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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**  
Oct. 19, 1948 (Tuesday)  
Sixty county voters yesterday heard explanations of November ballot measures at a meeting of Medford's Council of Republican Women.

Medford's city council to open bids on purchase of the \$400,000 in bonds for the sanitary sewer trunk line to the Camp White sewage disposal plant.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Oct. 19, 1938 (Wednesday)  
Throng of Medfordites attended last night's premiere of Medford's own movie, "Runnin' Wild."

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "There will be a football game here Fri. night. All signs indicate nobody will stay home, and study the 'Voters' Pamphlet' to be able to vote intelligently."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Oct. 19, 1928 (Friday)  
A special "good will" train bearing members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce received gold nuggets during their brief but lively stop in Gold Hill.

Miss Marion Voorhies has received six priceless tulip bulbs, of a new type named after her, from Holland.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
Oct. 19, 1918 (Saturday)  
George T. Collins is new chairman of the Jackson County Council of Defense.

Medford subscribers have gone over the top in the liberty loan drive and show no signs of stopping yet.

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

1. Name the President of the U. S. who laid the cornerstone of the White House.

2. "Amigo" in Spanish means what in English?

3. Does the dromedary, or the bactrian, camel have two humps?

4. Julius Caesar's life span was before, or after, the birth of Christ?

5. In the U. S., there is a telephone for approximately every 4, 8 or 16 person.

6. Does an adult's heart, or brain, weigh more?

7. Liberty Bonds were first issued by the U. S. Government during the Civil War, Spanish-American War or World War I?

8. Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee, both of whom signed the Declaration of Independence, were father and son; uncle and nephew, or brothers.

9. Complete the much-quoted saying "Eternal vigilance is the price of . . ."

10. The closing words of the Declaration of Independence are "we mutually pledge to each other our lives, . . ."

Answers: 1. George Washington. 2. Friend. 3. Bactrian. 4. Before. 5. Four persons. 6. Brain. 7. World War I. 8. Brothers. 9. Liberty. 10. "Our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

### Piffing Charges

We have rather expected some politically-alert Democratic correspondent to take up the comments of Don Stathos, Republican party chairman here, on Congressman Porter's recently mailing of what he (Stathos) chooses to call "political propaganda" and "openly partisan political material."

Stathos, in a letter to the Mail Tribune, worked up quite a head of steam about this, accusing Porter of "squandering the taxpayers' money" by mailing the material under his frank, and alleging the "it is close to out-and-out fraud, since Porter is using tax money to further his own ends."

WHAT Stathos didn't bother to report was what the mailing actually constituted. It was a four-page leaflet reprinted from the Congressional Record, containing a report by Porter on the activities of the 85th Congress which were of importance to the Fourth Congressional District.

If this is "political propaganda," it is that only in the minds of those who will use any excuse to hang Charlie Porter to the nearest tree come election time.

WE have always believed it was the job of Congressmen to keep their constituents informed of what they are doing in Washington—a task which Porter has done excellently well. That doing this job of informing the voters is smart politics is incidental to the main fact that it is part of his duties.

And it is for just such activities that Congressmen are granted the franking privilege. We suspect Stathos' excitement is bubbling up only due to the proximity of the election, and believe his charges to be piffle. If this is the best that Porter's opponents can do, we're sorry for them. — E. A.

### Correction

While on the subject of Congressman Porter we would like to call attention to a communication from him which appears elsewhere on this page, and in which he corrects an erroneous statement which appeared in a recent editorial.

The letter is self-explanatory. The error, which resulted from a misunderstanding of a statement he made during an interview some weeks ago, is regretted.—E. A.

### Good Luck!

By the sound of it, Medford's new park and recreation commission is starting out in its job with fire in its eye and enthusiasm in its heart.

At its meeting last week, members sparkled with ideas for things which could boost Medford's qualities as a "good town." Not all of these ideas may come to pass, but some of them will.

THE meeting was a lively one, covering a wide range of subjects, from specific suggestions for immediate development, to planning to incorporate "park thinking" in the city's long-range plans.

On the basis of this, we have a hunch that the city's park and recreational planning is in good hands. It will take enthusiasm, ideas and a willingness to work to make the parks and recreation program a success, and the indications are that the members of the commission have all of these.

Good luck to them! — E. A.

### Planning Ahead

Jackson county has a pretty spotty record of donations to the Red Cross blood bank. Most of the time when the bloodmobile visits here to collect blood, the quota is not met by local donors.

Once in a while the quota is met or exceeded. In looking back, it seems that the successful visits were those when groups of people actively organized themselves to obtain donors. The less successful ones were those where most of the donors were public-spirited individuals.

TWO months ago, when the Bloodmobile last visited, nearly 20 per cent — 43 pints out of the 249 collected — was donated by a single organization, the Telephone Employees Activities association. This was because the group actively planned, in advance, that its members who could do so would show up to give blood.

Other organizations, if they wished, could do the same thing. It's just a matter of planning. The bloodmobile is due her again next Wednesday, Oct. 22. — E. A.

### Cold Chills

Driving home the other day, we followed a car driven by a young woman. There were two small children in the back seat, a boy about five or six, and a pretty little blonde girl about two or three.

The little girl was standing on the back seat, leaning out an open window. Once the little boy reached over and hauled her back into the car, but she soon leaned out again, and was teetering precariously, feet on seat and arms waving happily in the air, for about two miles.

If the little girl had fallen out (as she nearly did a couple of times) it wouldn't have been an "accident" — it would have been pretty close to negligent homicide. And we still have cold chills down our spine when we think of it. — E. A.



"MR. WILSON MUSTA REALLY FLIPPED THIS TIME! MRS. WILSON TOLD ME HE WAS TYIN' FLIES!!"

### Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop  
**BAD NEWS FOR HARRIMAN**  
New York — There is bad news for Gov. Averell Harriman in the dingy two-family houses and the crowded apartment buildings of the Borough of Queens in this city.



Joseph Alsop

One has to be so precise about just where the bad news is, because no one in his senses would base a statewide election forecast on a poll of a single election district, however laborious and thorough the poll may have been. All the same, this little district bounded by 34th and 35th Avenues and 91st and 93rd Streets, is just like the sort of place where any politician candidate would particularly like to hear good news rather than bad.

It is average because most of the people who live in this particular corner of the vast brick and mortar dormitory which is Queens, have chosen to live here because it is a relatively respectable, relatively cheap place to bring up a family. And it is average because the families of this district are almost all in the upper-worker-lower-middle income zone that is the grand American average.

IT IS representative, too, because its people comprise Catholics, Protestants and Jews, and because they are of Irish, Italian, German, Scandinavian, Polish, Spanish and several other descents. All the major stocks of the great New York melting pot are to be found in this district, except for the Negroes and Puerto Ricans. Furthermore, these people gave Gov. Harriman a 58 per cent majority in 1954, as they gave President Eisenhower a 54 per cent majority in 1956.

These were the reasons why the professional poll-taker, Louis Harris, and this reporter chose the ninth election district for a day of pavement pounding and doobell ringing, which at least proved that Queens can be more grueling than Quenomy. What else it proved, readers must deduce from the voting patterns that were discovered. They were fascinating and extraordinary patterns.

THE bad news for Gov. Harriman can be rather simply summarized. Omitting people who had not registered, housewives who sweetly said their husbands had not told them how to vote, and persons hostile to poll-takers, we questioned a total of 51 voters, most of them highly articulate. Of this total, 32 had voted for Gov. Harriman, 9 had voted for Sen. Ives, and 10 had not voted in 1954. In other words, in terms of the 1954 election, our sample was rather heavily weighted in Gov. Harriman's favor. Of the 32 former Harriman voters, no less than 10 had decided to vote for Nelson Rockefeller this time. The Governor had won over one of the former Ives voters and two of the former non-voters. Thus our poll gave him a majority of 25 votes to 23 for Nelson Rockefeller and three who had not made up their minds. But this narrow Harriman majority was almost meaningless, compared to the heavy defection of old Harriman friends and the small total of new friends gained.

What made the bad news for Harriman all the more poignant was the even worse news for the Republican Senate candidate, Rep. Kenneth Keating. The Democratic Senatorial nominee, District Attorney Frank Hogan, got just about all the Harriman votes and nearly half the Rockefeller votes, for a total of 34. Keating got only 11 votes —

the basic, rock-ribbed, true-blue, Hoover-Republican electors. Six of those polled had not yet made their choice for the Senate.

ALMOST more significant than the choices of the voters were their attitudes towards the candidates. Hogan was also the only candidate on the list of whom the voters seemed to have what the poll-takers call a "positive image." Those who had this image were a minority. But at least some of the voters explained their choice of Hogan by remarking, "He's done a good job," or "He's a fine fellow." The Keating image, in contrast, was dim to the point of non-existence.

There was nothing like a positive image, either, of Gov. Harriman or his rival, Nelson Rockefeller. No voter expressed strong hostility or warm admiration for either man.

Former Harriman voters who were switching simply said that "it was time for a change," or remarked that "they kind of like the other guy a little better." One argued that Rockefeller was so rich that he would not be tempted to loot the public treasury, and then added that he guessed Harriman was also rich enough to be a non-looter. The combination of lack of animus, lack of enthusiasm, and widespread decision in favor of a change was really very odd indeed.

The decision, in favor of a change may well be reversed if Harriman can only hang the "Republican reaction" ball-toss around Rockefeller's neck. Furthermore, even if the frame of mind of the ninth election district means, as it almost must mean, that Harriman is in trouble in New York City at present, the Governor may still gain on the upstate swings what he loses on the downstate roundabouts.

All the same the bad news for Harriman is also very good news for Rockefeller. It offers strong local confirmation of the Rockefeller-financed polls which show Rockefeller currently drawing ahead in this critical Governorship race. The Democrats had better change their minds about Rockefeller's "poll-faking."

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### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Thought-provoking note in the news:  
Four men have been arrested in Los Angeles with 100 ounces of pure heroin in their possession.

Arresting officers say the stuff represents a retail value of roughly ONE MILLION DOLLARS. They describe the haul as one of the largest in Southern California history.

The four are being held in jail pending action by a federal grand jury. (Manufacture, importation and use of heroin in the U. S. are forbidden by federal law.)

FIRST —  
What is heroin?  
It is a drug made from morphine. It has an effect similar to that of morphine, but it is more poisonous and much more habit-forming. At the same time, it doesn't soothe pain and bring sleep as quickly as morphine.

SECOND —  
Why are people willing to pay so much for it?  
The answer is interesting: At first, heroin EXPANDS THE EGO OF THE USER AND GIVES HIM A SENSE OF EXAGGERATED PERSONAL VALUE AND HAPPINESS.

Later it removes pity, remorse and all sense of responsibility. It undermines the emotions and morals of its user perhaps more than any other drug.

## 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.

### Correction From Porter

To the Editor: My attention has been called to your editorial discussing my accusations against my opponent with respect to violations of the Fair Elections Practices Code. I thank you for your generous remarks. However, one correction please: I did not vote for or against the Omnibus farm bill. It never came up for a vote in the House of Representatives because it failed to win a vote for consideration.

The editorial stated that I had voted against the Omnibus Farm bill. What I had meant to tell you, and no doubt did in an ambiguous fashion, was that had the bill as it was then come up for a vote I would have voted against it.

My position has always been against price supports for so-called basic crops. In March, 1958, as an anti-recession measure, I voted to freeze price supports in 1958 pending the comprehensive farm bill which was being worked on in committee.

My opponent has sought to make people believe I favor high supports. He argues that a vote to consider the Omnibus Farm Bill is a vote in favor of the bill. He is wrong. — Charles O. Porter.

**Madden Finds Error**  
To the Editor: I have sent the following letter to the county clerk:

Dear Mrs. Hopkins: I read with interest your press release in the Sept. 24 issue of the Medford Mail Tribune concerning persons who are required to reregister.

It has come to my attention that your press release contained certain inaccuracies as to who must reregister. Two of the mistakes are (1) that a person who moves within his precinct must reregister, (2) persons whose address has been changed by the Post Office must reregister.

ORS 247.290 sets forth the conditions requiring reregistration and the two above requirements contained in your press release are not to be found.

I notice that the same error also appears on the back of each yellow voter registration card which is issued to each person registering as a voter.

Since the county clerk is the chief elections officer in the county, you should publicize in all the newspapers and other media a correction of this error. We should encourage voting and not mislead persons properly registered to believe they cannot vote in this forthcoming election.

I would not make this point except for the fact that a great many people in Jackson county have had their address changed by Post Office order recently.

I am sending a copy of this letter to all newspapers in the county with the hope that each newspaper will help to correct the erroneous impression caused by your recent press release.

I hope that you will take this letter in good faith and work with all of us to encourage maximum participation of our citizens at the polls on Nov. 4.

Marvin Madden  
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for County Clerk  
Phoenix, Ore.

**Don't Curdle the Milk**  
To the Editor: In a recent story in your paper, John Pletsch, Jackson County Federal manager and former president of the Chamber of Commerce, was quoted as saying that this area does not "Milk the Tourist" the way it should, and that he is worried about the enthusiasm of the people of the Rogue River valley. If he means enthusiasm for "Milking the Tourists" he is absolutely correct.

We are from California and one of the things this valley had which appealed to us was the fact there was not the "Milking of the Tourist," or anyone else as far as we could tell, and it was a welcome change from other areas we had visited.

If this man's thinking represents a major portion of the Chamber of Commerce, then it is no wonder this area has not had the growth and development it should have. The countless firms in southern California that are looking for places to expand their facilities would certainly come here if there were some promotion work done. All the average Californian ever hears about in southern Oregon area is Grants Pass, and they are certainly plugging their industrial development sites.

The enthusiasm in this valley is certainly something to be thankful for. Look at the fine job that has been done on the Community hospital and other worthwhile projects. The new skating rink will be a wonderful addition.

It is possible that Mr. Pletsch was misquoted and if so it should be corrected. It is also possible that he meant well but bungled getting his message across. I hope there are not too many southern Californians people getting this paper, for they certainly have had enough "Milking the Tourist" propaganda down there.

Now with the "Keep Medford Beautiful" campaign going on, would be a very appropriate time for it.

In my opinion "Cleaning up Medford's Air" should come first.

We lived in Los Angeles for several years. Ten years ago we started vacationing in the valley, and always enjoyed and appreciated the lovely fresh, clean air. It was the main reason we moved here, as so many other smog-dusted folks have done.

This past month I've begun to wonder if I really did move, I feel like I'm still back in the Smog Belt. Looking north from downtown Medford it has been so thick you could cut it with a knife.

I'm sure that visitors to our valley would notice and appreciate CLEAN AIR much more than clean approaches to the city.

If you know of anything the citizens of Medford could do to get the City Council to adopt an Anti-Smoke Ordinance BEFORE it becomes a serious problem and endangers the

health of the people, would you please advise?  
Mrs. Leonard Mathews  
1124 West 10th st.  
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(Editors note: The State Sanitary Authority recently conducted a week-long testing of Medford's air pollution and the results, together with the authority's recommendations, will be made available to the city within the next few weeks.)

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# POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

It sprinkled a little Friday afternoon, the first rain in 32 days, according to the off-hand computations of one of the office force who is interested in things like that.

Everyone looked out the window at the shower, and the photographer, in an excess of zeal, offered to rush out and snap a picture of a raindrop.

The shower coincided nicely with the noise parade put on by Medford High school students in advance of the Klamath Falls game. Why is it that the rain will hold off for more than a month, and then pick just the moment when some sort of outdoor activity comes along?

The rain is only one more item of evidence that the year is creeping toward winter. Another is the much shorter days. It's dark when the earliest-risers on our staff climb out of bed these days.

And it was dark at 7:30 p.m. Thursday when the city council convened. Someone glanced up at the top of the city hall and saw the U.S. flag still waving, despite the darkness. It was still there after the council adjourned, and for all we know it flew all night.

Wonder if the powers that be forgot, or just don't know about the flag convention which calls for flags to be lowered at nightfall?

We've just heard the supposedly true story about a woman who was undergoing a lie-detector test, and was doing fine until the interrogator asked if she smoked. No, she said — and the needle on the machine began to wiggle violently. She later explained that she'd promised her husband she wouldn't smoke, but that she'd been sneaking a cigarette every so often. Incidentally, wouldn't it be awful if lie-detectors were made standard equipment in the homes of all married couples?

It happened in a lunch counter in a nearby city. Two women were nibbling sandwiches, and discussing who was the good-looking man who kept smiling in their direction.

They figured they must know him without realizing it, so they smiled back. But it still bothered them, so they asked the waitress who he was. She said she didn't know, but that he might be a candidate for office in the election.

A few minutes later the man finished his coffee, got up, and as he passed them, smiled and handed them a card, which showed that he WAS a politician running for office.

The women greeted this with bursts of laughter, and the candidate, puzzled and perhaps a bit hurt, departed.

If it makes him feel any better, the ladies later said they were of his political party — and probably will vote for him.

Our courthouse spy reports that the gals in the county courthouse have been counting their calories ever since a weight limit was posted on the building's elevator.

Volume I, Issue 1 of a brand new publication, the "Hoover-Hillite," arrived on our desk recently.

This is a worthy addition to the other school publications of this area, such as the Jackson Hickory Chips, the Lincoln Legend, and others. It is, of course, the publication of the new Hoover school.

In No. 1, the students who do the reporting are pretty much excited about their attractive new school, about the fact that it is named for one of two living ex-Presidents of the United States, and about the letters and gifts which have been received from Mr. Hoover.

A picture of Mr. Hoover will be displayed at the school, along with his framed letter, which reads as follows: To the Herbert Hoover Elementary School, Medford, Oregon

I know of no greater honor that can come to a man than to have a school named after him.

I am indebted to the people of Medford and their school board.

I grew up in the public schools and I have all my adult life been interested in their expansion and progress.

For all these reasons, it is a great pleasure to send greetings to the School and my good wishes to all its scholars and their teachers.

Faithfully yours,  
Herbert Hoover

The students replied to the letter, as follows:  
Dear Mr. Hoover:

All the students in the new Hoover Elementary School here in Medford, Oregon, wish to thank you for the wonderful things you sent us. We received the letter, the picture, and the books. We prize them highly.

We are sending you this copy of our school paper. We have the first six grades in our school. We all think it is a wonderful place to go to school.

Our very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,  
The Hoover School  
Student Body

The new school's colors, incidentally, are light blue and red, and an item in the Hillite explains that "Blue stands for Justice, Red for Courage. We hope we can be proud of these colors with Justice and Courage as our guide."

We hope so too, youngsters.

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