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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. 10, 1950 (Friday)
The strike of Western Electric installers against Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company spread to Medford today when four pickets took up their posts outside of the company's Medford office.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 10, 1940 (Sunday)
One Medford business man was drowned and another seriously hurt after their boat capsized at the mouth of the Checo river Saturday.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 10, 1930 (Monday)
The second annual Community Chest drive starts tomorrow with \$20,000 as the goal.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 10, 1920 (Wednesday)
A rally will be held Friday night before the Medford-Ashland football game.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 10, 1910 (Thursday)
Oregon's new governor Oswald West received 2,508 of the 3,755 votes cast for that office in Jackson county.

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

1. Who wrote the inscription, "Equal Justice Under Law," that appears on the U.S. Supreme Court building?
2. What do the musical instruments, violin, zither and piano have in common?
3. In what country was the Red Cross first organized?
4. Of what metal are five-cent coins chiefly made?
5. What common vertebrate breathes water at one stage of its life and air later on?
6. When it is nine o'clock in New York, what time is it in Denver, when daylight saving time is not in effect?
7. What is the capital of Arkansas?
8. Name the three Presidents of the United States who have been assassinated.
9. What one thing remained in Pandora's box?
10. Which releases more moisture into the atmosphere - an acre of forest or an acre of water?

Answers: 1. Charles Evans Hughes. 2. Switzerland. 4. Copper. 5. Frogs and toads. 6. Seven o'clock. 7. Little Rock. 8. Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley. 9. Hope. 10. Forest.

Election Musings

"Win a few, lose a few."
The old saying goes for elections, too.
In common with probably 99 per cent of the electorate, we were delighted with the results of some of the races; dejected about others, and not too upset one way or the other about still others.

There were so many races, so many facets, in the nationwide polling, that everyone could find something to applaud, something to deplore.

IN THE main race, for President, Kennedy's victory, slim as it was, was intensely gratifying to us for these reasons:

- 1. We believe Kennedy to be by far the better man, with a firmer grasp of the realities of today's world, and a more forward-looking and realistic program.
2. With a Democratic congress, Kennedy should be able to get his plans rolling more successfully than a President with a divided government.
3. Not least in importance, the vote was a reaffirmation of the Constitutional mandate that no religious test be applied to American officeholders, and a rejection of the philosophy of fear involving Catholicism.

BY THE same token, another election which was of especial gratification was that in Puerto Rico, where Governor Munoz Marin was returned to office by a healthy majority.

That election was clouded and blurred by the effrontery of the Catholic bishops in that American Commonwealth, when they declared it to be a sin for Catholics to vote for Governor Munoz Marin's party.

This advice their flocks blithely ignored, much to their credit. (One of our news staff suggested the story should bear a headline "Puerto Ricans Sin En Masse," but thought better of it.)

The fact that Puerto Rico voters repudiated their bishop's ill-advised entry into politics is cheering for the same reason that Americans' decision on Kennedy is cheering.

IN THE state as a whole, the election was one of the most confusing we can remember, and about the only solid conclusion to be derived from it is that the Oregon voter is a most independent individual - for which praise be.

Mrs. Neuberger, a Democrat, was elected to the U.S. Senate handily. And yet Republicans won substantial victories in the races for Secretary of State and State Treasurer. On the other hand, the Democratic Attorney General was returned to office.

And Nixon won easily in a state where registered Democrats outnumber registered Republicans by thousands.
The same independent pattern was visible in Jackson county, where it was overwhelmingly evident that voters cast their ballots for the individual and not for the party.

BOB DUNCAN, a Democrat, was the best vote-winner in the county, while his Democratic running-mate was swamped by both Republican candidates for the House of Representatives.

And on down the list, the voters here were completely unimpressed with party labels, naming Democrats to the jobs of assessor, county commissioner, and treasurer, and Republicans as district attorney and surveyor.

So, in Jackson county as throughout the state, the party registration figures don't mean a thing, except perhaps a slight philosophical leaning in one direction or another.
And that we applaud.

THERE is something almost majestic about the way the voters sit, look and listen all during a heated campaign, and then in the privacy of the voting booth make up their own minds.

In the election on the measures, for instance, they followed the prophecies of the forecasters in some races, and completely rejected them in others.
Daylight Savings Time was thought by many to have a good chance of passing this year (as it did in Washington state), but the voters simply decided, individually, otherwise, and their collective decision was overwhelming.

BY ANOTHER impressive margin, they decided that the billboard control measure was either (a) wrong in principle, or (b) not the right way to go about it. And they calmly defeated it.

On two other measures, in particular, we thought them to be most discriminating in situation which could easily have been misleading.
To No. 6 they gave an overwhelming margin of approval, which will permit the colleges and universities to continue their non-classroom building program.

And on No. 13, they decided to continue the highly successful and money-making veterans loan program.

It is an utterly fascinating sight to watch the millions of individual decisions become collective decisions as the results pile up through the night.
We have an enthusiastic approval of the system, even when some of the individual races are disappointing. -E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"...AN' HELP ME TO BE A GOOD BOY, AN' A REAL GOOD FOOTBALL PLAYER!"

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.

Work Problems
To the Editor: Note the article in Sunday's Tribune, "Fruit Growers Clarify Pickers Position."
Picker is not the only one where there could be an argument.
What about the jobs all over the packing plants that offer the chance to local property owners stuck here to pay taxes and expenses and help keep Medford beautiful?
Surely there could be found enough good dependable property owners over the years that should have some rights to the only work once a year, almost.

Townsendites
To the Editor:
For the fourth of the month, the elderly wait Hoping their Social Security pensions won't be late.
Some clubs reject the Townsendite
For somehow we are not just right."
The Townsendites are not the rage.
We try to help all those of age.

Big Deal
To the Editor: After reading last Sunday's front page story, "Two Men in City Jail Committed No Crime," I wonder is this America or is this Russia?
Every year the people talk of all the trouble the transients bring to the valley during fruit season. Well, this year two men tried to do the community a great favor, and what kind of thanks do they get? Four months in jail at \$150 a day, about \$180 for 4 months. Big Deal!

Hunt Coyotes
To the Editor: If Coyotes are a problem in Jackson County, I think that it can be solved without resorting to 1080. Most of us have read enough about the bad results of this poison to want to try something else.

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Try and Stop Me
By BENNETT CERF
KAMPUS KUTUPS:
"Tomorrow's Tom and Mary's wedding - so we bridesmaids are staying in this evening to give Mary a shower."
"That's not a bad idea. I guess we ushers will stay home and wash off Old Tom a little bit."
"Have you got a fast pick-up in your new car?"
"You idiot. That's my grandmother."
"I wonder who can be sending us this telegram?"
"Western Union. I recognize the stationery."
"Do you like bathing beauties?"
"I dunno. I never bathed any."
Prof. Outgo J. Schmirkase estimates that married women spend 29.6% of their time persuading their husbands that when they make a sudden right turn from a left lane, they are being merely careless and not what the driver behind calls them.
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