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Flight o' Time

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

10 YEARS AGO

Aug. 13, 1947 (Wednesday)
W. B. Tucker, Corvallis, has been appointed Jackson county agent by the county court.

20 YEARS AGO

Aug. 13, 1927 (Friday)
Third of a weekly series of band concerts will be held in city park by the Elks band to night.

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 13, 1927 (Saturday)
Old hats must be worn here after Aug. 20 for jubilee.

40 YEARS AGO

Aug. 13, 1917 (Tuesday)
Twelve Applegate and Ruch farmers meet to organize farm loan association.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. The moon personified, a feminine proper name, and a bird are named P—.
2. Name the national flower of England.
3. Bible: Is it correct to call Luke an apostle?
4. The earth rotates on its axis 362 1/4, 365 1/4 or 366 1/4 times a year?
5. Were Germans permitted to vote in U.S.-occupied German zones?
6. On September 2, 1945 (V-J Day), there were approximately 1,000, 1,500 or 2,000 generals in the Army of the U.S.?
7. Marmosets are birds, monkeys, or gems?
8. In Army slang, what is a "dog robber"?
9. Is "fawn" a mythological term meaning a god of the fields?
10. "His hearers can tell you on Sunday beforehand, / If in that day's discourse they'll be Bibles or Korans" — J. R. Lowell. Does this refer to preaching, an academic lecture, or a game?
Answers: 1. Phoebe; 2. Rose; 3. Yes; 4. 365 1/4 times; 5. Yes; 6. 1,500; 7. Monkeys; 8. An officer's servant or personal attendant; 9. No. A young deer; 10. Preaching.

Jasper Kidnaping Brings Prison Term

Eugene — Circuit Judge A. T. Goodwin Monday sentenced James Adam Repp, 33, to a maximum term of 15 years in the state penitentiary for the kidnaping last month of Mrs. Alda Wright and James Aubrey of Jasper.
William Henry Eckels, also accused in the case, is being held on another charge at Tillamook.
Mrs. Wright and Aubrey were abducted from a Jasper store July 30 and were held until the next day when they were freed on Mt. Hebo near Tillamook.

Back to John C. Calhoun

Over the air on "Face the Nation" Sunday, Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina contributed greatly to a clarification of the controversial Civil Rights issue, particularly from the standpoint of the state of South Carolina and the Solid South.

If any evidence were needed that the Solid South is still fighting the Civil War, only with words instead of bullets, the man who carried four southern states as presidential candidate of a Third Party, supplied it.

ONE thing can be said for Senator Thurmond. He meets this important national issue head-on, engaged in no evasions or double-talk; doesn't deny for a moment that he wants to set the clock of human and social progress back over 100 years to the days of Jefferson Davis and John C. Calhoun, and finally, over the air, made it perfectly plain, that if this can be done only by forming a Third party slanted for the "Solid South," he will be on the firing line to do it.

IT WAS really a most extraordinary statement to make in this day and age, for it has been generally assumed—at least throughout the north—that the issue of states rights and nullification had been settled by the victory of the "boys in blue" over the "boys in grey," by the "unionists" over the "secessionists" by those who opposed human slavery over those who favored it.

IT is true of course, "slavery" is out, but according to Senator Strom Thurmond, "nullification" certainly isn't, nor is putting states rights ahead of federal rights. And if John C. Calhoun, also a senator from South Carolina, were alive today, he and his successor would agree completely, that quote:

"A State has the right to nullify such Federal laws as it considers unconstitutional for there is no direct connection between the individuals of a state and the government, the great conservative principle of a union being nullification."

AS noted it has been assumed for generations in the north that all this sort of talk was "water over the dam," that this country was no longer a confederation of sovereign states, but a federal UNION, the power of which was supreme and the rulings of which through the U.S. Supreme Court were to be obeyed, by good citizens everywhere.

BUT not so according to the senior Senator from South Carolina. In fact his remarks regarding the Supreme Court were almost disarming in their subversive frankness and naivete.

For example he said he opposed President Franklin Roosevelt's efforts to "pack" the Supreme Court, because he thought the court exactly right in declaring important portions of the New Deal unconstitutional. In HIS firm opinion, they WERE.

BUT when the present Court declares the segregation of public schools according to race and color, unconstitutional, again in HIS opinion, he not only considers the court wrong and radical, but he wants it shorn of its appellate powers and he has introduced a bill into the congress to bring that about.

In other words the gentleman from South Carolina even goes further than his political and spiritual predecessors, for it isn't what the people of his state may decide, but what he himself decides, as to what is constitutional and proper and what isn't.

HE approved the court decision against the New Deal, he doesn't like the court's decision against "White Supremacy." So he stands by our fundamental law when he "Strom Thurmond" likes it, he defies and refuses to obey it when he DOESN'T.

So he not only represents the state of South Carolina in the US Senate but only a few years ago South Carolina and three other Southern States voted for HIM for President!

WE sometimes wonder what it will take to shock the people of the United States, and snap them out of their indifference and complacency.

Judging them by the well known newspaper men who made up the "Face the Nation" panel, there was nothing to them shocking, or surprising, or revolutionary in the sentiments expressed over the air, or if so their questions indicated nothing of the sort. None of the questions—or very few at least—contained any challenge whatever or particular relevancy.

They were veteran Washington correspondents, and one must conclude they were "conditioned" to this sort of talk from this source and did not take it very seriously.

One wonders if the American people AS A WHOLE feel the same way about it?—R.W.R.

Shopper's Paradise In Springfield Plan

Springfield, Ore.—A two and one-half block area of downtown Springfield will be converted into a "Shopper's Paradise" starting Thursday in a 10-day experiment.
The area will be completely free of vehicle traffic with Highway 126 bypassing the shopping center.

The experiment was devised by the Chamber of Commerce and the City Planning Commission to meet a growing slowdown of business in the central area because of increased traffic and by suburban shopping centers.

EX-REPRESENTATIVE DIES
Albany, Tex.—Thomas L. Blanton, 84, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1917 to 1936, died Monday.



Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

WILSON'S LEGACY
Washington — Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson will leave Washington, if not exactly trailing clouds of glory, at least pleasantly aware that almost everybody likes him. It is impossible not to like him, although some have tried very hard.

For a thoroughly honest, essentially simple man is a hard man to dislike, and that is what Wilson is. Jessie Ann Wilson, the Secretary's indomitable spouse, was quite right the other day when she revealed that "Mr. Wilson came as a great shock" because "he spoke the simple truth in a place where politics is the native tongue." Secretary Wilson has spoken the truth—as he saw the truth—and no one can doubt that he is not only an honest man, but a man who has honestly tried to do his best.

AND yet, how good has that best been? In all fairness, certain facts must be considered, in trying to answer that question. The first fact to bear in mind is that Wilson joined an administration absolutely committed to a balanced budget and reduced taxes. The administration could not conceivably honor its commitment without sharp reductions in defense expenditures.

The second fact to bear in mind is that Wilson became Secretary of Defense at almost the precise moment when the Soviets, who had concentrated on building defensive air strength during the period when the United States had a near-monopoly of offensive air-atomic power, switched priorities. From about 1952 onwards, the Soviets gave absolute priority, first to breaking the American air-atomic monopoly, and then to gaining superiority in that field.

Wilson cannot be blamed, after all, because the Soviets exploded their first hydrogen bomb in August, 1953, a few short months after he had taken office. It was not his fault that they tested their first intercontinental jet bomber less than two years after he had become Secretary of Defense. It was not his fault that they began testing their intermediate missiles in 1952, or that they tested their first prototype version of an intercontinental missile this year.

IT was not Wilson's fault, if you will, that he was caught in a trap, almost from the day he became Secretary of Defense. He was trapped between the Administration's commitment to reduce taxes and balance the budget, on the one hand, and the mounting evidence that the Soviets were achieving a decisive air-atomic superiority on the other.

Now the Committee must sustain the momentum its program has achieved. Much is still to be done in the short weeks before the Wisconsin election. Later in the year New Jersey and Virginia will elect governors, and Congressional elections will be held next year in every state.

Join in supporting this effort. Its effects are beginning to be felt. As the Scripps-Howard newspaper editorialized, "If enough good citizens get behind it, the Fair Campaign Practices Committee may yet get political campaigns out of the back alley. Now muscle to 'em!"

Only you, and concerned and respectable citizens like you, can provide the "more muscle" needed to extend the gains already made in Wisconsin and across the land.

Charles P. Taft, Chairman, 8 E. 66th St., New York, N. Y.

BEARS ARE BOLSTERED
Rensselaer, Ind. — Earl Leggett and Jack Johnson, members of the All-Star squad which lost to the New York Giants last Friday night, have joined the Chicago Bears and may appear in Saturday's night's exhibition game with the Pittsburgh Steelers in Jacksonville, Fla.

Paper Used To Back Magazine Story on Actress Said 'Dynamite'

Hollywood — A witness in the libel trial of Confidential and Whisper magazines used an affidavit that was "dynamite" to document a story on Maureen O'Hara's amours in Grauman's Chinese theater.
Lester Grady, a former editor of Whisper, told the jury under prosecution questioning that affidavits, some of them from New York and Hollywood call girls, were used in the preparation of stories for the two scandal publications.

Used To Support Story
One such affidavit he said was used to support a story on Miss O'Hara, a flame-haired Irish actress, and her alleged love making in a theater seat while the movie was showing. The story is part of the evidence listed by the prosecution in the original indictment.

As the second sensational day of testimony swung into high gear in Superior Court where the magazines and their agents are charged with criminal libel, Ronnie Quillan, a Hollywood call-girl, with waist-length red hair draped down her back, took the stand.

"I was engaged in prostitution," Miss Quillan said by way of introduction to the jury. "Mr. Harrison (Robert Harrison, Confidential publisher) told me he primarily wanted stories concerning the sexual activities of members of the movie colony

and the more lewd and lascivious story, the more colorful for the magazine."
Kept Harassing Her
Miss Quillan, 41, strikingly dressed in a white cotton tightly fitted sheath dress, said she began serving as an informant for Confidential about March of 1954.

She said Harrison "kept harassing me" for names of other prostitutes in Hollywood who could supply him with information.
"I told him I had contact with other girls who could provide him with material for stories, and he asked me whether these girls were willing to make rendezvous with celebrities," she testified.

"Harrison told me that private detectives were used to run down stories and for tips. He also used recordings — micro-films and tapes."
"Mr. Harrison also discussed the homosexuality of a very prominent movie actress," she said.

She admitted on the stand she was paid a total of \$1,500 for information for two stories, one on the actress and the other on an actor. Under direct examination she did not name either of the personalities.

Published in Altered Form
"The story of the actor for which I was contacted was published in altered form," she testified under prosecution questioning designed to bring out the state's contention that the publications used "innuendo and falsehoods" in preparing stories.

"I submitted the story as an incident that happened 10 years previously but it appeared in the magazine as if it occurred recently," she said.

Grady's testimony averred that Mrs. Marjorie Meade, one of the agents indicted with the two magazines, used call girls to help prepare the affidavits.
" They had some trouble with affidavits. The one affidavit that Harrison and Govoni (editor of Confidential) were concerned about was the one on Maureen O'Hara. I didn't see it, but it was dynamite. I was not to mention the name of Miss O'Hara in front of Harrison because it would upset him," Grady told the court.

Defense attorney Arthur Crowley cross-examined Grady. Didn't See Eye-to-Eye
"Is it true you were fired for incompetency?" Crowley asked.
"No," was the reply.
" For failure to meet deadlines?"
" No."
" You were fired?"
" Yes, for failure to see eye to eye with Harrison."

One of the biggest bundles of dirty linen to date in the trial was unwrapped Monday and it belonged to the biggest box office hero in movie history, Clark Gable.

Gable immediately denied from his Hawaii vacation spot, testimony that he had an affair with a party girl but the frank allegations set off renewed behind-the-scenes maneuvers to keep the buoird lives of the stars out of the trial.

In the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS

The sales tax, as it is generally understood in these days, is 36 years old. It got its start back in West Virginia in 1921. It has spread now to 33 states and somewhat more than 1,000 cities.

In this modern day when Uncle Sam takes about 75 cents out of every dollar of taxes paid by the people (the old boy used to take only 25 cents out of the total tax dollars, leaving the other 75 cents to the cities, states, counties, school districts, etc.) the cities are as hard up for money as anybody, and have found the sales tax an answer to their prayers for more dough.

WHEN West Virginia started it off, the take of the sales tax was infinitesimal. In 1956, it produced more than three billion dollars.

Percentage-wise, collections from the sales tax represented 18 per cent of total state tax collections 10 years ago. Today sales taxes represent 23 per cent of total state tax collections.

HERE is an interesting fact: Most of the adoptions of the sales tax by states came in the depression period from 1933 to 1935. Twenty-five of them took it up in those years. Five of the states that adopted the sales tax then have abandoned it since, but 13 more have taken it on.

The sales tax was ideally adapted for the depression period, because it was paid in small sums as purchases were made. In those rugged years, the sales tax was popular because it meant that people didn't have to dig into their pockets for large sums of tax money all at once. Instead, they paid their taxes a little at a time, and were all paid up, so far as the sales tax was concerned, at the end of the year.

IN OREGON, the idea has been carefully nurtured over a period of a quarter of a century that the sales tax is a sinful institution that should have been forbidden in the Ten Commandments.

What isn't generally remembered is that well ahead of West Virginia's experiment in 1921 Oregon ORIGINATED what is undoubtedly the most successful sales tax in the United States.

I am referring, of course, to the gasoline tax for the construction of highways. Oregon was then wrestling with the problem of better roads—of getting out of the mud. By a tremendous effort, the people were induced to vote a road bond issue of six million dollars—which they looked bigger than all the money in the world.

But we needed roads. We needed them BADLY. The automobile was just coming into general use, and the roads that had been good enough first for the ox wagon and later for the horse and buggy just simply weren't good enough for the gasoline chariot.

So the \$6,000,000 bond issue was approved in a hard-fought election campaign. It worked. It kept on working. It produced a lot of money. And, because it was paid a little at a time so that nobody was hurt, it was POPULAR—if any tax can be said to be popular.

It worked so well that it spread eventually all over the U. S.

Doria Again Called To Explain Present Received From Union

Washington — The Senate Rackets Committee recalled Anthony J. Doria today to explain the \$80,000 going-away present he received from a union from which he resigned under fire.

Doria, a bulky buddy of New York labor racketeer Johnny Dio, resigned last February as secretary-treasurer of the Allied Industrial Workers Union, formerly known as the AFL United Auto Workers.

Other Witnesses Called
Committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy told newsmen about 10 other witnesses were also called including Joseph Curcio and Harry Davidoff, officials of the UAW-AFL Local 648 in New York.

Local 648 was identified by the committee as Dio's mother local in his string of racket-ridden New York units of the UAW-AFL and a key unit in a scheme to set up paper locals of Teamsters to help his friend, James R. Hoffa, win control of the Teamsters in New York.

Sale Information Wanted
Kennedy said the committee also sought information from Doria about the sale of the union's headquarters in Milwaukee to Doria's former real estate partner.

Former UAW-AFL President Earl Heaton testified Friday that Doria got \$25,000 in cash and promissory notes for \$55,000 when he left the union. Doria is suing to collect on the notes. The union decided at a house-cleaning convention last week to try to recover the original \$25,000 paid to Doria.

The committee subpoenaed Doria's records and bank account at the end of Monday's session.

7,000-Man Draft Call Issued for October

Washington — The Defense Department has issued a 7,000-man draft call for the Army in October—the smallest monthly call since April, 1956.

The Army took 8,000 draftees in September and 11,000 in August. From April through July the monthly draft call was 13,000.

The reduced draft calls reflect Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson's recent order to trim military strength by 100,000. Wilson told his news conferees by next Jan. 1, expected draft calls to level off at 1,000 or 8,000 men a month.

Field Wide Open For Hoffa Election

San Francisco — Joseph J. Diviny, top teamster official here and international vice president of the union, has withdrawn as a possible candidate to succeed Dave Beck as president, leaving the field wide open for James Hoffa.

Diviny, head of the San Francisco Bay Area Joint Council of Teamsters, announced Monday he would not seek the union's top post at its convention in Miami next month.

Hoffa, of Detroit, was expected to be named president by the Teamster convention without opposition. He recently was found innocent of charges he attempted to bribe a Senate committee investigator in connection with the investigation of labor racketeering.

Diviny praised Hoffa as a "hard worker with unlimited energy" but he declined to say whether he would support him for president.

SEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE

Melbourne, Australia — Burglars who rifled a print shop here apparently were trying to get at the root of the matter. They stole 10,000 copies of a booklet to be distributed to local police. The booklets described crime.

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