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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: July 28, 1950 (Friday). A shortage of boxcars has compelled two mills in the Medford area to lay off 185 men with more layoffs in prospect if the existing situation does not improve.

20 YEARS AGO: July 28, 1940 (Sunday). Work on the 400-foot wing dam being built by the Beaver Portland Cement company at Gold Hill was completed last week.

30 YEARS AGO: July 28, 1930 (Monday). Rumors have it that a seven-story building will be erected at the corner of Main and Bartlett sts.

40 YEARS AGO: July 28, 1920 (Wednesday). The county sprinkled the highway for five miles on each side of Prospect to keep down the dust.

50 YEARS AGO: July 28, 1910 (Thursday). The first carload of Rogue river Bartlett pears of this season will be shipped Friday.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. Who founded the original Standard Oil Company? 2. Is "yew" the name for a female sheep, an evergreen tree, or a personal pronoun? 3. Alexander Hamilton died as the result of a wound received in duel with whom?

Ike's Valedictory

President Eisenhower's speech before the Republican convention Tuesday night was a good one. It was vigorous, outspoken, and forthright. It also revealed the essential honesty and decency of the man—the qualities, along with courage and ability to lead men, which have made him such a revered figure in America.

His speech also was far better delivered than Mr. Eisenhower usually manages. This may be, at least in part, a result of the "indignation" and resentment at criticisms of his administration.

ONE certainly could not expect the President to agree with his critics. We are convinced he is completely sincere in his belief that his administration has been all he says it has been.

He has presided over the country during a period of euphoria, a hiatus in its march forward, a period of contentment and consolidation and relaxation, and his administration has been in tune with that mood.

The mood has changed, and the nation's leadership is changing too. If Mr. Eisenhower is a bit wistful about it, who is to say him nay? The changing of the guard is always an occasion for some sadness.—E.A.

Road Building Flurry

Not for some 40 years has there been such progress in road-building in this area as now. (Jackson county, as old-timers know, was a pioneer in the "good roads" improvement some four decades ago, and was the first county to bond itself for the purpose.)

MOST recent announcement is from the state highway department, which hopes to have the freeway essentially completed along the floor of the valley in the Central Point-Ashland area within three years.

IN ANY event, the completion of the freeway in southern Oregon is going to make a big change in the travel habits of us all.

Equally significant to this immediate area is the new trans-Cascade highway, now under construction this side of Lake of the Woods, which will considerably facilitate our communication and transportation between the Klamath Falls and Medford areas, in all weather.

IN ADDITION, dirt is flying in quantity on the Crater Lake highway, between Trail and Cascade Gorge, where the worst of the switchbacks and grades are being removed, and a high-standard road will soon be completed to provide far easier access to this area's greatest attraction.

PROBABLY the biggest bottleneck as far as north-south transportation is concerned is in the area between Rock Point bridge and Grants Pass. This will be eliminated soon, and it will be four-lanes all the way, on the north side of the river, leaving the existing highway for local travel, and for access to the popular river resorts on the south bank.

Dennis the Menace



"I WASN'T GOING TO LEAVE YOU ALL ALONE! HONEST! NOW, COME ON, TELL ME... WHERE DID YOU HIDE MY SHOE?"

Communications

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after he admits he is inadequate and can after four years point to not one solid accomplishment? Remember those COPE paid for billboards of the young man in a hurry to get back to Washington? What did he do when he got there?

One thing Mr. Porter did do. He had inserted in the appendix of the Congressional Record, in the first session, and at your and my expense, 137 pages at \$81 per page, material which the editor of the Eugene Register-Guard protested as largely "guff," but which Porter replied was "back-scratching."

Mr. Porter comes out for "People, Principles and Peace" as watch words, whatever that means. He should complete the alliterative jargon with "Piffle."

John Q. Stewart Sr., 933 NE 12th st., Grants Pass, Ore.

Important Election: To the Editor: I want you to know how much I have enjoyed the letters in your paper. Since so many are expressing their views, I wonder if you will permit me to express a few of mine?

Most honorable men faced with such divided loyalties would remain neutral and silent to avoid embarrassment to his party or business associate. I would not expect a Republican leader for Nixon to openly support other Democratic candidates.

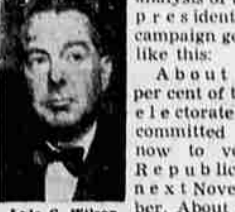
Cecil M. Norris, Cherry Lane, Medford.

"Piffle": To the Editor: Early in the first session of the current Congress, Representative Charles O. Porter stated on the House floor, "It is easier to defeat an incumbent than to fill his shoes."

Now at the end of his second term and running for a third term, Mr. Porter admits he "made mistakes and still has a lot to learn."

Nixon Analyzes November Voter, Finds He Must Carry Uncommitted 15 Per Cent

By LYLE C. WILSON, International Amphitheater, Chicago—UPI Vice President



Lyle C. Wilson, vice president of the Kennedy-Johnson ticket.

Nixon's problem is to get the wavering balance. He is convinced that can be done only in the last three weeks of the presidential campaign. He believes he cannot win if he sacrifices the votes he already has the Republicans with their minds made up to win the votes he hasn't, the independents and conservative Democrats.

Negroes because he believes they trust him. Has New Ideas: The toughest 1960 campaign issue for the Republicans, Nixon believes, will be farm policy.

agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson. Asked whether he thought he could persuade U.S. farmers that Benson was their friend, the vice president just smiled. He thinks it is up to the Republican Party to persuade the farmers that the party is their friend.

Social Revolution, Born From Economic Pact, Sweeps Europe

By PHIL NEWSOM, UPI Foreign Editor



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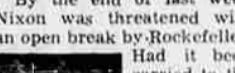
German industry that future war between the two would be impossible. A long-term objective was a United States of Europe, joined politically as well as economically.

relocated, regardless of national boundaries, to the areas where they can function most profitably. But the accomplishments have not been without pain.

Everybody, the vice president explains, is for the individual items, all of which are for good works. Revolution comes only when the total is cited in terms of new taxes, new deficits and inflation.

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann



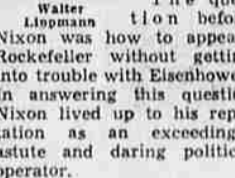
Walter Lippmann.

On this crucial question, which will be strongly argued in the campaign, the real Eisenhower policy is honorable and perhaps right.

Shutouts and reorganizations meant unemployment for 110,000 miners and steel workers in Belgium, Germany, France and Italy.

That will not hurt Benson's pride. He would rather be right than be secretary of agriculture, and the man from Utah is supremely confident that he is right about what ails U.S. agriculture.

NIXON AND ROCKEFELLER



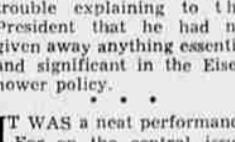
Richard Nixon.

By the end of last week Nixon was threatened with an open break by Rockefeller. Had it been carried to the floor of the convention, the quarrel might well have hurt the Republicans seriously in the election.

For example, the closing of an uneconomic mine in Belgium threw 900 miners out of work. The high authority allotted 350,000 and the Belgian government a similar amount toward a new aluminum works to be built on the mine site, employing 500 of the displaced miners.

REACH AGREEMENT: Tokyo—UPI—Communist China and Burma have agreed on "important subjects" in their border dispute, the New China News Agency reported today. The Communist news agency said the delegations met in Peiping Tuesday for their first talks in China. An earlier session was held in Burma.

FAT OVERWEIGHT

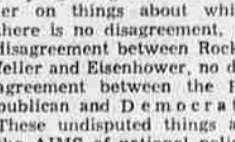


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Both positions are tricky and full of pitfalls, especially because the whole subject is complicated and is a new one in American public debate.

But to bring new issues to a public debate is one of the great functions of a free election.

DEPENDABLE



THE Eisenhower policy, which many believe in but no politician running for office can avow, is challenged by the Democrats.

they took the ceiling off. The sky has been the limit. I think we should get off our space ship and come down to earth, and try living by the Bible saying, do unto others as we would like to be done by, and stick together for we may need each other some day as there is only strength in being united.

THE general subject of economic growth - which is

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