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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
May 7, 1948 (Friday)
A total of \$261.25 has been contributed to the fund to send the high school band to the Portland Rose festival.
Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican candidate for president, carries his campaign to southern Oregon; addresses a public rally at the Medford armory.

20 YEARS AGO
May 7, 1938 (Sunday)
J. C. Baird, credited with establishing the first electric light plant in Medford, died peacefully in Long Beach, Calif.
From Arthur Perry's Ye Scurge Pot column: "The courthouse lawn robins have been flying to the country, to follow the plow and eat fish-worms as the furrows unfold."

30 YEARS AGO
May 7, 1928 (Monday)
The strength of all National Guard units in Oregon have been reduced to meet the reduction in federal appropriations, according to an announcement here.
From local and personal columns: "The United States (news) service announces a campaign against unnecessary destruction of corners and witness trees."

40 YEARS AGO
May 7, 1918 (Tuesday)
Southern Pacific's commissary department announces that trains 13 and 54 will soon commence to serve regular meals in their dining car service.
From local and personal columns: "A letter received from Major Kelly, with the advanced section of Pershing's forces in France, dated April 14, stated that he was well and everything at the front in good shape."

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Which is the larger in total area: the United States or the Dominion of Canada?
2. Bible: How old was Joseph when he was made ruler of Egypt?
3. What is Celtuce?
4. Who wrote "The Robe"?
5. Skewers are used by dentists, druggists, butchers, or machinists?
6. The chief religion in Burma is Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Christianity, or Shintoism?
7. Is the Klondike in Alaska or Canada?
8. Who organized and became the first Colonel of the Rough Riders in the Spanish-American War?
9. Which is the largest racial group in the population of the Hawaiian Islands?
10. The kernels of corn are always odd, or even numbered on the ear?

Answers: 1. Canada. 2. Thirty. 3. Vegetable. 4. Lloyd C. Douglas. 5. Butchers. 6. Buddhism. 7. Canada. 8. Leonard Wood. 9. Japanese. 10. Even.

Voters' Job

Three "sample" ballots were published in the Mail Tribune yesterday, in much the same form voters will see when they go to the polls May 16.

They are both Republican and Democratic ballots for the primary or "nominating" election, and the non-partisan ballot, which contains the names of the candidates for five judicial offices, and the one county-wide measure up for approval of the people.

These are the two ballots which most voters will receive: either the Democratic or Republican, according to party affiliation, and the non-partisan ballot.

VOTERS who are not party members will receive only the non-partisan ballot.

In addition, voters of the city of Medford will receive a city ballot, asking approval of two annexation proposals, to bring into the city proper two areas now surrounded by the city, but not part of it, sort of "islands" in county territory in the city.

Details of these proposals also are being published in full, although in "legal" form, rather than ballot form.

Therefore, a registered voter of either of the two main parties, who lives in Medford, will receive three ballots.

THIS may seem a bit complicated, but consider, in contrast, the Portland voter.

He will receive his party nominating ballot, a non-partisan judicial ballot, a rural school board ballot (which election was held in Jackson county Monday, but is held in Multnomah county May 16), the non-partisan regular municipal ballot for officials and five proposed charter amendments, and a special municipal ballot, for a charter amendment study and five proposed annexations.

This Portland voter then will be handed a total of five ballots, all of them fairly complicated, all of them important, and several of them likely to cost him money, one way or another.

It is a real job to be a well-informed voter. But, this month, anyway, it will be more of a job in Portland than it is in Jackson county.—E.A.

Two Annexations

The two annexation proposals mentioned above if approved would bring about 295 more acres into the city limits.

One of the two areas is the old Phipps ranch, a 150-acre area east of Bear creek, south of McAndrews road, west of Crater Lake avenue and north of what would be Saling street if it were projected westward.

The other is a plot totaling 145 acres east of South Riverside avenue, north of Stewart avenue and an easterly projection of the line of that street (except federal and county property), and south and west of Earhart street and Bear creek.

THE inclusion of these two county "islands" within the city limits is rather more important, this time, than is the usual annexation of "island" areas surrounded by the city.

The main reason for this is a growing problem of sanitation. In the area to the south, for instance, there are a number of septic tanks and cess pools, which constitute a hazard to the entire city, and which should be served by the city's sewer system as rapidly as possible.

That one reason alone is more than sufficient to cause city voters to vote "yes" at the election. There are other reasons, too—the extension of police and fire protection, the effectiveness of zoning laws, and so on.

THE other area, the Phipps ranch, likewise should be brought in for these reasons, and for others perhaps even more compelling. In the first place, it is now being sold off in small plots—to a truck freight company, to the Eagles lodge, and so on—and zoning is highly important for that area if it is to conform to development elsewhere in the city.

And, probably more important than that, a big sewer system, to serve the Kenwood, Grandview and Laurelhurst sections of the city, is now in the process of being planned or constructed. And, for it to be connected with the trunk sewer to the disposal plant, it is necessary to run a line across the area up for annexation—something which has not been possible to do up to now.

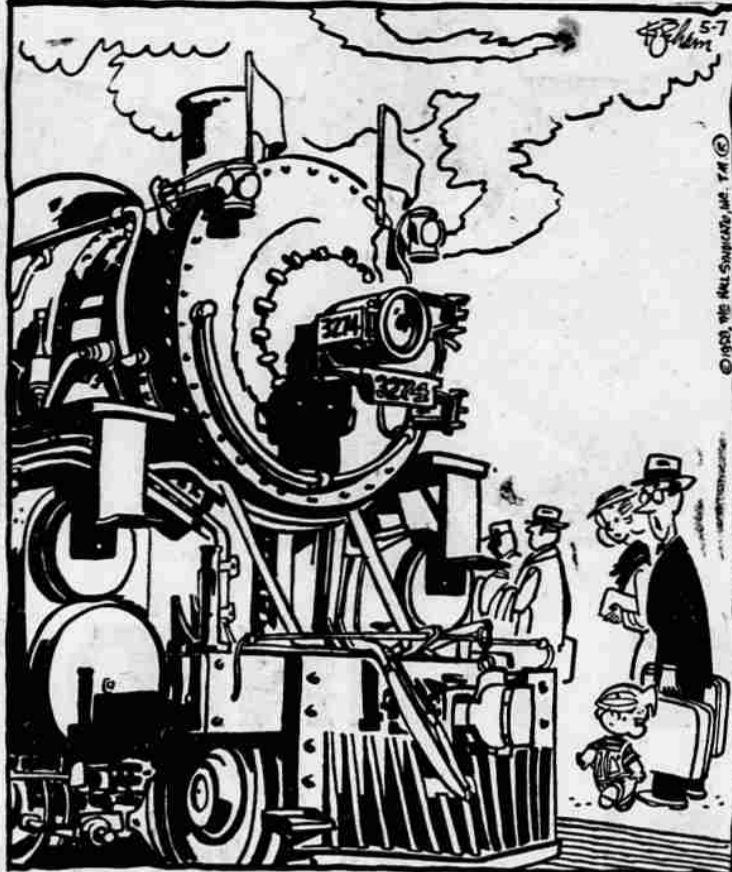
THIS sewer system, which has long had a high priority for construction, has been held up too long. When completed, it will solve one of the worst sanitary conditions in the entire city—not only providing sewage disposal facilities (and eliminating cess pools and septic tanks) for the big Grandview-Kenwood area, but also for other long-established parts of the city, including Laurelhurst.

(Incidentally, until Grandview - Kenwood came into the city with its added valuation, construction of the sewer system would have been prohibitively expensive for residents of the area served—which is the principal reason it has been so long delayed.)

And finally, when the Phipps property is brought into the city, it will be served by the same sewer connection, and assessed therefore, thus making the sewer assessment burden less for the others in the area, and more equally spreading the cost, as well as extending the service.

All in all, the annexations make considerable sense.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"LEAVE IT ALONE!"

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. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

He Is For Gill

To the Editor: On May 3 at Talent, Elmo Smith, who is the state campaign chairman for Mark Hatfield, gave a talk regarding Hatfield's tax position which was reported in your issue of May 4. Presumably, Mr. Smith, because of his position, can speak for Mr. Hatfield. While I did not hear the speech, I think it is reasonable to believe that your report was accurate.

Mr. Smith states that the sales tax should be rejected because it is burdensome to low income families and that Oregon's need for revenue should be met by broadening the income tax base.

There are two ways to broaden the income tax base. One is to slash personal exemptions so as to bring more people into the tax-paying category. The other is to tax organizations and institutions that are not now subject to income tax. Why cannot Mr. Smith state clearly what he means?

"Broadening the tax base" is a weasel phrase that must mean either an increased burden on low income families as well as moderate and higher income families or taxation of churches, hospitals and charitable institutions that are now income tax exempt. Which of these alternatives does Mr. Smith favor?

Warren Gill, who is also a candidate for Republican nomination for governor, states his tax position clearly and simply. One, he will support a 3 per cent sales tax (food, medicine, seed and fertilizer to be free of tax); all of the revenue to be used to reduce local real and personal property tax. Two, he'll veto any increase in income taxes. Three, he will veto any state property tax. Four, he will propose a homestead exemption from property tax for citizens over the age of 65 who have less than \$150 a month income. A vote for Warren Gill, is a vote for a definite understandable tax position.

Neil M. Arant
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Stands Up for Porter

To the Editor: Mr. John Hale Foster, whose letter appeared in Sunday's paper, read in a metropolitan newspaper about Representative Charles Porter's journey to the Pacific to observe the nuclear testing but says he was unable to discover on whose authority the trip was made.

If Mr. Foster had read the account of this event in the Mail Tribune, he would have seen that Mr. Porter was invited to attend by the chairman of the joint Congressional sub-committee on Atomic Energy, who evidently has more respect for our Congressman's opinion and reputation than Mr. Foster.

As for the planting of the Douglas fir in Times Square, what better way to help advertise Oregon and its coming Centennial celebration? I am proud of our freshman Congressman from the Fourth District of Oregon: he is giving outstanding service to his District, his State and to the United States. As a taxpayer, I would be deeply dissatisfied with a Representative who sat back and did nothing, as Mr. Foster seems to think should be the case.

Instead of carpentering trying to belittle a man of Charles Porter's stature, Mr. Foster would do well to spend more time acquainting himself with the facts.

Mrs. Marjorie E. Madden
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From a Partisan of Perl

To the Editor: Mrs. Driscoll states in her communication of May 5 that she is confused as to why some of the funeral directors of Jackson county worked in '56 to have a bill passed which would qualify coroners. The reason was that the funeral directors in question sincerely felt that if each county had a qualified coroner such as a medical examiner or a trained investigator, it would be compulsory to have the "Fair Rotation Plan" as proposed by Mr. Frank Perl.

The Rotation Plan is successfully in effect today in Washington, California, Nevada, Arizona and many other states, along with our neighbors, Klamath county. This concerns only such cases coming under the jurisdiction of the county coroner when there is no family preference.

I understand that Mrs. Driscoll's son is employed by Mr. Morris, so I can appreciate why she is biased. Mr. Perl has stated that he will work for the combined interests of the people of Jackson county and for the best interests of the five mortuaries. Since Mr. Perl is as well qualified as any other funeral director, he deserves our wholehearted support in the primaries, May 16, for taking this forward step in bringing Jackson county up to date. Sixteen years is long enough for one local firm to have the advantages of the coroner's office. It is time for a change!

C. G. Shouts,
633 Pennsylvania ave.
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Jaycees Commended

To the Editor: May I, through the courtesy of your correspondence column, pay heart-felt tribute to the committee responsible for the drawing up of the program for the recent Jaycees convention. Included in the agenda was the service held at the Holly Theater on Sunday at 9:30 a.m., attended by over 100 delegates and at which the Rev. G. R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, gave a very impressive address.

In planning this service the program committee has, perhaps, given a lead for other week end conventions to follow, wherever in Oregon they may be held, for as far as my knowledge goes it is not, nor has it been, the custom to include in the activities of such conventions a divine service.

I am sure I am expressing the appreciation of very many in commending the Jaycees committee for its action in giving this lead.

Eric O. Robathan
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Medford

"Coming-Out Gowns" Answered

To the Editor: In answer to "Coming-Out Gowns" of Sunday's edition: I have a nice tan despite our cool and late spring. In order to acquire such a tan, it is necessary to "uncover" flesh and expose it to the wonderful relaxing and healthy rays of the sun.

I am also a mother. My children and husband are fortunate too, in being able to enjoy every minute possible in the sunshine. We swim, we camp, we picnic and we love to "live and let live."

Confused Situation on Summit May Be Due for Clarification

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent

The confused and complicated summit conference situation may be cleared up soon.

It looks at the moment as if serious negotiations for the meeting will be started within the next week or so between the United States, British and French ambassadors in Moscow and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko.

At Gromyko's insistence, he will negotiate separately with the three envoys instead of receiving them together.

This is a clumsy procedure, in which Gromyko may be expected to do all he can to divide the three Western allies and thus strengthen Russia's position.

But once the talks get really started, the way may be cleared for a meeting of foreign ministers which in turn would lead to the long-discussed summit meeting of heads of government.

Meeting Not Certain
There still is no certainty that a summit conference will be held, of course. The bickering over preparatory negotiations and the complete absence of any apparent basis for agreement between East and West on means of reducing world tension seems to offer no solid ground for hope that a summit conference can accomplish anything.

However, the feeling seems to be strong among most of the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization that however pessimistic the atmosphere, the conference should be held.

It has now been nearly five months since the Russians started clamoring for a conference.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, who has never been enthusiastic over the idea, now has some doubt that Russia really wants a conference.

The foreign ministers of the 15 NATO countries are meeting now in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Dispatches say that British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau and West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano share Dulles' doubt about the sincerity of Russia's expressed desire for the summit conference.

On the other hand, one Copenhagen dispatch says that word is being circulated there that Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev not only wants a summit conference but needs one to maintain his position in the Kremlin leadership.

This report is being spread by Eastern European diplomats. The idea is that Khrushchev needs the conference to maintain his prestige against the opposition of fellow-leaders who favor a return to old-fashioned harsh Stalinist dictatorship.

The dispatch points out that this may be a bit of Soviet propaganda, intended to persuade the Western allies that they had better hold a conference on Khrushchev's terms or see an intensification of the cold war. At least the report would indicate that Khrushchev does want a conference.

Whatever might be the circumstances of his retirement, certain political events would follow. The chief of these would be that Nixon would become President and the practically unchallenged political leader of the Republican party, and that he would be nominated for President in 1960 by a substantially harmonious Republican National Convention.

Those events would add up to this fact: Nixon's or any Republican's chances of getting elected under such circumstances and his chance of getting a Republican congress into office with him would be much improved. So much improved, in fact, that if it does not work out that way it seems reasonable to expect that the Democrats in 1960 will elect a President and a U. S. Congress.

Perhaps Butler figures it that way, too. Asked by the panel whether he would like to see the President resign and Nixon take over, the chairman answered: "No, I would NOT."

Wilson Discounts 'Talky-Talk' About Ike's Resignation

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent

Washington — Chairman Paul M. Butler of the Democratic National committee has heard a lot of talk among the Washington newsmen that your correspondent somehow has missed.

That would seem unlikely on the face of it, but it could be true. Who heard what wouldn't make much difference, anyway, but for the fact that Butler reports the newsmen's grapevine to be twanging with reports that there is a deal for President Eisenhower to resign.

Butler told a questioning panel on MBS' Reporters Roundup that he thought a deal had been made between the President and Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the former to quit after this year's congressional elections.

"This is something that is very difficult to prove," Butler said. "But certainly there has been so much talk and conversation about it in official circles and particularly among the Washington press corps that it would appear that there is some basis for it."

Not From Press Pundits
It is true that there was a deal, announced by the President some weeks ago. It was an agreement as to the circumstances and method by which Nixon would take over as acting president if the boss were incapacitated. This was no such deal as Butler suggested, however.

Neither is any deal by dwelled upon by "indecent" thoughts. As long as I can open my eyes wide enough, I feel sure I'll be capable of opening my mind so that it too can be cleansed by the fresh air and made flexible in the warmth of the sun.

All homes are equipped with shades, sir, as is yours no doubt, but I have no qualms about raising mine to their height, with the fullest of "dignity" and pride.

Mrs. Gig Farlan
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Look Carefully Before You Vote

To the Editor: I agree with Mr. Logan that many lawyers become demagogues, and I have noticed also that there are many that are unsuccessful and mediocre, and so go into public office to obtain prestige and experience at the taxpayers' expense, which will enable them to make a better living in private practice.

The only solution I can see is to raise the salaries of our public offices so we can attract the best qualified material. We must also study the background of every aspirant for public office very closely.

Do not go alone by the few paragraphs in the Voters Pamphlet or the claims of their campaign managers. Ask questions of people that know them personally who can give you true unbiased information.

Jesus said: "Beware of the scribes, who like to go about in long robes, and love salutations in the market places, and the best seats in the synagogues, and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

Luke 20 ch. 45-47 v.
I am also aware of those who do not bother to recognize me on the street until they decide to run for public office and want my vote.

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Wilson Discounts 'Talky-Talk' About Ike's Resignation

One day you can get a bet that the President will not live out his second term. Another day you can get a bet that he will. Bets that he will up and quit in any deal to put Nixon in the White House, however, are few, if any, although they might be had at the right odds.

Butler, however, may have heard a garbled version of something which occasionally can be heard where newsmen gather to talk shop. This would be the judgment sometimes expressed by reporters who claim some knowledge of politics that it would be good for the Republican party if President Eisenhower stepped down soon.

Would Improve 1960 Chances
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More foreign affairs: Vice President Nixon, who is on a good will tour in South America, has been visiting in Paraguay. While there, he conferred with the Paraguayan government on the country's economic needs. In Asuncion, the capital, he was given the warmest welcome he has received so far in South America, thousands of Paraguayans turning out to cheer him and wave Paraguayan and American flags.

But this we mustn't forget: When Alexander was making his preparations to conquer the world (some 20 centuries ago) there was only one thing that could have stopped him: THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OPPOSING MILITARY POWER THAT WAS TOO TOUGH FOR HIM TO TACKLE.

That doesn't mean that war is inevitable. It DOES mean that we must stay so strong it won't be safe for Russia to tackle us.

There is a good time to remember the old rule for handling a menacing dog:

Look him fearlessly in the eye. If he sizes you up as tough and unafraid, he may wag his tail and make friends with you. But if he senses that you're SCARED he'll be apt to tackle you.

Well, there is an interesting suggestion that Paraguay WANTS THE MONEY with which to build a highway to Brazil, which adjoins her on the north and the east and is her largest prospective customer.

How about it? Let's put it this way: If we're going to LAVISH MONEY on other countries, maybe we'd better lavish it in the Western Hemisphere.

Editorial Comment

LAWYER POLLS

The ones best acquainted with the qualifications of those aspiring to judicial positions are the attorneys. They meet with fellow attorneys in the dispatch of legal business, both in offices and in courtrooms. Even when there may be no personal acquaintance they learn about other attorneys, especially when they aspire to sit on the bench, from persons in whom they have trust. Hence the poll of lawyer preference on choices for judicial positions is entitled to great weight.

The poll of the state bar showed the following with respect to the two positions on the Supreme Court to be voted on in the May primaries. Justice George Rossman, for position No. 7, which he holds, 1,523 votes; for his opponent, Jason Lee of Salem, 183 votes.

For Justice Gordon Sloan for position No. 3, which he holds, 1,083 votes; for Boyd Overhulse of Madras, 329; for Sam Bove of Grants Pass, 290 votes.

This evidence should be admitted "for what it is worth" as the judges frequently remark in the trial of cases. The Statesman thinks it is worth a great deal. It indicates overwhelming preference for the incumbents, Justices Rossman and Sloan. — Oregon Statesman, Salem.



VOTE FOR EVE NYE

Republican—For YOUR State Representative

Eve Nye Believes:

1. That Oregon's growth is handicapped by its tax structure.
2. That Oregon needs NOT more taxes but a program which spreads the burden fairly on all.
3. That a sales tax, carefully drawn with exemptions to protect low-income families and farmers, and with specific offset provisions against existing taxes, should be given full consideration.
4. That our tax structure must make Oregon attractive to new industry, thereby creating new jobs and more tax payers.

EVE NYE WILL WORK FOR THIS TYPE OF TAX PROGRAM FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF OREGON!

Paid Adv. — Eve Nye for State Representative Committee, Eugene, Thorm-dike, Chairman, 55 South Berkeley Way, Medford.

Concerning CORONER

We are FOR the Rotation Plan and Freedom of Families for choice of their own funeral director.

We are AGAINST the present coroner's Funeral Director's Firm holding Office for 16 out of the last 18 years. Vote 29X Frank Perl — C. M. Litwiler — G. W. Drew — Chapel Mortuary.



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