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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: Oct. 18, 1950 (Wednesday). The Medford city council last night passed an ordinance authorizing the leasing of city-owned property at Camp White for limited grazing privileges.

20 YEARS AGO: Oct. 18, 1940 (Friday). Draft registration in Jackson county last Wednesday totaled 3,591 men between the ages of 21 and 35 years of age; this figure includes 1,640 in Medford and 515 in Ashland.

30 YEARS AGO: Oct. 18, 1930 (Saturday). The Rogue river fish situation is tense with charges and counter-charges being thrown by opponents and proponents of the river fish bill.

40 YEARS AGO: Oct. 18, 1920 (Monday). A talent hunter walked safely out of the woods in the Wagner creek area yesterday after wandering around lost for four days.

50 YEARS AGO: Oct. 18, 1910 (Tuesday). The Mail Tribune did not publish today as the city's source of power at Gold Ray was shut down for the entire day so new machinery could be installed at the power plant.

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

1. Who was the woman in 'The Tale of Two Cities' who always knitted? 2. Name the capital of Kansas. 3. How many children did Brigham Young have? 4. Who was the first wife of King Henry VIII? 5. What is the color of corroded copper? 6. On what day did God create man? 7. What river flows through Paris? 8. Who was Becky Thatcher's sweetheart? 9. How many cups of butter in a pound? 10. What kind of acid is formed in milk when it sours?

Answers: 1. Madame Lefarge. 2. Topeka. 3. Fifty-six. 4. Catherine of Aragon. 5. Green. 6. The sixth day. 7. Sins. 8. Tom Sawyer. 9. Two. 10. Lactic acid.

America's first World's Fair was held in New York City in 1853. A huge Crystal Palace was built on the site of Bryant Park behind today's New York Public Library on 42nd st.

No. 6 -- An Important One

Ballot Measure No. 6 is, in some ways, probably the most important of any of the 15 state measures which will be up for decision at the general election.

On its success rests, in large part, the capability of Oregon's university and colleges to meet the demands of the crucial years ahead.

And, unfortunately, there is a good chance for misunderstanding of the measure and what it would do. We hope voters will be careful in marking their ballots on this one.

NO. 6 would increase the amount of money which can be borrowed for the construction of dormitories, cafeterias, sports facilities, and so on, at Oregon's institutions of higher education.

This will be a continuation of the present, and historic, practice of financing these buildings, which constitute about half of all campus buildings.

These bonds are NOT paid for out of taxes; they are paid for from the fees and charges paid by those using them.

And, with school enrollment expected to increase by more than two-thirds in the next decade, many more such buildings will be needed.

It cannot be stressed too heavily that this is NOT a tax measure; it is instead a TAX SAVING measure, for if these buildings cannot be built with borrowed money which is paid back from users' fees, then they will have to be built with tax money.

That much should be remembered by all voters.

The chances for misunderstanding arise from a poorly-worded ballot title, which does not emphasize that it is not a tax levying measure, and the fact that another measure, close to it on the ballot, is worded similarly, and IS a taxing measure.

The key words to watch for are "Higher Education" in the ballot title. It reads: "State bonds for Higher Education facilities."

THE purpose is spelled out on the ballot thus: "To amend Constitution to permit the state to increase its bonded indebtedness to construct additional self-liquidating higher education facilities."

Again, we emphasize the importance of the measure — important not only to the big University at Eugene and College at Corvallis, but also to Southern Oregon College in Ashland, and to the others.

It is badly needed. It had the unanimous support of the legislature. It has no known opposition among informed people.

And it will save taxes in the long run.—E. A.

Francis for Attorney General

In the editorial above, we mentioned that the ballot title for measure No. 6 is poorly worded.

It is the responsibility of the attorney general's office to write the ballot titles.

This is one of the reasons (but only one) that we will not support Robert Y. Thornton for reelection as attorney general this year.

We supported him four years ago, but this year our endorsement goes to Carl H. Francis, his Republican opponent.

THORNTON has had a stormy career—some of it not his fault. Some of his problems have arisen from the fact that he has been a Democratic official in a state administration which has been dominated by Republicans during much of his two terms.

But some of his difficulties have been of his own making. He has not worked harmoniously with the governors who have served during his term, Republican or Democratic alike.

And, while he claims that his record of reversals, when his opinions have been tested in court, is good, the frequency with which this has happened leaves his claim open to question.

HIS record, in short, is not one to inspire confidence, and, despite a personal liking for the man, we cannot recommend that he be returned for a third term.

His opponent has an excellent reputation, earned by long years of service in the legislature (both houses), and in other areas of public service.

If elected, we would expect him to spend more time doing his "homework" on the state's legal affairs, and less time than Thornton has in organizing crime prevention conferences—worthy projects, no doubt, but of questionable relationship to the office.

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"Yes" for No. 7

Every qualified voters in the United States should have an opportunity to cast his vote for president, regardless of arbitrary residence qualifications.

Ballot Measure No. 7 would permit anyone, qualified in all respects but six months residence, to do so.

It merely would mean that no one would be disenfranchised on the Presidency solely because he had recently moved from one state to another. We recommend a "yes" vote for No. 7.—E. A.

Dennis the Menace



'WANNA DRAW STRAWS TO SEE IF THIS IS A READIN' NIGHT OR A TELEVISION NIGHT?'

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.

The Nixons' Church

To the Editor: During the week of September 25, 1960 you printed a letter from Mildred E. Nixon accusing Vice-President Nixon of not standing by the "church of his faith" and hypocritically trying to straddle the fence. At that time I had a Quaker relative visiting me from Richard Nixon's home town, Whittier, Calif. Upon returning home, she verified the following facts by talking to members of the Nixon family, his pastor at the time they were living in Whittier, and active members of the church.

First, Vice-President and Mrs. Nixon have been and still are faithful members and in good standing of the East Whittier Friends Church and attend services whenever they are there and it is at all possible to do so.

Second, there is no pastoral Friends Church in Washington, D.C. which obviously makes it impossible for them to attend the church of their faith. There is a "Conservative Friends Meeting" which is an entirely different form of service. Nevertheless, they did attend this for awhile, but not having a background of silent worship, they did not feel at home and felt the need of pastoral ministrations.

Quakers are small in numbers and are found all over America worshipping in other Protestant churches when they are in communities where their own denomination is not represented. Thus, with their fellow-members, Vice-President and Mrs. Nixon chose the Methodist Church as the one that answered their spiritual needs while they are away from home. However, the most important point is that on Sunday they and their family worship together in the house of God "in sincerity and in truth."

Mrs. I. C. Williams 511 King st. Medford.

Football Views

To the Editor: Congratulations to Mrs. Barnes for the remarks in her letter on football on Oct. 13. I am a senior at Ashland Senior High school and the editor of our local paper and I seem to have very different views when it comes to football.

Medford-Ashland relations have been better in the past years than ever before, and I am certain that students of both schools would prefer to keep it on that basis. For example, last year Ashland was beaten by Medford by the atrocious score of 58-0. Yet, when Medford played Jefferson, Ashland, was pulling for Medford.

The editor of the Ashland paper stated, "After all, high school boys are still boys and it is cruel to put them under such heavy pressure to win, win, win." I don't know how long it has been since he has inspected our school system, but our school system is built on competition. Competition builds pressure, so you can say that school itself builds pressure, (especially on nights before exams).

Another statement that did aggravate me to the point that I decided to write this was: "Where they apparently begin grooming their high school teams is the fifth grade."

The schools that are perennial favorites to cop the state football crown, or most of them, start building their material early. I think that it's high time that Ashland wised up to that fact.

Ashland has a fine coach and team this year and I know that the students at Ashland High are very proud of them and their achievements. Best of luck to the schools in the Southern Oregon Conference for a fine football season.

Judy Walter 635 Glenwood dr. Ashland, Ore.

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We think, he wants to get in there for the prestige he thinks it will get him. A doctor is never forgotten for his good deeds, and he will fight any bill on medical help that comes up.

This sounds like I'm for Democrats. That isn't so. I'm for our country and its future for our children. I believe we'd not have had the messy U.N. meeting if Mr. Lodge had been in his usual place. We believe that his part at these meetings is far more important than as vice president.

I'm not a Catholic, just a working person. After study of both candidates I am voting for Kennedy, as I believe he would be fairer to us. My friend who is Catholic will kill my vote though, as she puts party first regardless. So guess Rome doesn't say, vote this way or that, as I used to think.

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Americans Absorb Rude Shocks During Postwar Era; Democracy Not Automatic

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

In the 15 years since the United States began putting together again with men, money and materials a world ripped asunder by World War II, public opinion has had to absorb many a rude shock.

The first of these, and perhaps the hardest, was the realization that foreign aid poured out by the American people did not necessarily generate friendship for the United States or even gratitude.

A second, of which realization has come more slowly, is the discovery that democracy and political stability, as it is known in most Western nations, receives only lip service or still is far in the future among other nations also listed as U.S. allies.

So, in Korea a regime grown old and dictatorial was suddenly toppled in the midst of an internal explosion whose echoes still reverberate.

The aging Syngman Rhee had believed in democracy as a philosophy but obviously distrusted it for his people. The Korean people, who had never known it, became impatient with its processes and substituted rule by riot.

Japan under a constitution imposed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, switched with amazing speed and enthusiasm from a harsh military dictatorship to democratic processes which were carried out in practice as well as theory.

Yet in Japan, too, in a moment of crisis, the democratic theory faltered.

Under the whiplash of a tightly organized but small minority which opposed the U.S.-Japan defense treaty, mob rule took over the streets of Tokyo, a visit by President Eisenhower was canceled and a government fell.

In Japan, also, the reverberations still echo, last week a leftwing politician was stabbed to death on a speaker's platform, touching off emotions still to be measured in Japanese elections.

In the Nationalist Chinese stronghold of Formosa, the leader of an embryo opposition party to President Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang party was sentenced to prison for sedition.

Regardless of his guilt or working person. After study of both candidates I am voting for Kennedy, as I believe he would be fairer to us. My friend who is Catholic will kill my vote though, as she puts party first regardless. So guess Rome doesn't say, vote this way or that, as I used to think.

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IT SEEMS not exactly afraid, but lost and groping. The great, the central, desire of the crowd can be easily sensed if not so easily explained. The crowd wishes to know not what has happened or is happening but rather what will happen.

Is it a fear of war and Soviet rockets? Or is it a far more complicated fear—a fear that we confront an unknowable world of strain and peril?

Nobody can give any real answer. It can only be said that the face of the crowd, in this campaign, is a fact we have never known before. (Copyright, 1960, by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)

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ONCE you understood it, hearing this echo of the infinitely distant American past was an oddly agreeable experience. It had its own extra shade of modern meaning, too, because of its hint of Johnson's conception of his partnership with Kennedy, which almost no one expected him to accept.

At the mid-point of the campaign, a final assessment of the Kennedy-Johnson partnership is, of course, impossible. But it is at least possible to make the point, which badly needs to be made, that Kennedy's decision to form this partnership was one of the wisest decisions of his career.

The wisdom of the offer is proven by Johnson's motives for accepting the offer. He accepted, in fact, because this was the only way to prevent a sanguinary civil war within the Democratic party. If he had not accepted, the civil war would have broken out immediately, and Johnson himself would have been cast, quite unavoidably, for the role of the new Jefferson Davis.

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