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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**  
Feb. 2, 1950 (Thursday)  
Medford's groundhog was a shivering and confused little rodent this morning with two inches of snow on the ground and a 7 degree above zero temperature whistling about his ears.

Portland had 3 degree below zero record low this morning with 300 miles of roads in or about Portland blocked by snow.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 2, 1940 (Friday)  
The state Democratic chairman returned a \$100 check to the Ashland Chamber of Commerce today and commented he was "embarrassed" and "regretful."

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "A New Deal idealist urges the people to face mounting costs of government with a song." It will be no time at all until valiant Young Democrats will be running around cutting the taxes in two with a tenor solo."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 2, 1930 (Sunday)  
Charles Evans Hughes will succeed William Taft, who recently resigned as chief justice of the U.S. supreme court. There were 19 days in January in which snow or rain fell in Medford. The snow was 10.3 inches deep on Jan. 13.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 2, 1920 (Tuesday)  
The Democratic postmaster at Portland rejects President Wilson's order to resign. Applications for 1920 auto licenses are coming into the county clerk's office at a rate of 50 per day.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Feb. 2, 1910 (Wednesday)  
Mayor Snell of Ashland went to court to prevent a special recall election against himself. Ashland Commercial club membership reaches 400. Mention at a club banquet last night of proposed state of Siskiyou brings applause.

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

1. Which Biblical character symbolizes old age?  
2. Does a starfish have five or six points?  
3. Will sound travel faster in air, water, or iron?  
4. Which country is our closest Latin American neighbor?  
5. What sort of work is performed by a cooper?  
6. Butte is the capital of Montana; true or false?  
7. In which country is the port of Haifa?  
8. In what political party in the United States was Norman Thomas a well-known leader?  
9. Does a fathom measure 6, 18, or 60 feet?  
10. In what part of the world is Laos?

Answers: 1. Methuselah. 2. Five. 3. Iron. 4. Mexico. 5. Makes barrels, casks, tubs, etc. 6. False (Helena). 7. Israel. 8. Socialist Party. 9. Six. 10. Southeast Asia.

# On Slash Burning

The possibility of eliminating slash-burning in our forests in the fall and spring was mentioned here the other day in connection with the progress being made in controlling air pollution.

This mention brought from a local forester a long letter in which he questioned strongly whether slash burning is advisable or necessary.

It is, in effect, required now both by state and federal regulations. The only exception is when a logger under state jurisdiction takes up on himself the risk and expense and responsibility for maintaining a close watch over unburned slash until it has decomposed to a point where it is safe, and he is released by the state. This can be for a period of years.

OUR forester friend maintains that good forest management would eliminate slash-burning on the basis that it is a hazard to reproduction; that it robs the soil of natural humus; that it creates air pollution; that it increases the danger of erosion and soil deterioration, and that it destroys wildlife, recreational and aesthetic values.

He makes a good case - particularly if his statement that studies regarding slash-burning and its necessity have been "inconclusive" is borne out.

If it is true that there are acceptable alternatives, and that slash-burning is as detrimental as our friend declares, then pressures should be brought for a change in the state law and the federal regulations. —E.A.

# Congressional Speculation

No one has, as yet, indicated any intention of seeking the Republican nomination for Congress from this district, but there has been considerable speculation that State Sen. Edwin R. Durno, M.D., of Medford, may do so.

When Peter Gunnar, state GOP chairman, was through here recently, he was making discreet inquiries about Dr. Durno.

And in its issue of last week the Oregon Voter, the conservative little magazine of commentary on political and economic affairs, devoted a full half-page to discussing Durno and his chances, under the headline "Durno Poised For Try at Porter's Seat."

WE TRIED to call Dr. Durno to ask him, point blank, if he is considering this race, but found he had left for a vacation in Mexico, and won't be back until late this month—still well ahead of the deadline for filing a candidacy.

Republicans are looking seriously for a man whom they feel would have a chance against the fourth district's brilliant but controversial incumbent, Charles O. Porter.

Many of them feel that Dr. Durno would be the man. The Voter is most laudatory concerning him, and declares:

"... Senator Durno could easily have a clear field and party leaders' support in the Primary, with some Democratic followers in November."

WE RATHER hope Dr. Durno does decide to make the race, for we think quite highly of him and his abilities and attitudes. It would assure both a good race, and the election of a good man to the important Congressional seat.

We consider Porter to have been a good congressman—a view which, we know, is not universally held.

But in devoting a portion of his time to foreign affairs, he is only carrying out a campaign pledge made two years ago. In doing what he can to advance the cause of peace, he is following his own deepest convictions. And, his detractors to the contrary, he has worked long and hard on matters pertaining to his own district.

PORTER is independent—too much so for some tastes—and is quick and bright both in and out of congressional halls—again too much so for some tastes.

But he is a better-than-average congressman, and has earned another chance for election.

If the race is against Dr. Durno, who made a good record in the last legislature, it will pit men of differing temperaments and outlooks, and will give voters of the district a clear-cut choice; a choice, happily, between two sincere public servants.—E.A.

# Uniform School Plans

One of the "planks" in the party platform adopted by Jackson county Democrats for presentation to last week end's state convention is worth thinking over.

It suggests that the state department of education prepare sets of plans for school buildings so that they could be furnished to local districts which are contemplating building new schools.

The plans would be standard, and come in versions to meet differing requirements.

THIS would permit contractors throughout the state to be familiar with the plans, so they could prepare bids and estimates on a more knowledgeable basis; it would speed up the time between a bond issue and the start of construction, and it would save the local school districts considerable sums in the preparation of plans.

There might well be some drawbacks to such a procedure, but at first glance its merits would seem to outweigh its disadvantages, and we'd like to see the idea pursued further.—E.A.

# Dennis the Menace



I DON'T CARE WHAT MY MOTHER TOLD YOU! I DON'T TAKE HER SIDE!

# 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.

### Thoughtful Sniff

To the Editor: Regarding your editorial, "Ill-Smelling Rose," Jan. 22 I was not playing with semantics at all. A tramway runs on tracks. An aerial gondola hangs from a wire and is sort of an enclosed chairlift.

I can't believe that it is "outrageous" to want to discuss this proposal to increase the enjoyment and attendance at Crater Lake. You and Bob Brazier of the Register-Guard think so and say so - eloquently and repeatedly. However, I've had less than two dozen letters on the subject from Oregon since I first proposed consideration. They're about half for, half against.

On the other hand, every questionnaire I know of, including at least two taken at the Park, shows that the public apparently is more for than against.

I agree with you that people should think the proposal through. That is why I am having a model built. This will allow people to see for themselves a lot more exactly what is proposed.

As for "people who believe strongly in National Parks and in their concept of minimum despoilment of scenic and wilderness areas," I count myself as a member of that group. Crater Lake is a superb, unique scenic area. But it is not a wilderness area. Thousands of people drive there every year.

Aerial gondolas in the Alps do not despoil lovely scenery. They do attract tourists. I want many more tourists to go and to return to Crater Lake. Oregon needs their dollars and will give full value for every penny.

I could be wrong. Maybe it isn't such a good idea. I want to examine the model myself and think the matter through of the basis of hard facts. You, Mr. Editor, realize full well that many outdoor groups and the National Park Service itself share your opinion. There is certainly no immediate prospect of construction.

Whatever the name of this "rose," gondola, tramway or chairlift, let's not toss it aside without a thoughtful sniff to determine whether the smell is a stench or a fragrance.

Charles O. Porter  
Member of Congress  
Washington, D.C.

### Clean Air Progress

To the Editor: We agree with you that the progress that has been made in cleaning Rogue Valley air is amazing; however the Citizens Air Pollution Abatement League's position regarding the need for legislation on the matter has not been understood.

None of the League's members has been so naive as to believe that the day was here when the lion and the lamb would lie down together, or that ultimately some legislation would not have to be passed. The members did think they had a duty to be constructive, and that the first thing to do was to obtain all factual information possible and present it to the community leaders with the belief that such leaders had sufficient civic responsibility to unite in an effort to solve the problem.

Not all members agree with this procedure. Many have favored faster action in the form of more meetings, and proposed laws and regulations. They may have been right; however in the past five months' time has been accomplished than in all the time previously. Only a few months ago the mere raising of the question in this letter

column brought threats of physical violence and "If you don't like this country, go back where you came from." Mr. Jack Foster deserves thanks from this community for obtaining cooperation from sources that were hostile and for furthering much of the progress that has been made.

There is still enough heat in this question of air pollution to produce quite a fire. If anyone wishes to proceed in that manner, he might inquire into the spraying of suburban areas with parathion, chlordane, dieldrin, amatox, DDT, TEPP and other poisons. Just how many tons of such material is sprayed into this valley air every year? How far does such material travel and how long does it hang when mixed with a stagnant, soot and carbon filled atmosphere? These are questions whose answers we have been unable to discover.

If you fear, Mr. Editor, that we depend too much on soft talk, stay with us. We will do better when we have the facts.

By the way, what has happened to the state air pollution study which was announced last spring?

Bruce J. Manley, Chairman  
Citizens Air Pollution Abatement League  
212 Leverette Bldg.  
Medford.

### Interesting Nonsense

To the Editor: My opinion is that the "Stargazer" horoscope is far more interesting "nonsense" than daily reprints from "Arthur Perry's Smudge Pot" which were never either humorous or interesting.

Mrs. L. A. Diamond,  
520 DeBarr ave.,  
Medford.

### The Third Dimension

To the Editor: For the new Mail Tribune feature, the "Regional News" page we would suggest: "The Third Dimensional News" That would include all of Jackson county and of course parts of Josephine and Siskiyou counties.

As for the continuation of the "Stargazer" feature, we would say, "let it go, galliger," as there are plenty of Horoscope magazines to consult anyway.

Bert Kissinger  
520 Boardman st.,  
Medford.

### Knowledge?—Holy Cow

To the Editor: While doing my weekly newsclipping I came across last week's letter of protest against general disinterest of Jackson county in the college extension courses offered from time to time. At first glance it doth appear we know nothing and nothing we want to know. But have you run down the listing of the courses offered?

"How to cook southern meals with northern groceries." "How to hem last year's dress to look like this year's style." "How to make a pair of bookends with your own little hands."

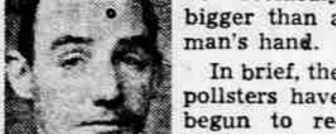
Holy Cow. We are on the edge of space, about to step out into that great infinite, round, expanding unknown which Einstein told us our eternal humdrum duties will thousands of guided missiles somewhere stand bristling like hairs on a dog's back, each loaded with enough power to eradicate an American city, all ready to leave launching pads and zip across continents to obliterate us within seconds after one small button is pushed, if certain brains decide the destruction is desirable.

We are in a time when

# Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

NEW FACTOR FOR '60  
Washington—Another cloud is rising on the Democratic horizon, and one that may



JOSEPH ALSOP joining the swing to the Republicans which started last summer. The "peace issue" may be as phony as a three-dollar bill, as most informed observers think. But in combination with prosperity, it seems to exert a universal pull.

Last autumn, some time after the swing to the Republicans was already well under way, the South still appeared to be safely Democratic. Vice President Richard M. Nixon did not then share the President's popularity in the South, as he had begun to do elsewhere. Southern Democratic leaders were still happily convinced that Nixon would never be a threat to their states, since they regarded him as positively unpopular among their voters.

NOW, however, this low assessment of Nixon's standing in the South is at least highly questionable. The inquiring Dr. Gallup's most recent poll showed Nixon carrying the South against Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts by a margin of 54 to 46, and running 50-50 in the South against Adlai Stevenson. The states here classed as Southern are Alabama, Arkansas, the Carolinas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. They have 146 electoral votes in the national total of 537.

As the Gallup sample for these 13 states amounted to hardly more than 700 people, one might be inclined to dismiss the results given. But they cannot be dismissed, because they have been confirmed and even exceeded the results of private, local polls. These polls, using very much larger samples, have recently been taken in certain Southern states.

The most important was taken in Texas, the most populous state in the South. This poll showed the Texan hero, Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, beating Nixon

every human is tortured with elusive pains and symptoms of an illness which he does not have, and when doctor's long hours are lengthened by the majority who come to him for pills for pains they have which are not illnesses but which are protests against his fear of fear, and yet, the understanding of that fear, and the pain, and the symptom, and a solution is available, and understandable to the majority of our people.

We live in an age when the word "metaphysics" is outmoded, and where our belief in God is no longer necessarily based on blind staggering faith alone.

Perhaps the instructors of the courses would be completely surprised at the turnout of seekers if knowledge in cadence with our times were offered.

Another course which should be highly successful in this area would be "History of Southern Oregon."

Until then, many of us will have no choice but to spend time we would give to such courses, in pursuit of more current knowledge where it is available, from books in the privacy of our own homes. (Name on File)  
Medford

### More Rain

To the Editor: And now it's ground-hog day again!

If hoggie sees his shadow He goes right back for six weeks more—

Which makes folks sad or sadder.

But we web-footers shout "hor-ray!"

Though we do like the sun.

We want the rain, much more of rain

Out here in "Jefferson".

FJC  
Central Point, Ore.

### Want Own Union

To the Editor: Apparently there is some misunderstanding about why we grocery clerks in this area want to belong to the Retail Clerks Union.

The answer is very simple. Presently we are members of the Teamsters Union in this area and we are tired of being second class citizens in what is supposed to be our own union.

In the Retail Clerks Union we will have our own local union, our own officers, our own secretary and business agent and be able to make up our own minds about how we want to run our own affairs.

F. R. (Johnny) Davis  
914 Winchester ave.,  
Medford.

by a few percentage points, with Kennedy again behind Stevenson. And just to prove the increasing weakness of Democratic party loyalties, this poll also showed Nixon beating both Senators Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota and Stuart Symington of Missouri by gigantic margins close to 80-20.

IN THESE figures, the first feature that leaps to the eye is Adlai Stevenson's slight but significant lead over Senator Kennedy. As long as the Southern states seem to be loyally Democratic by heavy majorities, it did not matter if a small percentage of Southerners were inclined to vote against Kennedy because he is a Roman Catholic. But in an even-steven race, 2 per cent of the voters changing sides means victory by a 4 per cent margin.

According to Dr. Gallup, this was just what happened in the recent Nixon-Stevenson and Nixon-Kennedy trial heats. It is hard to find any other explanation but Kennedy's Catholicism.

If the South still showed the same Republican leanings, Kennedy's Catholicism can therefore handicap him with Southern leaders at the convention in Los Angeles. If Kennedy is nominated, too, the changed situation in the South will have real meaning. It can completely upset the Kennedy strategy, which has always been based on the calculation of carrying the South plus the big Northern industrial states where Catholicism is a positive help.

In contrast, the extension of the Republican trend to the South will certainly help Senator Johnson. Johnson is the Democratic candidate with the largest number of delegates already in the bag. Kennedy, the generally recognized front-runner, calls Johnson his "real opponent." If Johnson appears to be the only Democrat who is pretty sure to carry the Southern states, with their quarter of the total electors, he is bound to look more attractive, even to Northern Democratic leaders.

Unlike many Republicans, most Democrats have a liking for victory.

TO BE SURE, this new talking point for Johnson can never be truly effective until something else happens.

Boasting that he alone can carry the South will get Johnson nowhere, until the Northern Democrats begin to think he may also have some chance in the North. Johnson has invaded both Illinois and New York, to try to win over the chiefs of these big states. He had more than a little success in New York. Yet one cannot imagine him being nominated unless he takes the difficult action that will unstick his Southern label.

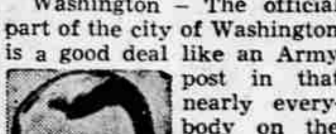
If he really does unstick his Southern label, however, the Johnson candidacy may well become a decidedly serious and important affair.

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# Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

TEMPERATURE UP  
Washington - The official part of the city of Washington is a good deal like an Army post in that nearly everybody on the reservation is in or on the fringes of a single profession, politics.



William S. White

And like an Army post on the eve of a change in commanding generals, political Washington is now beginning to seethe and boil over who is to be the next commanding general here, the next President of the United States.

There are several bandwagons running around here. And there are thousands of people who feel acute need to get onto the right one at the right time. The whole country, of course, has a vast interest in who is going to be President. But Washington has what can only be called a feverish interest—of about 106 degrees on the thermometer.

The serried ranks of the more or less permanent bureaucrats have a deep concern not only as to who the top boss is to be but what men are going to be "close to him."

THE DOZENS of women who spend their lives being hostesses have a delicate, dual problem: not to become too identified, just yet, with any Presidential aspirant whatever, lest he turn out to be a loser. Not, at the same time, to become so disassociated from any aspirant whatever as to forfeit a welcome to the White House should that aspirant make it, after all.

Then there are the hundreds of professional men—lawyers, high-toned salesmen and contractors and lobbyists—who are not quite in government but are intimately connected with it. Many are themselves ex-government officials, mostly from the Roosevelt or Truman administration. These men have not only a bread-and-butter interest in politics. They also have the homesick interest of those who cannot forget the years when they themselves were in the thick of public affairs.

AND, FINALLY, there are the still-active political professionals, the advisers, speech-writers, and stalkers of convention delegates. These stout characters, whose trade is the toughest and most specialized there is, are in enormous demand. They are asked to cocktails; to tea among those hopeless reactionaries who still drink tea in the afternoon; and, course, to the dinner party. They carry the inside word. Later they will inhabit the well-known smoke-filled hotel rooms.

Confusing? Yes. Stirring? Yes, definitely. Wearing? Well, yes.

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# Newspaperman to Hear Knowland

Eugene - Former U. S. Senator from California, William F. Knowland, will give the 1960 Allen Memorial Address when Oregon newspapermen meet on the University of Oregon campus for the 41st annual Oregon Press conference Feb. 19 and 20.

Knowland, associate publisher of the Oakland (Calif.) Tribune, will speak at a 2 p.m. session Friday of the two-day conference. Speeches, panels, and roundtables are on the program for the conference, which has been planned to bring new ideas to the newspapermen.

Prominent speakers will include William E. Bade, manager of the Oregon Tax Research, Portland; Martin Schmitt, curator of special collections in the University of Oregon Library; Dr. Hans H. Plambeck, chairman of the department of sociology, Oregon State college; Charles V. Stanton of the Roseburg News-Review and Wes Sherman of the Stayton Mail; and Dr. Harry Alpert, dean of the graduate school of the university.

Featured will be a discussion of the Portland newspaper strike with M. J. Frey of the Oregonian and William W. Knight of the Oregon Journal speaking.

The Oregon Press conference, held annually on the university campus, is co-sponsored by the university's school of journalism and the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association.

# SEAL RETURNED

Chicago - [UPI] An apparent souvenir hunter who stole Vice President Richard M. Nixon's seal of office from a lectern here has given the seal back. The plaque was stolen from a lectern at a GOP \$100-a-plate dinner that Nixon addressed last week. It was returned Monday.

# ON TIME AT LAST

Tokyo - [UPI] The Tokyo district court's civil department courtroom set a record Monday. For the first time in its history it opened on time.

# ARTHRITIS?

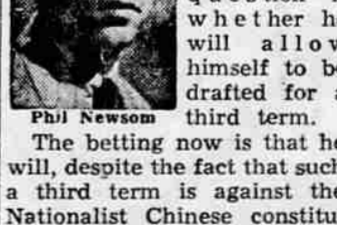
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# Chaing Kai-shek's Term Ends Soon; Third Term Eyed

By PHIL NEWSOM  
UPI Foreign Editor

Another of the "old men" among national leaders faces up to a major decision this month. He is 72-year-old President Chiang Kai-shek of Nationalist China and the question is whether he will allow himself to be drafted for a third term.



Phil Newsom

The betting now is that he will, despite the fact that such a third term is against the Nationalist Chinese constitution and his own insistence that the Constitution must be observed.

As recently as last December, Chiang said he emphatically opposed any amendment to the constitution.

Won't Shun Responsibility  
But those who expect him to bow to a draft also quote him as saying he would not "shun his responsibilities."

They reason it this way: They point out that Chiang does not necessarily have to be bound by the Constitution. They say the nation is in an emergency situation under which the Constitution can be suspended temporarily without actually revising it.

There are few things that would make Communists throughout the world happier than Chiang's stepping down.

For the past 20 years, Red attacks against Nationalist China have been directed against Chiang personally. As for Nationalist sympathizers still on the mainland, Chiang is the only man upon

whom they depend for eventual deliverance from Communist rule.

United Nations interrogation officers who served during the Korean War can testify to this. Frequently Chinese prisoners of war demanded to be turned over immediately to "Generalissimo Chiang's army." Some even claimed they surrendered only after seeing the generalissimo's battle flags at the front.

### Can't Match Prestige

It also is an established fact that there is no one among the Nationalists who can match Chiang in prestige. And therefore there is no one who can take over Chiang's job without causing considerable confusion among his followers.

Every effort is now being made by various Chinese groups to impress this upon Chiang before the Feb. 20 meeting of the Chinese National Assembly.

The assembly is a group made up of representatives from both at home and overseas and it has the power to amend the Constitution. Under the Constitution it must meet 90 days before expiration of the President's six-year term.

Chiang's second term of office expires on May 20.

### A FARE RIDE

Wytheville, Va. - [UPI] - Passengers on the Norfolk and Western's main line between Roanoke and Bristol, Va., got classier accommodations than they bargained for Monday. A rock and earth slide had covered more than 500 yards of track. The passengers were shunted around the slide by taxicab.