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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

May 1, 1950 (Monday) A United Air Lines Douglas DC-4 landed at the Medford airport yesterday, making it the largest airplane to ever land here on a regularly scheduled flight.

A large warehouse, housing the M.L. Pitt company, burned to the ground in the White City Industrial area last night.

20 YEARS AGO

May 1, 1940 (Wednesday) B. F. Irvine, 77, noted blind editor of the Oregon Journal, died in Portland yesterday.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Fishermen are threatening the annual strike on the Lower Columbia, as usual. For inevitability, this strike ranks along with Death and Taxes."

30 YEARS AGO

May 1, 1930 (Thursday) Local chamber of commerce efforts to make sure all Medford residents are counted in census produces 50 additional names so far.

Stage bus drivers will be wearing new uniforms shortly.

40 YEARS AGO

May 1, 1920 (Saturday) Because of high price of sugar, local eating establishments have stopped serving sugar in sugar bowls and are using individual paper containers instead.

This is national bicycle week; there are less than a dozen in use in this city and county.

50 YEARS AGO

May 1, 1910 (Sunday) Pacific and Eastern railroad will build a new depot two miles from Eagle Point and offers to help whole town move with it.

From Central Point Newsletter - Mrs. Robert Kyle and Mrs. J. V. Anderson went to Medford Friday on a shopping expedition.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. How many teaspoons in one tablespoon? 2. Name the curved wooden missile which if properly thrown returns to the thrower. 3. When a cat chews food, does it lower jaw move up and down, or sideways, or both? 4. Name the days of the week in alphabetical order. 5. What is the best hardwood and shade tree in the U.S.? 6. What is the name for the science of earthquake phenomena? 7. Does the Federal government pay a premium on rare old coins? 8. Are the Black Hills in North Dakota? 9. Which United States president was a tailor by trade? 10. Did Spaniards or British colonialists first settle in Texas? Answers: 1. Three, 2. Boomerang, 3. Up and down only, 4. Friday, Monday, Saturday, Sunday, Thursday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 5. Oak, 6. Seismology, 7. No, 8. Andrew Johnson, 10. Spaniards.

Vote of Confidence

As mentioned here Friday, some pretty sleazy tactics are being used in an attempt to defeat the school district budget at tomorrow's election.

We attempted to point out what they were, and why they do discredit to their unknown authors.

Today, we'd like to have a few final words about the budget, this time stated positively, rather than negatively.

And perhaps the best way to do this is to go to the people who are most familiar with the budget, who have spent long hours poring over it, and who, as a result, have recommended it. We refer to the members of the school board, the citizens budget committee, and the advisory members of the committee. All sections of the district are represented.

THIS is what they say in the booklet giving budget information and which has been available to anyone curious about the budget:

"The citizens of Medford have for many years expressed approval of a better-than-average educational program. A high precedent has been set in this regard. Medford students have consistently rated among the top graduates and performers in competition with other schools of the state and nation. This high rating has been in all areas—including scholarship, music, public speaking, vocations, and activities. This success can in a major way be attributed to the exceptional opportunities offered students by the people of Medford.

"This budget as proposed is the result of extensive study and evaluation by the board of education, the school budget committee, advisory board members, and the administration. Appreciation is due the many citizens who have assisted in preparing this budget. Without their interest and help, the job would have been more difficult and less productive.

"Each proposed expenditure has been carefully examined in the perspective of its relationship to the over-all educational objectives of the district and in terms of wise economy. Your board of education and budget committee believe the citizens of our school district want good schools and will provide the financial support necessary for them.

"As in previous years and as found true in other school districts, salaries for instruction represent by far, and quite properly, the largest item in the budget. A general increase in teachers' and staff salaries, as well as proposed additions to the staff because of increased number of students, has added considerably to this year's budget. State support has failed to keep pace with rising costs which makes it necessary to raise additional funds at the local level. School board members, administrators and others interested in the welfare of boys and girls are attempting to have state support programs revised to relieve property and equalize the tax burden.

"Schools are a big, important, and expensive business. We believe that the citizens of this district want their children to have educational opportunities equal to the better programs in the state. In order to maintain this high level of educational, it is most important that adequate funds be provided.

"Your thoughtful consideration and approval of this proposed budget is sincerely recommended." (signed) Medford School Board, Budget and Advisory Committee

William A. Barker, Edward Branchfield, Otto Ewaldsen, Keith Hochersmith, Frank Bash, P. G. Humphreys, Mrs. Tom Eaton, Louis Straube, H. D. Christensen, Robert Minear, Russell McIntyre, William Edwards.

THAT puts it plainly enough. If you want a continued high-class, well-rounded educational program, you vote for the budget. If you don't, you vote against.

You can't have it both ways.

No organization the size of the Medford school district, with 17 schools, some 8,000 plus students next year, 361 teachers, a number of other employees, a bus transportation system, and an impact on the lives of everyone in the community, can escape criticism.

Mistakes undoubtedly have been made, and will be made again. We personally have some reservations about parts of the program of education in Medford.

BUT the point remains that the things that, to us, are drawbacks, may be the parts of the program about which others are most enthusiastic. One man's "wasted time" in the schools may be the most important part of the program to somebody else.

The schools must serve the entire community, not just part of it.

And the overall effect, the total results, the "big picture," are what count in determining whether the schools are making good use of our tax dollars, and translating them into effective education for our children and our future citizens.

By almost any criterion that can be named, the Medford school system compares well with any, anywhere.

WE HAVE no quarrel with anyone who votes against the budget tomorrow because he honestly and sincerely believes that too much money is being spent for the results achieved.

But we do have a quarrel with people who will believe rumors, false innuendoes, twisted facts, and out-of-context references, and use them as a basis for a "no" vote.

And we have contempt for those who use these methods actively to seek defeat of a sound budget, solely because they don't like to pay taxes.

Anyone who doesn't have the facts has only himself to blame. And the facts add up to the conclusion that Medford has a superior school system, deserving of a strong vote of confidence tomorrow.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"MY DAD ISN'T HOME. WHO IS THIS? MY DADDY'S BOSS? IS THAT YOU, MOM?"

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.

School Facts

To the Editor: Mrs. Vivian Collins recently commented on the Medford school budget and raised a pertinent question relating to the six per cent limitation.

The following facts are presented: 1. Oregon law limits the amount which a school district may increase its budget for the next year to 6 per cent of the district's highest "base" of the last three years unless the legal voters approve a higher amount.

2. It is obvious that this tax base is far short of the amount needed to operate the schools for 1960-61, even if there were no increase for any part of the program in the proposed budget. In other words, if the district operated on the same budget amount we are using this year, the voters would still have to approve \$1,699,051.07, less the allowable 6 per cent of \$30,631.97.

3. The only way the procedure can be changed is to have the district vote a new "base." This would not change the amount of taxes to be paid.

4. The financial condition of the Medford School District is good. The estimated valuation for 1960-61 is \$45,000,000. The District is bonded to only 41.4 per cent of its limit of \$9,107,000.

5. The budget committee, consisting of 13 lay members, 10 regular and 3 advisory members, representing all areas of the district, made a thorough study of all facts and information obtainable on the budget. It is their judgment that it is realistic and is needed if our schools are to continue a quality program for the children of this system.

P. G. Humphreys, Chairman; Budget Committee; William A. Barker, Chairman, District 349C School Board, Medford.

Reminiscences

To the Editor: I often wonder, and think of changes that normal progress has made in the city of Medford, and surrounding area, during the past 89 years.

Indeed a long, long time to be away from the community where I was born in the mid 80s.

In the year of 1891, then the eldest of four children, I set out with our parents, Thomas J. and Harriet Allen, in a new Studebaker covered wagon and spike team headed for Washington state.

Grandpa Allen's homestead, located in the Derby area, is one of the outstanding recollections. The memory of the old log house with a large fireplace, a spinning machine, a yard filled with wild flowers, honey bees, and an occasional rattlesnake. This together with the deer that roamed with the cattle, all a wonderful panorama picture

of my boyhood days.

Our mother was the eldest of the Martin Perry family (and a sister of the late William Perry) who were early pioneers in the Big Butte area, have all passed on except an aunt, Mrs. Lottie McQuoid, who resides in Walnut Creek, Calif.

Both the Allen and Perry families, typical early day pioneers like many others, were rugged individualists.

People those days, with a light of destiny in their eyes, possessed with faith and honesty, indeed played a big part in the building of all the western states. They set forth some interesting examples that this young generation might well evaluate and adhere to.

If our progress and resources could be managed on the basis of facts gained from sound long-range research, much duplication and excessive high cost of government would of course be substantially lower.

However, life holds much for every individual, as each day paints a new luster on the sky. Each day sticks out with something bold and new. Most of man's efforts thus far have met with victory—and rewarding too.

Life has been good to me, and have thoroughly enjoyed chatting with you in the few moments I turned back "Old Father Time."

Martin P. Allen, 866 West Nickerson St., Seattle 99, Wash.

Young Rowdies

To the Editor: There are times when effects must be dealt with. But the primary purposes is to search out the cause and at last try to correct it.

What is the cause of this growing juvenile delinquency? It is high 40 years ago when lecturers were sent from our high state educational headquarters, at least with their blessings, to reorient the then burgeoning parent-teacher line of thinking.

There was to be no more disciplining of young troublemakers. If left alone and their willful will left unopposed, they would, the lecturers opined, soon see the error of their ways and all be good little angels.

This rather startled many parents who had supposed, and had been taught by many a trip to the woodshed, that respect for law and order and rights of others was first in teaching the future citizens that they must learn to obey the authority. Also, many a good teacher had to quit their school work as they could not see how it could be done without discipline.

The effects today of this starry-eyed planning is, our new juvenile detention houses and prisons are rammed and jammed with spoiled brats graduated to high crime and murder. Today, peacefully inclined people are loath to be the only ones at camp and picnic grounds. Like members of our family at a coast picnic place. When a bunch of rowdy juveniles rammed guard stone, into a roundish guard stone, luckily, it failed to roll into the family busy with their picnic lunch. It was all the parents could do to keep their own teenagers silent. Seeing they could not stir up a fight, the giggling and drunk appearing rowdies backed out and rattled away to better chances for trouble-making.

Then cropped up another cause, featured and encouraged by would-be funny cartoonists, the husband dog-

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

At dawn the other morning, a Korean family came together in a small apartment in the presidential mansion in Seoul, the capital of the Republic of Korea.

It was a formal occasion and the members of the family had dressed for it carefully, but simply. The husband and father wore a white dress shirt and gray trousers. The wife and mother was attired in a flowing traditional Korean dress. The elder son, a Korean officer, wore his army uniform. The younger

son was attired in a gray jacket and brown trousers. They seated themselves formally on a small couch.

IT WAS a rendezvous. It was a rendezvous with death.

At the appointed hour, the elder son arose and stood before his father, his mother and his brother. He stood at attention, eyes front and center.

Then... his right hand dropped to the butt of the pistol in the holster at his belt. He drew the pistol. First he shot his father. Then he shot his mother. Then he shot his brother. He was careful in his aim, using only one bullet for each.

Then he shot himself. To make sure, so that he might not be left alive, dishonored and alone, he shot himself first in the abdomen and then squarely between the eyes.

THE family? It was the family of Lee Ki Poong, who as vice-president-elect assumed personal responsibility for the situation that led to the revolt that overthrew the government of Syngman Rhee.

WEIRD? Beyond human understanding? Remember that it happened in ASIA.

FOR comment, we should perhaps turn to Kipling's lines in his Ballad of East and West:

"Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet, 'Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God's great Judgment Seat."

THE moral for us? I think it's this: Let's treat Asia with kindness and tolerance and friendliness. But let's not try to RUN ASIA'S AFFAIRS. As Kipling suggested nearly a century ago, we don't know and can't know enough about Asia and Asians to make a success of it.

Editorial Comment

SAME OLD STORY It's the same old story—but it bears repeating. In fact, as long as state laws governing school finances remain as they are, it must be repeated each year.

The majority of Oregon school districts are holding elections Monday, and most of them are asking, as they have had to ask year after year, that their voters give them authority to levy taxes "outside the 6 per cent limitation."

Just what are taxes "outside the 6 per cent"? They are property taxes that the districts cannot levy without specific approval of the voters. But, more importantly, they comprise the biggest share of all local property taxes paid to support the schools. Without authority to exceed the 6 per cent limitation, few, if any, Oregon school districts could stay in business.—Eugene Register Guard.

house that puts many a father out on the fringe of the family circle. Especially as children older grow and with ideas of their own that Mom all too often sides in with, leaving Pop a lone minority, fit only to be a provider for family sustenance and shelter, and a sort of mummy figure upheld at Sunday family church services.

F. J. Clifford, Route 2, Box 200F Central Point, Ore.

weekly submit. We must also keep in mind that if the proposed budget is defeated it will not be because the people of Medford are against the schools. It will be because they disapprove of certain items in the budget—perhaps the proposed administrative salary schedules or monies spent for things they feel are unnecessary. They will be expressing a desire for a new budget to be prepared that is more in keeping with the wishes of the community. Of course, this is time consuming and will require additional expenditures to prepare, but such are the ways of democracy.

Each individual must decide for himself whether to vote for or against the proposed budget. I sincerely hope each vote will be carefully considered and will express a responsible attitude toward our school system. However, the voters of any school district should not feel forced to pass a budget out of fear of the consequences if they vote it down. If this situation exists, then our community is not receiving the type of creative leadership necessary to provide the best education for our children.

Hazel E. Kagy, Route 2, Box 443 Medford

Love Lacking? To the Editor: What next? Rebellion in Cuba, rebellion in Argentina, riots in Korea, riots in Turkey, the Air Force bombs the Churches, The National Council calls the Air Force manual a liar, etc., etc. What next?

It reminds me of the little boy sitting on the curb at a street corner sobbing as only a dirty faced little boy can sob. A policeman stopped by and said, "What's the matter sonny, why all the tears?" The boy said, "Dad came home drunk. Ma chased him out of the house with a broom, my sister ran away with my bike, Old Spot chased Tabby up a tree and I got nobody to play with. Don't nobody love nobody no more!"

And now, to cap the climax, the M-T and KMED draw swords and square off. My, my, don't nobody love nobody no more!

Wonderingly, L. G. Weaver, 301 Haven St., Medford

Editor's note: We love everybody, but some less than others.

Acklin on Medicine To the Editor: In der first world war, everyun had 80 bugs, und der Army Doctors shot us at least vunce for every bug.

Today, der Army Doctors a fire yust vun shot, und kill der whole works.

Ve sure vusted der ammunition.

Everett Acklin, Ashland, Ore.

Asks Responsibility To the Editor: I wish to take issue with the title of your recent editorial "Attack on the Schools." Perhaps it could have been titled "Attack on the School Budget."

It is important to distinguish between "attacks on schools" and questions and criticisms regarding financial expenditures. If citizens of a community do not question or criticize issues to be voted on, then we are guilty of creating an authoritative system to which we must quietly and

POTLUCK

(By M-T Staff and Contributors)

We see by the United Press International newswire that "the Society of Presidential Appraisers" is going to meet in Salem soon. About 1,000 members from three states are expected.

For the information of UPI, we'd like to report that the Society of Presidential Appraisers is not limited to three states. It has members in 50 states, it includes everyone over 21 years of age, and it is particularly active every fourth year, particularly just before November.

Now if the UPI means "Residential Appraisers," that's something else.

"My boy friend is a cad," a pretty young thing was overheard to admit. "But," she added after a thoughtful pause, "so is his convertible."

"Would you like a real pot for 'Potluck'?" we were asked the other day.

We mumbled something non-committal, not knowing just what was meant.

We were informed that a local business establishment (name on file) uses a pot, the kind our forefathers kept under the bed, in place of a conventional cash register.

Our courteous reporter, a sharp-eyed type, the other day spotted the automobile of a local funeral director parked in a couthouse parking space which had a sign saying it was reserved for a county assessor's office car. "Hmmm," our man muttered, "death and taxes have finally gotten together."

When all else fails, the Hoover Hi-Lite comes through.

We record for our readers, as well as those of the Hi-Lite who may have missed it, the observations of David Stockton, of IC in Hoover school,

concerning "Polliwogs," as follows: "I went down to the creek and I saw some Polliwogs. I had a jar and can and caught them. I brought them to school. Pretty soon they will turn into frogs. Then I'll put them in my garden so they will eat the bugs."

From the Haven Herald: "Long ago the pioneers blazed the trails. Today their descendants are burning up the roads."

Ross Youngblood tells the story of the college class reunion of about 25 years after graduation. As the evening wore on, liquid in form, people began to miss "Old Stupid," the class nitwit, who everyone had helped coach through graduation.

Some time later a Cadillac rolled up, a chauffeur jumped out and opened the door, and "Old Stupid" emerged, and was warmly welcomed.

He was asked, in due course, how he happened to have a Cadillac. He replied: "Well, I'm really worth a lot of money now. You see, I buy for \$1 and sell for \$2. And you know, that 1 per cent really mounts up."

There are certain points of similarity between our farm editor and Bob Duncan, speaker of the house of representatives. Both have short-cropped, slightly graying hair. Both favor tweedy sorts of clothes. Both puff on pipes occasionally. But, since the FE is a staunch Republican, and Duncan is a Democrat, we still aren't quite sure about the FE's reaction when, during Senator Kennedy's recent visit, a woman came up to him, gushed a bit about the Senator, and assured the Farm Editor, "And I'm going to vote for you, too, Mr. Duncan."

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

BY MARQUIS CHILDS (Guest Columnist)

Washington - Hearings are to be held shortly on a modest proposal that might contribute in this Presidential year to two highly desirable ends. One is to foster serious debate between the Presidential candidates on the grave issues of the day and the other is to reduce the high cost of politics.

The proposal is to require the television and radio networks to give an hour and a half or two hours a week of prime time to a debate between the candidates during the last eight weeks of the campaign. The free time would be limited to the Presidential nominees of the major parties. The bill specifies that to be eligible the nominee must be the choice of a party that at the last election received more than 4 per cent of the vote cast.

As initiated by Senator A. S. (Mike) Monroney, taking up an idea advanced by Adlai Stevenson, this is a modest proposal indeed. It has no overtones of government ownership or operation of the TV and radio networks which no one wants, since the dangers of political domination and government censorship are too great. But it would require that a small fraction of the time given over to entertainment to the great profusion of the networks be devoted to a public service.

MONRONEY'S original idea was for an hour and a half a week to be carried on all networks. The two candidates would each have half an hour for an initial presentation on a given issue and then an additional 15 minutes for rebuttal. The current bill, which is sponsored by a dozen senators, including one Republican, calls for two hours of time each week. But in the hearings before Senator John O. Pastore's subcommittee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee it is likely to be modified.

In the 1956 campaign the Republicans spent \$4,036,935 on radio and TV and the Democrats \$2,971,143. The total of \$7,008,078 comes largely from favor-seekers who never fail to try to get a return on their investment after the election is over.

This is one reason the American political system is so costly. It's not the original cost but the upkeep—the constant pressure for governmental largesse in one form or another, with the consumer ultimately paying the bill for the favors handed out as a quid pro quo for campaign contributions.

A VIVID recollection of this reporter's campaign travels some years ago was a

talk with the governor of one of the poorest states in the Union. He was about to run for re-election in the primary for a two-year term. The office at the time paid a salary of \$7,500 a year.

How much would his campaign cost? About a half-million dollars, he allowed. And who would pay the bill? The highway contractors and the liquor people. His opponent would be financed by the big utility company that dominated the state and he would spend rather more than a half-million, the governor gussed. So here was at least \$1,000,000 which the consumers of the impoverished state would unknowingly be paying out several times over as the contributors pyramided the cost of their investment in passing it on to the public.

The clean elections bill adopted by the Senate early in the session through the efforts of Sen. Thomas C. Hennings Jr. of Missouri is still held up in the House. There is strong opposition from the Southerners because it covers primaries as well as other elections and it will almost certainly be stopped. With prime TV time costing from \$70,000 to \$90,000 a half hour the proposal for a national debate on the networks would help to cut down the high cost of politics.

A NUMBER OF measures have been put in to give free time to representatives and senators in campaign years. Obviously the airways would be hopelessly cluttered if this were carried very far. But surely, as Monroney argues, the candidates of the two major parties could debate on free time once a week without endangering the free enterprise system as practiced by private radio and television. The airways are held, after all, only by a license granted by the government of the United States.

Frank Stanton of CBS has declared his opposition to the proposal. He argues that the networks would provide ample time for debate if the law requiring equal time for candidates was changed to cover only Republican and Democratic candidates. The networks have been plagued with the demands of splinter parties.

But in the coming election when voters will be making a choice as grave as any in the past hundred years the opportunity for a national debate should not depend on the generosity of network executives who are under conflicting pressures. This is one way to answer those who say our political life has been debased by Madison Avenue.

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