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Medford and Jackson County
History from the files of The
Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40
and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
May 16, 1950 (Tuesday)

Oregon's Liberty bell which is being shown throughout Oregon in connection with the Independence Savings bond drive will be displayed in Jackson county May 25.

Oregon's democratic national committee has recommended that the acting appointment of Postmaster Moore Hamilton of Medford be permanent.

20 YEARS AGO
May 16, 1940 (Thursday)

Medford's Pacific Greyhound bus drivers join fellow workers in a strike extending from Portland to El Paso, Tex. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pol" column: "Tomorrow is election day and a rush of voters to every place but the polls is expected."

30 YEARS AGO
May 16, 1930 (Friday)

Rogue valley will exhibit products at a trade fair in Sacramento.

George Joseph, running on a platform of "electricity without cost," is favorite to win Oregon GOP nomination for governor.

40 YEARS AGO
May 15, 1920 (Sunday)

City police arrest 17 violators of city's water regulations.

Broom corn crop is now blooming in the Willow Springs district.

50 YEARS AGO
May 16, 1910 (Monday)

The Jacksonville commercial club has finished purchasing nearly all the right of way between Jacksonville and the Blue Ledge milling district in preparation for a railroad.

Miss Margaret Keith owned the first car in Medford and the second in the valley; it was a 1909 Bronco, brought here in that same year.

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

1. Zanzibar is an island off the eastern coast of which continent?
2. The tutor of Alexander the Great was A—?
3. Which is heavier, damp or dry air?
4. Mad Anthony was the nickname of which Major General?
5. Who was the first President born west of the Mississippi?
6. Were the earliest banknotes (paper currency) issued in China, Rome or Egypt?
7. Which state has the longest fresh water shore line?
8. Name the sons of Cleopatra?
9. Is a typewritten letter, unsealed, second class mail?
10. Does the moon travel around the earth from east to west or west to east?

Answers: 1. Africa; 2. Aristotle; 3. Dry air; volume for volume; 4. Anthony Wayne; 5. Herbert Hoover; 6. China (about 297 B.C.); 7. Michigan; 8. Diego and Ferdinand; 9. Yes; 10. West to east.

Treasures In Our Forests

With the largest stand of merchantable timber in any of the states, Oregon's economy will depend heavily upon the utilization of that wood. How, then, is an industry that has not been noted for its vision doing with this resource? Much better than many probably realize.

There is growing realization that timber must be treated as a crop and that it is a tremendously valuable resource because it is a renewable resource. More important, large sums of money are being spent in this state to get new products from wood. Numerous companies and research groups are active in "silvichemicals" research, concerned with chemical wood products.

AN EXAMPLE of the wide variety of uses into which new chemical products of the tree are finding their way is furnished by Crown Zellerbach Corp., which says its silvichemicals are going into asphalt emulsions, briquets, ceramics, cleaning compounds, gypsum board, softboard, insecticides, linoleum paste, road binders, concrete admixtures, oil-well drilling compounds, paint, paint solvents and strippers, agricultural chemicals, synthetic fibers, rubber, camphor, wetting agents, resins, solvents, plasticizers and a host of other products.

Weyerhaeuser Company is shooting for a full line of silvichemicals and is presently marketing quercetin, a brilliant yellow chemical derived from Douglas fir bark which protects certain products such as rubber, plastics, vegetable and animal oils, feeds and other commodities from spoiling or deteriorating. Company scientists are continuing their extensive research on bark components and whole-wood fiber products.

IN PORTLAND, Georgia-Pacific Corporation will soon start production of 200,000 to 300,000 pounds a month of cyanide chemicals in a major new chemical plant which will use bark and sawdust. The new plant will turn out glycerin, copper cyanide, ferric ferrocyanide, copper sulphate and nickel sulphate worth an estimated \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 a year.

A new research and development center of Evans Products Co. at Corvallis is pushing research on chemical utilization of wood residues. The center is presently turning wood fiber into plastic-impregnated battery separators.

WESTERN Pine Association's laboratory in Portland has developed methods for extracting arabogalactin, a sugar from larch which is useful as a pill binder and an ingredient for such products as ink and glue. The pine industry researchers have also improved extractive techniques for resin, a source of turpentine and rosin. Resin, which makes up some 5 per cent of pine trees, can be obtained from stumps, or lumber.

At Corvallis, the Oregon Forest Research Center, an industry-supported state organization, has isolated major chemical constituents from Western trees and has developed uses for extractives from Douglas fir bark such as tannins, waxes and dihydroquercetin. Scientists there are also studying lignin structure and are working with wood residues.

All this should be most encouraging to the citizens of a state that depends to the extent that Oregon does upon wood products manufacturing. But maybe we "ain't seen nothin'" yet.

APPROXIMATELY 30 per cent of every tree in the forest consists of lignin—the glue which nature uses to hold the fibers of the tree together. Researchers have not yet fathomed its exact structure, despite their progress in obtaining a growing range of chemicals from it. Most of them believe that once they achieve the breakthrough in pinning down lignin's structure completely they will then have the framework with which to create a silvichemical industry comparable to the diverse petro-chemical field.

When the mysteries of lignin are no longer mysterious the door will be opened to industrial expansion in this state of a magnitude that few can measure today. And it may not be far off.

Save that tree. In a few years mills will not only want it, but any bark, limbs, knots and pitch pockets you have.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Leave Us Alone Inc.

A senior citizen we know is tired of it all. He wishes the Golden Agers, the State Council on Aging, the White House Conference on Aging, simpering candidates and dozens of others who bother older people would leave him alone.

He doesn't want to play canasta with someone just because they have one thing in common, age. He doesn't want to be stamped and tagged and numbered and analyzed. He just wants to read, occasionally see those with whom he has more in common than age, travel a bit and mow his lawn when he has nothing better to do.

NOW he's faced with what he considers the supreme indignity. He has been offered membership in a new club called "Over 65 Inc." It's a discard club. You become a member by showing your social security card. Then you go on a mailing list for member stores which promise to sell oldsters goods at a discount.

Another friend of ours, age 40, has noted this situation and suggests another club he'd call the "Forgotten Years Club Inc." It would have no dues, no rules, no discounts, no mailing room, and no officers. It would be for those aged 25 to 65 and who now have almost nothing done for them by benevolent governments and societies. It would be dedicated to keeping it that way.—Capital Journal, Salem.

Dennis the Menace



"NO, MY STOMACH ISN'T SHOLLEN! IT JUST HURTS."

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.

Party Boat Trips
To the Editor: Recent editorial criticism of the Democratic platform has taken the tone that the Democrats were very unwise to adopt a platform because it must necessarily be restrictive and must inevitably cause the party to lose some support from people who might support us if they did not know for what we stood.

In my opinion these attacks are dead wrong both in premise as well as conclusion. It appears from these editorials that they think a political party should shrewdly and calculatingly maneuver itself among the reefs and shoals avoiding at all cost contact with any solid substance lest some of the paint be flaked from the bottom of the boat.

The trouble with this policy is that a preoccupation with safety and security often results in never reaching the objective, if in fact there exists objectives to reach—except to be "safe" and "make friends."

We in the Democratic party think we do have goals to reach and we think they are worthwhile. We think the way to get there is in a straight line. If we lose some of the passengers jump out along the way, O. K., at least everybody knows where we mean to go. The boat may be dented but we are not idling our time going around in circles, trying to be all things to all people.

They say the Democratic platform is restrictive. They think that is bad. Yes, it is restrictive! We restrict ourselves to those things we believe in and goals we want to move towards. I think this kind of restriction is good. The political tone of Oregon politics would be significantly improved if the Republican party in Oregon now would follow the Democrats' lead and declare where they stand on these many important issues. The Republicans, boat may lose some passengers if the Republican leadership party is going, but that is O. K. The passengers won't drown because the Republican boat will be close to shore anyway. It is my observation that the Republican leadership in Oregon really doesn't want to go anywhere anyway. What they seem to want to do most is get back up on the safety of the beach from where they started. The first rough water makes them fold their sails and head back to shore muttering to themselves the trip REALLY wasn't necessary anyway—only desirable!

Robert W. Straub
State Chairman
Democratic Party
Eugene, Ore.

Mr. Fleming Replies
To the Editor: I would like to answer Mr. Wood's questions as briefly as possible. I would like to say that having served in the Army in the Pacific area from 1943 to 1945, that I can qualify as a veteran.

In defense of my TV appearance in Medford, I had to assume the people of Southern Oregon knew of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, to repeal the income tax, and get the government out of competition with private enterprise. To go into every facet of the \$1,100 the federal government seizes from your \$5,000 yearly paycheck in 3 minutes was impossible.

Walter Reece
Merlin rd.
Galice, Ore.

Don't Make Sense
To the Editor: Regarding the article explaining the dog control measures on Page 2 of Sunday's paper just what good will it do if such are passed?

Dog owners will merely muzzle their pets and turn them loose again! Is this what we're voting for! In my opinion, as a mail carrier, there are very few dogs in Medford that are really vicious to that extent, and not a great many

Khrushchev May Calm Down Ike's Japan Visit; Africa May Quit Commonwealth

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
From the Foreign Editor's Notebook.

Khrushchev To Calm Down
Look for Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to calm down as the summit conference progresses.



He has made all the capital he possibly can out of the U-2 spy plane incident. He has proved to his critics at home and in Red China that he is still a fighting Communist and a tough man with the West. He has won a considerable propaganda advantage for himself at the summit, and a strong bargaining hand for his argument against Western demands arms controls and open skies inspection plans. He may not want to let the cold war relax too much before the U.S. presidential election, and he also may want to divert attention from some internal developments in Russia. But he can derive no major advantage from deliberately building up new long run international tension.

Ike's Japan Visit:
Eisenhower's visit to Japan next month is bound to be a much happier affair than his visit to Moscow. The Japanese are unhappy that Ike will stay at the U.S. Embassy rather

than at the official state guest house — gloomy Geinshinkan. And the older people of the country are against the emperor will ride in a top-down convertible in full view of everybody.

Commonwealth and South Africa
The Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference, which ended in London last week, apparently has laid the groundwork for possibly forcing South Africa out of the

British community. This was the significance of the formal communiqué which said that South Africa must seek the approval of other Commonwealth members if it changes to a republic and still wants to remain within the grouping. Only one blackball would be needed and South Africa would be out, since Commonwealth decisions must be unanimous on this score.

U-2 Jets in Japan and Korea
If there was any way to do

it gracefully, you could look for the United States to withdraw the two U-2 jet planes based in Japan. They easily could be moved to Okinawa and operate just as effectively. Based in Japan, the U-2 has become an issue complicating premier Nobusuke Kishi's already-difficult task of winning Diet approval of the U.S.-Japan security treaty. Meanwhile, United Nations officials refuse to confirm or deny the presence of any U-2s in South Korea.

Texans Ban Passion Fruit; Hawaii Understandably Hurt

By DICK WEST



Washington—UP—In faraway Hawaii there grows, amid the papayas and the pineapples, a plant that is known as passion fruit as you should pardon the expression — "passion fruit."

Texas, of all places, has banned the sale of passion fruit liqueur as being a trifle too racy for the safety of its citizens.

Water Remains Short in MID
Medford Irrigation district still has a general water shortage problem in spite of recent rains which have boosted local stream flow materially, according to Jack Hoffbuhr, MID manager.

Good rains recently have helped in the area at Four Mile lake, one of MID's water sources, he explained. Talent Irrigation district reported it hit a new high in its south fork diversion canal Wednesday due to rains — 54 cubic feet per second. At Fish Lake, a north MID water source, 5,400 acre feet were measured recently.

I say "of all places" because of the widespread impression that Texans are weaned on "red-eye" and maintain a lifelong tolerance for strong beverages. I've heard it said that if it's wet, they'll drink it.

Board Takes Stand
Therefore, it's hard to imagine a Texan being intimidated by anything as relatively innocuous as a liqueur. Nevertheless, the Texas Liquor Control Board has taken a firm stand against passion fruit liqueur.

In a letter to the Honolulu firm that makes the stuff, the board explained that the product was unacceptable in Texas because its name "inferred that the consumption of same would stimulate the passion of the individual consuming same."

The Islanders, however, are incensed over the placing of such a connotation on one of their favorite fruits. After doing some research on the subject, I can understand their position too. According to the dictionary, the name has a religious symbolism rather than aphoristic one.

Write to Senator
The concoctors of passion fruit liqueur have written to Sen. Oren E. Long (D-Hawaii) urging him to intercede with Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) in an effort to get the ban lifted.

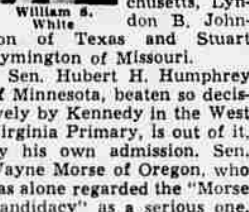
I wish Long success but I fear his task will not be made any easier if the word gets around in Texas that one variety of the fruit is called "purple passion." I also fear his cause might be hampered by a book of Hawaiian recipes which contains a formula for "hot spiced passion fruit juice." That's enough to get the book banned in Boston as well as in Austin.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

PRELUDE OVER
Washington—The sound and the fury have died; the curtain falls on a melodramatic prelude to the contest for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

Three supporting actors for all practical purposes have departed the stage. The real play starts now with three real stars, Senators John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas and Stuart Symington of Missouri.



Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, beaten so decisively by Kennedy in the West Virginia Primary, is out of it, by his own admission. Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, who has alone regarded the "Morse Candidacy" as a serious one, will now have a hard time convincing even himself.

Adlai E. Stevenson, who has not this year been a real aspirant, is now out of it, too, barring a miracle. Kennedy's defeat in West Virginia would have raised the strong possibility of a "draft Stevenson" movement at the Democratic National convention. Kennedy's enormous victory has had the opposite consequence — to kill any real possibility of such a draft.

NOT merely Humphrey but also the whole of the left wing of the Democratic party has been knocked right out of the race. Humphrey's own crushing defeat, advanced liberals though he is, is regretted by many for his sake, for he is a sensible liberal. Its collateral effect of smashing the frantic professional liberals who were in his train, however, can only be welcomed by

all who prefer rational politics.

The "Religious issue" has not been wholly surmounted, and never will be this year, at least. Thus the prospective Republican Presidential candidate, Vice-President Richard Nixon, may be about as much a winner from West Virginia as is Kennedy.

But religion as a factor has surely been muted by Catholic Kennedy's triumph in a heavily Protestant state. So the campaign can now be turned largely to genuine issues. Kennedy himself is far more than ever the front runner. The big Eastern delegations to the Democratic convention are moving toward him. All the same, he is not yet nominated. Johnson and Symington are still to be defeated. It has become a hard, tough, adult, three man race, with Kennedy far ahead but Johnson and Symington still on the track.

AND NOW it is every man for himself. Up to this point Johnson has had some community with Kennedy. It was in Johnson's interest for Kennedy not actually to lose West Virginia, for this would only have promoted, first Stevenson and, second, Symington.

Some of Symington's people collaborated with some of Johnson's people — a little bit and in a mixed and gingerly way. For Johnson's purposes would best have been served for Kennedy to be slowed — but not halted. Symington's purposes would best have been served if Kennedy were to be stopped cold. So not the remotest reason for any alliance, temporary or otherwise, exists any more.

Thus you will now see this: Kennedy will run an increasingly bold and open bandwagon operation, plainly warning all undecided politicians of the dangers of not getting aboard in time. Symington's half-open candidacy will become wide open. Johnson's unadmitted candidacy will become half-open.

THE Johnsonites already are preparing for this. The effort will be to emphasize the Texan's undented strength and maturity and to play down his liabilities as a Southerner. The question will be asked: "Which of the Democratic fellows — regardless of where he was born — would you really rather have representing you across the table from Khrushchev?"

In summary: Kennedy is the heavy favorite and it would be foolish to bet money against him. But he still could stub his toe. In that event Johnson would be next strongest at the convention in actual delegates in hand. Symington

might be latently stronger simply because he is neither so much liked nor disliked as Johnson and because he is not a Southerner.

If a choice between Johnson and Symington had to be made, Kennedy and the old pros would make the last decision. Symington would be the "safer," because less controversial, nominee; Johnson the abler one. What would the old pros, headed by Harry Truman, and Kennedy then do? This correspondent would predict that Kennedy at least would go to Johnson. Mr. Truman? Maybe. Maybe not.

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TOP IKE'S VOTE TOTAL
Indianapolis, Ind.—UP—The 353,832 votes cast for Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) in the 1960 Indiana presidential primary topped the 352,000 ballots won by President Eisenhower in the state's 1956 primary, final official returns showed Saturday. But Vice President Richard M. Nixon's official total of 409,408 votes exceeded both counts by about 55,000 votes.



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