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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
May 11, 1952 (Sunday)

Medford Mayor D. L. Flynn has scheduled several meetings to discuss proclamation of daylight savings time here Monday.

State Senator Ben Day has given his support to Walter Nunley in his race for the Republican nomination as district attorney.

20 YEARS AGO
May 11, 1942 (Monday)

Local loggers charge that small government allotment of tires for this area is jeopardizing fulfillment of government lumber contracts.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "The unsmiling gas silo attendants report that motorists, who are not smiling either, bark 'Slip me a gallon, pronto,' instead of 'Fil 'er up,' of yore."

30 YEARS AGO
May 11, 1932 (Wednesday)

Joint graduation exercises for 350 Jackson county school students slated at Medford Junior High school; largest combined group in county history.

State public utilities commission approval given abandonment of Southern Pacific railroad station in Central Point.

40 YEARS AGO
May 11, 1922 (Thursday)

Attorney Herbert Hanna severely burned when oil stove explodes in his Jacksonville home.

Jackson county court decides against using double election boards in forthcoming primary election; this is first year double boards have been allowed in Oregon.

50 YEARS AGO
May 11, 1912 (Friday)

White slavery and opium den uncovered in raid on Chinese settlement on Riverside ave. in Medford.

Team of horses owned by Deer Creek rancher drowns in attempt to ford Applegate river; driver jumps to safety.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. In bullfighting which one kills the bull — the picador or the matador?
2. What kind of coal was first discovered in Carbon County, Pa., in 1791?
3. Would a submarine cruising at a depth of 60 feet be affected by a storm?
4. Who founded the American Red Cross?
5. If you wished to visit the Isle of Capri would you go to Manila Bay, Bay of Naples, or Bay of Biscay?
6. What is the only element that does not solidify when subjected to temperatures approaching absolute zero?
7. In what city is Georgetown University?
8. Into what sea does the Rhine River empty?
9. Of what kind of tissue is the heart principally made?
10. The dark meat of a chicken contains more vitamins than does the light, true or false?

Answers: 1. Matador. 2. Anthracite. 3. No. 4. Clara Barton. 5. Bay of Naples. 6. Helium. 7. Washington, D.C. 8. North Sea. 9. Muscular tissue. 10. True.

A Balance of Nature

One who drives the vast reaches of the sage-covered "high desert" in central and eastern Oregon is bemused by the sheer distances one can see over the rolling hills, and by the sea of gray-green sage which reaches to the sky.

In his mind's eye, he can see the wagon trains of the hardy pioneers lurching along the primitive tracks through the sage, and the Indians riding, single file, amid the sage over the next rise.

The only trouble with this vision into history is that it isn't true. The sage—most of it, anyway—is a relatively recent development. Sage grew only along edges of rimrocks and in gullies in the days of the pioneers. The rest was grass.

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BUT a combination of conditions—range fires, drouth, overgrazing—was destructive to the grass. And old Mother Nature moved in, with sage brush.

Now sage brush is pretty to look upon, it tends to protect the soil from erosion, and, in the words of one eastern Oregon editor, "it will boil the best cup of coffee in the known world."

But sage is good for little else. An acre of sage will grow two or three pounds of beef. The same acre, in grass, will produce 10 to 20 pounds.

In this lies the reason for experiments under way for the past 14 years to eliminate sagebrush from the hundreds of thousands of acres of potential grazing land east of the mountains, and reseed them to grass.

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THE potential of such an undertaking is staggering. It could increase the wealth-producing capabilities of the high desert fabulously. It would convert the sage desert into a sea of grass. And "grass is gold" to the livestock rancher.

The range improvement experiments have been pilot programs so far, but attempts are being made to obtain larger appropriations to expand and carry on the work.

Granted success, instead of there being talk of reducing grazing allotments, it would permit very considerable increases in the numbers of livestock which could be raised.

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THE lesson of the sagebrush and the vanishing grass is one which has some application on this side of the mountains, too.

When nature is left alone, eventually she strikes a balance. But when men come along, with their plows, their fences, their herds of cattle and all the other appurtences of civilization, the natural balance is disturbed.

This is just as true in the forests as it is on the plains, on ranges as on prairie 'ands. Anywhere the natural balance is disturbed, a new balance must be achieved—often with the helping hand of man.

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MAN still has much to learn about the management of the soil, of the forests, of grasslands, of watersheds. But, slowly, he is learning.

Range improvement—whether it be on the bare and rolling hills of central and eastern Oregon, or whether it be in the scrub oaks and firs and pines of southern Oregon—is merely an attempt to restore a natural balance which was first upset by man's herds and machines.

Whatever can be done to restore a balance, and to restore or improve the productivity of the land, is of ultimate benefit to all.—E.A.

Health Agencies' Role

It may be that the time has come for a rethinking of the role of the voluntary health agencies—those which raise funds for research and treatment of a dozen different diseases.

For instance, the National Foundation is more responsible than any other single agency for the near-conquest of polio. It was through research largely financed by the March of Dimes that the Salk anti-polio vaccine was discovered.

Today, the National Foundation is devoting its funds and attention to a variety of ailments—birth defects and rheumatoid arthritis, as well as polio. In doing so, it is duplicating others' work.

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WE APPLAUD heartily the work of the local chapter of the National Foundation in sponsoring the Sabin oral polio vaccine clinics to be held here tomorrow and Sunday.

And it occurs to use that this may be a more productive type of activity for the future than the collection of money. Why?

Because the government has, in recent years, become the largest financier of medical research by far. And, therefore, funds are being channeled more logically and productively than ever before, where they are the most needed.

Our greatest and most acute medical problems still unconquered are mental health, heart and artery ailments, and cancer. The amounts being raised by the voluntary agencies to combat these are insignificant in comparison to other sources.

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IN 1960, it was estimated that $715,000,000 was spent on medical research in the U.S. An informed guess broke the sources down as follows:

Government	$400,000,000	56%
Private industry	229,000,000	32%
Nonprofit foundations, Hospitals, etc.	50,000,000	7%
National Health Agencies	36,000,000	5%

It is estimated that in fiscal 1963, the government will increase its health research budget to some $780,000,000.

Perhaps the volunteer agencies should concentrate on local education and such worthy activities as this week end's clinics, rather than trying to compete in the raising of funds, then allocating them on a basis of subjective motivation, rather than on where they are most needed. —E.A.

British Dock Workers Strike Imminent; Their Leader Tough, Powerful, Vocal

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

It has been more than 35 years since Great Britain has had a nationwide dock strike.

Newsom

But dispatches from London this week gloomily were predicting that Britain's 72,000 dockers once again would close down the nation's ports at midnight Sunday. The issue involved both wages and hours, the dockers demanding a boost of about $2 over their present weekly average of $42 and a 40-hour work week. When government attempts to bring the two together collapsed at midweek, employers were offering a raise of about $1.26 and a 42-hour week.

For a nation which must ship to live, the effects of a prolonged dock strike could be disastrous.

It is not the purpose of this dispatch to attempt to discuss the merits of the case, but rather to take a look at the man who would give the strikers their go-ahead.

He is 55-year-old Yorkshire man named Frank Cousins who has been called the most powerful man in Britain next to the prime minister.

Cousins is head of the Transport and General Workers union, which, with a membership of nearly a million and a half, is the nation's largest. He also is a member of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress representing a combined membership of more than eight million.

In the latter role, he speaks with a powerful voice in Britain's Labor party.

As a labor leader he can call the dockers out on strike, disrupt rail traffic and interfere with the passenger and freight movement on the highways. As such, he is in a position of power over every segment of British industry.

He is the toughest, most outspoken and most militant of British trade union leaders and he has totally rejected the government's appeal for wage restraint in the battle against inflation.

It is not, he says, in the interest of labor.

Within the Labor party, Cousins has emerged since the death of Aneurin Bevan as one of the chief left-wing antagonists of party leader Hugh Gaitskell, who has accused him of being both a pacifist and a fellow-traveler with the Communists.

Cousins makes no secret of his political and economic views and Harold Macmillan's Conservative government knows it can expect no mercy from him.

... 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.

Forest Fire Danger

To the Editor: I see by the papers that the Rogue River National Forest fought and won their first battle of the season against fire, which reminds me that we are getting closer each year to the one that we cannot win.

What I mean is that the Upper Rogue basin is in one heck of a mess, from Cascade gorge to Diamond lake. The accumulation of 100 years of protection and misguided logging has brought this area to the point of no return. Unless our public servants stop their policy of trying to wring every dollar out of the forest in the shortest time, and put some money and elbow grease toward fire proofing, we shall one day awake to find we have no forest. There is enough fuel upon the ground in this area that under proper conditions, low humidity, low fuel moisture, and a high wind, a fire can travel from the gorge to Diamond lake in 2 hours. There could be hundreds of people trapped in a fire of this kind.

If it takes every dollar of a timber sale to fireproof the area, it should be done. For the price of our timber sales in the next 10 years we could fireproof the basin, and from a policy of fire protection go to fireproofing. We could forget about summer fires. In the autumn when the sap is down fire does little damage to the evergreens. (Rangers please note). It is not a question of if, but when the basin burns out. Then if the Rogue river dam is completed, heavy rains will fill it to overflowing with rocks and mud from the barren mountain sides.

And may I remind you that this forest does not belong to the supervisor and a few rangers, but to you the people. If you don't like the way they are handling your forest, let out a squall.

If enough people began to holler there will be some changes made around here.

A committee of one for a change of policy.
George Brown,
Box 259
Prospect, Ore.

For King-Anderson

To the Editor: Approximately 10 per cent of older people, eligible for medical assistance under the Kerr-Mills Act in Oregon, are taking advantage of this program. In my judgement, the fact that the figure is so low proves the basic defects of the Kerr-Mills Bill. To take advantage of this aid, people must place themselves on the welfare rolls and sign a "Prior Lien" claim which, in effect, places a mortgage on their small estate.

Older people are proud. They have been self-supporting all their lives; they have paid their taxes; they have sent their children through school; and they don't like to spend their last few years relying on welfare and mortgaging their home.

The King-Anderson Bill, putting medical care under Social Security where it belongs and approaching this basic social problem from an insurance point rather than welfare, is the only adequate and decent solution, in my opinion.

For approximately $1 a month, a worker can insure his future medical care needs and can, at the same time, provide for the medical care of his parents. This relieves him of two heavy responsibilities.

The administration of the Social Security program has proved extremely efficient and after 25 years of change and improvement, offers the most economical way to administer this vast health care program. It is estimated that only 2 per cent of the benefits disbursed would be consumed in administrative costs through this efficient system. On the other hand, the Kerr-Mills Bill involves a whopping 8 per cent administrative costs.

I saw a release in the paper the other day saying that the Kerr-Mills administrative costs in Oregon were larger than the benefits paid out. The administrative costs were $121,000, and the benefits paid out were $113,000. This is terrible. It is no surprise to those of us who felt that a welfare approach was wrong and medical care should be handled on an insurance program approach under the efficient Social Security System.

Robert W. Straub,
State Senator,
Lane County
Eugene, Ore.

Property Tax Relief

To the Editor: Mary Lubbers' letter to the editor in regard to my property tax relief proposal was appreciated. Her concern is that if Oregon were to adopt a sales tax with food and services such as medicine exempt, we might not receive property tax relief.

This is a concern that any thinking individual interested in our tax structure would have, and one that I have considered in my proposal. The property tax relief would be part and parcel of a sales tax law. The law would be written so that the State Legislature could not change this. This would guarantee the property tax relief to the voters which no one could ever change except the voters. This would be true property tax relief.

Some $11,000,000 would have been collected just from the tourists visiting our state this year if Oregon had a sales tax. These tourists already pay a sales tax in California and Washington.

Property tax relief would go a long way in helping businessmen in Oregon and homeowners. In addition property tax relief would help stimulate our business climate and create new payrolls and new jobs.

Don Stathos
314 East Sixth st.
Medford

Advice from Grants Pass

To the Editor: I've been told that, if Jackson county adopts "Home Rule" government, Josephine county is next on the list of the fast talking Metro boys. Before they start gnawing away like termites on our traditional county government down here, I have a question for them.

Since they have no confidence in the ability of the voters to elect wisely on the local level, are they going to trust them to elect the infinitely more important state officials? Wouldn't they want to go whole hog, all the way, and have our President appoint all governors, and the governors appoint all other state officials plus county and city managers who in turn would appoint everyone else?

Of course there is one very bad feature to this setup. We would still have a "horse and buggy" President elected by stupid, incompetent people who cannot even be trusted to elect their own sheriff. In this "fast moving space age" nothing but a "trained expert" would do, in the most responsible position of our government.

And that poses a problem. Who in the world could we possibly get who is qualified to appoint our President? There is only one man in the world that I can thinkOof. Khrushchev of course. Who would be better fitted to appoint a President to the abominable Soviet type of government, which we have just described above, than Mr. Khrushchev, himself?

Voters of Jackson county, can't you see that you are being sold "a bill of goods" on the deceptively named "Home Rule" that will deprive you of your right of local self government? And that isn't all. If you adopt this alien type of government, your county will be used as a "pilot county," a regular Judas goat, to lead the rest of the Oregon counties to the slaughter.

Personally, I blieve that one of the things that Americans are most proud of is that the people of this nation are sovereign, and that only the voters have the ultimate right to make policy decisions. We don't need or want "trained experts" to tell us what to do. And we are particularly proud of the fact that we elect our own government officials. Let's keep it that way.

Tony Galli,
1720 S. W. Bridge st.,
Grants Pass, Ore.

Detention Teacher Needed

To the Editor: The Ministerial Association instructed me to send you a copy of this letter addressed to the Jackson County Court. Thank you for including it in your column.

Dear Sirs:

After careful consideration, upon hearing presentations by Mr. Chester Wendt, County Commissioner, Mr. Charles Henry, member of the Juvenile Advisory Council, and Mrs. Kay Crowell, director of the Juvenile Department, the Medford Ministerial Association voted unanimously at today's (May 8) meeting to recommend to the Jackson County Court that in the light of the needs of teacher services at the Jackson County Detention Home, the County Court give serious attention to the moral responsibility of at least initiating this program by sufficient allocation of funds.

Melvin W. Dixon,
President
Medford Ministerial Association
Medford

Tribute To Helen Smith

To the Editor: Dear Helen, we will be missing you in your regular place this year. The sorters on machine No. 2 at Rogue River Orchards will be wondering where you are.

We will be missing the pleasant smile and greetings when you come to work.

You had a great many friends, Helen, some were loud and some were silent, but they all loved you just the same.

Have peaceful dreams and we all will be seeing you, sometime. It is time to say Good-by now, forever.

Till we meet again, I'll be loving you always.
Lillian Green,
2411 Sunset Court,
Medford.

Bucking for Rank

To the Editor: In the editorial column you state that the voters are entitled to know how Jackson county candidates feel on the proposed charter.

I have by no means kept my position a secret, having aired my views at candidates' nights at Eagle Point Grange, Applegate Grange, Central Point Grange and Ashland Chamber of Commerce, also on radio KDOV and KMED and KBES-TV and KMED-TV.

I have stated that I do not belong to, and am not sponsored by, or subject to, any pressure group or other financial, political or religious. That includes the group doing its utmost to make us believe that to get "Home Rule," which is of course a very good thing, we must give up our right to vote.

There is no basis in law, reason or fact which makes it mandatory that we adopt the first charter presented as our only chance to get Home Rule!

The charter as presented is not good. I will not vote for it! I believe in citizen control of government by direct vote—the real American system of government.

Any candidate in this election who is sincere in his beliefs, firm in his convictions and feels qualified on a personal merit basis, cannot favor the charter.

Art Savard and several others are playing a "heads I win tails you lose" game. Try to get elected, if you win, and the charter goes in you have made points to get appointed. If you lose, and the charter goes in, you still have made points to get appointed.

In my opinion that isn't "Political Courage," that's hedging and (to use an Army expression) "bucking for rank."

Tim J. Horn,
Republican Candidate
for Sheriff, Box 146,
White City, Ore.

The Right to Bear Arms

To the Editor: In regard to an editorial published in the Medford Mail Tribune of Sunday, April 29, the question arises concerning a bill before Congress to register all firearms with the FBI, sponsored by Rep. Victor Anfuso (D-N.Y.).

It is our suggestion that all firearms, new and used, that are sold by dealers and distributors hereafter, to have th factory number registered, the name of the purchaser registered, also model and caliber, of firearms sold and turned over to all state law enforcement officials, including county, state and federal. In case any firearms are resold same shall be re-registered by owners.

Bert Kissinger
520 Boardman st.
Medford.

Duncan's Record

To the Editor: Re letter signed by one Kenneth Poole of Eugene taking Bob Duncan to task for his "failures" to (a) spend enough money and (b) raise taxes while serving in the Legislature:

Mr. Poole neglected to mention that he is presently Charles Porter's law partner. We might expect, therefore, that Mr. Poole would not support Mr. Duncan for Congress from the 4th District; however, his unsubstantiated charges demonstrate something like panic in the Porter camp.

For the record: Under Bob Duncan's leadership, state employees were given increases in '57, '58 and '61, including faculty in higher education; the Oregon Correctional Institution was started, putting Oregon in the forefront nation-wide; a community college program was instituted to help alleviate the pressure of increased enrollments in higher education and, for the first time, money was appropriated for research into new teaching techniques; community mental health clinics were set up to prevent the need for further building of mental institutions in Oregon; basic school support was increased twice with a further increase to take effect this year. These are just some of the benefits that have come to Oregon's citizens during Bob Duncan's term as State Representative and Speaker of the House. And, with all this, there has been a reduction of 19 per cent in the income tax rates in our state.

This is the record that Mr. Poole criticizes as "do-nothing." The people of Jackson county and the 4th District know better. Democrats should look at Bob Duncan's record as it really is and cast their votes for a winner in the primary election on May 18 by selecting Bob Duncan as their candidate for Congress.

James A. Redden Jr.
Jackson County Manager
Duncan-for-Congress
Medford

Friendly Chat

To the Editor: With my little pamphlet distributed by the Jackson county clerk, and my big ears, I have listened and have read, but still hope to keep and exercise the same rights here in Jackson county as in the latter part of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address:

"That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Now your main stand on the newly proposed County Charter is that you will collect delinquent taxes.

Well, I have a question.

How do you expect to get blood from a turnip?

Do you believe these people who are delinquent enjoy being late, and paying the high rate of interest which accumulates?

You couldn't know of the many sleepless nights and the worry that go along with delinquent taxes, due to the lack of steady employment, business failures, or other misfortunes.

Then there's this business of the speakers who are in favor of the charter. Each will admit he does not want the job. Where's this boy genius that does?

No, I still prefer to be able to sit and have a friendly chat with the mayor, rather than stand at attention to the commissioner.

Mrs. Irma Henderson
729 Dakota ave.
Medford.

A Vote for Duncan

To the Editor: In spite of allegations by his opponents in the Democratic primary that there are "no issues" among the candidates for Congress in the 4th District, Bob Duncan has pointed out on television and in speeches that there are very real differences.

The most significant, it seems to me, is the attitude taken by former Congressman Charles Porter on Red China and on Cuba. He has repeatedly stated that he favors recognition of Red China, trade with Red China, and admission of Red China to the United Nations. Bob Duncan has repeatedly expressed himself as opposing these measures.

Porter was one of the last public figures to withdraw his endorsement of Fidel Castro. He declared that Castro was attempting to conduct fair trials, when it was obvious that the opposite was true. He visited Castro's Cuba and came back, still not convinced that to deal with Castro was to deal with a butcher and a dictator as bad as Batista.

Porter's judgment has been poor on these and other important issues. We need a man in Congress who will support the sensible issues. We need a man in Congress who will support the sensible policies of the Kennedy administration. As a Democrat concerned about my country's welfare and future, I will certainly cast my vote for Bob Duncan for Congress.

Ike Eisenstein,
1216 Leland,
Medford.

A Recommendation

To the Editor: I have noticed that individuals have expressed their opinions favoring one running for office, so if I may would like to put in a recommendation to the voters that a good look be taken at a candidate for sheriff. The one I refer to is Mr. Jack Sides. He is not well known outside of his business line, which is Rogue Towing Service and Richfield Service Station, but he has been a resident of the county for many years with a reputation for honesty with integrity.

Politically or otherwise he owes nothing to any one, thus free of any interest group. He is dedicated, if elected, to doing the job as sheriff to the interest of the county, at all times keeping in mind the rights of the individual, yet on the other hand protect the people from unlawful acts of an individual. He promises services to the people of the county for each hour of the day or night seven days a week. He will give favor to no one, yet all acts to be tempered with consideration and justice. Beyond that he makes no promises.

He is qualified for the office in that he has had training in police work and administration in the armed forces of the United States and is successful in business here in Jackson county.

Would you except my recommendation for sheriff?

Ray O. DeMarrs,
708 West Second st.,
Medford.

Why He's for Porter

To the Editor: I agreed to serve as Fourth District campaign chairman for Charles O. Porter because I felt that he was head and shoulders above the other three very able candidates for the Democratic nomination. Here is why I think so:

1. He is experienced, having served four years as our Congressman. He can go to work for us immediately.

2. He has an outstanding record, one that has been repeatedly endorsed by all his opponents. He carefully answered all letters from Oregon, held office hours throughout the Fourth District. When necessary he fought for his constituents as in the case of Gerry Murphy, the young pilot from Eugene who was murdered by Dictator Trujillo of the Dominican Republic.

3. He accomplished a lot for the District. To mention only a few: Legislation to protect Waldo Lake and to preserve the scenic shores of the Rogue River; he obtained a $15 million increase in forest access roads; he revived and gave new power to the Rogue Basin project; he started the Oregon Coastal Ports Federation, and the annual federal timber policy conference at the University of Oregon.

When I was Mayor of Coquille and afterwards, I saw for myself how hard and persistently Charlie worked.

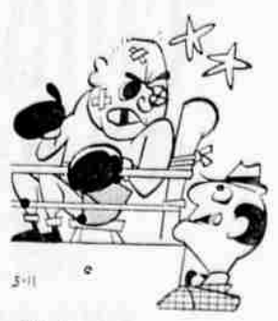
I respectfully recommend that my fellow Democrats cast their votes for Charles O. Porter. We know what he can do because we know what he has done.

George F. Burr,
Chairman, Re-Elect
Porter to Congress
Committee,
Coquille, Ore.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

SADDEST PRIZE FIGHT story of the month comes from Red Smith who overheard a battered, about-to-be-knocked-out preliminary fighter gasp to his manager between rounds one and two, "If I had that bum's right hook I'd moider him!"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Overheard at a Hollywood cocktail party: "My husband and I were going to see a horror movie tonight, but we decided to come here instead."

And at the same party, two upcoming starlets met for the first time. Asked one, "Are you married?" Answered the other, "I don't know. I was away for the weekend."

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Charles Denton writes that he isn't trying to hurry Brigitte Bardot into retirement, but he'd sure like to be there when she throws in the towel.

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