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Flight 'o Time
Medford and Jackson County
History from the files of The
Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40
and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
April 28, 1949 (Thursday)
A group incorporates as the
Southern Oregon Historical
Museum to administer the
proposed museum in the old
courthouse at Jacksonville.

20 YEARS AGO
April 28, 1939 (Friday)
State officials investigating
the muddy water controversy
between miners and sportsmen
on the Rogue decide to
establish a turbidity standard.

30 YEARS AGO
April 28, 1929 (Friday)
A one-hour limit for parking
in Medford's business district
arouses discussion both
pro and con.

40 YEARS AGO
April 28, 1919 (Monday)
The Medford city band
plans to hold its first practice
over the Golden Rule store
tomb.

50 YEARS AGO
April 28, 1899 (Wednesday)
Smudging in Rogue valley
orchards has proved a big success
this year, says a department
of agriculture pathologist.

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

1. Does the wombat most
nearly resemble a small bear,
a bat, or a bird?

2. Thomas Jefferson's likeness
is depicted on two different
kinds of U.S. money; what
are they?

3. Are olives classed as
fruits, or vegetables?

4. In football, how many
points are scored by a field
goal?

5. The German autobahn is
a road where automobiles are
banned, a highway, or an
automatic elevator?

6. Was the Battle of Shiloh
a part of the Revolutionary,
Civil or Spanish-American
War?

7. Nitroglycerin, the explosive,
is sometimes used medicinally;
true or false?

8. At how many years' interval
is the Holy Year celebrated
by the Roman Catholic church?

9. To block one's vision of
the full moon, would you need
to use a silver dollar, half
dollar or a dime, held at arm's
length?

10. Cattle have four stomachs;
true or false?

Answers: 1. Small bear. 2.
Two dollar bill, 5 cent piece.
3. Fruits, 4. 3 points, 5. Highway.
6. Civil, 7. True, 8. 25.
9. Dime, 10. True.

West Germany reports a
10 per cent gain this year in
trade with the East.

The Blindfold and the Masks

They just couldn't wait for justice at Poplarville, Miss., last Saturday. The men who broke into the jail in that placid, prospering town, snatched a Negro prisoner from his cell and dragged him off into the night, bleeding and screaming, wanted to dispose of his case—and of him—in their own way.

Mack Charles Parker, their 23-year-old victim, was awaiting trial on a charge that he raped a young white mother last February in a neighboring county. Reports that the woman was pregnant and that her 4-year-old daughter was a witness lend the alleged crime a sordid aspect, but judging from experience the chief fuel of the mob's rage was racial prejudice.

Parker's trial was to have started yesterday, but what of his guilt or innocence now?

LYNCHINGS, like kangaroo courts, "frontier justice" and other forms of undue process, are an American travesty. Mississippi leads the nation in lynchings, this being the fourth since 1955. Most victims have been Negroes.

This incident represents, like others, a bitter blow to those who are giving so much to the cause of integration. And its effects on our tender prestige abroad—already scarred by the Till case, Clinton, Tenn., and Little Rock—are considerable.

IN HER classic pose, Justice carries scales in one hand and a sword in the other—and she is blindfolded, marking her freedom from bias.

The men who broke into the jail in Poplarville carried pistols and sticks. And they wore masks, for having lost conscience they wished to hide themselves with their loss, lest they be recognized and called to account for their actions.

In due course, we trust, these men will stand in court unmasked, to receive the sort of trial they wanted to deny Parker.—E.W.

"Cross-Filing" Ended

The California legislature last week passed a bill which will end California's unique system of allowing "cross-filing" in primary elections.

For the past 46 years, a candidate could place his name on the primary election ballot, not only of the party of which he was a member, but also the opposing party. Some exceptionally popular candidates, such as Former Governor (now Chief Justice) Earl Warren, thus would be given the nomination of both parties.

THE arguments against cross-filing allege that it is an "illogical" and "hypocritical" process; that primary elections are "party affairs," and that cross-filing tends to destroy party responsibility.

Arguments for it, on the other hand, are that it gives the individual voter greater freedom of choice, and that under the cross-filing system California has been singularly free from party "bossism," or party machinations.

Which faction is right remains to be seen.

CCROSS-FILING, as such, has never been permissible in Oregon. (The only situation where a candidate could obtain the nominations of both parties in Oregon is to run in a primary opposed, and not only win his own party's nomination, but also receive enough write-in votes on the other party's ballot to give him both nominations.)

The individual voter should be given the widest possible latitude in selecting the candidate of his choice. He is deprived of that privilege in a primary election where he can vote only for candidates of one party.

We view the California legislature's action as a step backward, rather than forward, in progressive and responsive government.—E.A.

Had a Good Laugh Lately?

"We want our passenger trains to be good trains. We think our passenger service is as good as any in the country. . . and we intend to keep it that way."

(From a Southern Pacific advertisement appearing in the Mail Tribune Monday, and in other Pacific coast newspapers earlier.)

The statement above from the friendly S.P. should cause a few disrespectful guffaws from those who rode the famed Rogue River Rocket (also known as the "Rattler," and a variety of other uncomplimentary names), before the S. P. killed passenger service in this area altogether—with the intention of keeping it that way.

That the service was NOT "as good as any in the country"—even in comparison to other non-main line runs—is hardly beyond dispute, as a mass of evidence at the public hearings concerning the end of service disclosed.

AS A matter of fact, quite a number of those giving testimony included evidence tending to give credence to the belief that the S. P. deliberately downgraded the kind of passenger service which, up to 1955, was available on the line between Eugene and Ashland.

They declared that this downgrading was done to discourage patronage, so that this lack of patronage could be used as an excuse to eliminate the service altogether.

This, of course, cannot be "proven." But in view of the S. P.'s record as to passenger service in this area, the ad is enough to provide a good laugh to anyone who hasn't had one lately.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"MARGARET IS CRAZY! I DON'T SEE NO BLACK ROOTS!"

Matter of Fact

GOOD NEWS FOR NIXON
Washington—There is good news for Vice President Richard Nixon in a poll of the politically strategic state of Wisconsin taken a few weeks ago on behalf of Sen. John F. Kennedy.

There is even better news for Kennedy; but public opinion tests showing the present popularity of the young man from Massachusetts are relatively old hat. Several past tests have also showed, however, that New York's Gov. Nelson Rockefeller would be harder for a Democrat to beat than the Vice President would be.

WISCONSIN'S good news for the Vice President is a sharp reversal of this pro-Rockefeller trend. In summary, the Wisconsin poll showed Nixon defeating any of the Democrats included except Kennedy, while all the Democrats defeated Rockefeller by substantial margins. The results may be tabulated as follows, with the percentage polled by the Democrats given first in all cases.

Nixon Rockefeller
Kennedy 53-47 63-37
Humphrey 48-52 54-46
Kefauver 49-51 56-44
Williams 45-55 53-47

THIS political poll was taken as a by-product of another sort of statewide opinion test by the well-known professional pollster, Louis Harris, who has made other polls for the Kennedy organization. The name of Sen. Estes Kefauver was included in the poll because of the strength he was known to have among Wisconsin Democrats. Gov. Mennen Williams of Michigan was picked as another unwitting contestant because there was vague talk that he might try to get his presidential candidacy off the ground by entering next year's Wisconsin primary. A notable omission among the shadow candidates was Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri.

With respect to Nixon and Rockefeller, the Wisconsin poll results almost exactly reversed the results of another Harris poll of eight West Coast cities. In that poll, taken early this winter, Nixon was roundly beaten by all three Democrats included in the list, Kennedy, Humphrey and Symington; while Rockefeller defeated both Symington and Humphrey, but was defeated by Kennedy.

Wisconsin is very far from the West Coast. The Wisconsin Republicans, who were of course proportionally represented in the more recent poll, also included a high proportion of admirers of the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, who would favor Nixon over

Rockefeller. Yet the spread between the Rockefeller vote and the Nixon vote in this Wisconsin poll is sufficiently great to suggest something larger than a local Wisconsin reaction.

The Wisconsin poll suggests, in fact, that voters across the country have been less impressed by the wisdom and courage of the Rockefeller legislative program, than by the simple, painful fact that the Governor asked his New Yorkers to pay new taxes. If other polls continue to show that Nixon has a better chance to win than Rockefeller, the Vice President can consider himself nominated before the Republican convention even assembles.

THIS very good news for Nixon is slightly poisoned, it must be added, by the character of the good news for Kennedy. Another Harris poll, taken in Wisconsin in the summer of last year, showed much the same broad pattern—Nixon losing to Kennedy but beating all the other Democrats. But in this 1958 poll, Nixon lost to Kennedy by a mere hair, 49.6 to 50.4, whereas in the 1957 poll the margin of defeat, 47 to 53, was considerably wider. The margins by which Nixon defeated the other Democrats were also substantially narrower in the recent poll than in the 1958 poll. If these latest results can be trusted, in short, Nixon is gaining on Rockefeller, but his party has been losing ground rather badly in Wisconsin.

Other results in the same poll cast an interesting light on the strategically important Wisconsin Democratic primary. When asked which of their party's possible candidates they preferred, 40 per cent of the Democrats polled picked Kennedy; 16 per cent picked Humphrey; 15 per cent picked Kefauver; 4 per cent picked Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas; 3 per cent chose Symington and another 3 per cent chose Gov. Williams; and 19 per cent were undecided. In a two man choice, Kennedy was named by 60 per cent of the Democrats, with 40 per cent going to Humphrey.

Some may be inclined to suspect these results because of their source. But Harris is a serious, professional practitioner of his peculiar specialty. His results cross-checked very neatly with those secured by other pollsters in other areas, especially on the most doubtful point, the strong support for Senator Kennedy.

And the Senator himself evidently regards the Harris polls as useful indicators, since the Harris findings in Wisconsin were an important background motive of his recent Wisconsin stump tour.

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Try and Stop Me

AT A FASHIONABLE night club, a girl-about-town boasted to a friend in the powder room, "I had my nose bobbed for eight hundred dollars and already I've been taken for Kim Novak."

"You've been taken, all right," sneered the friend—"for eight hundred dollars."

There's a quaint lady in Red Bank, N. J., who's been going to a psychiatrist twice a week like clockwork for years. She says it's done her no good—but he gives green trading stamps. Twenty-seven more sessions and she'll be able to win a couch of her own.

A part miss in a TV studio sloped with a hillbilly singer. When she reported back for work, a friend asked, "How did your bridegroom register at the hotel?" "Fine," enthused the bride, "just fine!"

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Local Election Outcome in Japan Gives Hope for Continued Good U.S. Relations

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

The outcome of the recent elections in Japan forecast continued good relations with the United States and provide interesting proof that Communism does not flourish in hand with prosperity.

The elections were, as well as a personal triumph for Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi, who at the age of 62, has tasted success both in the post and pre-war Japan and overcame a three-year stint in prison as a suspected war criminal.

The elections just completed were for 20 prefectural governors and for more than 2,400 legislative seats, and under usual circumstances would be considered entirely local.

However, such is the bitter enmity between Kishi's Liberal-Democratic party and the left-wing Socialists that the campaign quickly became a test of strength between Kishi's pro-American government on the one hand and on the other the anti-American Socialists who propose ties with Red China.

The Socialists had trade union backing and, besides diplomatic and commercial relations with Communist China, also demanded the total abolition of all American bases in Japan and a full ban on the testing of nuclear bombs.

Both demands enjoy a certain popularity even among conservatives in Japan whose merchants eye hungrily the vast Red Chinese market and whose citizens well remember the atom bombs of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Sidelights of the campaign were the stop-and-go Japanese-U.S. negotiations to revise their mutual security pact and Ref. Chinese and Russian demands that Japan scrap the pact altogether.

Barometers of the election were the outcomes in Tokyo, the northern island of Hokkaido, Osaka and Fukuoka. Kishi-backed candidates won in Tokyo, Hokkaido and Osaka. Only in the southern coal mining center of Fukuoka.

animals. And so our meat animals will continue to be hoisted by one leg—tendons and muscles torn-cut in the throat and bled to death—through consciousness comes slowly. Others are knocked down with a sledge hammer, often with repeated blows causing agonizing head injuries.

If you have not written to your legislators you are responsible for this brutality. We cleaned up the county pound, let's clean up the Oregon abattoirs.

Mrs. Eunice Russell
1022 Childers st.
Medford.

Bible Is Cited
To the Editor: The letter from the Arab Information Center appearing Sunday confirms what I said March 18. Mr. Mehdi is trying to confuse the issue by claiming there are 9 million Arab Christians who also hate Israel. He does not deny that all Arabs claim to be Abraham's true seed, and want to drive Israel into the sea. He would gladly support Nasser in such a move. This is what I predicted March 18.

Israel is God's chosen race because Jesus Christ is descended from Abraham through Isaac, Jesse and David (Matthew 1:1-18). This has nothing to do with a superior race. He was the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament. Israel rejected Him, crucified Him, and lost the Kingdom (Matthew 21:33-43) and was scattered in AD 70.

The Bible also says David's house will be confirmed forever in Jesus Christ (Luke 1:68-75) which implies that God will again deal with Israel after she has been judged for her sin. (See Romans 11.) In the interval between Christ's death and resurrection and ascension until He returns to take His church out and execute judgement, salvation is an individual matter based on accepting His finished work on Calvary, without regard to race or color. (Romans 4:13-16.)

God has chosen to send Jesus Christ to Israel to bring His will to the world. Israel rejected Him. From that day until He returns, it is an individual matter. There is no need for anyone—Jew or Arab or American—to go through the war which is fast approaching. Jesus is the way out.

I am no Zionist. Zionists generally reject the inspiration of the Old Testament, just as many professing Christians reject the Virgin Birth and substitutionary death of Christ for sin, plus the necessity for receiving Him by faith into the heart and being born again, as well as the inspiration of Scripture. Mr. Ben Gurion makes no claim to believe the Old Testament as inspired by God. No Zionist can expect any favored treatment from God when Christ returns. Since they don't expect this, it does not bother them. If the Bible is God's inspired word, Christ will return soon for His church, and whenever Nasser and the Russians move on Israel, the end will come.

If this is a fools' hope, one would do well to make peace with the Communists. It is the only thing that can stop what goes on inside the walls of an abattoir they remain indifferent to the cruelty inflicted on thousands of

socialist stronghold, did a Socialist candidate win. The issue there also was clouded by charges of corruption against the previous regime.

Income Is High
The outcome surprised even the Kishi conservatives who had expected a much closer battle.

The answer seemed to lie in the fact that when the chips were down, Japanese voters decided that prosperity in the hand was better than Socialist promises in the bush.

The average income in Japan is the highest in Asia. On March 31 Japan closed out its fiscal year with a favorable trade balance of more than a record half-billion dollars.

Japanese trade delegations are active from Sweden to Ceylon, and in this hemisphere are especially active in South America.

Industrially, Japan has replaced Britain as the world's leading ship builder, is first in the production of silk and

first in fishing. Its film industry turns out more feature length films than Hollywood.

For Kishi, the election was another high in a career that has had both highs and lows.

Charges Not Proved
Today he is firmly pro-American. But during the war it was he who, as commerce and industry minister in Hideki Tojo's war-time cabinet, found the money and the guns to support the war against the United States.

During the occupation of Japan, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's administration purged him from public office.

No war crimes charges ever were proved against him, but after he emerged from prison he still had to erase the fascist label which his opponents had pinned upon him. His reply to critics then and now has been:

"I have fully searched my soul concerning my wartime responsibility and today I am resolved to devote myself as a democratic statesman to the building of Japan with the people."

but it could be a significant and perhaps even an insurmountable handicap in the election itself.

NO EASY RIDERS
Washington—"Mister Crump don't low no easy riders here."

Thus ran a song by old W. C. Handy, of the days when Memphis political boss E. H. Crump took a sump who so ought rewards without work without work.

FOR one cannot read again the Congressional election returns of last November without realizing that the "tough" labor position taken by the GOP was disastrous in key states.

Kennedy, too, has run risks. He has for the first time been required to break deeply with most of the Southerners. One of the basic strengths of his Presidential candidacy had been that of all the northern Democratic liberals he was the most nearly acceptable to the South. Its convention votes will be very important, and he has accepted the danger of losing them over labor.

But a leading rival, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, has certainly not improved his situation. It was Humphrey's absence from the Senate, on a campaigning sortie in the West, that caused the liberals to lose their first showdown with the conservatives. To miss a roll call is rarely forgivable. Nevertheless, a Humphrey present, rather than a Humphrey absent, would have kept Nixon from moving in.

THIS is bound to hurt Humphrey, if only by indicating firmly to him that he had better cut down his out-of-Senate stumping activity. It will be a hard choice; his sole hope is to make an early showing of delegate strength. And it is not easy to get that strength without going out and asking for it.

Finally, there are the two other Democratic "possibilities"—Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas and Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri. Neither is an active aspirant; each is more likely to be a compromise convention choice than an early convention choice.

Johnson, however, has been perpetually in a stand-up-and-be-counted position. Only Symington has thus far enjoyed the luxury of comparative shelter from the white, hot light that beats all the time upon all the others. Now, even he, as the atmosphere hardens in the Senate cockpit, is being drawn toward the firing line, where danger runs a quickening race with glory.

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