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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. 14, 1950 (Tuesday)
Nevada Senator calls for U.S. return to protective trade barriers at Lincoln club banquet here last night.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 14, 1940 (Wednesday)
Japanese Army issues proclamation calling for Chiang Kai-Shek's surrender in China; say further resistance is useless.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 14, 1930 (Friday)
Local man sentenced to life term in state penitentiary for torturing a local junk dealer.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 14, 1920 (Sunday)
State board of health threatens to "close up" Klamath Falls unless flu regulations are observed.

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 14, 1910 (Monday)
A new saw-mill having a 75,000 foot a day capacity and employing over 100 persons is being planned in Gold Hill.

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

1. What two Japanese cities were atom bombed during World War II?
2. According to the Bible, what giant stood "six cubits and a span," or something over 11 feet tall?

3. What two bodies of water are connected by the Erie canal?
4. How many wives did Henry VIII of England marry?

5. Who wrote the novel "Pickwick Papers"?
6. Is the capital of Saudi Arabia Mecca or Riyadh?

7. Who succeeded Woodrow Wilson as President of the United States?
8. In what war was the battle of San Juan Hill fought?

9. By what means was Sir Walter Raleigh executed?
10. What is the name of the British National Anthem?

Answers: 1. Hiroshima and Nagasaki. 2. Goliath. 3. Lake Erie and Hudson river. 4. Six. 5. Charles Dickens. 6. Both. 7. Warren G. Harding. 8. Spanish-American war. 9. He was beheaded. 10. "God Save the Queen."

Medford In 1970

No one really knows what Medford will be like ten years from now. But we heard one educated guess the other night, when Mayor John Snider, half humorously and half in dead earnest, made his own forecast for Medford in the year 1970.

His forecast was made during the first annual "Living Report" of the city administration and departments. The meeting, which was attended by 65 city officials, members of unpaid boards, committees and commissions, and others interested in the city, provided probably the best overlook of what the city is and does than has ever before been presented here.

We wish the audience could have been 100 times as large. And thought is being given to making this annual event a larger affair next year, in larger accommodations, and inviting all citizens of the city who wish to hear and see the people who have been elected and appointed to serve them.

It was an impressive and reassuring meeting. ANYWAY, here are the major portions of the mayor's 10-year look ahead:

"As elected and appointed city officials, we have a responsibility to furnish services at a minimum cost to the taxpayers. During the next 10 years, urban growth will be staggering, and the demands for service will be without precedent.

"Let's look at what is expected of us and forecast a few of the things to be accomplished:

Population
1950-17,305
1959-26,300
1970-40,850 (a city the size of Salem).

Growth
"In order to keep pace and provide the services demanded, the city's employees will increase in some proportion to the growth. Where we now have 189 employees, including water department, we will probably count 292 people - 40 policemen now, 62 in 1970; 37 firemen now, 58 then. These numbers could be drastically increased by reduction in hours and shifts.

Streets
"The 10-year through street program will have been completed in 1967 and a new program will be inaugurated to implement the city's master plan for development. Underpasses or overpasses will be constructed at 10th street and the Southern Pacific tracks, and possibly at Jackson street. "All the city streets will be paved (including East Main).

Airport
"Runways at the Medford Municipal Airport will be extended to provide for jet plane service, keeping Medford an important part of the nation's skyways.

Public Buildings
"A new City Hall will be constructed alongside of the (new) Federal Building in the proposed Civic Center adjacent to the Library Park. "A new public safety building will be added. A new fire station will be constructed in the northern part of the city.

Pollutants
"Air pollution will be solved and all days will be bright. "Bear Creek will be clean again, and many parks will grace its banks. "Garbage disposal will all be done by sanitary landfill method, building up waste land as the process continues.

Industry
"An industrial park development will be made and several light industries satisfactorily located. "White City will continue to expand by heavy industrial development.

Planning
"The wisdom of the city's master plan for development for the city and the metropolitan area will become manifest. "A portion of the central city will be converted into a pedestrian mall. This will be landscaped and it will become a focal point for shoppers. Vehicular traffic will be prohibited in the area. Adequate Park & Shop lots on the perimeter will provide adequate parking.

Parks and Playgrounds
"A system of parks and playgrounds will be provided around the schools in each neighborhood. "A well rounded recreation program will fill the leisure time of youths and adults alike.

City Beautiful
"The Street Tree Committee's vision of beautiful streets will become a reality. "Advertising signs will become more subdued and smaller.

"WILL it happen this way? "You bet it can, if we MAKE it happen this way. "We have an obligation to our children and grandchildren to pass on to them a bright, modern city, reasonably free of debt. "We close . . . with sincere thanks that we live in a community so endowed with bright, enthusiastic, dedicated people such as yourselves." "We like the mayor's forecast. May it come true." -E.A.

Dennis the Menace



THAT'S NO STORE VALENTINE! I MADE IT MYSELF!

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE WORLD COURT

The Senate Foreign Relations committee has been holding hearings on a resolution which, curiously and remarkably enough, was introduced by Senator Humphrey and has the support of Vice President Nixon. This is a M. R. K. might say, is an instance where a shrimp has whistled.



THE question raised in Congress now is whether the government or the International Court itself shall decide whether a matter is domestic. The dissenters, who believe that the Connally Amendment must be retained, argue that the Court might take jurisdiction in a dispute which challenged our tariff laws, our immigration laws, our currency laws, our administration of the Panama Canal. These fears, through understandable, are groundless. If the Court took jurisdiction in domestic matters, it would be violating its own statute which expressly limits its jurisdiction to international legal disputes.

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Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

Wausau, Wis.-The pleasant, hard-working, home-loving people of the farms and small towns of Wisconsin are just possibly going to play a key role in the choice of the next Democratic nominee for the Presidency.

Before the voters of Wisconsin's Seventh Congressional District can lay claim to being king-makers, a highly important condition must of course be fulfilled. By winning the Wisconsin Presidential primary, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts has also got to win the Democratic Presidential nomination.

But if this quite conceivable condition is indeed fulfilled, the Seventh District should have its special niche in our political history. The District's importance is indicated by the poll of Wisconsin taken for Senator Kennedy before he decided to contest the crucial primary here with Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota.

THE real facts about this poll (as contrasted with the widespread but wholly inaccurate rumors) are briefly as follows: The polltaker, the able professional, Louis Harris, gave Kennedy 53 per cent of the statewide vote against 47 per cent for Humphrey. But Harris also showed an almost exactly even split of the state's Congressional Districts, which elect most of the convention delegates. Four Districts went to Kennedy, four went to Humphrey, and two were in doubt. Of these two in doubt, moreover, the Seventh District was the most evenly balanced.

Right here, then, is where the make-or-break Wisconsin fight may well be decided. For just this reason, this recorder came here a couple of days ago, to do some fairly wintry doorbell ringing in real partnership with his brother Stewart. And because the Seventh District is so largely rural, our first effort centered in the little villages of Edgar, in Marathon County, and Aniwa, in Shawano County.

Aniwa is tiny-hardly more than a few stores, an excellent roadside restaurant, and a handful of houses. Even Edgar, though lately increased by the new, suburban-looking ranch houses of retired farmers, is also an extremely small place. But the experts hereabouts say that Aniwa and Edgar and their surrounding rural routes, bordered with the small, neat houses and big barns of the local dairy farmers, are pretty typical places in the Seventh District's countryside. If this is true, the outlook for Senator Kennedy is hopeful, although by no means decisively hopeful.

IN A VERY long day's work we collected a sample of 56 voters-which may seem small, but is in fact just about equal to the entire Wisconsin sample in one of Dr. Gallup's national polls. Ten of our fifty-six, as usual, were people who had not registered, or "just never voted," or were ladies who "might vote, but just couldn't talk about it yet" because their husbands had not told them what to say.

The remaining 46 pollees were offered the choice they are likely to get in the primary, between Vice President Richard M. Nixon on the Republican ballot, and Senators Kennedy and Humphrey on the Democratic ballot. Eight strongly chose Kennedy. Five strongly chose Humphrey. One had not decided which Democrat to back, but was against that Nixon." Three, all Catholics and Republicans, were leaning to a Nixon vote, but "just might cross over to the Democrats to vote

for Kennedy," as one farm housewife put it. Fourteen were strong for Nixon alone. And 15 still wanted to wait "to hear what they have to say for themselves." The scatter of traces in the primary-straw vote was perhaps less meaningful than the way the same people voted in two-man Presidential trial heats. In 1956, no less than 32 of these people had chosen President Eisenhower, against only 7 for Adlai Stevenson, and 7 did not vote. The results of the Nixon-Humphrey trial heat were broadly representative of the way these same people now feel about all other potential Democratic candidates except Sen. Kennedy. In this heat, 25 chose Nixon decidedly, 2 leaned to Nixon, 10 chose Sen. Humphrey, and 9 were still uncertain.

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POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)

It may have escaped general notice, but there has been some small debate in the Mail Tribune's "family" about how long the tail of a groundhog (or "woodchuck") is.

Artist - Photographer Bob Vroman on Feb. 2 drew a cartoon of a groundhog whipping back into his hole to await the expiration of six more weeks of winter weather. The beast, as pictured, had an abbreviated tail.

This was challenged by a proof-reader, who claimed (in verse, yet) that a groundhog does too have a tail.

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My, how chemicals have changed our lives. Insecticides, fertilizer, food additives, spray glazes - the list is endless. One woman about whom we've heard started to use the product of chemistry - a spray-like substance that is supposed to keep her hair in place-only to get it confused with another chemical product: an air freshener in a spray can. She - er - smelled for a day or two, we are told.

Jury notices mailed out from the county clerk's office recently bore the rubber-stamp signature, "Mrs. B. E. Hopkins, county clerk." Is this an economical use of old supplies? Or is it an omen of what is to come? Or is it just our imagination that Marv Madden was elected to that office last time around?

On this St. Valentine's day, we are pleased to bring you a Valentine. It was drawn by Craig Huston, who is in the first grade at Hoover school, and it appeared in the current issue of the Hoover Hi-Lite.

This is an election year, so we'll pass along a dilemma which may be faced by one group or another this year. One man simply can't make up his mind whom to vote for because he doesn't know either candidate. The other one can't make up his mind because he knows both.

Editorial Comment

THEY CAN'T STAND ANY MORE VIOLENCE Organized labor in Portland is having as much trouble with its friends as with its enemies. Two events of recent days have been extremely embarrassing to the unions that are trying to bring to a satisfactory settlement their differences with Portland's two newspapers that brought about a strike more than 100 days ago.

Somebody blew up some trucks that carry newspapers for the Oregonian and The Oregon Journal. And a few days later a small organization, claiming to speak for organized labor, put out a hate sheet in which union members were encouraged to arm themselves and resort to violence against the newspapers.

This, you may be sure, was done without knowledge of or participation by the unions that are on strike against the newspapers, or the responsible leaders of organized labor in Portland. The unions have only two ways out of their difficulties at the newspapers. They must either concede to the desires of the owners of the newspapers or they must bring public opinion to bear so strongly upon the newspaper owners that the unions won't suffer a total loss.

Public opinion is not likely to be on the side of violence-perhaps a small segment of public opinion, but not the weight of public opinion that the unions must have in this case. The unions know this. They know that destruction of property and calls for violence drastically weaken their case in the court of public opinion. Any more rough stuff, no matter by whom, and the unions will have had it.-Pendleton East Oregonian.

SLASH BURNING Loggers are required by law to burn the slashings left after logging. This is to reduce the hazard from forest fires, since the litter becomes highly flammable in the dry season. When a fire does start in the slash it spreads fast, burns with intensity and may spread into surrounding green timber. Controlled burning ordered by law is done in seasons of moderate dryness, in fall or spring.

The question is frequently raised whether slash burning really is desirable. A forester, writing to the Medford Mail Tribune, argues that it isn't. He calls it a hazard to reproduction, says it robs the soil of humus, pollutes the air, causes soil erosion and is destructive of wild life. The proper substitute, says this forester is "good forest management." The subject is worth fresh consideration by those charged with forest protection. Logging now is more by patches. More equipment is at hand for fire suppression. The state forester can give some tolerance now on slash burning, and it is quite conceivable that the rigid requirements for burning slash are no longer necessary under present logging practices. -Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

LETTERS RECEIVED by an editor during a hard-fought election campaign: "Sir: You are a coward and unconscionable swine. Lynching is too good for you and your staff. Cancel my subscription. John Doakes. P.S. Excuse pencil."

Terence O'Flaherty describes a whale as "the last of the red hot mammals." He further asserts that the first time he met Gypsy Rose Lee, he told her, "Don't just stand there. Undo something!"

"It's not always such a good idea to marry when you're very young," a wise mother counselled her teen-age daughter. "Just remember it's the early bird who catches the worm." Dick Shawn dismisses a mermaid as "not enough fish to fry and not enough woman to keep warm."

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