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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. 9, 1952 (Sunday). A general storm over much of the Pacific northwest brought only .03 of an inch of rain to Medford last night.

20 YEARS AGO. Nov. 9, 1942 (Monday). Arrangements have been made to have the 91st Division soldiers march in the Medford Armistice Day parade.

30 YEARS AGO. Nov. 9, 1932 (Wednesday). A lengthy Armistice day parade is planned, including marching units of Civil War, Spanish American and World War I veterans.

40 YEARS AGO. Nov. 9, 1922 (Thursday). Armistice day program will include parade, prize fights and annual Ashland-Medford High school football game.

50 YEARS AGO. Nov. 9, 1912 (Saturday). Six-year-old Medford boy loses hand when he touches match to a black powder egg and it exploded in his hand.

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

1. By what other name is a dolphin known? 2. What is the third largest city in the United States? 3. Vox Pop means what? 4. Who was Friar Tuck? 5. In what state did the Seminole Indians live? 6. The Divine Comedy was written by whom? 7. When a cow gets up which end rises first? 8. By what purchase did the United States gain most territory? 9. How many strings does a violin have? 10. Who wrote the Child's Garden of Verses?

Answers: 1. Porpoise. 2. Los Angeles. 3. Voice of the people. 4. Priest in Robin Hood's band. 5. Florida. 6. Dante. 7. Rear end. 8. Louisiana Purchase. 9. Four. 10. Robert Louis Stevenson.

Election Lessons

There are several lessons to be learned—or, perhaps, re-learned—by inspection of the outcome of Tuesday's election races.

One of the most important is this: Don't count on registered voter margins to forecast an election race.

Oregon's voters have always been notably independent. This was proven again, both statewide, where Gov. Mark Hatfield, a Republican, ran up a bigger margin than Democratic Sen. Wayne L. Morse, despite a substantial majority of Democratic registration, and in Jackson county, where voters blithely voted for more Republicans than they did Democrats, despite a Democratic registered majority.

ANOTHER lesson is that the editorial recommendations of the state's newspapers have little effect on the outcome of major races.

We should emphasize the phrase, "editorial recommendations." The press, as such, has undoubtedly influence on the outcome of election races, but it is our belief that the news columns, which report what the candidates say and do, have far more influence than the prejudices or conclusions of any editorial writer.

For instance, Senator Morse won despite the fact that only three of Oregon's 21 daily newspapers supported him. Governor Hatfield won also, and was opposed by only two daily newspapers.

AS for our own recommendations, we didn't do so badly, as they coincided with the choice of local voters in 25 cases, disagreed in 4 cases.

We are, as a result, more pleased than displeased with the outcome of the election as a whole, while confessing one or two minor disappointments. We can, of course, make no claim that the editorial recommendations affected, or even largely influenced, the outcome of any race. We suspect that letters to the editor had more such influence than the editorials.

But the largest impact, we believe, was the news coverage and the space given to the statements of the candidates themselves.

(On measures, however, we believe that editorial comments were definitely helpful, particularly in the case of the attempt to repeal the Oregon School Reorganization Law. Editorials throughout the state warned of the dangers of this, and said why. The people voted it down by better than three to two.)

WE took special pleasure in the victory of Bob Duncan in his race for Congress, and especially because it was a clean, honest, friendly contest. Duncan and his opponent, Carl Fisher, remain friends, in the best traditions of democratic life.

We believe that Duncan will be an outstanding Congressman, the more so because of the nature of his and his opponent's campaigns. He can go to Congress with no strings, no bitterness, no commitments except to serve the district as best he can.

This is indeed a refreshing contrast to recent Congressional elections in the district.—E. A.

California Comments

Despite our long-standing antipathy for Richard M. Nixon, we can pity him a bit.

His rise from obscurity almost to the pinnacle of American political life was swift, from Congressman to Senator to Presidential candidate. But his descent was swifter—just two years and one day.

He lost the Presidency by a hair-thin margin. And he lost the governorship of California by a considerably larger margin than that. He is now Private Citizen Nixon.

One can forgive his bitterness, while at the same time heaving a profound sigh of relief that this man did not become the chief executive of either the nation, or of the nation's soon-to-be largest state.

ANOTHER sigh of relief is called for by the defeat of the notorious Proposition 24 in California—a measure which would have permitted some citizens clothed with questionable authority to label others as subversive, without due process, defense or recourse.

Pre-election polls indicated it would win, but a massive late-campaign drive to inform the voters of California as to its injustices and dangers apparently was successful.

It would have been a grisly tragedy if the voters had reelected relatively liberal Gov. Pat Brown, and at the same time enacted a measure which would have taken California backward 300 years in the field of civil rights.

WE were a bit puzzled at the defeat of the California reapportionment proposal. It would have given additional Senators to populous Los Angeles and San Francisco, which now are desperately under-represented in the state senate, but which, with their millions of voters, could have obtained somewhat more senate representation.

This they refused to do, however. In Oregon, the decision went the other way, with the voters deciding to retain their present method of apportionment, based on population with no regard to area or economic factors, and rejecting a moderate compromise between the two philosophies.

It is fun to speculate on why certain elections came out the way they did. But it remains nothing but speculation.—E. A.

"I Say We've Been Following A No-Win, Appeasement Policy, Comrades, And I Ask, Who Lost China?"



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.

Prose 'Pottery'

To the Editor: I was going to say "I've been thinking," but another beat me to it. I didn't write one word about the election, for I knew that afterwards I might rue it. I just read Communications and grinned. But I didn't jot down any notes. Misters and Mrs.'ers took up all spaces telling all the rest of us how to cast our votes.

"Vote 'No' for so and so," they told us—or "If you don't vote 'Yes' you'll feel the squeeze." They told us why their choice was the better man, but I always vote for whom I please.

One doesn't learn to know his other half for years. How then, can he judge just who is who? One can't judge a good egg by its color, or a would-be top man by a shoe.

His friends may help him too, but if he wins he can't change a single thing. You may wonder why both of you were born, and why the U.S. doesn't rate a king.

Ruled by the people? Some sort of joke? Even individuals don't like to be in debt. A nation in the red for many millions? . . . Aiming at the moon: Is that good etiquette? If we can't marry the man in the moon why shoot the poor fellow through? We'd just have to stay in debt forever. Our children's children's children will have the same to do.

Shepherds of olden times led their flocks. The meandering calf imprinted trails quite steep. The living of today will follow leaders very like the lesser ones called "sheep."

Who ever 'tis gets into office, or what party gets for him the chair, I'll back him and be loyal to the end, for always I believe in being fair.

No one can ever please everybody, for some will always have to gripe. The Red man knew that peace came only when all men smoked the same of pipe.

No chain is stronger than the weakest link. No office holder can this country's burdens tote, no matter from whom comes a big promise, please don't tell this of 'gals who sheepest vote!"

Pearl Spackman, P. O. 32, Jacksonville, Ore.

You Have Been Warned

To the Editor: There is no use to worry about these startling facts about the sun: Life on earth would not be possible without the sun, but it could possibly destroy us. The sun has been described as a hydrogen bomb of cosmic proportions. Like a hydrogen bomb, it produces energy by changing its hydrogen into helium. Every second, the sun fuses 600 million tons of hydrogen into 596 million tons of helium. The four million tons that are lost are converted into light and heat.

This has been going on for six billion years. The sun is middle-aged; in another six billion years—Bang! The sun is expected then to expand to 30 times its present size. Our earth will be scorched, our oceans will boil away into clouds. The oceans will rain down and the earth will become freezing cold. Possibly man will move to other planets in time, or even evolve into a new form of life that will survive. Nonetheless, earthling, you have been warned.

You have only six billion years to live. So enjoy it while you can. (From the October, 1962, Modern Woodmen.) Bert Kissinger, 322 S. Riverside ave., Medford.

A Thank You Note. To the Editor: It would be impossible for us to thank each one individually, so we would like to use your column to express our deep appreciation to all our friends, and everyone else, for their kindness and the many ways they have helped us during my husband's long illness.

A very special thanks to the people who donated blood in his name while he was in the Portland hospital.

Again we say thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd (Dick) Wallace, P.O. Box 12, Eagle Point, Ore.

Chester, Ill. (UP)—Kaskaskia, the first capital of Illinois, is now an island in the Mississippi river. It is generally still considered part of Illinois, though the site actually is closer to Missouri and its only connection to the mainland is the latter state. The island was formed when the river changed course.

Try and Stop Me

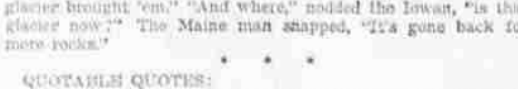
By BENNETT CERF

A NEWLYWED Dayton reporter proudly remembered his mother-in-law's birthday and wired her, "Congratulations, mother mine. And may you have 100 more birthdays." Her frigid demeanor—and his wife's, too—when he got home baffled him until he got a look at the telegram.

Western Union had left the two zeros off the 100. A prosperous Iowa farmer pointed out that his Maine host had more rocks to contend with in his small patch than he encountered in a farm fifty times as large. "Where do they come from?" he pondered. A bit nettled, the Maine man explained, "They say the great glacier brought 'em." "And where," nodded the Iowa, "is that glacier now?" The Maine man snapped, "It's gone back for more rocks."

QUOTABLE QUOTES: LESSING: "A man who does not lose his reason over certain things has none to lose." BANTAYANA: "There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval." LAURENCE STERNE'S IMMORTAL SQUELCH OF A CHRONIC PEST: "I regard you with an indifference closely bordering on aversion."

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New Problems Keep Arising as Europe Discusses Britain and Common Market

By PHIL NEWSOM, UPI Foreign News Analyst

As each new problem arises in the incredibly complex negotiations for British entry into the European Common Market, so also do tempers rise. So it has been in the last few days.

There remain such questions as the use of metric or decimal systems, the problem of taxes and wages, rights of investment, the free flow of labor and transport, and convertibility of currencies.

Beyond all this is the headlong rush of the present Common Market membership—France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—to complete their economic integration ahead of the 1970 deadline and to open the way even more quickly to political integration as well.

Each year chopped off the original schedule increases Britain's problems. However, these all are problems that were foreseen in some degree.

The pace of world events brings others. One such event was the development of the Cuban crisis.

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cause Commonwealth interests extend around the globe and into every climate. And this is of special interest to the United States, the pledged protector of Latin American economies dependent upon sales of coffee or sugar or meat.

But even these hurdles still represent only the beginning. There remain such questions as the use of metric or decimal systems, the problem of taxes and wages, rights of investment, the free flow of labor and transport, and convertibility of currencies.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

An earthquake measuring six on the modified Mercalli scale of 12 rocked Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington the other night. It was felt as far north as Longview and as far south as Eugene. Furniture jumped around, dishes rattled and homes and buildings swayed.

A pint-size twister skipped through Newport, over on the Oregon coast. It lifted the roof from a shed, picked up a panel truck and spun it around and whirled a dog high up in the air, dropping it in a patch of rose bushes.

From here and there, 65-mile winds were reported. In the Taft-Ocean Lake area of the Oregon coast, a water-spout was reported a mile offshore.

EVEN the weather seems to have gone off its rocker over the election this year.

FROM Oslo comes word that the Nobel committee of the Norwegian parliament (which is called the Storting) has decided not to award the Nobel Peace Prize for this year. The announcement adds that the prize money will be held over for next year.

Why the postponement? Informed sources say the committee regarded the world situation as too LABILE to make any award this year.

LABILE? Yes, there is such a word. Webster discloses that it means "apt to slip; characterized by adaptability to change or modification; plastic, unstable."

I reckon we'll have to admit that when the Nobel committee decided not to make an award this year it chose the right word to describe the world condition that makes the award of the prize inadvisable in 1962.

MORE time-killing news: Family physicians, gathered at Fort Worth, Texas, for their annual convention the other day, heard a report from a member that "for reasons unknown some warts can be charmed out of existence." One of the best charms, he added, is swinging a dead cat three times around the head at the stroke of midnight in a cemetery.

That, he added, is supposed to be infallible.

HOW about the dry bone you find a dry bone. You pick it up, being careful not to disturb the dirt beneath it. You then rub it on the wart. After that, you replace it in the exact manner in which you found it, being careful not to disturb even a grain of dust. If you have followed directions precisely, the wart will disappear at midnight.

STILL killing time: One of the famous election stories concerns Aristides, of Athens—known as "The Just" because he was so honest. He was strolling down the street on election day when a voter stopped him and asked him to write the name Aristides on his astrakhan—the little shell the Athenians used as a ballot, writing on it the name of the candidate they wished to vote against.

Aristides asked the man why he wished to vote that way. The voter replied: "Oh, I have nothing against him; I'm just dead weary of hearing him called 'The Just'."

Aristides wrote his name on the shell and let it go at that.

A woman who is proud of her chastity is like a man who is proud of his honesty—in both cases, the sin of pride can be more damaging to the character than the vices they reject.

With the temperatures always hovering around 72 the year around, how do the people in Hawaii open a casual conversation?

If you can't teach an old dog new tricks, he was probably never much good at tricks when he was a young dog; age does not change us, it merely makes more rigid our innate tendencies.

"Unreciprocated love" is a meaningless phrase; it is as impossible as clapping with one hand.



How about negotiating the removal of this 'offensive weapon' aimed at the people of the world?