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Election Footnotes

Bob Duncan, who ran a see-saw cliff-hanger vote count race most of election night, finally wound up by winning with a comfortable 11,000 vote majority over his Republican friend and opponent, Carl Fisher of Eugene.

Duncan carried every county but one, Josephine. He carried Fisher's home county, Lane, by a slim 159 votes out of more than 148,000 counted.

His strongest support came along the coast, where he carried Coos county almost 2 to 1 (11,311 to 5,962) and Curry by almost the same margin (2,324 to 1,398).

He carried Jackson county by a relatively slim 2,425 votes (14,214 to 11,789).

FORMER Congressman Charles O. Porter this year was a candidate for director of the Eugene Water and Electric Board. He campaigned vigorously, but was finally defeated by a substantial margin by the incumbent.

One of our less-kindly staff members suggested that maybe Porter ought to go into law partnership with Richard M. Nixon.

This would hardly work out, however, for Porter has been a long-time antagonist to Nixon, and led a demonstration against him when he was in Eugene during the 1958 election, just before the famous Checkers broadcast.

ONCE again the people of the Coos Bay area were given an opportunity to consolidate into one larger city, and once again it was turned down by North Bend voters.

Voters in Coos Bay, Empire, Eastside and in the unincorporated area involved, voted for consolidation, this time by a four to one margin.

But it had to be approved in all areas to be successful, and in North Bend the proposal lost by 98 votes. Last May, when the same proposal was on the ballot, North Bend was the only hold-out against consolidation, that time by only 16 votes.

Some day it will pass, however.

IF NORTH Benders like things the way they are, so do the people of Cave Junction. They defeated, once again, a proposal to change the name of their little city to Cave City.

Voters in Plattsburg, Mo., reelected Albert R. Alexander to his fourth term as magistrate. Mr. Alexander is 102 years of age.

Voters in Medford, Ashland, Stayton, La Grande and Portland defeated fluoridation of municipal water. Voters in Molalla approved it (by four votes) as did those in Vancouver, Wash., just across the river from Portland. It's silly.—E.A.

A Nation of Veterans

(Today is observed as a federal holiday inasmuch as Veterans Day this year falls on Sunday.)

A bitter solace of world-wide wars is that mankind shares a unifying experience. The literature of war recognizes no frontiers. The profile of the American veteran is virtually a profile of the nation.

For example, about 40 per cent of the population belongs to a veteran family. There are 22 million veterans of all wars living in the United States today. Eight out of every ten are married and head families.

From the Revolution through Korea about 30 million persons served in the U.S. armed forces. Over half of these served in World War II. Since World War I the total number of living veterans has never fallen below 4.2 million. There were more veterans in 1958 (22.7 million) than at any other time. Since the Civil War the veteran population has remained above 1 million except for the years between 1910 and World War I. There are 416,000 women veterans.

THE universal participation in armed service in the past half century—without at any time a true universal military service law—has made the nation peculiarly aware of veterans' wants and needs. The U.S. Veterans Administration operates the largest hospital and clinic system in the nation. On any one day, some 112,000 individuals are cared for in its 170 hospitals. Nearly 600,000 persons are treated yearly; 1.5 million receive outpatient care.

The Veterans Administration conducts more than 7000 medical research projects investigating cancer, heart, and blood diseases, geriatric ailments, mental illness, and various disabilities.

The third largest ordinary life insurance enterprise in the nation is conducted by VA. More than 6 million policies provide more than \$42 billion in protection.

THE Veterans Administration stands behind nearly 6 million home loans worth nearly \$55 billion. Every fifth home started since the end of World War II was financed by a GI loan.

VA supplied the financial assistance for the largest program of mass adult education the world has ever seen. The veterans alumni group numbers 11 million, including 460,000 engineers, 360,000 teachers, 130,000 doctors, dentists, and nurses, and 150,000 scientists.

In observance of yet another Veterans Day it seems especially appropriate to recall the words President John F. Kennedy spoke on Nov. 11, 1961: "On this day of remembrance, let us pray in the name of those who fought in this country's wars, and more especially have fought in the first . . . and . . . second World Wars, that there will be no veterans of any further wars—not because all have perished, but because all shall have learned to live together in peace."—E.R.R.

"Now, Do You Want To Go For Double?"



Illustration by H. B. McElroy

... 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.

Lost in the Maze

To the Editor: "Who Cares?" (MT 11/9/62) has the solution to his own problem in the letter he has written, if he would read back to the line, "and yourself has quit caring a long time ago."

If we maintain a defeatist attitude toward ourselves, how can we expect people's respect or love?

Consistency has its own rewards. Many people in this world set their eyes on so many goals, they get lost in the maze.

It may be well to reach for the stars but the acorn may be for your neighbors. Mrs. Delbert Casey, Route 1, Box 358, Central Point, Ore.

Double Loss

To the Editor: Sir, first I read the letter by L. C. Powell in the Nov. 7 "Communications" column; then later I heard over the radio the news of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's death.

The comparison rather speaks for itself, doesn't it? A great mind seeking truth, no matter its result, and the many small minds rationalizing to explain their bigotry.

It's sad—both the loss of Mrs. Roosevelt's great mind, and the loss of the many small minds through bigotry.

Miss Doyle Ann Stratton, 804 Bennett Ave., Medford.

Anything Wrong With That?

To the Editor: I have been interested in the "color problem" ever since my young manhood, which was some time ago. This problem has existed a long time and persisted until now it absorbs the attention of every thinking person in the land. In fact, it has focused the interest of the intelligentsia of the world on the United States. Everybody wants to see how we will solve it.

Many Americans have a warped conception of the Negro, as they carry in their minds the caricature of the uncouth ignorant that has been drawn by people who want to keep him down in his place, so to speak. The "poor whites" in the deep South are as ignorant as the repressed Negroes. Is it the purpose of the better educated citizens to keep these two groups permanently "disposited"?

Why do educated Negroes want to live in good white neighborhoods? It is my belief that they do not wish so much to live among white people as just to be in more desirable neighborhoods, so that they might rear their children in atmospheres of decency, cleanliness and refinement. Anything wrong with that desire?

David Frisch, White City, Ore.

Few Vacancies

To the Editor: The public relations dinner of the Medford Toastmasters club Wednesday, Oct. 24, proved a success with almost as many visitors as members present.

The Toastmasters club, which aims to develop social poise as well as speaking and leadership ability in women, is growing. There are only ten vacancies at the present time for new members. When the club has reached the maximum allowable membership, applicants will have to remain on a waiting list for a vacancy or until there are sufficient members to form another club.

Prospective members are expected to attend at least two meetings of the club before their applications are given consideration.

The meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the Girls Community club.

Are there local women interested in this valuable training who have not contacted the club? If so they should call Miss Veda Brower, 773-5039 or the president, 773-2427.

Mrs. Ruth Acord, 3926 Crater Lake highway, Medford.

305,903 Stupid Voters

To the Editor: I am of the opinion that a lot of people misunderstood the title to the ballot measure, "Repeals School District Reorganization Law" and voted "No," thinking that by so doing they were throwing it out the window.

I want to get some interest generated and a petition initiated to get that measure back on the ballot in the spring of 1964.

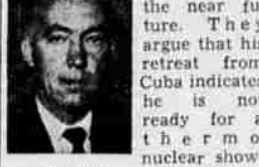
If the majority of the voters chose to retain that law, then I must say "Nikita, you're overdue."

Floyd R. McCabe, Mt. Pitt Star route, Butte Falls, Ore.

Foreign News: New Berlin Crisis Doubtled; Rhee May Return; Philippine Pace Slow

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Analyst

Up the hill and down Western diplomats in Paris do not believe Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev will stage a major crisis over Berlin in the near future. They argue that his retreat from Cuba indicates he is not ready for a thermonuclear showdown with the United States and that there would be no sense in his going to the brink and having to retreat again.



Newsom

Tiger Back to his Den

Reliable sources in Tokyo say American diplomatic officials have convinced South Korea military rulers that it would be a good idea for them to permit the return of former President Syngman Rhee. They have pointed out that

it would be a good public relations move so fast as American public opinion is concerned, because Rhee still is remembered by many Americans more for his strong anti-Communist stand rather than for his misrule. They have pointed out also that Rhee is so feeble he scarcely could cause any trouble.

Stuck In The Mud The slow pace of Philippine President Diosdado Macapagal's five-year economic program is threatening to take the bloom off his personal popularity, which still remains high as he rounds out his first year in office. The program is much needed but the administration has seemed slow to

spell out hard, detailed project studies acceptable to international financial institutions. The Philippines failed to take advantage of any of the \$50 million made available to it for 1962 by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Washington Report

By William S. White
(for United Feature Syndicate)

NEW LANDSCAPE

Washington — The American political landscape has been altered to a depth rarely seen in an off-year by the congressional and gubernatorial elections. Never in memory has an election offered such seemingly contradictory results and effects. The voters of the country generally have given to the Democrats the most notable congressional victory since the early days of Franklin D. Roosevelt. The head of that party, President Kennedy, clearly shares in and obviously helped produce that victory.

But the voters of four of the most decisive states in presidential, as distinguished from congressional, politics have thrown up a clear warning to that same President that 1964 may be a far tougher reelection year for him than had seemed likely beforehand.

THE extraordinary nature of the Democratic triumph in Congress cannot be denied.

But the extraordinary nature of the Republican triumph of the stateshous is undeniably more important for 1964. In winning the governorships of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan the Republicans have now captured the very political mechanisms by which Mr. Kennedy could well be defeated next time out.

More than this, they have broadened the field of effective Republican presidential aspirants as it has not been broadened before in half a century. But for the defeat of Richard Nixon in California in the reelection of Gov. Pat Brown, the struggle for the critical statehouses would have been an unbroken disaster for the Democrats.

Even as matters stand, it is an enormous defeat. The fact that some small states went Democratic at the statehouse is not of much significance. What is important here is not so much how many states are to be held by which party but what states they are.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
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LEARNING

I was watching a mother in the park playground the other Saturday morning. Her 4-year-old boy was climbing the monkey bars, perhaps for the first time. She thought she was helping him learn how, but she was really hindering him.

She would not permit him to do anything wrong, to make a mistake. Her misplaced zeal called to mind a comment by Dr. Earl Kelley in his interesting book, "Education For What Is Real?" Dr. Kelley pointed out:

"The learning experience must provide for trial and error, with a recognition of the fact that more is often learned by what we do wrong than by what we do right. We mis-educate almost universally in that we fail to realize the educative value of mistakes."

This misguided mother was following her child around to see to it that he did not do anything "wrong." But doing things wrong—with the frustrations they bring—is what actually promotes growth, learning and the ability to solve problems with a sense of security.

You may recall the anecdote of the sage in a little village who was asked where he got his wisdom from. "From my good judgment," he said. "Where did your good judgment come from?" he was asked. "From my bad judgment," he replied.

Perhaps the most important part of education—both at home and at school—is teaching children to enjoy and appreciate the adventure of being wrong, of turning back and taking another trail. As Dr. Kelley says, "To be always right, if it were possible, would be deadly dull, and one would never learn anything."

Too many parents follow their children around to keep them from making mistakes; instead, the children should be told that making a mistake is not a sin or a crime, but the only way toward change and growth. "If a child," observes Dr. Kelley, "gets the idea that to make a mistake is to sin, so great becomes his fear of error that he refuses to try, and retires into inaction."

The research head of a great firm remarked many years ago that children should be taught what it takes to be a "researcher." From the time they start school, children are examined a few times a year; if they flunk, it's a disgrace; if they fail once, they're out.

"In contrast," the research head went on, "all research is 99.9 per cent failure and if you succeed once, you're in. Here's what we ought to teach them: The only time you don't want an experiment to fail is the last time you try it."

I hope the mother of the 4-year-old, and others like her, read this—and take it to heart as well as to mind.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In these days—as was also the case back in 1898—Cuba is the hottest spot in the news so far as the U.S.A. is concerned.

So—Perhaps—It might be a good idea to take a look at how Cuba got started.

THE Cubans adopted their constitution in 1901—and as a part of their constitution they included a lease on a naval base at Guantanamo bay to run for 99 years. This is the lease that Castro says we've got to give up.

WHEN Columbus landed on the island of San Salvador 470 years ago, he thought he had reached an outpost of the fabulous Indies. So he called the simple Caribbean natives who came out to meet him Indians. Instead, he had stumbled his toe on an outpost of the Western Hemisphere.

He stayed only a week or so at San Salvador and then started on to find the mainland, and his search led him to Cuba—which he believed to be the mainland of China. He started inland to find the city of Peking so that he could deliver to the Emperor of China a letter from Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain.

He didn't find Peking and the Chinese Emperor, but he did quite a little exploring and when he got home he described what he had seen as "the loveliest land that human eyes have ever beheld."

There is the story. It is a long story. It is a sad story. For upwards of four centuries Cuba was one of the tragic spots of this earth. Its best years were the years in which we were playing the role of big brother, seeking to teach the Cuban people how to govern themselves.

Now Fidel Castro, as evil a tyrant as Cuba has ever known, says we must get out. Clear out, abandoning even the naval base that we occupy under a clear legal title, thus turning Cuba over to undisputed communist rule.

Shall we get out?

If we do, we ought to be everlastingly ashamed of ourselves.

AT ANY rate, he claimed this lovely land for Spain, and from 1492 until 1898, Spain owned Cuba.

The Spanish did a rotten job of governing the lovely island. There was no gold there, so they started cultivating the rich soil, following the plantation system. They enslaved the friendly peaceful Indians, and treated them so cruelly that by 1530 they were all dead.

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Sales Finance Companies Hold Credit Dollars

New York —(AP)—When dealers extend installment credit to buyers of automobiles or washing machines or other appliances, the largest single portion of the credit dollar is likely to be held by a sales finance company, the American Finance Conference reported.

The conference is a national association of independent sales finance companies, and in a newly-issued booklet it reviews the uses and sources of credit employed by millions of American households in their purchases of durable goods.

The dealers who make the original sales to the consumer extend more credit than those who lend money, the booklet explains. But in turn, these dealers or merchants sell most of their retail installment contracts to credit institutions.

Held More Than Half

At the start of 1962, \$12.3 billion of installment sale credit was outstanding on automobiles, the booklet explained; sales finance companies held 53.77 per cent of this, commercial banks held 43.30 per cent, and auto dealers, 2.93 per cent.

Other consumer goods sold on installment credit totaled about \$11.8 billion; sales finance companies held only 28.34 per cent of the credit, but theirs was the largest share. Banks held 22.9 per cent, other financial institutions 6.49 per cent, department stores 9.19 per cent, appliance stores 2.73 per cent and other retail units 11.9 per cent.



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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. 12, 1952 (Wednesday)
Rain and snow have ended the forest fire season in Oregon, and have made mountain driving hazardous.

The search for 78-year-old Medford man, missing since going hunting alone Oct. 19 in the Lake creek region, has been reopened by a "new lead."

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 12, 1942 (Thursday)
Fifteen Medford women reported working as welders in Portland and Vancouver, Wash., shipyards.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Governor-elect Earl Snell is opposed to holding an inaugural ball this year because of war conditions. Willamette valley and Salem social leaders suspect they have up and elected a chief executive who can't dance."

30 YEARS AGO

Nov. 12, 1932 (Saturday)
Hood River High school officials reverse previous statement and agree to sanction game between Hood River and Medford high schools for mythical state football championship.

State highway commission adopts route along railroad tracks for new Medford-Central Point highway.

40 YEARS AGO

Nov. 12, 1922 (Sunday)
Medford Mayor-elect E. C. Gaddis welcomed at railroad station by crowd of friends after return from north; driven around town in fire truck.

"The Prisoner of Zenda," starring Lewis Stone and Alice Terry, appears at Palace theater in Medford.

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 12, 1912 (Tuesday)
Sewing done by girls in Medford high school classes wins one first, two second, and one third, prizes in state competition.

New \$11,000 Butte Falls water works completed; includes concrete reservoir with capacity of 40,000 gallons.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

1. In which city is the University of Pennsylvania?
 2. Which is the only U. S. cabinet post that is for a definite term?
 3. Who was the last of the prophets?
 4. A lactovegetarian would include which beverage in his diet?
 5. Is the magpie a fish, bird, or butterfly?
 6. Which is the hardest of all jewels?
 7. Who wrote "The Little Minister"?
 8. Who was called "The Man of Sorrows"?
 9. Is sorrow the name for a fish, an oysterman's tongue, a swimming stroke, or a slow pace in walking?
 10. Monet and Monet were two famous French . . .
- Answers: 1. Philadelphia. 2. Postmaster General. 3. Daniel. 4. Milk. 5. Bird. 6. Diamond. 7. James Barris. 8. Christ. 9. Swimming stroke. 10. Painters.

FLYING'S SAFER

Auburn, Maine —(AP)—William Turgeon, who retired recently after 40 years accident-free as a bush pilot, doesn't like it on the ground. He broke a toe when he stubbed it on a kitchen chair.