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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. 10, 1946 (Sunday)

House wives will receive 10 per cent more bread at no increase in price beginning Tuesday morning.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Armistice Day will be observed tomorrow with banks and tonsorial parlors not having the exclusive rights to close.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 11, 1936

Four representatives of the national preaching mission in Medford to confer with local church leaders.

Junior high school presents Armistice Day program pageant.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 11, 1926 (Wednesday)

First annual flower show of Medford Floral society opens in Chamber of Commerce building today.

Next Craters' meeting will be held Monday at the Rogue Elk hotel.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 11, 1916 (Friday)

Culmination of months of preparation will be reached when the academy fair opens Monday.

Junior Thrift exhibit opens in building on Main st. used during the campaign by the Democratic headquarters.

What's the Answer?

Can You Get 4 of the 7?
Copr. 1955 Editorial Research Report

1. Communist China has been so far kept out of U.N. only by veto of the U.S.; right or wrong?
2. On steamships "cabin class" costs more or less than "tourist class" or about the same?
3. The Battle of Gettysburg was the last great battle of the Civil War; right or wrong?
4. Defense Secretary Wilson was formerly head of General Electric, General Dynamics, General Motors, General Mills or General Tire?
5. "Satchmo" Armstrong is a noted pugilist, jazz musician, football player, abstract painter or jockey?
6. Which two of these are not British-made Fords: Anglia, Austin, Consul, Hillman, Prefect, Zephyr?
7. Annie Oakley was a famous actress, social leader, dress designer, feminist, pistol shot, or mistress of a French king?

The answers: 1. Wrong. 2. Costs more. 3. Wrong. 4. General Motors. 5. Jazz musician. 6. Austin and Hillman aren't. 7. Pistol shot.

East German Paper Says 'Volunteers' to Egypt

Berlin —(U.P.)—An East German Communist newspaper said today Communist "volunteers" are flocking to Egypt.

"Thousands of volunteers with military training are streaming to Egypt from all the peace-loving nations," The Berliner Zeitung said.

HOW NOT TO BE POPULAR

Torrance, Calif. — (U.P.) — Irked by the laziness of two 13-year old boys who hitch hiked a ride for only a block and a half, a moforist decided to take his revenge. He dropped the boys off at a bus stop —15 miles from home.

"No Time for Elation"

One can't blame the esteemed Oregonian for putting the best interpretation upon the presidential election it can from the standpoint of the Republican party.

Having been for nearly a century consistently and uncompromisingly "G.O.P." it would hardly agree with the view of former Governor Sprague, also Republican and editor of the Salem Statesman, who comments, quote:

> "It was an Eisenhower victory instead of a Republican victory * * * For the Republican party as a whole therefor elation must be tempered with consciousness, it is in need of a stronger 'understudy.' It must develop its junior leadership or the Eisenhower victory will prove short lived."

As usual Editor Sprague refuses to indulge in any "wishful thinking." He faces the facts and uses his head.

The Oregonian, however, refuses to give up its cherished "Great God Zeus" complex.

It admits that the "victory" demonstrated "the Eisenhower coat-tails have no great carrying capacity" but stoutly it maintains that if the President had not intervened in various and sundry senatorial races—including, of course, the Morse-McKay encounter—all the Republicans would have fared worse. It then concludes, quote:

> "The President's personal prestige and power have never been higher. There is reason to assume there will not be the great conflict some envision between the Republican president and the Democratic congress. Even those who have not yet been identified as Eisenhower Republicans will surely find it difficult to withstand the magnetism of the president's extreme popularity. Even Democrats, as was indicated throughout the campaign will be searching for alignment with modern Republicanism."

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WILL they?

As we see it, the above is only another example of the most extreme wishful and partisan thinking.

President Eisenhower's tremendous almost hypnotic power over the voters in a free-for-all campaign is ONE thing—and is conceded; but his power to charm the hard-shelled political birdies right out of the trees in the U.S. Congress is quite another.

So long as the European crisis exists a certain bi-partisan attitude and reasonable harmony can—and should—be expected. But when these tensions disappear, as everyone hopes will be relatively soon, we will be greatly surprised if "Ike" doesn't find the climate of congress in his second—and final term—far different from that of his first.

This will not be due solely to the Democratic control by any means. For unless all signs fail, the sharp-shooting will be even harder from the ultra-conservative isolationist section of the G.O.P, including the slightly submerged but still breathing "Old Guard" followers of Senator Joe McCarthy and "McCarthyism."

The Old Guard don't like the President or his foreign policies and never have. They don't like political submergence and impotency either.

Realizing the President will be through in 1960 and can't be the saviour of the Grand Old Party again, they will, we believe, soon feel free to do what comes naturally and return to the status quo ante, when their reactionary attitude, impelled the General to consider seriously at one time leaving the G.O.P. and forming a Third Party of his own.

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ON THE other hand the Democrats, as a whole, strongly opposed to the administration's "Big Business" fixation, can be depended upon to fight the President, whenever he yields to pressures and as in the Dixon Yates affair, allows those who really favor General Motors over the General Welfare, to put something over on him.

In short while we don't deny the "magnetism of the President's extreme popularity" as far as the voters are concerned, we do seriously question that General Eisenhower will be able to cast a similar spell over the Democratic congress between elections, and we are even more convinced there will be no stampede on the part of the Democrats in either body "to align themselves post-haste with MODERN Republicanism,"—whatever that is.

As the Salem Statesman indicates it was a great personal triumph for Mr. Dwight D. Eisenhower, not for the G.O.P. and the members of the Grand Old Party should allow their elation over their landslide victory to be tempered with the consciousness the party is greatly in need of a stronger understudy to the President—stronger one assumes than the present one—Mr. Richard Nixon, V.I.P.

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ALL of which is good sense and sound political advice. When in peace prepare for war, and when in victory prepare to avoid defeat.

There was nothing in the recent landslide to justify a feeling of complacency or over confidence in Republican ranks. That second largest electoral majority in national history, demonstrated the people, regardless of party, "do LIKE Ike." It did NOT demonstrate there is any such affectionate devotion to the Republican party—quite the reverse, in fact.—R.W.R.

The State Results

The most gratifying feature of last Tuesday's election from the standpoint of this state, was giving the old "k.o." to two time-honored assumptions. Number one: the coat-tail assumption, all a candidate has to do is deliver a blank check of approval to some popular leader and slide into office.

No. 2: that because Oregon has for so long been predominately a one-party state it must so continue.

Both of these assumptions were killed by the voters on November 6—a case of killing two birds of evil with one election-stone so to speak.

And it added up to a consummation devoutly to be wished.

THE coat-tail technique, of course, may be revived but our prediction is it will never be given the standing it had in pro political circles in the late "unpleasantness." If it failed to work with "Ike" it is hard to picture it working with any other party leader.

And that is all to the good—a victory for real democracy and good government. A "k.o." for a type of partisanship that is both stupid and blind.

Candidates for important office should be judged by their fitness for the positions to which they aspire, not by the leader of party to which they belong. That is the principle upheld by the voters of Oregon on Tuesday last.

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AS TO No. 2: the people of Oregon certainly buried the myth that this is a one-party state, by staging a record breaking Democratic sweep which not only restored the cherished two-party system for two years at least but very likely for all time.

It can't be expected this will result in long extended Republican dominance being replaced by extended Democratic dominance. This would be as undesirable a condition as the reverse.

But it can be expected that this will be a two-party, not a one-party state, from now on and controls can be determined not by what label the candidates may wear, but by and large, by their character, record and abilities.

The establishment and endorsement of such a policy is also all to the good.

A more wholesome political climate and better government in Oregon, can hardly fail to be the result.—R.W.R.

Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

IKE'S TRIUMPH

Washington — If ever there was a purely personal triumph, it is the triumph which Dwight D. Eisenhower has just enjoyed. For the Democratic victories in both houses clearly indicate that the President won against a Democratic tide which has been running strongly since 1952. It is a neat trick to win at all against the tide. It is downright miraculous to win by a landslide.

Joseph Alsop

It is highly significant, moreover, that the miracle, to the extent that miracles can be planned, was carefully planned by the President himself. Among his associates he never made any bones about the fact that he not only intended to win but that he intended to win by a greater majority than in 1952.

Stewart Alsop

That was the meaning of his decision (which had to be modified becuse of the foreign crisis) to make a final, major campaign swing through th South. The President was quite aware that a southern swing would elect no Rebublican Senators and few if any Representatives. He never had any doubts whatsoever that he himself would win, and if electing a Republican Congress had been his overriding concern, he might have devoted his final campaign efforts to helping such threatened and now defeated Republicans as Duff of Pennsylvania, Bender of Ohio and Welker of Idaho.

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BUT as the campaign reached its climax, the political intelligence division of the Republican National Committee received a whole series of reports that the Eisenhower candidacy was going great guns in the South. When a southern swing to batten down these southern Eisenhower votes was therefore proposed to him by Republican Chairman Len Hall, the President resisted at first. But when it was pointed out to him that his best chance of bettering his 1952 record lay in the South, he eagerly agreed to Hall's proposal.

He was perfectly frank with his associates, moreover, about the reasons he was so anxious to increase his 1952 majority. One reason was that he wanted to be able to speak with absolute authority in conducting American foreign policy.

He believed that, if he won by a reduced majority after a campagn in which his conduct of foreign policy was bitterly criticized, it might be thought abroad—and especially in the Kremlin—that he was not fully master in his own house. The President is absolutely convinced, moreover, that a time of great and convulsive change is coming for the Soviet Empire.

His reasoning is simple, and based on his own military experience.

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HE HAS remarked to several intimates that he is glad he is not in his old friend Marshal Zhukov's shoes. Every military man knows, the Presdent has said in effect, that a foreign army cannot indefinitely hold down a vast and rebellious population—and he is sure that Zhukov knows it too. The President believd that a smashing majority would greatly strengthen his hand in dealing with the dangers and opportunities of the time of great change which he foresees.

His second reason for wanting so badly to increase his majority was quite different, but he was equally outspoken in discussing it with friends. A bigger majority than 1952, the President reasoned, would be an enthusiastic endorsement of "Eisenhower Republicanism," and it would thus make it far easier for him to convert his party fully to his own brand of middle-of-the-road conservatism.

In his little speech to the assembled party workers on Tuesday night the President virtually served notice of his intention of remaking his party in the image of what he called "modern Republicanism." He has often said to friends that his chief reason for running again was that he needed four more years to remake his party so that it would again be the majority party in the nation.

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HE STILL has a long way to go. The country gave a ringing endorsement on Tuesday to Dwight D. Eisenhower, but the vote was very far from a ringing endorsement of the Republican party. Yet his enormous personal triumph has given him an authority in the party he would otherwise have lacked in his second, and last, administration.

Moreover, the Eisenhower of 1956 is very different from the Eisenhower of 1952, when he knew little of politics and constantly turned to others for advice. The strategy of the 1956 campaign was most definitely an Eisenhower strategy, and he is now an acknowledged and confident master of the political art, perhaps the greatest of this generation.

He is also a man with a habit of getting what he wants, as his remarkable personal triumph last Tuesday suggests.

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The Parking Problem

To the Editor: No doubt many "old timers" will recall that Medford had a "parking problem" when only a small village some third of a century ago. This situation was very much improved upon the passing and enforcement of an ordnance prohibiting parking in certain down-town areas for more than one hour. Cars were then "chalked" at hourly intervals and tickets given for violation.

With the advent of parking meters it was thought that there would be further improvement. Business men as well as their employees, rather than walk a few blocks to a parking lot, soon found that by "feeding" the meters hourly, in front or near their places of business — even 8 hours parking would cost but 40 cents. (This practice is more general than realized).

Why is it not practical to mark the tires of cars parking in congested downtown Medford? Could this not be done with far less cost to the tax-payers than to have City ownership and operation of parking lots? Even the proponents of "off street parking measures" might be agreeably surprised at the available spaces in front of their stores if their own as well as the cars of their employees were parked on "Free enterprise parking lots."

A few months ago it was the writer's privilege to take an advance course in real-estate appraisal. A property appraised was a three story building occupied by J. C. Penney under favorable lease. The building was constructed of re-enforced concrete and some 3½ years old — modern in design and appointments. Cost some $460,000. It was decided by the class that the very best use and occupancy of the property was that of a parking lot. This would produce more revenue for the owners than the Penney store lease. Yes, the removal of some of the older buildings in downtown Medford with the lots used for parking purposes is not too far removed. But — under private ownership and operation.

Charles A. Wing,
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Medford, Ore.

Keep Oregon Green

To the Editor: Now that our 1956 forest fire season in Oregon has passed, I wish, on behalf of the Keep Oregon Green Association, to extend to you and your newspaper our sincere thanks for the outstanding support you gave us by your many forest fire prevention news items, advertisements and editorials on forest fire prevention.

Our record for new man-caused fires was one of the best Oregon has experienced in several years.

The success that has been achieved in reducing man-caused forest and range fires and keeping fire losses at a minimum has been largely due to the fine support of yourself and members of your staff.

Thanks again for your fine cooperation in helping us carry out our program in your county to Keep Oregon Green.

Albert Wiesendanger,
Executive Secretary,
Keep Oregon Green Association,
Salem, Ore.

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

This column was an election casualty last week. Anyone miss it?

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Speaking of the election, its overall results came as a surprise to a lot of people. One group we know marked sample ballots the way they thought the election would come out. Usually, when this is done, the winner misses no more than one or two of his guesses.

This time, however, the winner missed nine guesses, and some of the other contestants missed 18, 19 or 20 results.

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Josephine county had a couple of poetic contests Tuesday. Bristol defeated Driscoll, and Hull defeated Hall.

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The morning after Halloween, still a few days before the election, someone spotted a stop sign which had been fixed up by a campaign sticker to read:

STOP
McKay
For Senator

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And one Mail Tribune editor was composing a headline for a pre-election story when he was interrupted. The result, fortunately, didn't get into the paper, for the headline said: "Voters Will Elect Officials, Pass On . . ."

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A small group of Medford Boy Scouts camped out at Crater Lake recently, with permission from park headquarters, where they were warned about a young bear which had been roaming around Rim village.

The night passed quietly, but in the morning the bear appeared, looking for food. It found the boys' cocoa tin, got into it and sampled it—then departed, apparently discouraged by the taste of the cocoa and not hungry for anything else.

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A Medford couple, parents of three, enrolled their eldest child, a daughter, in the first grade this fall. The wife visited her daughter's class last week — but she may not go back. A classmate of her daughter asked her, "Are you her grandma?"

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Agricultural activity in the valley has reached an almost complete standstill, as it usually does at this time of the year in this kind of weather. So the officials in the county agents office, always desiring to be helpful, last week suggested that it would be a good time for farm wives to get their husbands busy building new cupboards, painting ceilings, or doing other household chores.

The farm wives may appreciate this suggestion—but what about the farmers?

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Recent rainstorms brought their usual rash of roof troubles during the past few weeks. One bank in the county opened in the morning to find the floor covered with water which the janitor literally had to shovel away. Waste-baskets were put to water-catching use, but soon the supply ran out. So the janitor rounded up some 10-gallon tins, and the bank's clerks and tellers listened through the day to the steady plunk! plunk! plunk! of water dripping down.

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The Mail Tribune was another firm which had roof trouble. A leak in the roof admitted a substantial amount of water to the ceiling area during a storm, where it was caught and from where it came down in a constant drip for days—long after the roof was repaired and the rain stopped. We used a bowl to catch the dripping stream, which was located almost in front of the elevator which opens into the newsroom.

Many of our visitors narrowly missed kicking it as they came to see us, and several of them commented to the effect that we were "saving water to make coffee," or were "going to take a bath," or were "saving pure water in case fluoridation goes into effect."

Some of them thought it added a note of atmosphere to the newsroom, while one minister declared that he thought only parsonages had leaks. One thoughtful woman said she regretted she had forgotten to bring a mop with her.

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We received a note after the election which said "Not only do we have to co-exist in the same world as the Communists—but now also with the Democrats. Bah!" It was signed "YRRP," which was translated to mean "Your Rabid Republican Friend."

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A woman we know neglected to buy "goodies," to give out during the Halloween collection trips of young neighbors, until just after dinner time that night. As she started for the grocery, three small goblins appeared with the "trick-or-treat" demand. She explained her plight, and invited them to return in a few minutes, after she'd been to the store.

The small goblins huddled for a moment, then their spokesman said "If you can't treat us, we'll treat you," and each then proceeded to give her a candy bar and an apple from their loot bags.

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One Oregon editor, commenting on election-type talk, asks what you get if you multiply a half-truth with double-talk—a whole truth?

Oregon Yule Tree Harvest Predicted High This Year

Salem—Oregon's 1956 Christmas tree harvest will reach 1,500,000 trees, according to a statement issued Saturday by Dwight L. Phipps, state forester. It represents a million dollar income to the grower and three times that amount on the retail lot, he added.

Harvesting has been under way for some time at the higher elevations where the early snows drive the cutters out of the weeds, Phipps stated. It is just getting under way in the lower elevations and will continue until the middle of December.

Find Ready Market

Oregon trees find a ready market in California and the Hawaiian Islands but only to a limited extent in the eastern part of the United States due to competition from the Rocky Mountain area and lake states, according to the state forester.

"The Christmas tree harvest is becoming an important fall industry in the state," Phipps said. "Stumpage values have been going up year after year and the commercial dealer has been finding it difficult to find stumpage. Some of them are establishing their own plantations while others are looking for contracts with the land owners."

Warns Against Trespass

Phipps warned against trespass. He pointed out that the tree cutter is required to secure a permit from the state forester or his agent or a federal ranger. Each permit gives the description of the land from which the trees are to be removed and the name of th land owner.

During the period of tree harvest, the various foresters will be on the watch for trespass and will check on the various permits where cutters are located," he stated. "The state police have been asked to cooperate in this activity."

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE ELECTION AND THE CRISIS

This time the professional observers, with no very serious dissenter among them, have long been foreseeing the grand results of the election. There has never been any real doubt that if President Eisenhower was physically able to run again, he would be invincible, what with the prosperity of the country, his personal prestige both in war and in peace, and his achievements as the healer of the internal divisions of this country.

Walter Lippmann

While Eisenhower was a certainty from the beginning, it was highly probable that the Democratic party would prove again that it is stronger than the Republican party. As this is written, I do not have available definitive returns on the Congressional and gubernatorial elections. But the indications are that the correspondents, the commentators, and the pollsters have been essentially right in distinguishing between Eisenhower and his party. He has had an enormous vote of confidence. The Republican party has not had one.

The campaign has been clean and decent, but not enlightening or interesting. It takes two to bring on a debate, and the President refused to be provoked into debating anything. Since there was a great contented majority behind him, he did not have to admit that there was any issue to debate. To have admitted that there were issues which were debatable might have been to disturb his majority.

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SINCE the week end the international situation may have reached, and perhaps passed, a very dangerous crisis. The Anglo-French intervention in Suez called for quick and decisive results, for an accomplished fact which created a new situation. In fact the intervention was so slow that in the interval—before the landings and while the Egyptian airfields were being bombed—the Eden government found itself in a whirlpool of opposing forces at home and abroad.

At this point the Soviet government saw an opportunity which it promptly seized. It threatened to intervene on the side of Egypt, confident that in much of the world it would find sympathy. By this action the Soviet government has reestablished its position in Egypt and among Egypt's Arab allies. That position would have been lost had the Anglo-French intervention been a quick and complete success.

To this dangerous threat the Eden government has responded by breaking off the military operations at a point where some but not all of its objectives have been achieved. We have responded, as we were bound to do, by warning the Soviet government not to intervene.

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THE best hope of the world now lies in the plan which has been voted by the United Nations, for an international force to police the occupied territory after the British, French and Israeli armies withdraw. The success of this undertaking is almost certain to depend on whether the Soviet Union really backs it or really opposes it.

We can only hope for the best. For the task which is now assigned to the United Nations is far and away the most difficult in all its history, and yet the great powers, whose unanimity is so necessary to any United Nations action, are as never before divided among themselves.

Fortunately, the management of the undertaking is in the hands of Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, as competent, as cool, as astute, and as objective a diplomat as we have seen for many a long day.

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