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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. 11, 1950 (Saturday)
Lewis and Clark college of Portland and San Francisco State will meet in the first annual Pear bowl game here on Thanksgiving.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 11, 1940 (Sunday)
Funds from the Lions club charity carnival Friday night will be used to purchase two units of "human serum" for local hospitals.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 11, 1930 (Tuesday)
The city observed Armistice day yesterday with parades and speeches and Medford defeated Bend 19-6 in a football game.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 11, 1920 (Thursday)
Local citizens have been urged to mail their Christmas packages to U. S. armed forces in Germany early.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 11, 1910 (Friday)
A bill to close the Rogue river to commercial fishing has passed in the state by at least 20,000 votes.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. In what year was the first Thanksgiving celebrated?

Pre-Election Letters

The Eugene Register-Guard, in a burst of pardonable pride, had this to say the other day:
"The Register-Guard's 'Mailbag' was filled to overflowing through the election campaign just completed. In all, 309 letters of opinions from our readers were published in this newspaper between Oct. 1 and Nov. 7. Probably no other paper in the state published as many..."

While tipping our hat to the Guard's liberality with its readers, we can modestly report that during the same period, the Mail Tribune published 354 letters. And, since the R-G prints a Saturday edition and the M-T doesn't, we did it in six fewer issues.

WITH that quibble out of the way, we can go on to agree with the Guard that letters-to-the-editor are a valuable and well-read part of any newspaper.

The Guard said: "...To know that so many cared enough to take time to sit down and write letters to the editor was a welcome refutation of the thought that the public has become disinterested in our political processes."

All in all, it made pretty lively reading, and we think and hope that everyone is the better for the free play of opinion on diverse subjects. —E. A.

Election Count Too Slow

The polls closed at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. A host of people—working for radio and television stations and newspapers—spent most of the night gathering returns from precinct counting boards, posting the figures in columns, and adding them, so that the public could know, as soon as possible, the results of its decisions. All through Wednesday, in Jackson county, the vote count dragged on. Enough returns came in so that the outcome of most of the races were known with fair certainty. But it wasn't until Thursday morning that the last of the precincts reported their totals, which in turn were added to the totals added earlier, to give the final results—final, that is, except for the absentee ballots, which in at least one case, could change a local election race.

IN addition to the reporters and others who spent the night working, there were the ladies of the counting boards. In at least one case a precinct counting board, largely made up of women of more than middle age, simply gave up in pure exhaustion and went home to bed—with many ballots still uncounted. Why is this horse-and-buggy sort of business still tolerated in the second half of the 20th Century? Some states have voting machines, which, while expensive, completely eliminate such delays and needless expenditure of time and energy.

IN the long run, by eliminating the cost of counting boards, they would pay for themselves. And, in addition to the big, costly machines, there should be other devices possible to speed the process, economically. Charles Stanton, editor of the Roseburg News-Review, suggests that ballots could be printed on stiff paper, then either punched or marked with a special pencil. Then the ballots could be brought to the courthouse and run through a special electronic machine for counting, with the complete results available within a few hours of the closing of the polls. There are two counts now—the fast one election night, and the slow, laborious, official vote canvass. A new system could make the first, fast count the official one, thus saving even more money, time and uncertainty.

Adequate safeguards could be devised, and the whole operation would, presumably, pay for itself within a year. It sounds as though it should be pursued.

AND, as Stanton also points out, it would take legislative action to permit such an investigation on a statewide basis.

He adds: "In fact, Gov. Mark Hatfield, when he was Secretary of State, promised me some investigation would be made. If we had an investigation, I never was told of any results. "The next legislature, in my opinion, should pass a resolution authorizing tests concerning a more modern method for counting election ballots. A moderate amount of money should be available to be used in pilot tests. Different systems could be tried in a few smaller counties, until the most satisfactory, least expensive, method was found. "It seems to me we should be doing something to replace an obsolete, slow, expensive and inefficient system with something modern."

We agree wholeheartedly.—E. A.

Boy!
Would a personal note be forgiven? We were sort of tired after the election. It was a strain, and going 38 hours with only 3 1/2 hours sleep, from Tuesday morning to Wednesday night, didn't help any. We were feeling the encroaching years. Then, just this morning, the nicest thing happened. The Ashland paper arrived, and we found ourself referred to as "the boy editor." "Boy editor"! We haven't felt quite so complimented since our younger daughter (now well into her teens) looked up at us from the innocence of her three years and said, "Daddy, you got big boo eyes." —E.A.

Dennis the Menace



Mrs. Wilson is cookin' roast beef, 'tatoes 'n gravy, corn, an' apple pie! Can you top that? —E.A.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

Washington — The young, toughly able and devoted man who has won this election has won more than a decision over his political opponent. He has won a presidency without losing a nation, the last, best hope for peace and order in this world. Never before, in this columnist's experience as a political writer, had two presidential candidates been, in the last analysis, so nearly free of all small-time partisan nastiness. The public, I believe, had widely sensed this, long before the campaign trails would wind to an end.

IT is not merely compassion, however, which dictates a generosity from winner to ward loser. It is also good old common sense. The second man in this race has still plenty to offer to his country. There can and should be one president, and one only. But it surely can do no harm for him to seek the opinion and even the help, on some of the greatest issues before him, of the one who lost.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, at the gathering in 1940 of the clouds foreshadowing American entrance into the second world war, brought opposition party leaders into genuine participation in his government. These times are no less urgent. These times, as both candidates so rightly said all along, demand the best and the least petty of all that is in us all. (Copyright, 1960, by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)

Depoe Bay Inn Damaged by Fire

Depoe Bay — The Whale Cove Inn Hotel near here was heavily damaged by fire Thursday night and early today. A fire official said two-thirds of the structure, located 1 1/2 miles south of Depoe Bay, was destroyed and estimated damage at between \$30,000 and \$50,000. The Whale Cove Inn Motel, a 10-apartment structure near the hotel portion, was not touched by the blaze.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

IRVING LAZAR, legendary Hollywood agent, got his start in World War II when he persuaded General Hap Arnold to sponsor a show about the Air Force, and then obtained the services of Moss Hart to put the show over. "Winged Victory" was the result, and so successful it was that Lazar was promoted from lieutenant to captain. Unfortunately, however, the company to which Capt. Lazar was assigned was composed of men just released from army prisons and stockades—as tough a crew of malcontents as ever loathed a commanding officer. The first time Capt. Lazar addressed them two rocks flew past his head. The second time there was a riot, Lazar, 5-foot-4, might have met his end there and then, but the fact is that his pursuers actually lost him in the fog. Lazar today drives about Hollywood and sells story properties for several times what other agents think they are worth.



Adenauer Man-of-Week; He's Facing New Threats, Political and International

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign Editor

The man-of-the-week: West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. The place: Bonn. The quote: "Age is sometimes a burden, but it has something in its favor. . . He who has spent years in various public positions has gained experience that youth cannot possibly match."



Arrayed with the West German against him is Willy Brandt, 46, Socialist mayor of West Berlin. Brandt's staunch opposition to Communist infringements on the freedom of his Soviet-encircled city has won popular

In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

What of the election? On the basis of the popular vote, it is a VERY CLOSE election. Less than ONE PERCENTAGE point separates the two candidates. Which is to say: If Nixon could have got one and a half more votes out of each 100 cast, he could have won a majority of the popular vote. SO MUCH for the President-elect. Let's now take a look at the congress.

AS BETWEEN the two, Kennedy tended throughout the campaign to promise more spending if elected. Will he continue, as he seemed to promise, to be ultra-liberal with the taxpayers' money? Will he back continued big spending, even if it means continued big deficits?

WHAT is an interesting question. To us who call ourselves conservatives, fiscal responsibility in government was the BIG issue. We believe that if a nation is to remain great it must REMAIN SOLVENT. On the face of it, we have LOST. Let's take a look at the past. FDR campaigned in 1932 as a tight-fisted money conservative. He lambasted Hoover's spending. He called it RECKLESS spending. He promised if elected to pull in the nation's fiscal horns.

Ike Relaxes at Augusta Club

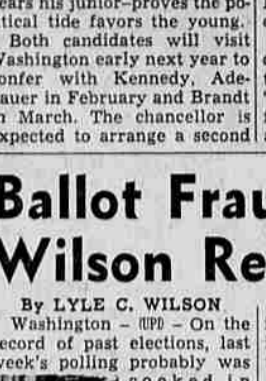
Augusta, Ga. — President Eisenhower relaxed at the Augusta National Golf Club today apparently satisfied with preliminary plans for relinquishing government control to President-elect John F. Kennedy. White House News Secretary James C. Hagerty said Thursday that the President was pleased with arrangements to date and "would be delighted" to meet with Kennedy "at the senator's convenience." Kennedy said in Hyannis, Mass., he expected to consult with Eisenhower in Washington late this month.

Coast Guard Aids Stricken Sailor

Coos Bay — The U.S. Coast Guard helped a Canadian sailor, aboard his vessel and stricken with an appendicitis, get medical attention late Thursday. The sailor was identified as Ronald Baeley. Baeley was removed from the 152-foot Canadian minesweeper HMCS Fortune and taken to McAuley Hospital here. The Fortune was about 40 miles south of Port Orford on maneuvers when it radioed for help. The minesweeper was directed into the lower bay at Coos Bay where a Coast Guard boat took Baeley ashore. Attendants at McAuley Hospital reported that Baeley's appendix was removed and listed his condition as good.

Ballot Fraud Not Extinct; Wilson Recounts Examples

By LYLE C. WILSON



Washington — On the record of past elections, last week's polling was cooked in spots. Your vote may have been stolen. If you have been voting long it is not unlikely that your vote has been stolen before this.

Samuel H. Still, an election investigator for Congress, said in a 1956 NMR report on election scandals that: "Approximately 50 public figures who occupy high state and municipal offices today would not have won them had the election been carried out according to law." Abrams and HBA fingered the 1928 election of Franklin D. Roosevelt to be governor of New York, citing "the famous slow count." FDR beat Republican Albert Ottinger. "Democratic boss Ed Flynn's cronies," said Abrams, "sat quietly in the Bronx counting ballots at a snail's pace until 2 a.m., when the traditionally Republican upstate returns shown Ottinger's exact margin.

Kennedy Expected To Face New Soviet Diplomatic Push

Washington — Top U.S. officials are convinced that President-elect John F. Kennedy will face a new diplomatic offensive by the Soviet Union shortly after he takes office. They said that the incoming president, who campaigned for a more dynamic American foreign policy, probably will be put to an early test by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev despite the favorable reaction in Moscow to Kennedy's election. Offensive Renewal Expected. Khrushchev is expected to renew his diplomatic offensive against the West on Berlin, demanding that the United States and its Allies evacuate the Red-encircled city. He also probably will renew pressure for German peace treaties on his terms.

However, these are only two of a multitude of problems from the Congo to Cuba, which must be handled by Kennedy and whomsoever he selects as secretary of state. There is every evidence, as Kennedy has said, that the United States and its allies stand at a critical point in history. The task facing his new administration is to seek and put into effect policies which will give the Western world a greater initiative in the relentless struggle against Communist expansion. To Take Advantage. Kennedy plans to take full advantage of President Eisenhower's offer to ease the transition between the old and new administrations. In the field of international affairs, this will involve closest consultation with White House and State Department officials on the variety of ever-changing problems which demand constant attention. A listing of the principal issues illustrates the magnitude and complexity of the task which the young president faces in the field of foreign policy: These include Berlin, Germany, disarmament, a nuclear test ban, Cuba, The Congo, relations with NATO allies, and the question of a summit conference.

Forces Patrolling Cities of Algeria

Algiers, Algeria — Heavily armed mobile security forces today patrolled the major cities of Algeria to smash any violent Armistice Day demonstrations by French settlers incensed at President Charles de Gaulle's Algerian policy. The mood of the French settlers was ominously reminiscent of the days of the extreme rightwing insurrections against De Gaulle in May, 1958, and January, 1959. At least two persons were killed and nine wounded in the port city of Oran Wednesday night. The violence was blamed on Moslem terrorists. Five persons were injured in clashes with police in Algiers following an anti-De Gaulle rally. And in Paris itself, seven Algerians were killed and one seriously wounded in a gun-battle between rival Moslem nationalists.

Movies for Children

To the Editor: In the past year at our local downtown theater, there have been very few movies that I feel would be fit for my children or other children to see. When ever there is a movie for children—one they could see and enjoy—up goes the price. They always just raise the children's prices for these good movies, leaving the prices the same when other movies not for children are playing. If you have a big family it is almost \$5 to take them to a movie. My children just don't go at all any more, just because of this. It would seem they could make a good profit with the regular prices when so many would go to these rare good movies. I wonder if I'm the only one that feels this way. Mrs. A. A. Alexander 709 Lawnsdale Medford.

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Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name is initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Vegetarian Dogs

To the Editor: They're muzzling these dogs at the wrong end. I never was afraid of them EATING my flowers and shrubs. Russ Renner 375 O'Gara st. Medford.

A Bouquet

To the Editor: Kindly accept this as a token of appreciation from one of the contributors to your "correspondents' column". Your liberality was in affording space in the Mail Tribune for all who wish to express their thoughts of whatever nature, so long as they conformed to a loosely defined standard of decency and respectability. Yours has been a generosity seldom afforded and unparalleled in space given to your readers in which they could give vent to their views and emotions. I have tried not to abuse this great American privilege of free speech and free press you have made available, whereby we may enjoy an exchange of thoughts on any subject. I sincerely thank you. C. R. Burrill 122 Vilas rd., W. Central Point, Ore.

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