can stop this one, its future in the world is made.

That is too grim to consider right now. Let's wait and see what happens. WHAT shall we do? It looks like the time is here for a complete reappraisal

of our foreign policy—which for a LONG time has been based upon complete cooperation with Britain and France.

The British and the French—disregarding their 1956 pledge binding the United States, Britain and France to work together to PRESERVE PEACE in the Middle East—have pulled loose from us and are going it on their own.

I think we're better off without them. The day of colonial empires is over. When Hungarian men will walk bareheaded to death-spitting Russian tanks, and a Hungarian girl will run in and throw a bottle of gasoline into a Russian tank before she does, no one can any longer doubt that.

Because of their colonial empires—now and in the past—the British and the French are the most hated nations outside Russia in the world. It's about time for us to assume our rightful place as the friend of all the peoples who want to gain their own affairs.

We've been bending in that direction for some time, but our obligations to the British and the French have handicapped us. NOW for a disagreeable and disillusioning subject. The subject is politics.

With the world standing again at the brink of the precipice at whose bottom lies war, Mr. Stevenson steps up sharply his attacks on the ablest military leader of the post-war century.

It's war has to come a hope like is our leader when it starts. His are EXPERIENCED hands.

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