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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. 14, 1950 (Tuesday)
The Jackson County Community Chest now stands at about 63 per cent of its \$75,000 goal.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 14, 1940 (Thursday)
The picketing regulations of Oregon's union control law, declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court recently, became officially dead today.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 14, 1930 (Friday)
An Eagle Point resident was killed yesterday during a raid by authorities on a still in the Reese creek district.

40 YEARS AGO
Nov. 14, 1920 (Sunday)
Church officials today laid the cornerstone for the new Methodist Episcopal church south on West Main st.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 14, 1910 (Monday)
Medford Fireman Warren Bodge died today of injuries received Sunday when Chemical No. 1 of the local fire department crashed into a telephone pole at the corner of Main and Front sts.

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

1. "I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people..."
2. A person who makes a business of influencing or urging Congressmen to pass legislation is called what?

Answers: 1. American's Creed. 2. Lobbyist. 3. Gerrymandering. 4. U.S. Constitution. 5. Bill of Rights. 6. 1837. 7. Monroe Doctrine. 8. April 14. 9. Income Tax. 10. Yes.

Congress Is Local Job

Congressman Charles O. Porter's defeat in this district at the hands of Dr. Edwin Durno of Medford illustrates once again that the position of U.S. representative is a local one, even though congressmen work in the heady atmosphere of Washington and in the exciting, wordy air of the U.S. Capitol.

Voters do not mind, in fact expect, U.S. senators to be involved in national affairs, to be active in international affairs, and even to be world figures. But members of the House they expect to worry about the price of corn and hogs—if they are elected from Iowa, let's say—or the price of plywood—if they are elected from the Fourth District of Oregon.

THERE is scarcely a U.S. senator who cannot serve as a spokesman on international problems. It is expected by the country. But you cannot name a congressman with whom this is true. How many readers can name the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee? As a matter of fact, there are newspapermen in Washington who cannot name that gentleman.

Voters do not wish their congressmen, for that matter, to be very active in national affairs or to take the "national" view. With the exception of Congressman Sam Rayburn of Texas, who is speaker, Congressman John McCormack, who is majority leader, or Congressman Charles Halleck, who is minority leader, there are few, or no, congressmen who dare take a "national" stand with comments for publication varying from the view of their constituency.

THE role of a congressman is local. This may be a bad thing. But it is true, and it has been made so by congressmen themselves, all of whom were elected in whole or in part with promises not to forget the price of corn or plywood.

Congressman Porter did not forget the price of plywood. But he said, when he was elected the first time in 1956, that he'd devote approximately a third of his time to international problems and he determined to live up to that promise. The murder of Gerry Murphy on Dominican Dictator Trujillo's orders gave him an entrance into Latin American affairs which worked well for his good when he was re-elected in 1958, but which had turned sour on him by 1960.

His concern with international affairs brought many trips abroad and over a period of four years gave the impression to home folks that he was "flitting around" a good deal. This was an incorrect impression, but the voters en masse receive impressions slowly. Once the impression is locked into their political subconscious, it is locked there for good.

CONSEQUENTLY when Porter came up for reelection this year he turned out to be vulnerable to a well-financed (\$35,000 minimum) campaign against his weak points by a candidate, whose conservative beliefs in no way conform to the hopes and desires of those who elected him, and whose own party (Republican) is in a considerable minority in the Fourth District. His victory over Porter was narrow in terms of votes. But it was gigantic in terms of party registration.

Porter from the day he began campaigning in September (Durno had been campaigning since April) was off-stride. Durno's well-planned advertising campaign ("Why does Porter encourage Castro?") and similar twists of fact drove him to infuriated defense instead of attack.

OF COURSE, attack is difficult when financing is slender in a political campaign, and Porter did attempt to talk about plywood and social problems close to this district's heart, but it never got through the public's consciousness, where the impression remained fixed—probably forever—that Porter was more interested in the well-being of Dominicans and Hottentots than the well-being of the people of the Fourth Congressional District of Oregon.

Congressman Porter was an able representative of this district in the Congress. He won't be after next month, because being a congressman is a local job.—Coos Bay World.

Job Well Done

A year ago Hall S. Lusk was a Supreme Court justice whose term ran until 1963. We do not know what his plans were—if he intended to retire from the court at age 79 or if he intended to continue on the court.

But, instead of finishing out a long and distinguished career as a justice, he went to the Senate for the few months remaining of the term of the late Richard L. Neuberger. There he served well, if briefly.

As the senate adjourned its post-session, the Congressional Record was packed with sincere praise for the short-term senator from Oregon.

TUESDAY Senator Lusk ceased to be a senator. He's back in Oregon now, and here he will make his home after a visit to California to see members of his family. Members of the Supreme Court have expressed the hope that he'll come back to give them a hand on a pro-tem basis. He hasn't said he will or won't.

We hope he does. This distinguished justice who showed up so well in the Senate will be more than welcome, lending his learning, his prestige, his integrity to the further development of the law in Oregon.—Eugene Register-Guard.

Dennis the Menace



SING US THAT SPOOKY COLLEGE SONG, MR. WILSON! YOU KNOW, 'BOO-LA, BOO-LA!'

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"Fill it up!"



"Fill it up!"



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the alcohol problem today. The following quotes are from him: "Most delinquency, broken homes, felonies, are either a direct or indirect result of drinking, which costs the American public from \$50 to \$80 billions each year. It is estimated that for every dollar spent for an alcoholic beverage, five dollars are needed to repair the damages. Alcohol even in small amounts increases the accident rate, killing and maiming thousands."

Your readers are welcome to a complimentary copy of the cartoon. Do send a stamp. If you don't have any, I'll mail a copy anyway. Henry Johnson Jr., 2400 Highway 66, Ashland, Ore.

Flag Discourtesy
To the Editor: At the Veteran's Day parade, I was watching it from in front of Mann's Department store. And, from where I was standing, I did not see ONE person salute the flag of the United States as it passed, as many times as it passed.

It makes one wonder if the people of this great country really realize what it means to live and be a citizen of this United States of America. If they did, how could they be so thoughtless of their own flag? Patsey Mathes, 904 Kanyon, Medford.

Voices in the Night
To the Editor: Voices in the night. Nameless voices, taunting us, taunting our loyal friends, for our "wasted" efforts in trying to return that so-and-so Nixon to high office.

What a life it was though, when a Medford business man stopped by and helped to bring my thinking into seeable reality; that if a man does lose in a fair, good fight, there should be quotes in the word "defeat." Which surely did firm up my thinking that "defeat" is often but a stepping-stone to greatness. Luckily, the vituperative editorials, Herblock cartoons, etc., did not as yet result in the death of Nixon, as the more savage ones did in the martyred Lincoln, whose great "sin" was saving the Union, that all men shall be free-men, free to vote, free to meet in assembly, free to speak out, free of voices in the night, to worship in their own faith or not to worship at all save in loyalty to country and home and all that we hold dear.

Closeness of Election Revives Talk of Electoral College Reform; 1948 Recalled

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington - UPI - They are saying that the electoral college flunked its 1960 test, and it surely did. The popular vote and the states were split almost down the middle between the presidential nominees. The electoral college, however, scores the contest about like this: John F. Kennedy, 338 votes. Richard M. Nixon, 188 votes.



Lyle C. Wilson, UPI foreign editor, scores the contest about like this.

Foreign Desk: Kennedy Eyed By Britain, West Germany

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
From the foreign editor's notebook: Despite the brave talk and the messages of congratulations, Britain and West Germany still are not sure of President-elect John Kennedy's intentions. De Gaulle of France is standing by.

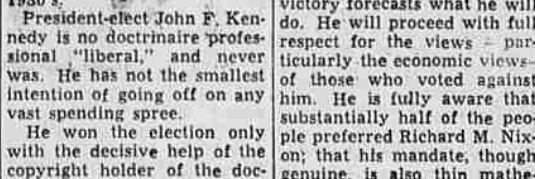


Phil Newsom, UPI foreign editor, scores the contest about like this.

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

RULE OF REASON
Washington - A moderately liberal Democratic administration not unlike the tone of the party's record in Congress since 1954 will begin in January.



William S. White, author of Washington Report, scores the contest about like this.

IT MUST be realized, for an example, that the new Congress, on the basis of the slight gains made by the Republicans, may be a bit more conservative-minded, if anything, than the old.

And already reason has won triumphs of far more than mere partisan significance. Our people are proved fair-minded - and notably in the old Democratic heartland, the South. During the campaign it was said endlessly, by a certain northern "liberal" and so would turn upon Kennedy.

THIS correspondent suggested at the time that whatever "anti-Catholicism" really existed would turn out to be more prevalent in other regions, notably the rural midwest. The returns have so indicated.

Our peoples have shown they respect reason; they re-

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This is being written on the 11th day of November. Up on the ridge back of where I live (it goes by the unglorious name of Hogback) some nostalgic veteran of the Old Man's War let off a series of ragged explosions at daybreak.

NEVER AGAIN!
The wild joy of this day 42 years ago! The war was over. NEVER AGAIN would there be another war. The world had learned its lesson. Not just in the U.S.A. Not just in Britain and France. Not just in defeated Germany.

WELL, the world is older now. And sadder. One wishes, one could say WISER, but the circumstances of the present moment all over the world don't justify it. Kaiser Wilhelm is dead and forgotten. Hitler is dead and gone and almost forgotten.

ject the glandular approach to politics. They coolly weighed up two cool and able men. In the end they preferred the one; but they did not, therefore, think that the other should be treated as an enemy of the republic.

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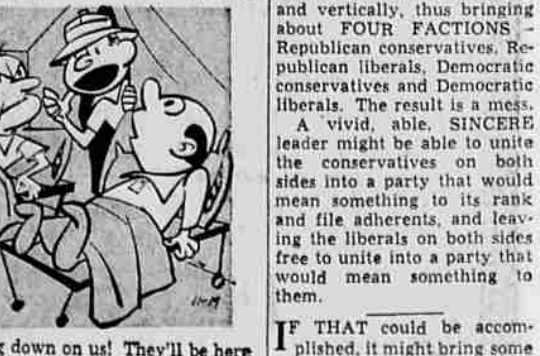
By BENNETT CERF

TWO ALABAMA STEALWARTS cleaned up a fortune in a big real estate deal and were able for the first time to indulge in a lifelong ambition: they went on a lion-hunting expedition in the jungles of Africa.

They discovered that the field manager in charge of native beaters, guides, and all their supplies, had been born in New England, it was too late to do anything about it. They had to suffer his presence in sulky silence.

One evening, however, the New Englander burst into their tent, shouting frantically, "Run for your lives! A herd of wild, murderous elephants is bearing down on us! They'll be here in five minutes! Run! Run!"

One Alabamian calmly picked up his gun and and shot the New Englander. "Now what did yo'-all go and do that fo'?" asked his friend. "If they's one thing I can't stand," explained the shoc'er, "it's a loud-mouthed Yankee!"



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