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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. 11, 1953 (Wednesday) "I will return to the U. S. Senate in 1956 as an independent," Wayne L. Morse declared in a speech here last night.

20 YEARS AGO Nov. 11, 1943 (Thursday) Decorations committee for Medford high school dance includes Jack Baker, Bill Plaskett, Ray Casebeer, Marvin Doty, Myron Corcoran, Dean Sheldon, Jim Lynch, Darral Riggs, Bob Watson, Steve Dippel and Dale Neidermeyer.

30 YEARS AGO Nov. 11, 1933 (Saturday) University of Oregon football team, captained by Bernie Hughes, Medford, defeats Oregon's States "Iron Men" by 13 to 3 score; Oregon unbeaten.

40 YEARS AGO Nov. 11, 1923 (Sunday) Mrs. Sobra A. Coleman, mother of J. B. Coleman and a pioneer resident of southern Oregon, dies at home of her daughter in Talent.

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 11, 1913 (Tuesday) Medford school children start project of planting 10,000 roses; bushes contributed by Mrs. J. F. Reddy, Mrs. M. L. Alford, Mrs. J. A. Perry, J. A. Westerland and others.

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

1. Without turning crabs can walk in any direction on land; true or false? 2. Frost is frozen dew; true or false?

3. Choose the word which is most nearly opposite REFRAIN: undertake, conceal, decide, identify, address.

4. The disease, leukemia, is marked by overabundance of red, or white, blood cells? 5. Is cardigan a name applied to a type of jacket, foot-gear or glove?

6. The early part of the day—from morning to noon—is called the forenoon? 7. Four-poster is a name for what piece of household furniture?

8. Is the present annual U. S. deficit in balance-of-payments on the foreign market about 3, 4 or 5 billion dollars? 9. Which of the following best expresses a relationship similar to bicycle: locomotion? canoe: paddle, hay: horse, spectacles: vision, statement: contention.

10. Does the word austerity denote simplicity or ostentatiousness. Answers: 1. True. 2. True. 3. Undertake. 4. White. 5. Jacket. 6. Forenoon. 7. Bed. 8. Five billion. 9. Spectacles: vision. 10. Simplicity.

Casting a Doubt

The Medford Capital Improvements Committee, at the behest of Mayor James Dunlevy, did a fine job for several weeks in examining the immediate and future needs of the city and assigning priority to the various items.

But in the final few minutes of their last meeting, the members, in an ill-advised, one-sentence statement, succeeded in casting serious doubt not only over the efficacy of their own labors but over the city administration as well.

Chairman by Councilman Richard Travis, the committee spent several hours a week for nearly three months examining the requirements of the city's departments, and tediously developed a two-phase program for the "imminently needed" capital improvements.

But then, in a move fraught with civic myopia, the committee tacked onto the priority list a dictum urging that none of the improvements be undertaken until existing city expenditures were reduced to "a point more in line with comparable communities in Oregon."

WITH those few words, the committee revealed at least two things:

—That their civic vision extends no farther than the lining of their own pocketbooks, and —That they had, in effect, cast doubt on the city administration without really taking the trouble to inform themselves thoroughly on the very subject they were issuing pronouncements about.

Not all the committee members were a party to the statement. One member told us privately that he had not even been consulted about it, and another has said since that he wishes it were possible to amend the sentence somewhat. Other committee members were not present at the last meeting, or found it necessary to leave before the statement was sprung.

Nonetheless, the group's public recommendation that "at this time . . . the total cost of the improvements cannot be added to the existing tax load of the city" comes like a dash of cold water on whatever spark of interest their other work might have aroused among the voters in making some badly needed and long overdue improvements in the city.

LAST Thursday night, the council accepted and filed a report from the city administration relative to property tax rates, level of expenditures and revenue for Medford, in conjunction with several other cities in Oregon.

In main, the report was compiled by Assistant City Manager Gilbert J. Gutjahr, generally conceded by his colleagues to be "brilliant" in the field of governmental finance.

In some general observations at the conclusion of the nine-page report, Gutjahr said: "The cost of operating city government in Medford during 1963-64 is consistent with the cost experience of three other cities (Corvallis, Eugene and Salem) in the state.

"Per capita expenditures in Medford are below the average of the three cities studied. "Expenditures per acre of area within the city are less in Medford than in each of the cities compared, and less than half the amount in two.

"Operating costs per employee, in four major categories of expenditures, shows that Medford places second in public safety, and third in general government, public works and park-library costs."

THE Gutjahr Report demolishes the committee's "comparable communities" idea by pointing out—correctly—that because each city has its own "individual identity," its tax revenues and expenditures will, therefore, be tailored to its individual needs, and won't exactly "fit" any other city.

Some myths about Medford's millage rate are also shattered by the report:

"The amount of the millage rate is in part beyond the control of the City Council. Property values and the ratio of real values to assessed values are determined by the state. The City Council determines only the dollar amount of taxes levied. While the millage rate (for Medford) over the last 30 years has remained relatively constant, the burden on property has been decreased by more than 60 per cent due to adjustments in assessed values."

THERE are some in this community, doubtless, who after examining the administration's report would still feel that costs of city government in Medford are too high.

Others might feel there were certain savings that might be effected in a particular area of city government, or greater efficiency achieved through reorganization in other areas.

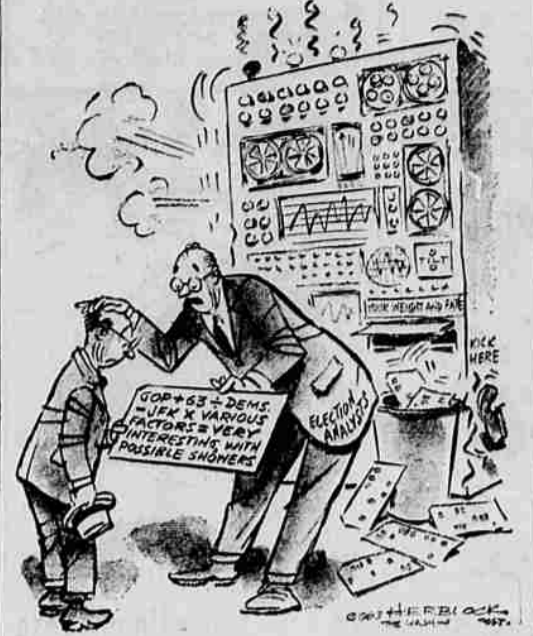
Fair enough. We will respect their points of view so long as they are presented in a constructive, positive manner.

But the Capital Improvements Committee with its uninformed "pocketbook" conclusion demonstrated negativism at a time when strong, affirmative leadership should have been shown.

The items on the group's priority list are not frills or fancy. They are bedrock necessities which must come if Medford is to grow and prosper with the rest of the state.

Tedious delays in such matters as land acquisition will inevitably end up costing the taxpayers more as property values increase. If this, in fact, is what happens, much of the blame for the added costs will have to be accepted by those members of the committee who supported that statement.—G.H.B.

"Come Back And See Us A Year From Now, And We'll Explain Things In More Detail"



... Communications ...

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MID Questions

To the Editor: The reports and editorial comments about the Medford Irrigation District lead to some questions.

Is the controversy you described due to a clash of personalities, or selfish interest on the part of a fruit grower? In the articles written, evidence shows the obstructionist on the board is a fruit grower who has prevented efficient operation and continues the turmoil.

Here are other questions: How did the fruit growers obtain partial records from the irrigation office? Were they obtained by permission or after hours by some district employee?

Why have the critics attempted to discredit Mr. Hueners for an authorized expenditure of \$10.40 for a Bureau of Reclamation tour? Why do we have to pay \$418.75 for their flagrant manner in trying to discredit such expenditure?

Should not the business of the district be functioning within the control of the elected board members? Interference is out of order. Under such circumstances, Mr. Hueners has been well within his rights as chairman of the board to protest these ridiculous interrogations, interruptions and audits the board has been subjected to.

The audit was accepted by a majority vote of the board and that is enough for approval. These gentlemen have been elected to carry out the district's business and such business must not be delegated to outsiders. Chairman Albert Hueners has been subjected to unscrupulous attacks in defending equal rights for all water users. Support him now with your vote. This is also a vote for Mr. Hoffhuh.

Are we to be lulled into action from the ridiculous smudge screen and charges made, while the critics continue their plans to take over an irrigation district worth in excess of \$15 million? The smudge pots I've tolerated. This I cannot.

Congratulations, President Hoffhuh, for your election as the leader of the Oregon Reclamation Congress. The State of Oregon Reclamation Officials have given their unqualified approval of your knowledge, integrity and administrative ability by electing you to this important position. No longer can your administrative ability be questioned by sidewalk superintendents.

Mr. Hueners and Mr. Cameron have had the foresight to see beyond those "who operate outside the field of irrigation" to recognize your leadership and abilities. They have placed themselves in conflict with those who are strong in personality and acid in expression. Now their good judgment has been proven.

Olive Fountain 614 Cherry St. Medford

Higher Education

To the Editor: By the very nature of our social and government organization, we are committed to the general education of all citizens, for only enlightened people can govern themselves. Democratization and equality of opportunity are basic principles in the American democracy. To these principles our public schools are dedicated. As our society becomes more complex and our scientific civilization grows, education must be extended beyond the secondary school to all who can profit, so that our nation's progress, safety, and leadership may be assured.

Americans have not given their generous support to a great and growing system of public colleges and universities in an effort to confer wealth and status on a chosen few. Oregonians invest in higher education because it offers, many

things. To the individual, it is a promise of job skills and higher income—a chance to exercise his best talents at the highest level. To the employer, it is a certificate of skill plus a promise of capacity for growth and advancement. To the community, a college degree is a promise of responsible citizenship. And to the nation, it is a guarantee of skills needed to achieve new levels of national prosperity and strength.

Oregonians, knowing of these virtues, will not jeopardize them by curtailing their support. Our colleges and youth are caught in the aftermath of the flood of war babies, increasing costs, inadequate facilities and meagerly trained college personnel. Sacrifices and adjustment must be made by those who support and who receive a college education in these times.

The Oregon taxpayer met the elementary and secondary school crises occasioned by our war veterans and now we, in higher education, must marshal our resources so that the basic principles of democratization and equalitarianism in our society may continue to be achieved at the college level.

Higher tuitions are proposed as a source of more funds to operate Oregon's colleges. Do we want an intelligent, moneyed elite in our state? Most Oregonians do not. In the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare report on "Basic Student Charges for Higher Education, 1962-63" the median charge of public institutions in the U. S. A. to resident undergraduates was \$170. Ours in Oregon was \$315. Another \$60 addition is contemplated.

We are already the highest west of the Mississippi. Lack of funds is the chief reason why students cannot go to college. Are we as a people being fair to our youth of college age?

It is hoped our legislators and governmental officials will give deep consideration to this discriminatory matter in this time of crisis. Every Oregonian who understands is willing to do his share.

Elmo N. Stevenson, President Southern Oregon College Ashland, Ore.

Foundations of Freedom

To the Editor: In the first Charter of Virginia, we read, "James, by the Grace of God, would vouchsafe to our loving subjects to make habitation . . . of our people into Virginia. We commend their desire for the furtherance of so noble a work which may tend to the glory of His Divine Majesty, in the propagation of the Christian religion to people in darkness and ignorance of the true knowledge and worship of God."

Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, June 14, 1639: "For as much as it has pleased Almighty God so to order and dispose of things that we . . . do associate and convey ourselves . . . to maintain and preserve the liberty and purity of the gospel of our Lord Jesus which we now profess."

When the Constitutional Convention was on the point of breaking up, Benjamin Franklin said, "I have lived a long time . . . and I am convinced that God governs in the affairs of men . . . A little later he said of the new Constitution, "I believe that this is likely to be well administered for a course of years and can only end in despotism . . . when the people have become so corrupted as to need despotic government, being incapable of any other."

Today, by our increasing dependence on government handouts of taxpayers' money, we have endowed the presidency (the office, not the man) with more and more despotic power. Witness the wheat deal. In spite

Foreign News: New Drive in Vietnamese War Seen; Nuclear Force Again Delayed

Notes from the foreign news cables:

VIET NAM OFFENSIVE: American intelligence sources in Southeast Asia look for the new military regime in South Viet Nam to start a big new drive against the Communist Viet Cong guerrillas some time this month. They say that Lt. Gen. Duong Van Minh, or "Big Minh," the chairman of the revolutionary council, is a soldier's soldier who likes to attack. The sources say that following the overnight coup, Vietnamese troops showed more esprit de corps than at any time since the war with the Viet Cong broke out. Men of the 7th division marched out of Saigon carrying their rifles reversed, barrel end first, a traditional infantry symbol that the battle was fought and won.

COLD STORAGE: It now appears that the American-proposed multi-nation nuclear force will be put into virtual cold storage until next year. Little concrete progress

has been made in exploratory talks. Britain, approaching a general election, still is cool to the idea and only the Conservatives appear to believe in its effectiveness. NATO ministers will discuss it again when they meet for their annual review of NATO defenses next month.

SHOWCASE: British Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home's excellent showing in winning his own seat in the House of Commons means that the Conservatives will push him into the limelight at every possible opportunity to build a winning image for the upcoming general elections. By implication and by direct attack he will seek to contrast Home's forthrightness as against the alleged devious methods of Labor leader Harold Wilson. There will be some plain speaking from both sides when Home and Wilson confront each other in Commons. Both will be talking right at the voters.

ON WAY OUT? Western political experts are speculating that East German Communist strongman Walter Ulbricht at last may be on his way out of power—either voluntarily or involuntarily. The speculation is based on the fact that Ulbricht missed meetings of the East German politburo and the state council, both of which he heads. He did not lead the East German delegation to the Moscow Red October anniversary ceremonies, nor did he attend the top-level Soviet-German reception in East Berlin. On one occasion his absence was attributed to a "cold." Ulbricht is 70 and may be considering an elder statesman's role.

RED CHINESE PUSH: French officials believe the Red Chinese are making a strong bid to win influence in

Algeria, and with some success. It was noted that a Chinese military delegation in full-dress Communist-style uniforms was given a place of honor at the Algiers parade on the ninth anniversary of the rebellion against France on Nov. 1.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Salem: Did voters in the October 15 special election mean for the level of Oregon state services to be lowered PERMANENTLY, or were they more concerned about a new tax base—possibly a sales tax?

That is the overriding question confronting members of the legislature at the special session that convenes today.

IT'S an interesting question. This is the probable answer: It was a little of both.

The people of Oregon, along with the people of other states, are getting fed up with the big and ever growing burden of taxation—especially federal taxation.

Taxes are beginning to BITE. FROM Washington: Senator Margaret Chase Smith, of Maine, is giving serious consideration to suggestions that she seek the Republican Presidential nomination and enter the New Hampshire primary next March, her top assistant said.

THE Washington story adds: Mrs. Smith does not plan to comment on the matter until Dec. 5, when she speaks before the Women's National Press club, her administrative assistant said.

For the past year she has been urged by supporters throughout the country to enter the GOP Presidential sweepstakes. But she has been most frequently mentioned in recent months as a possible vice presidential nominee.

She is considered an independent or middle-of-the-road Republican.

QUESTION: Could a woman be elected President of the United States? Well, it is possible, and is becoming increasingly possible.

BACK in 1858, George Gallup, probably the nation's best known pollster, put it to a vote in a poll in which both men and women participated. Fifty-two per cent of those questioned said they would vote for a woman. Forty-three per cent said no, they wouldn't. Five per cent of those questioned said they had no opinion.

Earlier this year, five years after his first poll, 55 per cent of those polled said they would vote for a woman for President, 41 per cent said they wouldn't and four per cent said they didn't know what they would do.

Which is to say: The idea of a woman for President is GROWING in acceptance.

ODDLY enough, the idea of a woman for President is more widely accepted among MEN than among women.

In a poll conducted by Mr. Gallup recently, 58 per cent of the men questioned said "yes, they would," 37 per cent said no, they wouldn't and 5 per cent had no opinion. Among the women questioned, only 51 per cent said they would vote for a woman, 45 per cent said they wouldn't and four per cent had no opinion.

In other words, women are more opposed to the idea of a woman President than are men.

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises, Inc.

OLD SCHOOL TIE Despite the criticism, some of it from within his own party, Lord Home, the new British prime minister, seems to be admirably fitted for the post. His qualifications are impeccable, in the British tradition.

While at Eton, he scored 68 runs for his school in the 1922 cricket match with Harrow. We are informed "he has remained a devoted cricket fan and is also rated a good shot, an expert fisherman and an enthusiastic butterfly collector and bird watcher."

This profile is made to order for the British public, who like their leaders to have the sporty spirit, a good eye for grouse and rapport with the world of nature. The Establishment has scarcely yet recovered from the prime ministership of Disraeli, who wore vivid velvet waistcoats and didn't know a partridge from a pear tree.

In this rapidly changing world, it is comforting to see that some of the old virtues remain. In a world arena peopled by such figures as Tito and Castro, de Gaulle and Nasser, it is good to know that we can rely on the British to provide us with an ardent cricketer, a butterfly collector and bird watcher.

What other nation would proudly recall, 40 years later, that its premier scored 66 runs in a prep school ball game? England may be on a sticky wicket in world affairs, but it has a jolly good batsman.

It was said of the ruling Bourbons of France that "they forgot nothing and they learned nothing." There seems to be something of the same case with the British Tories. They never forget a cricket score, and they rarely remember that the Battle of Waterloo was not won on the playing fields of Eton, but by the bloody British private.

One of the consequences of the recent scandals in England should have been the slowly dawning realization that the old school tie is no longer a reliable recommendation for high office. Old school boys tend to cover up for one another, to believe the absolute best until the absolute worst has been proved, and to present an uncommon front against the commoners.

The virtues of the aristocracy are many; but it is the great irony of history that one of their greatest virtues—loyalty—can so easily turn into its opposite vice of protecting the incompetent and supporting good old stupid "Bongo" because "we were in the fifth form together."

No other people have remained so resolutely schoolboys as the upper-class Englishmen, with results that are almost equally admirable, touching and disastrous.

Lord Home may prove to be a good, bad or indifferent prime minister. But would he have been chosen if he were a poor shot, a punk fisherman, and had made only the freshman chess team at a red-brick school?

Our Leaders Never Lie By Arthur Hoppe

HOPPE—Our Leaders—24 pt I'm sorry, I take it all back. I thought our leaders in Washington had a hand in that military coup in South Vietnam. Mainly because they'd been saying for months they sure would like a military coup in South Vietnam.

But it turns out they didn't. They didn't even have the faintest idea the coup was coming. Not an inkling. And for that we grouse our Government's solemn word. I'm sure it makes us all feel much better.

Moreover, it speaks highly for the professional soldierly qualities of our 16,500 military advisers out there in South Vietnam. They did their duty to a man. And kept their mouths shut.

For example, take out military advisers with the 7th Vietnamese Division, which, as you know, climbed out of its trenches in the Mekong Delta and marched 80 miles north to Saigon to help overthrow President Diem. Now it's hard to believe our military advisers merely waved good-bye to them without asking where they were going. So obviously our military advisers had a hand in the plans. Giving, I assume, military advice.

(Scene: Headquarters, 7th Vietnamese Division, Office of Colonel Taylorwell G. Max, Chief U.S. Military Advisor. Enter General Thim Buc Thu.)

Colonel Max: Morning, General. Off to the attack, eh? And what's our objective for today?

General Thu: Saigon.

Colonel Max: Good, a major offensive. Any special target?

General Thu: Ah so. The Presidential Palace.

Colonel Max: Glad to be of service. And as you go into battle, let me say as one soldier to another that I'm sure you'll give your all for your country, your people and your President.

General Thu (bowing): More or less.

So the coup went off like clockwork. And it certainly was a feather in the cap of our military advisers. At last. But it's too bad they didn't know what was going on so they could have also advised our leaders in Washington.

But, no sir, our leaders were as ignorant as our advisers. We have their solemn word for it. And I'm sure they wouldn't lie to us. I'm sure. Because in a democracy we must have faith our leaders wouldn't lie to us. So let's all have faith in the ignorance of our leaders.

There now. Don't you feel much better?



"Overthrowing a dictator for a military dictatorship is just men exchanging power. When women take over, that'll be a REAL revolution!"