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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. 8, 1950 (Wednesday)

Carlos W. Morris, Ward 2, resigns from city council for business reasons and Mayor Diamond Flynn appoints Earl M. Miller to take his place.

Connecticut girl found temporarily insane by jury after she admits to mercy killing of policeman-father who was painfully dying of cancer.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 8, 1940 (Thursday)

The city council ended objections to the present garbage dump by providing for a new one to be located 4½ miles southeast of Medford off Barnett and Talent rds.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The Ashland post office scandal wherein state democratic bigbugs took a $100 donation is history. It never had a chance to be another Teapot Dome."

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 8, 1930 (Saturday)

Gates and Lydiard buy Johnson Market at Sixth and Grape sts.

A visitor to the city says he deplores, "the spirit of agitation in the air."

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 8, 1920 (Monday)

Soldiers fire upon Kentucky mob attempting to lynch Negro.

The crown prince of Germany offers to surrender to Allies.

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 8, 1910 (Tuesday)

Prisoner sets fire to mattress in local jail but firemen living upstairs put out fire and prisoner sleeps without, for rest of night.

The Oregon Trunk Line has purchased right of way on Klamath Indian reservation, goes rumor, which will complete line from Deschutes canyon to Klamath Falls.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. What major physical effect on the earth is caused by the gravitational pull of the moon?
2. What American woman was called "Princess Alice"?
3. Who was the first Vice President of the United States?
4. What is the literal meaning of adieu?
5. In which American war did Sir Henry Clinton fight?
6. For what purpose is a reamer used?
7. What river forms the northern boundary of Kentucky?
8. In what war was the battle of Ft. Dearborn fought?
9. In the metric system is a meter longer, or shorter, than a yard?
10. Correct the following: "My wife and myself left the party early."

Answers: 1. Tides. 2. Alice Roosevelt Longworth. 3. John Adams. 4. "To God." (Shortened form of, "I commend you to God.") 5. American Revolution. 6. To Enlarge a hole. 7. Ohio river. 8. War of 1812. 9. Longer (39.37 inches.) 10. "My wife and I . . ."

A Grave Responsibility

Since the Republicans had their big evening of eating (at $100 per plate) and listening to speeches, there's been considerable fuss about a speech delivered by New York's Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Mr. Rockefeller did not mention Vice President Richard Nixon. Asked why, he explained, "It was my sole purpose to honor President Eisenhower."

Some Republicans think there was another reason or reasons for the omission. They very well may be right.

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THERE'S something peculiar going on within the Republican Party. We discussed it the other day with a long time, staunch Republican. We said, "Why are so many Republicans lukewarm about Nixon? You ask for their opinion and they tell you that it's going to be difficult for them to vote for him. When you try to pin them down they don't spell it out for you."

The man said, "I know exactly what you're talking about. I have had the same experience over and over again. Many of my Republican friends don't want Nixon in the White House. But they don't tell me exactly why."

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THERE is evidence of this from another direction. The pros in the Democratic Party are not building a straw man when they express delight with the prospect of taking on Mr. Nixon. They are not propagandizing when they say they're extremely happy that their opponent won't be Gov. Rockefeller.

What is it about Mr. Nixon? We asked that question when he attracted a very small crowd at dedication of The Dalles Dam. It was obvious on that occasion that hundreds of Republicans in The Dalles didn't make the effort to show up.

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WITHOUT trying to define the Nixon problem, because we can't, we must conclude that it places a great responsibility upon the Democratic Party.

The Democrats must exercise extreme care in selecting their presidential candidate.

He must be the best qualified of all those who are seeking the nomination.

He can't be a compromise candidate who will be chosen out of a deadlock of powerful forces within the party, somebody that the powerful factions don't feel so strongly about that they will reject him, but one that they at the same time don't feel wholehearted enthusiasm for.

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THIS is an entirely different situation than they faced in 1952 and 1956. They didn't have a man in those years who could beat Dwight Eisenhower. Now, they can name the next President of the United States. Knowing this, they must brush aside such considerations as religion and geography. They must carefully weigh the abilities of each of their aspirants, and not by asking themselves whether he will please particular pressure groups.

The sole consideration must be his ability to serve as President of the United States.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

The Cliche Crusade

Looking over the past week's papers we see that our friend Amby Fellowquill is busy as ever.

He's the world's only consulting cliche orginator. We met him first during the 1952 election campaigns. He was doing great things then, he told us, working on cliches involving the word "crusade" for the Ike people. And the results of his labors still are with us. Since 1952 and Ike's "Great Crusade" we've had crusades for everything from neuralgia to noodles.

Amby told us then that he is the originator of "the most honored cliche in journalism," the editorial lead which begins: "We view with (alarm, pleasure, doubt, distate, etc.) . . . ." We doubt that; he's not a day over 80 now.

He's still busy or we miss our guess, splashing patina on fearless phrases for every occasion.

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FOR example, in the past week CBS President Frank Stanton has said that problems (such as those involved in keeping TV pure) are "hallmarks of Democracy." More than half a dozen politicians have accused their enemies of a "woeful lack of vigor and vitality."

And we see a dangerous series coming upon us. In Boston the other day a fellow who wants to hell a ward talked of a certain national administration which "leaves us misled and unmissiled in the midst of enemy might." Amby used to do better.

It was better when he simply doctored speeches, changing a word here and there.

For example, revolutions don't end or cease or fade away. They collapse, in speeches Amby used to rewrite.

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ACTORS never were allowed to achieve fame or become stars. They skyrocketed to fame and were elevated to stardom.

Baseball teams didn't beat their opposition. They crushed their foes.

Diseases weren't cured, they were vanquished.

But perhaps it's all because he's too busy, too busy helping the glib usher in a decade, since decades always are ushered. What kind of a decade? A decade of rekindled hope that people, prosperous people, will find the perilous path toward peace. What kind of peace? Durable and lasting, of course.

That's the same decade we're viewing with mixed emotions—mixed alarm and cautious expectation, of course.—Salem Capital Journal.

Dennis the Menace

"MARGARET SAYS YOU'RE NINETY PERCENT WATER!"

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.

TV Violence

To the Editor: TV is here to stay but – how is it influencing our children?

Violence is more prevalent today on TV than good wholesome programing.

Did you know that during this past week our children viewed on channel 5 a total of 46 acts of violence?

They included 17 killings, 1 murder, 13 attempted murders, 10 fights, 4 tortrures, and 1 hold up.

They viewed three cigarette advertisements and three beer and wine commercials.

These things were witnessed during children's viewing hours up until 9 p.m.

Is this what we want our children to see?

Children between the ages of 3 and 12 years have a hard time distinguishing between what is real and what is make-believe. At these ages, our children, are very susceptible to all influences.

The violent actions they see seem to become a part of their imagination. It's very real to them. They remember it because they have seen it. Our schools tell us that a picture is worth a hundred words, that children remember what they see more quickly than what they read.

They see people kill, shoot, injure, destroy property, commit crimes of passion and robberies, without any emotions of sadness or sympathy for their fellow beings.

Our children see TV violence for hours each week, but they go to Sunday School one hour each week. We try to teach our children to love and be kind to one another, but our efforts are overwhelmed by what they see on TV. They copy their TV heroes in their play. For instance, they see a breakfast cereal commercial repeated over and over, soon our children are singing this commercial, next they want to try it. They hear and see cigarette commercials, they sing them too, next they'll want to try that too. If a one minute commercial leaves such an impression, what can one-half hour of violence leave?

If constructive programs leave constructive ideas, then surely destructive ideas are left by destructive programs.

We need to protect our children from all this violence.

We must write to the sponsors of these programs and ask that they sponsor a more favorable program, especially between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m. when children view TV.

Our station, KBES-TV, has many good programs and even a little juggling of these programs would produce a much more favorable impression.

Mr. Editor, can your paper help us to help our children?

Grace L. Singler
1270 Ross Lane N.
Medford

Finish The Armory

To the Editor: Just happened to read an editorial of a week ago on finishing the Armory, and I say that it is 100 per cent right. I can't understand the powers that be, in permitting so much of our tax money being put into the building of the Armory, and then leave out seats to be used in our so-called multi-purpose building. For what use is the building of now? It is just a shell of a building that never has had more than a half a dozen affairs in it all year. The cost for heating an empty building every year, could more than pay for the folding type bleachers now in use at Hedrick Junior High school gymnasium.

I was one of the many that were turned away at the Hedrick High gym the night that the Globetrotters played here, and I felt as badly as others in not getting to see the Globetrotters in action.

The lack of seats in the Armory has prevented the people of Medford from seeing a great many events, many of which are shown only in the big cities. If I remember correctly, there has been only one boxing show held in the Armory, and the sponsors of the show had to arrange for the use of seats from the school district.

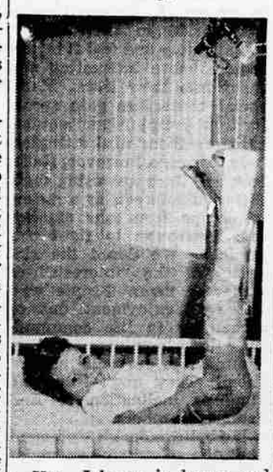
I fully agree the people of Medford should see that the state finish the job of giving us a multi-purpose building, and soon.

Donald R. McCarthy,
1463 Camp Baker Rd.,
Medford.

Johnny is Home!

To the Editor: We would like to use this column to express our thanks. On Wednesday, our 4-year-old son John came home after spending four weeks in Sacred Heart hospital, in traction, resulting from a broken leg.

So many people, visitors and patients alike, took time out to stop and talk awhile with Johnny, people we do not know by name, that we would like to express to them our heartfelt thanks, for helping him spend those long hours more comfortably.



Yes, Johnny is home and again we would like to say thanks to all from the bottom of our heart.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Nelmes & family
Butte Falls Junction,
Eagle Point, Ore.

Unemployment

To the Editor: In regard to the letter entitled "Not Enough Work," I should like to express my thoughts on the matter.

Inasmuch as lumbering and agriculture, the two basic industries of this area, are entirely seasonal, they create an unemployment problem each winter. However, they do provide very good wages with substantial unemployment benefits. If those so employed would gage their spending accordingly, they would not encounter such hardships each winter.

Another reason for unemployment during the winter is that those people have established homes in this vicinity and are reluctant to leave them to hunt for work elsewhere.

Gary Smith,
Route 1, Box 85,
Jacksonville, Ore.

Slash Problem

To the Editor: Your recent editorial on the effects of slash burning, or not burning, was a great deal of interest to me.

I fully realize that many problems arise from slash disposal, as the result of the extensive logging in this area. Probably no one method of handling this refuse can be considered the right answer.

Different forest elevations, species, density of growth and many other factors enter in to slash disposal. Even a sudden change in the weather can create a number of different problems.

I believe a great deal of study will have to be made in order to arrive at a solution to slash disposal.

Richard Wall,
1331 Vawter Rd.,
Medford.

Importance of Schools

To the Editor: I wish to make a statement about the recent $295,000 District 6C school bond issue that some people are bickering about. It seems to me that if these people would look into their schools, more than meets the eyes, they would see the need for this proposed bond issue. These people think that this bond issue isn't important enough to donate funds for.

The reason these people bicker is that they are worried about the taxes that they will have to pay. Good schools make a fine and aggressive community.

Some people think that Federal money isn't needed for their school programs. If the Federal government didn't help pay for the schools, the state would have to, thus raising the state taxes.

It is up to the parents to give an adequate school program so that our schools may function as we want them to.

Dick Morgan
618 East Ninth st.
Medford

Editor's note: The bond issue was passed, 517 for, 171 against.

Expense Cited

To the Editor: In approximately two months the smudging season will be upon us and there will be many complaints written in, protesting the black smoke drifting over the valley every morning if the temperature reaches the danger point. I believe that many of these complaints are written without first contemplating the reasons for this. The expense that would occur if it were not for orchard heating would be very large. The pear industry more than pays for the damage done by the smoke.

If there is a new, revolutionary process to eliminate the smoke I am sure it will be on the market very soon.

So before you send in your complaints think the problem over and you and the pear grower will accept the situation as it is.

Keith Smith
1554 South Columbus ave.
Medford

Dogs Are For The Birds

To the Editor: I hope that all of the dog owners read this letter and think to themselves, "Does this apply to me?"

Around the area where I live there seem to be quite an abundance of "man's best friend." These people that own these dogs let them run on their own. I wonder whether these people know what they are doing or whether they just don't care.

It isn't so bad during the day. They usually just mess up the lawn. At night it seems to be a different story. These dogs seem to take pleasure in tipping over garbage cans and spreading the garbage all over.

My folks and I have broken most of the dogs in our neighborhood from doing this by hooking an electric charge to the garbage can.

Now our only problem is trying to get some sleep. These dogs bark almost all night long. I wonder when they sleep.

Does anybody have an answer to my problem, besides moving?

Larry Howard,
(A cat lover)
652 Beall Lane,
Medford.

Riverside Clean-Up

To the Editor: People were doing just fine cleaning up Riverside. What I would like to know is, what happened?

It is still an eyesore and a disgrace to Medford. I feel that something should be done about this, especially since it is the main tourist route through Medford and it is the only part of our town that many people see.

Loralee Sutherland,
3004 Delta Waters Rd.,
Medford.

Eyesore Buildings

To the Editor: I would like to compliment the new Eighth street bridge. It has really improved the traffic situation for people going from the down district to the east side.

But one thing that has bothered me for a long time, and that is the shabby looking backs of the buildings that face Bear creek. These backs are so run down that if they were just improved a little, it might make the creek look a little better, which would be doing a lot for Bear creek and the eyesore buildings.

Ted Stamper
3405 Jacksonville Highway
Medford

Likes Stargazer

To the Editor: Why stop the Stargazer. So many of us enjoy it, and always look it up about the first thing after headlines.

Truly hope you will continue putting it in the paper. Thank you.

Cora Fawcett
205 Tripp st.
Medford

Editor's note: Stargazer stays. Many people agree with Cora Fawcett, we've been told.

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Foreign Desk: Rocket Weapons, Nuclear Weapons; De Gaulle's Political Problem

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor

From the foreign editor's notebook:

Rocketry

Diplomatic sources in East Berlin say the Soviets are unhappy about East German Communist Party leader Walter Ulbricht's request for rocket weapons for the East German army. Russians think Ulbricht's claim might spoil the eastern disarmament drive, and that they won't in any case deliver any rockets to the East Germans before the May summit.

Phil Newsom

Chances are he won't go as

Incidentally, Britain's Laborite opposition is disturbed about a U.S. project to give nuclear-potential weapons to West Germany. These worries will be given a public airing in a foreign affairs debate in Parliament this week.

Speaking of Nuclear

In Geneva, the 16-months-old nuclear test ban talks are going nowhere faster than usual. There is talk in Geneva that the fault lies at the door of the United States – that Washington still hasn't made up its mind about whether to chance a total test ban without formal controls or to continue to insist on its plan which would ban everything but underground tests. Until Washington does make up its mind, the talks will hang on dead center.

De Gaulle

President Charles de Gaulle will use his emergency powers to crack down still harder on his rightist foes. But French Communists have tipped their hand by calling shrilly for a "purge" of rightists. The rightwingers are a counterweight to France's big Communist Party. De Gaulle has to be careful not to upset the internal power balance.

Meanwhile, in Algiers, de Gaulle has put down but not killed opposition to his policy of "self-determination" for Algerians. He is weeding out civilian extremists and undependable army officers but he has not removed the fear of French settlers outnumbered nearly 10 to 1 by Moslems. Therefore, opposition to his policies remains.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A PRETTY YOUNG MISS at a hotel cocktail bar spotted one of those rangy Texans, obviously a millionaire, and engaged him in what she hoped would prove a rewarding conversation.

"A millionaire, I'll bet," she grinned.

"Right nice of you to mention it, ma'am," he drawled. "A millionaire —and how."

"Oil or cattle, I suppose."

"You drew a blank that time, Missy."

"Real estate then."

"On the nose, Missy. I do own 37 acres."

The young lady's face fell a bit. "That doesn't sound like too much in those wide open spaces," she sniffed. "What do you call your place?"

The Texan answered quietly, "Downtown Dallas."

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"There will never be a revolution in England," predicts a Munich savant. "When Englishmen are really dissatisfied, they write a letter to the London Times."

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Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

NOSTALGIC TOUCH

Washington – Vice President Richard Nixon is going to put a nostalgic touch of yesteryear back into this fall's Presidential struggle.

He will revive the old-fashioned campaign train. He will not use it to the exclusio of the airliner, of course. But he will use it enough to extract all the advantages of that method of going through the countryside.

And he will go into many second-sized cities, which of recent years have been largely neglected by campaigners in their preoccupation with the very biggest places.

The Nixon people will not describe this as actual "planning." For they take, deadpan, the position that since Nixon isn't nominated yet for President it would be "presumptuous" to talk already of campaign plans.

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ANYHOW, and paying all due heed to such formal attitudes, all this is actually what Nixon is going to do when the time comes. And it is an interesting illustration of how a political pro works endlessly at the seemingly small things, when he is free to do so, to get the best possible total effects.

Nixon will try to offer one central and dominant impression of himself. This will be a picture of a man of unhurried solidity, a powerfully entrenched figure of success. The sedate train provides a better frame for presenting such a picture than does rushing about in jet planes. It is also a far better way of transportation for any candidate who wants to keep continuously in touch with his advisers. And, even more important, it is the best way to get from city to city when the problem is to touch many middling cities rather than a few vast ones.

The Nixon purpose not to center so much on the great metropolises has psychological reasons. The Vice President has long since decided that the biggest of cities have become so familiar with national politicians – including Richard Nixon – that they are quite blase about who visits them when.

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HE thinks they are a bit tired of his face – and will before long become tired of the face of his Democratic antagonist for President, whoever that may be. Nixon has simply taken a leaf here from television. That industry discovered years ago that even the most popular performers tend to create boredom if seen with great regularity on the screen.

Such a tired response sometimes comes even in the legitimate theater. When that happens the managers will make preparations to "take the show on the road," out of the New Yorks and Chicagos and Los Angeleses and into the second-rank cities which are not tired of drama. In this sense, therefore, the Nixon show will be taken much on the road – pretty much as President Harry S. Truman took his show on the road in 1948.

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THE mere fact Nixon can give attention to such details, if important details, points up the initial advantage, at least, he holds over his Democratic opposition. He is able to think about campaign trains. But the Democratic aspirants must grapple with an incomparably more urgent question, the bald question of survival, in the nominating convention, over the next fellow.

So Nixon can go into nicely psychological tactical problems while they have got to sweat over the whole basic strategy of how to get at him. There is a general Democratic view – not unanimous but nearly so – that the "give 'em hell" technique toward Nixon won't do, if only because people have heard it all so often so long. But what to use in place of "give 'em hell?" That is the rub.

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Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

From London:

The British medical journal Lancet says that recent intensive publicity about the alleged harmful effects of smoking hasn't changed people's smoking habits much.

Lancet bases its conclusion on a survey conducted in Edinburgh, Scotland. It says that despite a sweeping anti-smoking campaign in the city the proportion of non-smokers did not increase, and the ratio of heavy smokers to light smokers remained unchanged.

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HMMMMMM.

People are alike the world over. They tend to do the things they LIKE to do and not to do the things they DON'T like to do.

That goes for you and me and everybody else.

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FROM TEXAS:

Vandals STUCK TACKS in two famed paintings at the McKay Art Institute in San Antonio the other day. The mutilated paintings are the 115-year-old "Prairie Fire" by Charles Deas, which is on loan from the Brooklyn Art Museum, and "Rosalie" by French post-impressionist artist Raoul Dufy, which is part of the San Antonio Art Institute's permanent collection.

Police estimate the damage at $7,000.

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COMMENT?

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The list isn't confined to Russia's Mr. K, Red China's Mao and Cuba's Fidel Castro.

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