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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
Nov. 3, 1950 (Friday)
Final plans for Medford's second annual gala Christmas opening of downtown stores are being completed by the retail trade committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 3, 1940 (Sunday)
Gov. Ralph O. Brewster of Maine predicted in Medford today that Wendell Willkie will be elected president over Franklin D. Roosevelt.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 3, 1930 (Monday)
E. M. Wilson has been elected mayor of Medford by 14 votes, according to unofficial returns.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 3, 1920 (Wednesday)
Farmers will hold a mass meeting at the armory next Monday to organize a local Farm Bureau.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 3, 1910 (Thursday)
With election day only a week off usually genial County Clerk Bill Coleman has a third-degree grouch on trying to get things ready in this county.

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

1. Near what body of water was the miracle of the loaves and fishes performed?
2. A member of the Society of Friends is known as what?
3. Name the state nearest the equator.

4. Who marched from Atlanta to the Sea during the War Between the States?
5. What is the most distinctive feature of gothic architecture?
6. Name two kinds of American seafood which ascend rivers to spawn, or lay their eggs.

7. What is a lodestone?
8. How many signs of the Zodiac are there?
9. Which American State was first to abolish slavery in our history?
10. Who practiced oratory with pebbles in his mouth in order to improve his diction and increase his projection?

Answers: 1. The Sea of Galilee. 2. A Quaker. 3. Hawaii. 4. General Sherman. 5. Pointed arch. 6. Salmon, shad, herring and some eels. 7. Piece of magnetic iron ore. 8. Twelve. 9. Massachusetts. 10. Demosthenes.

Program for Growth
In an interesting, readable, detailed and (to us) convincing article in the Saturday Evening Post, Walter Lippmann, the dean of U.S. columnists and commentators, discusses the economic bases for the theory that we can take care of our major commitments, retain our growing standard of living, and avoid inflation, provided the U.S. increases its rate of growth.

Lippmann wrote the article in consultation with economist Francis M. Bator, who has studied the proposal in preparation for his book, "The Question of Government Spending: Public Needs and Private Wants." It is engrossing reading.

Lippmann also disposes of the cries of "socialism" which almost inevitably greet proposals for the government to take a stronger hand in the management of the nation's economy. First of all, he points out that whatever the government does, even if it is nothing at all, has a tremendous impact on the nation's economy.

Measures Recapitulation
We have been asked to recapitulate briefly the 16 measures on Tuesday's election ballot. Accordingly, here are measures, a "thumbnail" description, and our own recommendation.

- No. 1—Fixing commencement of legislators' terms. A "housekeeping" constitutional amendment. Makes sense. "Yes."
No. 2—Daylight Saving Time. Would permit Oregon time to correspond with major business and communications centers in summer. Vote your preference. We shall vote "yes."
No. 3—Financing urban development projects. Does not affect taxes as such, but would permit urban redevelopment projects to help pay for themselves. Subject to local control. "Yes."
No. 4—Permitting prosecution by information or indictment. Would allow district attorney to by-pass grand jury in criminal cases, whether or not accused wanted grand jury hearing. Gives too much arbitrary authority to one man. "No."
No. 5—Authorizing legislature to propose revised constitution. We don't think they could do it, but no harm in giving them authority to try. Would need two-thirds vote to approve new constitution, also a vote of the people. "Yes."
No. 6—State bonds for higher education facilities. This is important for the future of Oregon's colleges. It would NOT raise taxes, but would authorize borrowing to build needed buildings, which would then be paid for by fees, a continuation of the present successful program. "Yes."
No. 7—Voter qualification amendment. Would allow otherwise qualified voters to vote for president and vice president only, despite residence requirements. Fair enough. "Yes."
No. 8—Authorizing bonds for state building program. The question: Do we pay for buildings out of current tax revenues, as at present, or do we borrow and pay for them while they're being used? Or, do we buy a house for cash, or take out a mortgage? Same thing. The measure has ample safeguards and restrictions. "Yes."
No. 9—Compulsory retirement for judges. Some of our greatest jurists have been over 70 and 75. Too arbitrary. "No."
No. 10—Election offices: when to become vacant. Unneeded; politically motivated. "No."
No. 11—Financing improvements in home rule counties. Makes sense, and gives greater discretion to local government. "Yes."
No. 12—Continuity of government in enemy attack. Sensible. "Yes."
No. 13—War veterans' bonding and loan amendment. Does not increase taxes, continues present program, makes money for state, fair to veterans who have not yet received loan. "Yes."
No. 14—Personal income tax bill. Not needed. New program to go before legislature. "No."
No. 15—Billboard control measure. Provides reasonable regulation of billboards on major highways. Would make money for state, and wouldn't harm our economy, despite hysterical claims by billboard lobby. "Yes."
No. 16—Dogs running at large. For voters in Medford, where dog control is, and will remain, in effect, we recommend they not cast a vote at all on this measure. For voters elsewhere in the county, which would be affected, vote your preference. And remember, a "yes" vote is FOR dogs running at large, "no" is AGAINST dogs running at large, thus for control.—E.A.



YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THAT, GEORGE! THE MITCHELLS MIGHT NOT WANT ANOTHER CHILD FOR ANY NUMBER OF REASONS. I DON'T THINK DENNIS HAS 'SOURD' THEM ON THE IDEA!

Today & Tomorrow

THE EISENHOWER SPEECH
On Friday at Philadelphia Mr. Eisenhower made his first frankly political speech. The climax of the speech was a challenge and a charge. The challenge was to ask how the Democratic pledges are to be paid for. The charge was the Democrats are responsible for the recent speculation in gold on the London market.

MR. Eisenhower's speech also contained a grave accusation. It was that the gold speculation in England and the outflow of gold from the United States are due to the Democratic platform and to Mr. Kennedy's speeches. This is quite unworthy of the President of the United States. Gold had been leaving the United States for about ten years, and in large quantities since 1938. The gold problem is President Eisenhower's responsibility and not Senator Kennedy's.

THIS is a debater's dilemma. One worked up by a speech writer, which quite misses the realities of the problem. The true Kennedy position, as against Mr. Eisenhower's challenge, is plain enough from his own speeches and from the writings of the extraordinarily able group of economists who advise him.

THE one thing that corrects the situation will not require a devaluation of the dollar and a rise in the price of gold. My own certainty about this comes not only from Mr. Kennedy's declarations but much more from the reasons behind them. He and his advisers realize that if the United States were to devalue the dollar, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and all the rest would instantly devalue in proportion, leaving us no better off than when we started.

AN ingenious gentleman in Boston composed this summary of his five marriage daughters:
Minerva-like majestic Mary mores.
Lavinia, Liberty learned Lucy loves.
Eliana's elegance eared eye eyes.
Serenely silent Susan's smiles surprise.
From fools, fops, flattery, fairest Fanny flies.

Strange, Unprecedented Trial Under Way On Turkish Island; Defendants Total 500



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En Route With Kennedy
On this semi-famous vote-hunting safari, the mood of the Democratic candidate is soberly confident. The sobriety is impressive. A less hard-headed man than Senator Kennedy would be downright intoxicated by the size of the crowds he draws and the strange, vibrant rapport that he has with all these people.

AS TO the pattern, it shows a modest-to-decisive Kennedy lead in all the big industrial states with the possible exception of Indiana, plus a real pick-up in the South. One state checks against the other. In the two most important states, New York and California, the Kennedy surveys also check with tests locally made.

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ON the other hand, a rise in the price of gold, without doing any good whatever to us and much harm, would be an enormous gift to the two great gold-producing nations, namely the Union of South Africa and the Soviet Union. Nobody is in the mood to subsidize them.

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In less perilous times, this story would be on the front pages of newspapers across the country. For, aside from the death penalties which Turkish news freely predict will be pronounced on Bayar and Menderes, the outcome of this trial will be a test of the enduring qualities of democracy in Turkey.

High-ranking Turkish army officers led by the former commander of land forces, Lt. Gen. Cemal Gursel, routed Bayar from his bed and arrested Menderes as he attempted to flee along a highway.

It was the climax to increasingly harsh measures by which Bayar and Menderes had sought to maintain themselves and their party in power. Civil liberties all but disappeared. Newspaper editors were jailed for the slightest criticism of the government.

Prison for Handshake
A handshake could be a reason for imprisonment. The final blow came in a dictatorial law aimed finally at wiping out all political opposition.

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.

Communications

Porter and Durno
To the Editor: How unfortunate it is that Dr. Durno has been unable to resist the temptation to resort to the McCarthy campaign tactics of his predecessor, Geddes. In spite of repeated protests that he "does not join with those who question Charlie Porter's patriotism," in speech after speech, ad after ad, he consistently finds a way to do just that.

In the Days News

As this is written, the 1960 Presidential election campaign is nearing its end. Less than a week remains before election day. I think everyone must agree that this is one of the most important elections in recent decades. We face a powerful and menacing enemy. Not since 1940 has the need for sound leadership been so clearly apparent. If our leadership in the coming months and years is wise and sound, we may be able to keep out of war.

Time Marches
To the Editor: Oh! The vagaries of life! After reading a dozen or so articles contributed by Walter Reece, I had him neatly filed as just a bitter crackpot, when in his last article, "Time Marches On," he displayed a glimmer of intelligence in his analysis of the presidential candidates.