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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 12, 1950 (Wednesday)
Thirty-four names have been submitted so far in contest to name Medford's newest park, east of Bear creek between Jackson and Main sts.

20 YEARS AGO
April 12, 1940 (Saturday)
Medford's newest supermarket, The Big Y, located on the North Pacific highway, started a four-day gala opening celebration yesterday.

30 YEARS AGO
April 12, 1930 (Sunday)
Irrigation districts here adopt plan to conserve water during coming season.

40 YEARS AGO
April 12, 1920 (Wednesday)
Supply of "Hoover For President" buttons arrive here and are ready for distribution.

50 YEARS AGO
April 12, 1910 (Tuesday)
Little Butte-Watson canyon ranch of 4,000 acres is reportedly sold to railroad interest for \$100,000.

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

1. What Biblical character guided the Israelites in their exodus from Egypt?
2. Is air pressure greater at sea level, or on a mountain top?
3. How many each are there of frigid, temperate, and torrid zones on the earth?
4. Who wrote "The Master of Ballantrae"?
5. In the Bible story, did Abel slay Cain, or did Cain slay Abel?
6. Is horology concerned with horoscopes, watchmaking, or shipbuilding?
7. Does a gas have any weight?
8. Do women constitute about one-half, one-tenth or three-fourths of the U.S. labor force?
9. What Elizabethan navigator introduced tobacco and potatoes into England?
10. Is nylon of animal, vegetable, or mineral origin?

Answers: 1. Moses. 2. Sea level. 3. Two frigid, two temperate, one torrid. 4. Robert Louis Stevenson. 5. Cain slew Abel. 6. Watchmaking. 7. Yes. 8. Three-tenths. 9. Sir Walter Raleigh. 10. Mineral.

Belton Campaign Chairman Selected
Salem—E.P. Prosser E. Clark, Secretary of the Portland Livestock Exchange, has been appointed state campaign chairman for State Treasurer Howard C. Belton. Belton seeks the GOP nomination for state treasurer.

Electronic Libraries

Historical, literary and some forms of scientific research, today, is a tedious, time-consuming, eye-straining chore.

It is performed, among other places, in libraries, in the file-rooms of newspapers and magazines, in old diaries, among official government documents.

There will always be the need for some of this hard, dirty work, but the day is getting closer when many research tasks can be performed simply by punching buttons.

IMAGINE, if you will, a library where everything is stored on tape or on film, is cross-indexed to the ultimate degree, and where every piece of information is available instantly on pushing the right combination of buttons.

This won't happen in full the day after tomorrow, but steps are being taken to make it happen. And in some limited applications it is happening now.

Someday, electronic libraries will be constructed which will hold virtually all the information there is on certain subjects. And the electronic mechanisms will produce what is needed in a short period of time, on demand.

ONE application of such a library was suggested in a news story the other day, by a scientist who said it is entirely possible that medical researchers have discovered a cure for cancer, but that it hasn't been realized yet for lack of coordination and communication between disciplines, or between researchers following different lines of research.

If, however an electronic library were fed the findings of all researchers working in medical fields, and then were instructed to make certain correlations, it is entirely possible that a number of bits of isolated information would fit into place to provide an answer—to the search for a cancer cure, or for a dozen other purposes.

It would also make it possible to avoid duplicating one line of research which, unbeknownst to the worker, had already been performed elsewhere.

THE Oregon Statesman, in commenting on the need for such a thing, says:

"An international scientific library must be established with the most advanced electronic brains as librarians, in order to assure the work of scientists in one part of the world will not be duplicated in another. This is a job for the United Nations. It will be expensive, but it will pay for itself many times over if, by coordinating the findings of the work of Russian and United States cancer researchers, we find we have already unlocked the secret of cancer cure."

There are, of course, limitless applications of the same principle.

Maybe, some day, a small electronic library will be developed which will record, file and cross-index newspaper files, and produce on demand any item ever printed. And do so by date, or name, or subject matter.

If that day ever arrives, we know of a dozen people who will welcome it. No more poring over dusty, yellowing files, or straining the eyes over uncertain microfilm projections.—E. A.

Resurgent Olympias

Let there be rejoicing! Olympias are coming back.

The Olympias in question are the tiny oysters which, for many years, were grown in profusion in the depths of Puget Sound, and which furnished a palate-tickling delicacy for those who think that small raw oysters make just about the best pre-prandial cocktail in the world.

Several years ago the Olympias started disappearing—no one knew just why. Production dropped down and down, to almost nothing.

THIS coincided with the construction of a pulp and paper plant in the area, which discharged its sulphurous effluence into the Sound. Oystermen suspected it was to blame, but were helpless to do anything about it.

A couple of years ago, however, the plant closed down, because of a change in the economy. And almost immediately the Olympias began proliferating again.

Al McCready, an Oregonian editorial writer and gourmet, now happily reports that production is zooming, and that in another year or so will be back almost to its previous level.

MEANWHILE, added research is being undertaken, both on how to eliminate destructive wastes and by-products of pulp mills, and on threats to the fishery, including the famed oyster beds.

One hopes this combination of events will lead to a long and successful career for the Olympia oysters.

Oysters aren't, to mix metaphors, everyone's dish of tea. But to those who do like oysters—preferably raw, and preferably dosed with the proper condiments, spices and juices—are unanimous in acclaiming the Olympias as the tiny rulers of the deep.

The day is coming when the little oysters will slide down receptive throats, once again.—E. A.

The use of tranquilizers may be all right in some cases but most of those who take them could do better with something stimulating enough to put them to work on the problems they take tranquilizers for.—Sherman County Journal.

Dennis the Menace



"HEY, DAD! YA WANNA BE NEXT?"

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

THE "POSITIVE" Washington—Vice-President Nixon is accentuating the positive in the hope of later eliminating the negative as he reviews the early spring bulletins from the presidential primary battle fronts.

The Nixon people not only publicly claim, but also really believe, there is no great cause for worry from the Wisconsin primary so far as its sheer mathematics are concerned. They don't for a moment hide, however, that Nixon and the Republicans generally have reason for concern at the party's present situation in the farm belt in general.

Thus, "the positive" will be put on full public view the moment the Republican National convention has ended, assuming Nixon has walked away with the presidential nomination. (A possible challenge by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York cannot be wholly discounted, though the odds are still heavily against it.)

AND "the positive" will be this: the unfolding of a "Nixon Program" markedly departing from the Eisenhower administration on important domestic issues while staying strictly with the president's foreign policy line.

At the top of the list will be a farm subsidy much more generous than the one to which the Eisenhower administration has clung with such tenacity.

The vice-president's fairly relaxed view of the sheer numbers aspect of Wisconsin does seem to make a good deal of sense. True, running unopposed on the G.O.P. side of the ticket, he got only 29 per cent of the total vote.

At first glance this looks bad from a traditionally Republican state. Nixon polled 341,000 votes, as against 478,000 for the front-running Democratic presidential aspirant, Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, and 372,000 for the Democratic runner-up, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota.

BUT THIS, on past form in Wisconsin, was far from disastrous. In the 1948 Wisconsin primary the Democratic delegate slate pledged to President Truman—who was unopposed as Nixon was unopposed this time—gathered 103,000 votes. A total of 594,000 votes was cast for competing G.O.P. delegate slates.

Mr. Truman, whose slate had been outvoted by the Republicans by 5 to 1, still went on to win the state in November.

Moreover, it is universally agreed that many thousands of Wisconsin Republicans crossed this time into the Democratic primary to help or hurt Kennedy or Humphrey. Nobody supposes that anything like all of these voters will be Democratic in November. A great many will return to the G.O.P. side. This, indeed, is the stated view of Humphrey himself, among many others.

Plainly, a Wisconsinite who went with Nixon this time had to be a desperately faithful Republican partisan willing more or less to throw his vote away for immediate purposes.

He had also to be stoically able to restrain the human temptation to skip a totally dull G.O.P. show in order to get in on the big Democratic drama across the street.

SO, THE MERE figures don't so much fret Nixon, who, like nearly all the pros, tends to regard primaries as heavy on the eye-wash and light on lasting significance.

But the deeper realities definitely do fret him. He is utterly sure now that something urgent has got to be done to improve the G.O.P.'s situation with the farmers everywhere. Ditto the G.O.P.'s situation with old people in need of medical care, and with the depressed areas.

Thus it may be authoritatively predicted that once the Republican convention is out of the way Richard Nixon will begin to disclose the outlines of a new Republican domestic program—even before the formal opening of the campaign.

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Communications
Helpful Officer
To the Editor: I am sorry to be so late in showing my appreciation to the Medford state police.

On March 20, I had the misfortune to have my car stall on Greensprings highway. Not only did your patrolman radio help for me, he stayed until help arrived. This was greatly appreciated as the patrolman stayed at least one hour after being off duty.

My thanks is only a small token of appreciation. Vito Petrotta 741 Rose st. Klamath Falls, Ore.

Sacred Heart Hospital Spokesman Says Mail Tribune Story Incorrect, Misleading

To the Editor: I know that my feelings are probably no different than many hundreds of others in this community who are considerably disturbed over the news and editorial treatment given to an incident that occurred last week which involved the Medford Police Department and the Sacred Heart Hospital as well as the doctor who attended the subject of the matter.

Many hundreds of people in this area have given of their time and services as well as financial aid to give this community excellent hospital care and services at both the Sacred Heart Hospital and the Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital.

Unfortunately, from the information that we have been able to obtain, the newspaper reporter made his story without checking with the Sacred Heart Hospital to ascertain the facts although he was requested to do so by the police officials because an entirely different story would have been written, and of course, the story would not have had the sensational aspects given to it.

In the first instance, insofar as the matter of times are concerned, the patient arrived at the emergency room of the Sacred Heart Hospital at 9:50 p.m. on April 4, 1960, and during the next ten minutes efforts were made by the nurse to ascertain from him some of his medical background, and she requested the police officer to call Camp White Domiciliary because the man had previously been there in the hope that they would be able to ascertain the type of drugs and medications that had previously been administered to the patient for both his epileptic condition as well as his diabetic condition.

The police officer was advised that the medical records of the subject had been transferred to Portland, and the information was, therefore, not available. The patient, Mr. Strunk, the patient not only was suffering from a possible diabetic reaction in addition to the epileptic seizures, but also was inebriated from the use of alcoholic beverages which he admitted having consumed during that day, and that he had not taken any of the medicines that he was supposed to take.

During the periods in between the epileptic seizures, the patient was belligerent and was using obscene and profane language, and it was very difficult for the nurses and those in attendance to get any facts from him to aid in his own treatment.

After the nurse in attendance was unsuccessful in obtaining any definite information concerning the patient, at 10 p.m. she called the doctor who was on call and due to the fact that the doctor was treating another patient, he did not arrive at the hospital until 10:20 p.m.

Thereafter, the doctor was very careful in his examination of the patient and attempted to solicit further medical information from him because due to the combination of ailments of the patient, it was very important that his treatment and any drugs administered be such that he would not suffer a serious reaction.

At 10:45 p.m. the drug was administered to the patient and thereafter, the doctor called the Veterans Domiciliary at Camp White and ascertained that they would not accept the patient from any hospital, but would accept him if he were at the police station and indicated at that time that they would send an ambulance in for him.

At no time did anyone refuse to admit this patient at the Sacred Heart Hospital, but during all of the treatment he was classified as an out-patient, and at no time was his physical condition endangered by the fact that the doctor was attempting to make arrangements to have him accepted at the Camp White Domiciliary Hospital.

The doctor in attendance did accompany the patient to the city police station and arrangements were made to transport the patient by police vehicle to the Camp White Hospital, and in that connection the patient's condition was not such that his health was in any way endangered.

The Executive Committee of the Jackson County Medical Association has studied all of the records of both the hospital and the doctor in attendance and have determined that the patient did receive prompt and adequate care, and that the disposition followed was in no way detrimental to the health of this patient.

We have also checked with the Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital and find that they would have followed the same course as was followed in this case.

To the knowledge of anyone that we have been able to contact, there never has been an instance where the Sacred Heart Hospital has refused admission to any patient who needed emergency medical hospitalization or in any other case where there were not other adequate facilities available.

I am sure that you know and realize that both hospitals receive a great many patients brought to them by the police department where the subjects are or have been domiciled at Camp White, and in a great many of these cases, the problem is primarily one of an excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages.

There is no one to pay the hospital cost for the services rendered, and the United States Government through its Veteran's Administration refuses to pay for hospitalization of these individuals, and it has been a serious problem to our local hospitals.

Possibly you and the people of this area are not aware of the fact that the Sisters of Providence and Charity who founded the Sacred Heart Hospital here in Medford did so with their own funds, and that they have continued to maintain the hospital obtaining funds from outside of this area in order to do so, without ever having a public drive for funds from the people served by this hospital.

You are probably not aware also that almost \$100,000 of the amount originally required to build the hospital has as yet not been repaid, and no moneys from the operation of this hospital have ever left this community but have been used entirely for the medical care of people in this area.

It is true that not only the Sacred Heart Hospital has

financial problems due to increased costs, but every hospital today is faced with the same sort of problems.

During the past six years, the Sacred Heart Hospital has lost an average of approximately \$50,000 per year by reason of charity cases and bad debts for hospital services, and the Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital has had much the same picture on uncollected bills for services rendered.

Unless some solution is found to this problem, the taxpayers may find it necessary to construct a county hospital to take care of the indigents, and the cost of doing so and maintaining such a facility would be several times the amounts that are lost each year by the two hospitals.

Sacred Heart Hospital and Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital, by reason of services rendered to these people.

It is most regrettable that it is ever necessary to collect any bill for services from any patient, but inasmuch as neither of these hospitals are governmental agencies, they must have the funds to continue their operation, and the only way they can obtain those funds is either for the services rendered or from individual contributors.

It is most regrettable that the Mail Tribune printed the stories without ascertaining the true facts when they could have done so with very little difficulty.

It would seem that the Mail Tribune could perform a greater service for the community by pointing out to the people of this area the tremendous services being performed by its two major hospitals and the reason for the high cost of hospitalization which the records show is due primarily to the fact that employees must be in attendance on a 24 hour basis, seven days a week. The primary cost of hospital operations is for employees' salaries and wages which item accounts for almost 70 per cent of the cost of operation.

I feel also that a word of commendation should be given once in awhile to the many hundreds of public spirited citizens who have been furnishing services without charge to these hospitals so that the costs of hospitalization would not be higher than they now are.

Paul W. Haviland, For the Board of Sacred Heart Hospital, Medford.

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

NIXON AND ROCKEFELLER Washington—The curtain is about to rise on another act in the singular drama of Vice President Nixon and Governor Rockefeller.

The line Rockefeller will take, according to those who should know best, will be "exactly the same line" he took in the numerous speeches he made while he was still a candidate for the Republican nomination. He will speak out, in short, for a more dynamic economy, a more vigorous and imaginative foreign policy.

In doing so, he will also refrain from any sort of direct criticism of the Eisenhower administration.

BECAUSE he was not directly critical, Rockefeller got little attention indeed when he took this line in his autumn speeches. Now, however, he is not an active, easily predictable candidate for office. Instead, he is a large, brooding, unpredictable presence, solemnly but not unhelpfully waiting on events.

Because his course is unpredictable, every phrase he utters will be parsed and weighed for indirect criticism.

Rockefeller's mere failure to endorse the Nixon candidacy got national attention for his recent short speech at Jamestown, N.Y. It can be imagined, then, how much attention will be paid to the major Rockefeller speeches that are still to come.

As Rockefeller will make no open attack, there can be no ugly ruckus. But there will surely be much commotion, and behind the scenes, there will be strong emotion too.

If this is the outlook, it may well be asked why the Vice President should plan to give Gov. Rockefeller his choice of public roles at a party convention that will be so completely Nixon-controlled. The answer, obviously, is that Nixon would still like the record to show that he has behaved generously towards Rockefeller.

No improvement of the record will alter the central fact, however. The fact is that contrasting circumstances and conflicting purposes seem to have doomed Nixon and Rockefeller to a state of concealed hostility, this hostility will endure, apparently, at least until the convention is over.

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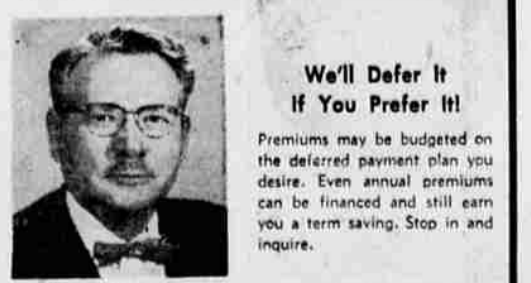
Light Snow Reported At Government Camp
Salem—Light snow was reported today at Government Camp. Warm Springs Junction, Santiam pass and Willamette pass. Timberline reported packed snow with chains advised.

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