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City Council Candidates

This is going to be an interesting election year. Not only will Medford folk be voting on such matters as daylight saving time and fluoridation of city water; they also will be picking and choosing from among more candidates for city office than we can recall ever having been on the ballot before.

At this writing, there are three candidates for mayor, and nine candidates for the four council vacancies. There may be more before the ballot list closes at 5 o'clock this evening.

THIS is most encouraging. It bespeaks widespread interest in city government, and the fact that so many people are offering themselves to public service in difficult and unpaid jobs bespeaks a high level of public spiritedness.

City councilmen devote long hours to the affairs of the city—not so many, perhaps, as before the city manager system was adopted, but still great amounts of time.

For this they receive no pay; not even expense money in most cases. And, as is inevitable in public service, they are open to criticism from any and every taxpayer and voter.

WE HAVE offered our share of criticism of councilmen and mayors from time to time, but nonetheless our respect for them (and for those who will be defeated, too) is high.

The job of mayor, also unpaid, is vitally important. He is not the chief executive of the city, as he was in pre-city manager days, but he is the presiding officer of the council, the chief public representative of the city, and is in a position to exercise influence and policy leadership.

For this reason it is important that the best man available be selected. Medford has been exceedingly fortunate over the past dozen or more years in having men of high principle, character and ability in this job.

But the job of councilman is less important only in degree, for on these eight men rests the responsibility not only of charting the course the city is to take, but also seeing that the course is followed. We are glad so many are willing to make the sacrifices necessary.—E.A.

2 1/2 Miles Up

At fifteen thousand feet—more than 2 1/2 miles above the valley floor—all of southern Oregon and northern California lies below like a gigantic contour map.

The view extends to Mt. Lassen to the south and Mt. Jefferson on the far side of the Three Sisters to the north. Klamath Lake sprawls in the middle distance to the east, and one can see the dim ocean horizon to the west.

The lakes lie like blue and green and brown jewels—Emigrant, Hyatt, Howard Prairie, Fish, Fourmile, Willow and Lake of the Woods.

THERE wasn't a cloud in the sky yesterday morning, and as the little plane and its oxygen-breathing passengers soared more than a mile above the summit of Mt. McLoughlin, the only thing that marked the blue above was the contrail of a jet, flying more than twice that altitude.

The long shallow bowl of the Rogue valley was almost obscured by a haze of mill smoke, but the forested slopes of the higher hills were clearly visible through the clean, sparkling air.

The flight was another vivid reminder that we live in a beautiful land—perhaps the most beautiful in the world.—E.A.

Bottles and Idiots

From the standpoint of the beer-guzzler, the "no deposit, no return" bottle is a great convenience—no empties to return, no extra pennies to pay.

But from the standpoint of those who dislike litter along the roadsides, stream banks and channels, and in picnic areas and camps, and those who dislike the idea of cut feet, these bottles are a menace.

A tin can will rust, and eventually decompose. A bottle—or, worse, its sharp pieces and shivers—will last practically forever.

If the slobs who toss bottles, cans and other assorted garbage away on public property would see the error of their ways, there would be no problem. But to expect this is to expect the impossible. A jerk is a jerk and an idiot is an idiot.—E.A.

The Answer

A Baptist minister, criticizing the President and Mrs. Kennedy, winds up by declaring: "In the seminary our teachers used to warn us never to appear in the public presence of a lady without a coat on, and here the President is appearing with only his shorts on."

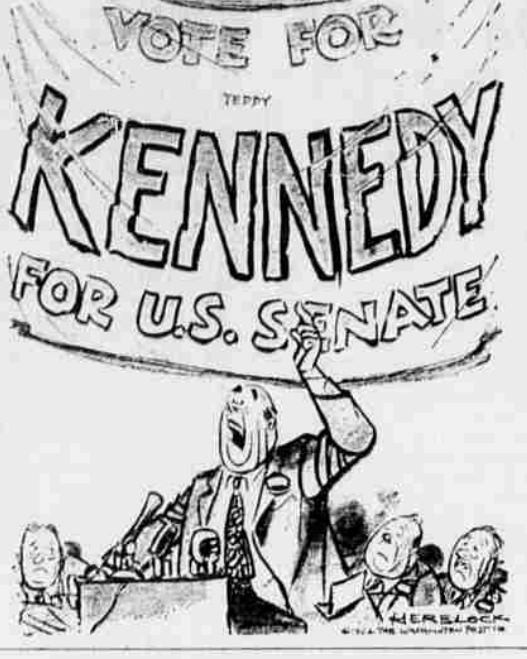
The answer to this may just possibly be that Mr. Kennedy is not a Baptist minister.—E.A.

Wheat and Chaff

In these days of space shots, armaments races, revolutions, civil wars, political rivalries, scientific achievements, economic rivalries, conflicting ideologies, et al, the wheat and chaff are often difficult to separate.

John Ciardi, writing in the Saturday Review, put it this way: "Show me a man who is not confused and I will show you a man who has not been thinking."—E.A.

It Is My Great Privilege To Present A Man Who Uh—Has A Brother Who



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.

In It Together To the Editor: Strange isn't it how it was a white man that crucified the Christ? Not a red or brown man, not a black or yellow man, but the white man who wears the crown of cruelty and savagery before the most high.

Why? Perhaps if the Saviour would have come to these other races they might have loved Him and treated Him more kindly. It is our duty to give much lip service to our Holy Writ, striving to believe it. We read of edicts given; how if a man takes the life of his brother his own life will be required of him. It does not matter when, how, or by whom another edict is given. They who deal treacherously with and lead into captivity the same shall be dealt treacherously with and lead into captivity. And again no matter when, how, or by whom.

This touches on the natural law of like begets like. You cannot plead extenuating circumstances to a grain of wild oats, or just why it must come up wheat because it is wheat you need. But if the time should come when a man can take any kind of seed, throw it on the ground and it comes up lush and healthy just what he wanted, in that day he will know he is the greatest power. But until then he is not.

He can deny the existence of the Most High Power, he can deny he has a soul but he did not create himself; the job is already done, and what he thinks about it doesn't mean a thing. His mind was made flexible so he could change it now and then. This is a virtue to him. Man decried the pyramids looking for gold, and got the Sahara desert instead. It's old hat his a l w a y's wanting the moon, now he beckons: "Maybe I will kill you. Come and see." Of course he just might be induced to forget about her and settle for a mountain of gold right here or perhaps the touch of Midas. Now I think the Gods are laughing at their little people.

We grow smaller by the minute trying to comprehend Melchizedek. But sink or swim we are all in this together aren't we? Ida Kelly, 16 Quince st., Medford

Remove the Shackles To the Editor: It now seems to be well agreed that some changes and improvements are needed in downtown Medford. I think the citizens of this community should be told that the property owners and merchants are not merely sitting still waiting for manna from heaven before doing anything about it. Several of them have already made long-range plans to improve their properties. Others are still in the talking stage. But they do realize the necessity of doing something about the problem which exists.

The downtown merchants should not be the only ones concerned about the situation, however. It is not good for homeowners to see the assessed value of downtown properties being reduced, as is now the case. What we need is community planning and cooperation to assist in creating a dramatic new core area. With all of the brains, and good civic spirit and pride that exists in Medford, I am sure that will come about, as soon as we remove the shackles of 1920 era thinking.

Many barbs have recently been thrown at me for mentioning this problem. I feel they are undeserved. But if the result is constructive thinking which will benefit the whole community, then I will cheerfully accept all the remarks which have been made, and many more. I know that I share with others the desire for constant improvement to this city, in which we are all glad to live. Edward Branchfield 120 Stark st., Medford

He Is Thankful To the Editor: I should like to publicly express my heartfelt thanks to you citizens of Jackson county. Your help and sympathy at the time of my wife's unfortunate death were of great comfort to me. My special thanks to those in the Sheriff's department with whom I worked at the time. Their tireless efforts, politeness and understanding

Renewed Dispute Between Egypt, Syria, Mark of Nasser's Attempts to Recoup

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst Back of the current Egyptian-Syrian dispute and the accompanying possibility of a new Middle-East turmoil is an interesting inside story.

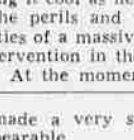


As the world conducts its affairs today, interference in the affairs of one nation by another strictly is a matter of relativity, depending upon the eye of the beholder. So far as interference with Syria is concerned, this much is on the record: on July 22 and again on July 26 Nasser told mass rallies that "Egypt can no longer tolerate the suppression of the Syrian people... we will give all support and aid needed... to liberate Syria from the tyranny of repression."

Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

Washington-Emotional cries from the more passionate new frontiersmen picture President Kennedy as a man with a very zealous desire to go shouting and leading all over the country in this fall's congressional campaign. The truth, however, is that the President is still playing it cool as he ponders both the perils and the opportunities of a massive personal intervention in the contest.



At the moment, the actual position stands this way: Beyond doubt, he will intervene in those areas where the chance of significant gain is worth the very substantial risk involved. But it is likely that before he even thinks of committing himself to an all-out national effort, he will make one or two more preliminary and "non-political" trips to test the national climate. A prudent swimmer puts a toe into unknown waters before plunging in head-first.

KENNEDY is well aware that history discourages the notion that any president can safely go out and tell any large section of the people how to vote in senate and house races. The latest evidence was supplied by President Eisenhower, who, despite enormous personal popularity, was singularly unable to convince the people to vote his way in congressional elections.

Kennedy, on the other hand, is certain that something ought to be done—if it can be done—to make the new congress more hospitable to his domestic program than has been the old. It is his belief that possibly—just possibly—this can be done on these assumptions:

Reapportionment has reduced the number of conservative Old South Democratic seats in congress while giving new seats to the Far West. The President's central hope is that he can help turn these new seats to New Frontier Democrats and thus strike a double blow for things like medical care and urban renewal.

Obviously, we have made real progress from the rustic cabin of yesterday, with its iron cot, army blankets, pitcher and bowl washstand and other primitive appurtenances, to the motel of today. Of course, there is also a marked difference in fees, from the \$1 of the former to the latter's \$10-20 or more per night—and there's the rub. Like going from the \$475 or so Model T Ford of the 'teens or early twenties to the \$34,000 - or - more cars of today: from one extreme to the other.

What has become of the "happy medium" in these spheres? Fortunately, the economy-minded motorist (probably most of us are in that category) has found relief in the small foreign car or its new, nearest American equivalent, the compact. But comparable comfort and economy in motels remain relatively scarce. The matter was well summarized in a Bostonian's letter in the July 22 New York Times in which he registers "a strong protest against these luxury establishments."

They are fine, of course, for people with Cadillac and salesmen with expensive accounts. But for ordinary people who are on the move, who stay one or two nights in a place and... are interested only in a bed, a chair and a shower, this \$14-22 rate (\$7-11 per person) is simply out of the question.

"To what, then, will low-budget tourists turn? The trends are clear: toward station wagons with built-in beds, side-arm tents and to camping equipment. Perhaps this will drive down the prices of motels. Or bring forth more of the old-type, simply equipped motel charging \$3 to \$5 per person."

Floods of tourists to the Fair with many hotel and motel rooms remaining vacant in Seattle, led the Oregonian to much the same conclusion (8/22): "More and more tourists are leaving the high cost of travel behind... by carrying their beds with them."

Arnold Eugene Jenny Rogue Valley Manor Medford

months of self-imposed silence in which Nasser contented himself with saying only that Egypt now would concentrate on perfecting her own socialist state. The Syrians now charge that all the while Nasser also was attempting to infiltrate agents into Syria for the purpose of stirring up new revolt.

Persons familiar with the situation inside Syria report sentiment badly split. The army is split between secessionists and those favoring reunion with Egypt. The latter element also is split between those favoring complete union and those favoring internal autonomy within a federation.

Popular sentiment is said to run strongly for reunion, but this sentiment lacks leadership. Nasser long has been known to be dissatisfied with the Arab League and to favor an Arab socialist union of "progressive Arab elements."

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris in Field Enterprises Inc.

MEMORY Albert Einstein once remarked, only half-jokingly, that "Education is that which remains, if one has forgotten everything he learned at school." I was riding on a plane the other day, trying to work a Double-Crostic puzzle in The Saturday Review. One of the definitions was "a useful adverbial form in Latin (two words)."

Suddenly, out of nowhere, the answer came to me: "ablative absolute." On the conscious level, I had forgotten all the declensions and conjunctions I had learned in Latin at school 30 years ago. Only a few tags and phrases remained in my mind.

Yet, in some curious way, my preconscious had retained this bit of information—useless, perhaps, except for working a puzzle, but indicative of the truth of Einstein's remark. A great deal of what we learn in school seems "forgotten," but if we have been diligent, most of it remains imprinted in the mind, and can be recalled by pressing the right mental button.

Recent psychological research has shown that we actually forget nothing we have heard or observed; under drugs or hypnosis, we are able to bring back impressions we were not even aware of at the time. Admittedly, my remembering the ablative absolute does nothing to make me an "educated person"; it is just a piece of isolated information. But, it does indicate that no academic intake is really "wasted"—that, given the proper stimulus, we can recall what we once learned, however halfheartedly, however shallowly.

HOW WILL it work? It will allow a tax credit of \$7 on every \$100 spent for new or expanded business and industrial facilities. That is to say, if you are a business man and spend \$1,000 for a new machine, you will get \$70 off on your tax bill. If you spend a million for the new machine, you'll get \$70,000 off on your tax bill.

QUESTION: Why is it called the billion dollar business credit bill? The answer: It is estimated that it will cost Uncle a billion dollars in taxes.

COMMENT: It might be VERY helpful if Uncle would reduce his SPENDING by a billion dollars. Superficially, the President's main purpose will be to help the sitting Democratic governor, Pat Brown, defeat Republican challenger Richard Nixon. Many Nixon-haters automatically and joyously assume that this is a kind of holy and ultimate Kennedy objective. Actually, Kennedy—himself no Nixon-hater if also surely no Nixon well-wisher—will be more interested in those new house seats in California.

SPENDING OF spending— President Kennedy sets as a national goal the landing of Americans on the moon before 1970—which is a little more than seven years off. It is generally estimated that landing a man (or men) on the moon will cost in the neighborhood of 20 billion dollars.

WHAT IS the urge that drives us to get to the moon? There are two urges: 1. Curiosity. 2. To beat the Russians to it. AN OLD adage: Curiosity killed the cat. What will it do to us?

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE saw a sign on Hollywood Boulevard reading, "Get a look at all the big homes of the movie stars for \$1!" He observed, "That's awfully cheap for a trip to Switzerland!"

It is rumored that the richest oil tycoon in Dallas—and that's going some—had a heart attack while dictating in his office. "Don't just sit there," he gasped to his secretary. "Go out and buy a hospital!"

Current is the story of two crystal gazers who were marooned in their seaside home by a hurricane and forty-foot waves crashing in from the sea. "You know," said one of the crystal gazers, "this storm reminds me of the one in 1958!"

Saddest sack of the month: the man who pulled the wool over his wife's eyes with the wrong yarn. Add to Famous Last Words: "Hey, Natalie, hand me that stack of books to stand on so I can reach this curtain rod."



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

Aug. 31, 1952 (Sunday) Articles of incorporation filed for KGAM-TV Inc., to be located in Medford by Sheldon F. Sackett, Fred Chitty and Edith Wellborne. Columbia Broadcasting system programs to be available to southern Oregon radio listeners starting Oct. 6, broadcast by KYJC, Medford.

20 YEARS AGO

Aug. 31, 1942 (Monday) City council considers curfew law for Medford; favors making it a misdemeanor for parents to allow daughters under 18-years-old to be on the streets at night. From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "A California man has been arrested for drunken driving with a horse and buggy. The horse knew more than the driver, but the same can't be said of a steering wheel."

30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 31, 1932 (Wednesday) Capt. C. Tengwald reports that special guard is withdrawn from Medford armory. It has been closely guarded following a threat of danger from raids by Communists, about a month ago. Transient couple hitch-hike to Medford from the east coast pushing their 15-month-old baby in halted temporarily in Eugene when another baby is born. Eugene officers hope to hasten indigent pair to Medford.

40 YEARS AGO

County fair board contracts with Ashland band and Medford Elks and DOKK bands to play at fair; negotiations continue with Grants Pass band. Grand opening of Community hospital, 844 East Main st., is scheduled Monday.

50 YEARS AGO

Medford municipal express delivery system is proposed; backers claim it would make Medford even more famous than the State of Oregon is for its direct legislation. W. Weybright killed forked horn deer in city limits of Tolo; he sights the animal as he is eating breakfast, downs him with one shot.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. Solidified carbon dioxide is known as what? 2. Do racecars on U.S. tracks run clockwise or counter-clockwise? 3. Is hematology the study of hemistitching, genealogy, or blood? 4. Is the puffing adder a venomous snake? 5. Is Minnesota's leading product corn, cattle, iron or dairy produce? 6. Which are the two leading silver-producing countries in the world? 7. What does the phrase "caveat emptor" mean? 8. Correct the following: "Neither the President nor his wife are to be present at the ceremony." 9. How many passengers were there aboard the Mayflower? 10. All foreign-born persons are aliens; true or false? Answers: 1. Dry ice. 2. Counter-clockwise. 3. Blood. 4. No. 5. Dairy produce. 6. U.S. and Mexico. 7. "Let the buyer beware." 8. "Neither the President nor his wife is..." 9. One-hundred and two. 10. False.