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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. 26, 1948 (Tuesday)  
Moore Hamilton and Diamond Flynn, candidates for mayor of Medford, are to speak at the League of Women Voters campaign school.

20 YEARS AGO  
Oct. 26, 1938 (Wednesday)  
The Medford city council has approved plans and specifications for the city's PWA paved street reconstruction project.

30 YEARS AGO  
Oct. 26, 1928 (Friday)  
More than 100 high school boys are planning a "Pajamaine" tonight to publicize Saturday's game.

40 YEARS AGO  
Oct. 26, 1918 (Saturday)  
Trials in circuit court are being postponed by the influenza epidemic.

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

- 1. Henry M. Stanley, the explorer, wrote a book, the title of which was "In Darkest..."
- 2. What is okum?
- 3. Excluding Australia, what is the largest island in the world?
- 4. Are one-third, one-half, or all of the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to be chosen in this November election?
- 5. What is the name of the southernmost city or town in the U. S.?
- 6. Which vitamin is supplied by cod-liver oil?
- 7. Four of the first five books of the Old Testament are Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy; name the fifth.
- 8. Is Costa Rica in Central America or South America?
- 9. The Brenner Pass connects Austria with what other country?
- 10. The name of what common bean is identical in spelling with the name of the capital of Peru?

Two Tanuki Arrive, Exchange For Beavers  
Portland—UPI—Six Japanese Tanuki, racoon-like animals, arrived by Western Airlines in Portland Friday at 4 p.m. They were the first such creatures ever to enter the United States.

### The Sidewalk Proposal

The parents of youngsters who walk to school are aware that Medford has a "sidewalk problem."

Much of the city's growth has occurred since the automobile became the universal means of transportation, and many residents simply haven't bothered to install them. They cost money, for one thing, and "Who wants 'em?" is another common reaction.

Well, the Parent-Teacher associations, for one, think they are necessary—particularly in areas around schools (those on the east side, and in some sections of the west side, especially), where groups of youngsters are forced to walk in the streets at no little danger.

Another group which would like the city to have power to force installation of sidewalks is those who have put them in themselves, but whose neighbors have not, resulting in a block where there are some sidewalks and some lots without them.

These pressures came to a focus last August in the city council, which as a result voted, without either approving or disapproving the proposal itself, to put a charter amendment on the Nov. 4 election ballot in an attempt to solve these problems.

The ballot title is brief and descriptive. It says: "Purpose: Amend City Charter by authorizing construction of sidewalks on local assessment basis without petition of owners of abutting property."

If PASSED, the amendment would exempt sidewalks from the charter provisions limiting the city's power to make assessments for paving.

If we read this correctly, it means that the city could go ahead without a by-your-leave, build the sidewalks the council thinks are necessary, and then send a bill to the owners of the property which abuts the new sidewalk.

At present there are two ways of obtaining sidewalks. One is for a property-owner to build one for himself, at a cost of about \$2 per lineal foot, after the city has laid out the line for it. The other is for a group of property-owners to petition for sidewalks, as is done for streets.

The proposed amendment would provide a third way. Under it, the assessment bill could be spread over a 10-year period.

IN LOOKING over the city charter in connection with this proposed amendment, we find that sidewalks are sort of the step-children (no pun intended) of city construction. They pop up from time to time in various parts of the charter.

But nowhere is there any detailed provision, spelling out how sidewalks can be obtained, the powers of the city to install them where necessary, and the rights of the property-owners who may be assessed for them.

Nowhere is there provision for reassurances in case the city exceeds its proper authority, or even, specifically, for public hearings.

AND, as we read it, the proposed city amendment would solve none of these things. It would give the city blanket authority to do as it would regarding sidewalks. There is no provision for petitioning, there is no provision that any specified percentage of abutting property-owners should agree, there is no procedure outlined for "forcing in" a sidewalk when the need overrides the objections of the property-owners.

For this reason, and despite the fact that we recognize the need for sidewalks in school areas, and elsewhere, too, we oppose this proposal.

We would suggest, instead, that a more comprehensive amendment be drawn which would answer these objections, and others which might arise in the course of a study of the problem, and that then it be presented to the voters for their approval.

As it is, we feel the proposed amendment would create as many problems as it would solve. — E. A.

### A Good Thing

The League of Women Voters' chapters throughout the state have been giving a series of Candidates Fairs, similar to the one held here so successfully a week ago.

In Corvallis they had a good one, too, and the Corvallis Gazette-Times said there was "an almost full house of spectators who never enjoyed a political meeting so much in their lives. And not only did some four or five hundred spectators enjoy it, but so did the politicians."

It added: "It is a great relief to the office seekers to be able to express their points of view to a crowd where the voters outnumber the politicians. Last night some of them got in some really good licks, not only on the platform but in shaking hands and discussing issues with anyone who cared to stop around to talk to them personally."

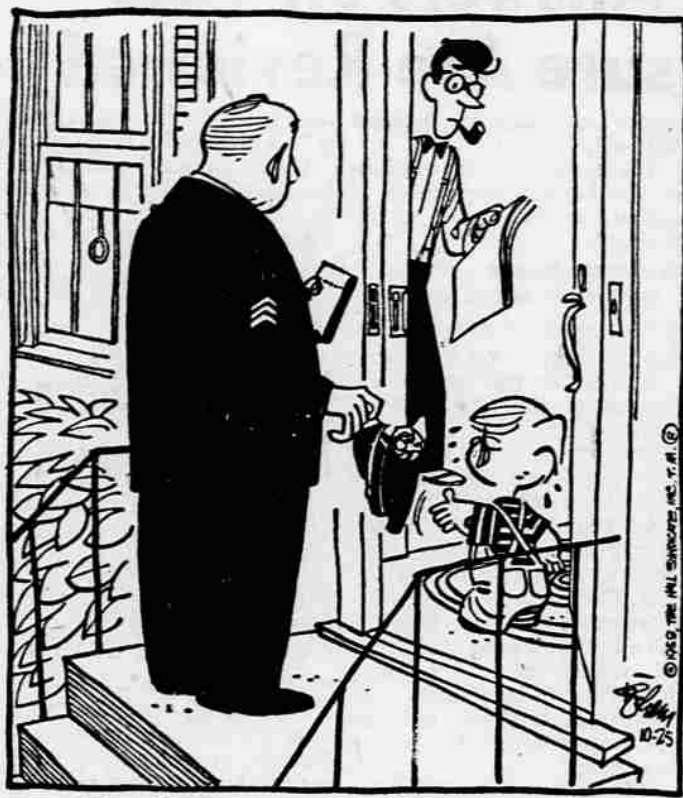
WE FEEL the same way about the Candidates Fair here.

The fair gives candidates a chance to try their wares on friend and foe alike, which is good for everyone concerned.

Some dedicated partisans might even be shocked to find out that the candidates of opposing political faith do not have horns and a tail—something they'd never find out from going to strictly party gatherings.

The League of Women Voters—and for that matter the Granges and other organizations which hold similar but smaller gatherings—are to be complimented on performing a real public service.—E. A.

### Dennis the Menace



"HE WANTS TO SEE YOU ABOUT A POLICEMAN'S BALL... BUT I DIDN'T TAKE IT!"

### Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

"ONLY THE RELIGIOUS ISSUE"

Minneapolis — "The only hope is the religious issue."

The maker of the foregoing remark was one of the most eminent Republican hereabouts. He would normally be horrified by any mingling of religion and politics. Even this year, when Minnesota Republicans need all the help they can get, from whatever source, he was visibly uneasy about what he was saying. This is one reason why his remark is a good measure of the plight of the Republican party in this state.

There is another reason too. By implication, this reference to the "religious issue" conceded a rather general Democratic victory. Religion does not figure in any way in the Republican race here. The Governor nominee, George McKinnon, straggles manages to combine dignity with shrillness; and he is universally expected to be badly beaten by the exceptionally able Democratic incumbent, Orville Freeman. In fact religion does not figure at all in this Minnesota election, except in the race for the Senate.

HENCE this eminent Republican was really saying that his party's only chance to save something from the wreck lay in the Democratic Party's choice of a Catholic candidate, Rep. Eugene McCarthy, to run for the Senate in this dominantly Lutheran state. Everyone else here agrees that any one Minnesota contest with any interest or excitement is the contest between McCarthy and good, bumbling Republican Sen. Ed Thy.

No one, least of all this reporter, can really tell whether the Lutherans' prejudice against a Catholic candidate will overcome McCarthy's apparent lead. According to the latest local poll, he is now ahead by 50 to 45, with 3 per cent undecided.

The great Lutheran concentration is in the Scandinavian rural counties of northern Minnesota. These people are also the strongest adherents of the newly powerful Democratic-Farmer-Labor coalition in this state; and they actively and almost unanimously detest the Eisenhower administration's farm policies. So the question seems to be whether they will decide, in the privacy of their polling booths, that they hate Rome or Erza Benson the most.

TO COMPLICATE their decision, there is the fact that Sen. Thy, though a Lutheran

himself, is married to a Catholic. To complicate the whole situation, there is the further fact that many of the staunchly Republican farmers in southern Minnesota are German Catholics. Thus any appeal to religious prejudice can cut both ways. Just to give credit where credit is due, it must be added that Sen. Thy is not the sort of man who would likely to make an open appeal to prejudice in any case.

Other ingredients in this Minnesota Senate race are Presidential aspirations, past and future. Sen. Thy can be figuratively described as the last surviving province of the once-proud political empire of the ambitious Harold Stassen. He was the man Stassen picked as his Lieutenant Governor, when Stassen was getting ready to enter the Navy, in preparation for entering the Presidential stakes after the last war. The Stassen link will be the reverse of helpful to Thy.

MEANWHILE, the restorer and rebuilders of the Minnesota Democratic party, Sen. Hubert Humphrey, has bet a large share of his own Presidential prospects on Gene McCarthy. Humphrey hopes to return to Washington with McCarthy by his side, and with the legend, "We won everything in formerly Republican Minnesota," inscribed upon his banners. If he can do that, he will at once become an active, if not an avowed, candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1960. Humphrey-for-President contributors are already visibly and openly preparing to dig deep to finance the campaign. Humphrey makes no secret of the fact that he will be a candidate if McCarthy wins, but prudently says he will hold back if McCarthy is beaten.

Finally, it is difficult to avoid the suspicion that Humphrey's Presidential ambitions had something to do with the original choice of the Catholic, McCarthy, to run for the Senate here. To be sure, McCarthy was probably the best available choice, being a man whose intelligence and charm are admitted even by the Republicans. But it will also be pretty useful to Humphrey, in a contest with Sen. Jack Kennedy of Massachusetts, particularly, if he can exhibit as his own creation the first Catholic Senator ever elected in Minnesota.

Altogether this is another race with big stakes riding on the outcome.

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### Roscoe Drummond Reports...

(Drummond is substituting for Walter Lippmann, during the latter's trip to Russia.)

THE PRESIDENT AND THE CAMPAIGN

San Francisco — In the wake of President Eisenhower's streaking campaign through the Pacific Coast, bestowing a radiant smile and a few hard-hitting arguments in a last ditch effort to arrest a Democratic tide in this Congressional election, this is what he has left behind him: 1. Clear proof, despite three serious illnesses and a major operation, that this resilient 68-year-old President is in hale, sturdy and buoyant health, fit to face the rigors of the final lap of his eight years in the White House. However little or much of stiff campaigning may pay off in votes for others, it is assuring the country — and Mr. Eisenhower himself — that he has every prospect of completing his second term and despite the cold wars abroad and the hot wars at home, emerge as the first President to reach the age of 70 before leaving office.

2. Large friendly glowing crowds continue to greet Mr. Eisenhower with almost as much warmth as they did in 1952. These crowds finally "like Ike" as they always have, and they would, I believe, elect him again if they had the chance. Even when they are not going to follow his political advice, they like him as a President—largely above-politics who is loyally doing his party duty with no great relish for the partisan battle.

3. There appears to be no substantial evidence that Mr. Eisenhower is succeeding in translating his personal popularity into votes for the Republican Congressional candidates, and there is some evidence, certainly here in California, that the increased interest the President is arousing in the campaign is shaking off any vestiges of overconfidence among the Democrats.

IT IS plain that the President is buoyed by getting away from the White House routine and in meeting and talking with large crowds; he relishes the trip even if he doesn't really relish politicking. He obviously feels no need to spare himself — and there is further evidence of his lean (his present 172 pounds are only a few ounces over his West Point football weight) ruddy vigor.

But I cannot see that the President's smiling my-record-deserves - a Republican-Congress appeal is altering the shape and outlook of this Congressional campaign any more than it did in 1954 when Mr. Eisenhower was also not a candidate or in 1956 when he was a candidate.

In this burgeoning area of the nation, whose population and economy grow by leaps and bounds while you turn your head, and where the majority of voters, including many Republican leaders, are public power-minded and want Washington to do more to harness a declining water supply, the President's earnest plea for less rather than more Federal government fall on pretty unresponsive ears.

In these far-western states the people are a expansive minded — expansive in private enterprise and expansive in public enterprise. They see their needs for more schools, more highways, more housing, more water power, mounting by a population which is expanding far more rapidly than anywhere else in the country, the tendency is to look to Washington to do somewhat of a job.

IN THE 10 years from 1940 to 1950 the nation's total population increased only 14.5 per cent, while the population of the Rocky Mountain states went up 22 per cent and that of the Pacific Coast went up 49 per cent.

### Dirt Slide Kills Tillamook Logger

Tillamook — A logging accident at the D and F logging company operation eight miles north of here on the Miami river Friday took the life of Grayden Bernard, 20. Company officials said the youth was setting checker on a train of logs on a steep hillside when a log hit a stump, knocking it loose and causing a dirt slide. The slide threw Bernard down the hill and he was struck by a flying log. Officials said it took nearly two hours to get Bernard to an ambulance. He died in Tillamook General hospital four hours after the accident. He was the son of Mrs. Lillian Bernard, Tillamook.

Here in these 11 Western states, from New Mexico and Arizona to Washington and Montana, eight Governorships, eight Senate seats and 57 House seats are at stake in the voting Nov. 4. An updated check on how things are going suggests that on a conservative estimate the Democrats will gain at all levels — perhaps as much as three Governorships, three Senators and seven members of the House.

This part of the country apparently "likes Ike" in the White House — and a Democratic Congress on Capitol Hill. (c) 1958 New York Herald Tribune Inc.

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Littrell on Politics

To the Editor: I've read with interest the many letters in this column on the coming election, the truths and the half truths.

I feel that I whom you have twice elected to represent you in the state legislature, should speak out and give you the whole truth on a few subjects.

It's true Governor Holmes, a Democrat, called a special session to reduce taxes. However, it was he and a Democratic controlled legislature who in reality put those extra taxes upon the people. It was done against the advice of the conservative and experienced Republicans and we were backed with facts from the Tax Commission.

That special session cost you, the people, approximately \$100,000 and but for the Republican members of both the House and the Senate, you would have gotten only a 6 per cent reduction. However, after combined pressure was brought to bear by you the people, we the elected Republicans, did get a 21 per cent reduction. In fact we said at the time that a 30 per cent cut would be more realistic, and it is now a proven fact, as the reports from the tax commission show the surplus is still increasing. The research laboratory for the state forestry department was set up many years ago and under a Republican administration, it has functioned efficiently and under competent men. I see Governor Holmes is now taking credit for the creation of this department.

For many years Oregon has had a department of development and expansion of industry, which normally cost the state between \$5 to 75 thousand dollars. (Biennially). In the 1957 session Governor Holmes had a bill introduced and passed for an appropriation of \$235,000 for this department, and every move this department has made since, Governor Holmes has used as a political football.

Many of the industry expansions and the few industries which have come into Oregon were begun long before Governor Holmes took office—yes, it was under a Democratic regime that the State of Oregon was taken out of the real property tax field, and many Democrats fought and voted for it, but it was the Republican members of the legislature who forced the bill out of committee and on the floor where it could be voted upon and passed. And Bob Duncan was the Democrat who fought the hardest to keep it off the floor of the House and he voted No. So I say for a fair and equitable state government let's send a Republican delegation to Salem.

E. A. (Al) Littrell  
State Representative  
Medford

Who's Ambiguous?

To the Editor: The ambiguous letter written by Mrs. Catherine Gribble Lynch proved to me one fact: That Mrs. Lynch is not acquainted with Congressman Charles Porter.

Through the years that I have known Mr. Porter I have found him to be the exact opposite of her description. He is an earnest and sincere young man with a deep sense of responsibility.

His first two campaigns for election were made by sheer stamina and moral courage. He did not have political know-how and funds were meagre. His efforts on behalf of a bereaved father and mother in Eugene turned the spotlight on a Carribean dictator who has for years thumbed his nose at free Americans

### POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

Students at one of Medford's junior high schools held a "serpentine"—one of those long, wriggling, snake-like processions—in the halls one day recently to bolster school spirit for a football game. When school was out, one of the youngsters rushed out to her waiting mother, flushed, and said, "Oh, Mother, we had the most wonderful turpentine this afternoon."

A thinking man with a taste for politics came up with the following suggested revision of a national advertising slogan as appropriate to the season: "A thinking man should filter

what a politician smokes."

Some days it hardly pays to get out of bed. A man we know recently had some official business in Portland. He drove to the airport, parked his car, and discovered after the plane had left that he'd locked his hat and coat in the car.

When he got to Portland, it was raining. The one bright spot in the day was the fact that he was a guest at one meal in Portland, then another free meal aboard the plane en route home. (The plane was late.)

As he got out at Medford, he found he'd parked his car in one of the lots which was due for paving, and the workmen had towed his car away while they paved it. Finally, with the help of an impromptu search party recruited from officials at the airport, he found his car and returned home — safe but somewhat shaken.

A state police officer says that the place to stop drunk driving is at the bend of the elbow, not the bend of the road.

A reader called in to report she has heard from a member of her family who volunteered under the new reserve forces act which provides for six months of training, with the rest of the service at home with a local unit.

He did so, she said, after he'd been informed he was going for training as a "construction engineer."

She said that, so far, he's been "training" with a pick and shovel.

A family we know were awakened by strange music early one morning recently. When the man of the house investigated, he found the newly-acquired cat marching up and down the piano keyboard.

There was some discussion not long ago among members of a newly-formed young adult club what to call the organization.

Someone (probably a man) suggested that, since it was preponderantly female, it be called the "Young Adults Klub" — or "YAK" for short.

The office philosopher (Jg) suggests that many a local politician has discovered that the best way to keep his chin up is to keep his mouth closed.

This story has bobbed up in different form a few times lately, but this is the version our farm editor tells: A local farmer with land to sell got interested when told that the Ford Motor company was looking for farm acreage in or near Medford. "Why?" he said. The answer — "To raise worms for Thunderbirds."

The general deer hunting season ends today, which gives us an excuse to do some reporting about the season.

One hunter was out stalking game when shots started whizzing around him. He stood up and started waving his arms. But apparently the shooters just took the arms for antlers, and the shots kicked up dirt all around him. He dropped and hugged the ground until the would-be hunters arrived to check their "kill."

Elsewhere in the state, we are told, a game warden came across a man skinning a dead mule. He protested his arrest indignantly, declaring that it was a "mule-deer" he was skinning.

And in an up-state newspaper we came across some hunting season definitions, as follows:

Prey — What the birds and the animals are doing. Bird — That which, if the hunter doesn't bring one home, he gets from his wife. Quail — What suburban residents do during hunting season.

Grouse — What hunters do when unsuccessful. Duck — A warning. Get your head down before it gets shot off.

Bird Dog — A lousy song. Big Game — A football contest between Oregon and Oregon State.

Moose — An animal, runs in herds of meese. Antelope — Hasty marriage between insects.

Six-point — Related to the 18-inch trout. The one that got away. Duck Stamp — A popular new dance.

Safety Catch — A device on the gun that should not be used as it prevents taking a quick shot at a rustling in the brush.