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Medford and Jackson County History
from the files of the Mail
Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 13, 1940

(It Was Saturday)

Prospect, Central Point and
Lost River dairy win opening
games of AAU Basketball league
at high school.Mrs. O. B. Morrow named
commissioner of Girl Scouts here.Chester A. Arthur Relief corps
No. 34 installs Mrs. Elva Lough
president.First Church of Christ Scientist
renovated inside and outside;
electric organ among new
installations.Eight carloads of local onions
to be bought by federal surplus
commodities corporation.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 13, 1930

(It Was Monday)

Next legislature session ex-
pected to investigate Rogue river
fishing question.Gold Hill schools close doors
due to heavy snow in area.Ralph Billings, Ashland, to
enter race for county commis-
sioner as republican.Pear canning in valley last
year sets new record."Parrot fever" claims many
victims throughout nation.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 13, 1916

(It Was Thursday)

J. Harry Carlton, Central
Point, returns home after being
lost two days in blizzard in
Merlin area.Mr. and Mrs. Herman D. Pow-
ell, Capitol hill, are parents of
a girl born today.Christian church to hold an-
nual meeting this evening.

Picture Director

Heart Attack Victim

Hollywood, Jan. 13—(U.P.)—

Pioneer Motion Picture Direc-
tor John M. Stahl, 62, died of a
heart attack last night at Holly-
wood Presbyterian hospital, where
he had been treated since New
Year's day.The veteran film figure was
stricken with a heart condition
two weeks ago and, after enter-
ing the hospital, contracted
pneumonia. He was believed to
be improving slowly until his
fatal seizure.Dr. Herbert J. Movius said he
died within two minutes after he
was stricken. Stahl's wife,
Roxana, was at the hospital
when he died. He leaves also a
daughter, Mrs. Roxana Fletcher,
and a son, Ray Stahl.

Roadblocks Set Up To

Catch Eugene Thugs

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 13—(U.P.)—

Eugene police set up roadblocks
last night to catch the provokers
that robbed the M&K market and
got away with an 18-inch
square safe containing an esti-
mated \$1,000.Police said the market also is
a postal sub-station, and that the
safe contained postal stamps and
money belonging to the govern-
ment from stamp sales.

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Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N. Y., Jan. 9—Mme. Chiang Kai-shek gave a 15-minute talk over the radio here yesterday which reminded one of the historic appeal of Winston Churchill to the British people after the loss of France. In fact Mme. Chiang used the famous Churchill phrase of "blood, sweat and tears" only with reverse English and searing irony.

Said she:
"Britain has battered the soul of a nation for a few pieces of silver. I say for shame! For one day these pieces of silver will bear interest in British blood, sweat and tears on the battle ground of freedom. That which is morally wrong can never be politically right. * * * Russia will never know one day of peace in China. Russia will never own China. China will remain free."

It was a very moving and eloquent appeal. And as has often been stated in this column, we feel confident that ultimately neither Russia, nor any other foreign country, will "OWN China." China will, at long last, remain free as far as foreign domination is concerned, in the future as in the past.

But this does not mean Chiang Kai-shek or the Nationalist forces will ever regain power. Nor does it mean China will not have a Communist—or at least an extremely leftist and liberal form of government.

It does mean—at least as we see it—that whatever the final form of political organization, China will not be ruled from Moscow, or any other alien headquarters. China will be ruled by the Chinese. What the exact character of the government may be we do not pretend to know; but we know what it WON'T be—it won't be the sort of government the Nationalist party under Chiang has represented during these post-war years.

On a purely literary plane we believe Mme. Chiang's brief broadcast may well rank in history along with the epoch-making Churchill "last-ditch" appeal.

But there is one great difference between the situation in China today and the situation as it was in England shortly after Dunkirk.

In England the people, of whatever rank or class, were solidly behind their political leader; in China today the people—the rank and file, the masses—are not behind Chiang Kai-shek, or his charming and redoubtable wife.

This isn't, we believe, because Chiang Kai-shek has failed to win battles or it would have been too easy for him to gain popular support—because the Chinese masses wanted a change. Chiang Kai-shek did not represent such a change (at least not in recent years) General Mao and his red forces DID.

It will be interesting to see the political reaction in Washington as far as Mme. Chiang's radio appeal is concerned. But since her first triumphal tour to Washington the stock of Madame Chiang and all the Soong clan has steadily declined. And while such pro-Chinese firebrands as Senator Knowland of California, may throw a fit or two, it is not likely that the broadcast will materially change the basic situation. Republican conservatives like Taft and Hoover probably will continue to make what political capital they can out of the sentiment phase of the Formosan issue. But as we see it, certain fundamental forces will soon converge even the GOP die-hards, that whether one likes it or not the Nationalist cause in China is a dead horse, and no amount of "blood, sweat or tears" from any source can now revive it.

It is popular today to condemn the American policy toward China, not only during World War II but since, as a succession of tragic errors. Undoubtedly there have been errors, many miscalculations and serious mistakes. But this department seriously doubts if ANY policy by this country at any time would have halted the revolution in that country which has now resulted in complete mainland control by the rebel forces.

It probably was as sure to run its course as were the French or the American revolutions.

Whether this judgment is or is not correct, there is no doubt of this:

The time to save China for the CHIANG forces has passed and barring some unexpected miracle will never return.

The time to acknowledge the facts of life in China and recognize the Mao government has come. The longer this action is delayed the more certain the danger of Uncle Sam trailing along on the caboose once more—again sadly admitting "too little and too late!"

This "mercy-killing" case in New Hampshire is attracting considerable attention in New York.

There is almost as great and distinct a division of opinion as there is—and has been—in the Hiss case.

On one side are the strict constructionists who maintain taking the life of an individual is murder regardless of motive. The duty of the medical profession is to preserve life, not take it. The doctor is a ministrator, not an executioner. Dr. Sander's motives may have been for the best. But when he deliberately injected air into his patient's bloodstream which caused death, he violated the ethics of his profession and the law and therefore should be punished.

Well, on the basis of cold logic it is hard to refute that reasoning. But those on the other side, like Professor Hooton, anthropologist of Harvard, instead of condemning Dr. Sander, commend him. Says Dr. Hooton:

"If 'thou shalt not kill' is a law of God that convicts Dr. Sander of murder, let us have done with such a savage and sub-human deity, and substitute a God of Mercy and loving kindness. * * * Perhaps this case will put a little backbone in the medical profession and make them stand up and fight this euthanasia issue out—they practice it anyway."

Life should only be held sacred when that life is of value to its possessor and to society. * * * Doctor Sander may have violated the law in a technical sense but in a moral and social sense he has risen above the law and has achieved a grandeur of self-sacrifice for the public good that will evoke the profound admiration of all enlightened men."

"ALL enlightened men" takes in considerable territory. Probably the truth, as usual, lies somewhere between these two extremes. We doubt if the law, or enlightened public opinion will ever sanction "mercy killing" by the individual—doctor or layman. The dangers of abuse are too obvious.

But we would not be surprised if, not too far in the future, there would be local boards of doctors of high standing established, which after examining the condition of a patient, could sanction by unanimous agreement, a painless termination of needless and hopeless suffering. Under some such setup the danger of legalizing murder would be so remote as to be practically non-existent.

Professor Hooton thinks that euthanasia or mercy-killing will soon become as important a political issue as woman suffrage was 40 years ago. Maybe so. But we are certain of this:

The more durable sex will not be as united or as belligerently for it. And with reason. Those chiefly responsible for creating and perpetuating life, will be hard to persuade there could ever be moral justification for deliberately taking it.—R.W.R.

Babson Aims Employment

By Roger W. Babson

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13—(Special To Mail Tribune)—The employment outlook for the next six months is good. There will be near peak employment (jobs for 38,000,000) at high level wages, except for seasonal fluctuations.

Economic activity in the next six months will be some 80 per cent above pre-war levels. This means jobs. Depleted coal and steel stockpiles will be built up. Good employment effects will be felt all along the line by industries using steel.

Rehiring will be especially active in machinery and fabricated materials industries, with the automobile industry leading. Construction along home and industrial lines will hold up through the early part of 1950.

Both the petroleum and rubber industries will recover somewhat from their respective slumps.

Other factors suggesting good employment are continued government spending, the expansion of credit and business loans, the continued stockpiling of people's savings (\$127 billions in government bonds and bank accounts), a price support program for agriculture etc., and a continued demand for food products. All this

is not symptomatic of another boom. Rather, it is the rebound from the '40 recession caused by the too drastic liquidation of inventories on the part of panicky businessmen.

1948 Top Year In Terms Of Production, Wages

We must, however, face the fact that we are in a downward cyclical trend. 1948 was the top year in terms of production, wages, profits and employment. Employment rose phenomenally from 52,800,000 in 1945 to 55,250,000 in 1946; and from 58,000,000 in 1947 to 59,378,000 in 1948. On the other hand, unemployment increased from 1,040,000 in 1945 to an average of 3,189,000 for the first half of 1949. Most economists believe three to four million is normal for a labor force of better than 60,000,000.

The net effect of recent strike settlements is to add substantially to companies' long-term overhead costs, thus reducing the financial margin to lower prices appreciably and thereby stimulate employment. This is one of the reasons why you will see competition stiffen sharply within many industries in the next few months. This is also why industrial production is likely to taper off in the second half of 1950 with resulting unemployment unless greater attention is given to sales.

Distribution Field Offers Best Job Opportunities

Best job opportunities for

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"Well, the walks all cleaned off nice!"

Editorial Comment

GIFT PACKAGE DREAM
(By Bill Jenkins in Klamath Herald and News)

A few of us were sitting around the other night talking about the Klamath Basin and industry in general and came up with another dream for the future. Why not a gift package idea made up around the potato and beef industry?

Over in the valley there are a couple of outfits who are doing very well by turning out gift packages of pears and other fruits. Most of the boxes are on the expensive side, and the major sales of these baskets I imagine go to business firms who mail them out to their VIP customers and clients. Not entirely but pretty much so.

During the discussion we came up with this idea—suppose we develop a gift package comprised of potatoes and beef. Maybe about four nice baker size spuds tucked in around four beautiful steaks, all packed in dry ice, done up in a pine box and containing a folder describing the spuds, the steaks, the country they come from, how it is done, what kind of and how big an industry it is, and a top notch recipe for cooking the steaks and the spuds.

What finer meal in the world than steak and baked potatoes? Granted, 80 per cent of those steaks would never get home to be eaten. But they'd certainly make a huge impression when you first open the box and see them all tucked in and ready to go. You could demand, and get, a high price for them for they would be used strictly to impress your customer. Any time you impress a man in that way it seems to me you also foster a kindly feeling for you (and your product) at the same time. Just an idea but it might work.

Ever notice how hard it is to buy your own product in your own area? Try and buy a half sack or so of whole barley here in the basin and you'll have to go to a half dozen different spots to find it. Try and get some certain cut of clear pine and you have the same trouble. I suppose the people down in the sunny south have trouble buying good oranges because they all go to shipping points.

Pacific University To Increase Fee

Forest Grove, Ore., Jan. 13—(U.P.)—Pacific university students will pay higher tuition fees and board bills next year.

Dr. Paul J. Davies of Portland, president of the university board of trustees, today announced that tuition fees would be raised \$25 a semester and board bills for students living at campus dormitories would be boosted \$12.50 a semester, beginning next fall.

Dr. Davies said the increases would be made to meet operating costs.

1950 will be in the distribution field. Even with business off in 1949, the annual rate of savings in the first six months of '49 was \$16 billion as compared with \$8.8 billion in the corresponding period of 1948. The problem is how to coax these dollars forth. I predict that during 1950 companies will add greatly to advertising and sales budgets. They will build up their market research staffs; they will develop stronger sales promotional techniques. They will hire more efficient salesmen.

Another excellent area, especially for the college trained man, will be in the human relations areas of production. A potent factor in bringing business into a more favorable competitive position is the more effective utilization of human resources for the common good of both labor and management. A third area young men should consider is work within the federal government. In the past 20 years government agencies have increased from 250 to nearly 2000 today, with corresponding increase in available jobs.

Labor and Management

Spiritual Rebirth Needed

We can never have continued good times in this country until both labor and management are spiritually reborn. Each group must stop talking about its prerogatives but put into practice constructive ways of working together for their common security. This is the only way we shall escape national socialism. This is the only way we shall be able to maintain our free economy and thereby insure freedom for all.

Petition Asks Recall Of Springfield Mayor

Springfield, Ore., Jan. 13—(U.P.)—A petition for the recall of Springfield Mayor B. P. Larson today was on file at the city hall.

U. S. Burt, chairman of the Springfield Good Government league filed the petition charging Mayor Larson with failure to fulfill campaign promises, failure to cooperate with city employees and citizens, and failure to comply with the mandate of the voters at the June 24, 1949, election.

In addition, the petition stated that the mayor's conduct "clearly demonstrates that he lacks the qualifications essential to properly occupy and conduct an office of confidence."

At least 352 signatures are needed to force a recall election in the fast-growing timber city. Burt said petitions with space for 2,000 signatures probably would be in circulation Monday.

Express Rate Hike By Greyhound Okayed

Salem, Ore., Jan. 13—(U.P.)—State Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg Thursday authorized Pacific Greyhound lines to boost its rates on express shipments.

A hearing on the bus company's application for increased rates was held December 19. Flagg said he found that the volume of express now being handled placed a hardship on passenger service but did not produce enough revenue to be self-sustaining. The bus company was ordered to file new rates with the commission within 10 days.

PRUITT'S RECORD SALE To End All Record Sales CONTINUES

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This one comes from New York.

"Gambling popped up today as a hot political and moral issue in New York state after Mayor William O'Dwyer's proposal that betting on sports contests be legalized and supervised by the state."

"Some hailed the suggestion as practical horse-sense, in the view of realities. Others condemned state-licensed betting as a threat to the public's morals."

THAT talk has a familiar ring.

It comes from New York, but it might have been uttered right here in Oregon. We have the same situation here.

LET'S look facts in the face.

From the standpoint of public morals, which is worse:

1. To forbid gambling by law, but permit it to go on as a matter of expediency? Or—

2. To sanction it by law and supervise it?

I'D SAY that both are bad.

Whatever may be said of

gambling for fun (if there is such a thing), gambling for money is an evil. Those who lose more than they can afford are apt to go hungry. Worse still, their families, if they are breadwinners, are apt to go hungry.

Those who win or THINK they win; I doubt if there is such a thing as sustained winning at gambling) are apt to neglect their regular jobs in the elusive hope of making a living as a gambler. Gambling for money rests on the delusion that something can be had for nothing. One of the surest results of trying to get something for nothing is deterioration of character.

SO FAR as I am concerned, New York can do its own worrying about the gambling situation. It's a long way off. But we have a similar problem right here in Oregon. Under our constitution, as well as our statute law, all forms of gambling are strictly forbidden. Yet, from time to time, with spasms of public morality in between, gambling devices operate here. Anyone with eyes in his head to see and a brain to think about what he sees, knows that.

I LIVE in Oregon. I love and respect and admire the state of Oregon. I want to see her an honest woman. If we're going to keep her an honest woman, we'd better enforce our laws against gambling or take them off the books.

Personally, I think we'd better enforce them.

It was Samuel Johnson who said, "Round numbers are always false."

Whenever gambling goes on in Oregon, the law is being violated. Most of us suspect that when the anti-gambling laws are violated SOMEBODY GETS SOMETHING for permitting the violations.

That may not be true. But, naturally, one suspects that it IS true.

If IT is true, or when it is true, we add to the evil of gambling the further evil of corrupting public officials.

Oregon is a splendid state. I think its standards of public morality are among the highest in America. Perhaps the very highest.

How long can that continue if we go on winking at violation of the laws forbidding gambling?

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