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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County His-

tory from the files of the Mail

Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 22, 1940

(It Was Monday)

Medford high gridders net

\$469.63 last season; 20,000 saw

six home games.

C. J. Hunter elected president

of Rogue River Jersey Cattle

club which includes Jackson and

Josephine counties.

More than 300 register for sec-

ond quarter at Southern Oregon

college of Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kelly

and son Jimmy to leave soon

for Alaska to spend six months

to a year.

Auxiliary to Siskiyou lodge

No. 16, I.O.O.F., installs Ethel

Pease as president.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 22, 1930

(It Was Wednesday)

City council decides to install

sidewalks and assess costs to

property if owners do not make

repairs.

Snow flurries and mild weather

hit valley; break-up of cold

wave in Oregon foreseen with

warm wind and rain.

Samuel T. Mather, former na-

tional parks director and well

known here, dies.

Secretary of Treasury Andrew

Mellon maintains silence when

assailed by democrats on dry

law enforcement.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 22, 1916

(It Was Saturday)

C. J. Carstens purchases inter-

est of John Sheridan in Nash

hotel and will be associated with

J. D. Bell in management.

Chime clock installed on front

of First National bank building

at Ashland.

Medford high cagers nip Eu-

gene 8 to 2 in game here.

Wall Street

New York, Jan. 21—(U.P.)—

Prices held steady on the New

York stock exchange today in

moderately active dealings.

The market opened generally

lower, but shortly after the end

of the first hour of trading, de-

mand came into the market for

high priced issues which helped

to bolster the market generally.

Dow Jones closing stock aver-

ages: 30 industrials, 200.97, up

0.84; 20 rails, 55.18, off 0.08; 15

utilities, 41.86, up 0.12; and 65

stocks, 72.98, up 0.19.

Volume today reached to 530,

000 shares from 1,180,000 last

Saturday.

Margaret Truman Files

Marriage Intentions

Fitchburg, Mass., Jan. 21—(U.P.)

Margaret Truman has filed mar-

riage intentions at the city

clerk's office here.

Miss Truman, a 24-year-old

secretary from Yonkers, N. Y.,

will marry George W. Whitney,

a Fitchburg contractor.

DELAYED REACTION

Lewiston, Ida. (U.P.)—Sundy

McDonald, nurse at the North

Central Idaho health unit, com-

plained of headaches for 10 days

after she had fallen against a

dresser while making a bed. An

x-ray examination provided the

reason: a fractured skull.

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The County Fair Proposal

The resolution adopted last week by the Ashland Chamber of Commerce board of directors requesting the Jackson County Court to resume this year the holding of Jackson county fairs should be carefully weighed not only by the court and fair board but by every taxpayer of the county.

The resolution sets forth that for many years Jackson county held an annual fair, that such affairs "proved of great educational and economic value," and that the need for annual fairs is "now very great because of the heavy increase in population throughout southern Oregon and Jackson county in particular."

COUNTY fairs undoubtedly had an important place in the American picture back a couple of decades or so, however, the fact that in later years they have pretty largely disappeared from that picture would seem to prove that the need for or advisability of staging such expositions no longer exists.

Originally the county fair was a time and place for displays of fine livestock and poultry, products of farm, garden and kitchen, needlework, art work, etc., and incidentally a bit of horse racing, carnival and other forms of diversion not available during the rest of the year.

COMING of the automobile and good roads, development of 4-H shows and other community efforts has somewhat dulled the attractiveness of the big once-a-year get-together. What with Grange meetings and other attractions, rural dwellers now see each other almost as often as do the urban dwellers. The town theaters, suburban drive-ins, several carnivals a year and the weekly dances at nearly every cross-roads, largely meet the desire for entertainment of that nature.

IT IS true that a county fair would provide a fine opportunity for showing the world what Jackson county can produce, but there again, a bit of consideration should convince most that no great influx of outside visitors can be expected. Certainly not enough to warrant the outlay of effort, time and money necessary.

And while we are on that last item—money—it should be thoroughly understood that county fairs are not a financially profitable venture, far from it.

IT DOES seem that Jackson county might be able to make better use of its fairgrounds than it does at present. The badly run-down buildings and general unattractiveness of the site fronting the south highway is a poor advertisement for this region, but there again the cost factor has to be considered. The grounds could be landscaped, trees planted to screen the piled lumber, unsightly and obsolete buildings removed—much could be done if the tax-payers were willing to foot the bill.

And the same holds true of resuming county fairs. It's a question of whether the people wish to spend the money for that purpose.—E.C.F.

Long Range View Disappoints

Decision of the civil aeronautics board to hold hearings in Washington, D.C., instead of in the west on petitions concerning proposed air line changes in this area, is a big disappointment to the Jackson County Court and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. CAB, incidentally, has postponed to February 20 the hearing on a request by the two bodies that some air line be permitted to inaugurate service between Medford and Klamath Falls. It had been confidently expected that the hearings would be held somewhere near the points affected.

OTHER petitions to be considered by CAB on the above date include the proposal to switch Salem from the United Air Lines to West Coast Airlines, a matter which vitally concerns Bellingham, Prineville, Redmond and Bend. These points are reported to be also disappointed in the plan for long distance consideration of their problems.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and county court officials point out that it is difficult to find people here and in the other cities interested to make the long and expensive trip back to Washington. These officials also doubt that the CAB can gain a complete understanding of the local air service needs without visiting the scene.—E.C.F.



'GOVERNMENT CASE WEAK'—After the Government suddenly and abruptly rested its case against him, Harry Bridges (center) tells reporters that "this case is weaker than any of the others in which the Government sought to deport me." Longshore Leader Bridges is on trial in San Francisco on perjury and conspiracy charges.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"The price is a little high—but our cars are one hundred per cent used!"

Editorial Comment

No Time For 'Me Too'

At long last there is a candidate in the field tooust with Sen. Wayne Morse for the republican United States senatorial nomination next May.

The candidate is Fred E. Robinson, Medford, clothing merchant, who Monday filed his official declaration.

We do not know Mr. Robinson, but our first impression, gained from his ballot slogan, is unfavorable. This gentleman has filed, according to press dispatches, his intention to seek the nomination under the slogan, "Elect a man who will vote with the rest of our delegation."

This is, in our humble estimation, the same as saying to the voters "I'll let the rest of the Oregon delegation do my thinking for me."

We do not want any senator representing Oregon in the national congress who is so imbued with the desire for unity that he will vote as do his colleagues, no matter what his own views may be.

We can understand the reason for a candidate announcing such a slogan as Robinson's. Senator Morse has not achieved a reputation for putting party unity above other things—and we admire him for it. We believe the senator does his own thinking, and speaks what is on his mind. He could do worse than adopt for his own slogan "Elect a man who doesn't vote with the rest of our delegation unless he really believes in the delegation's stand."

We need more clear, independent thinking these days, instead of more of the rubber stamp type of political activity.—hph.—Coe Bay Times.

Morse's Announced Opposition

Oregon's Senator Morse, self-styled "constitutional liberal," now has an announced opponent in the republican party.

For months there were undercurrent rumors that certain prominent individuals in state GOP circles were planning to fight Morse's renomination this spring in the primary. The names of Vice Admiral Tom Gatch, Dorothy McCullough Lee and Bill Walsh were mentioned as possible contenders. But, instead of this, a men's furrier (from Medford), Fred E. Robinson, files first.

In Robinson's stated reason for running, one finds why it will take more than a listing of "political convictions" to beat Morse in his own party.

Take this excerpt from Robinson's "political convictions": "If ever there was a time in the history of this great country of ours we needed men of conviction and with courage and backbone enough to stand up for their convictions regardless of the outcome, it is now."

How better could Robinson describe Morse?

Here's another from Robinson's statement:

"We need men that believe in America, that believe in the very fundamental principles upon which this nation was founded."

Morse's position as a "constitutional liberal" qualifies him for this description. Morse has repeatedly stated in Salem his conviction that progress of the nation must be based on the principles outlined in the constitution. For instance in opposing the CVA bill, Morse said: "I am satisfied that under the bill three men (as directors) could so abuse . . . power that, to all intents and purposes, they could

Five Perish As Blast

Sets Fire To Trailer

Woodstock, Ill., Jan. 21—(U.P.)—A family of five perished on Friday when an explosion blew the roof off their makeshift trailer home and touched off a fire that trapped them in their beds.

Coroner Harry L. Ehorn identified the victims as Ralph Schmitz, 49; his wife, Inez, 36; and their three small children—Jimmy, 7; Laverne, 5; and John, 2.

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Lumber Industry Problems to Be Meeting Subject

What's ahead for southern Oregon lumber manufacturers in 1950? What are informed industry and government leaders predicting? Can increased cooperation and participation by a larger segment of the west coast lumber industry in nation-wide lumber advertising and promotion projects help maintain present high levels of sales and employment?

These and other questions will be discussed when local lumbermen gather in Portland January 26 and 27 with millmen from the entire douglas fir region for the annual meeting of stockholders of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

George Flanagan, Medford, association director and Elk Lumber company general manager, will head the Jackson and Josephine county delegation. B. L. Nutting, Medford corporation general manager, will lead a special car supply committee.

Work committees will make plans for promotion and merchandising.

Senator George W. Malone, Nevada, will tell about proposed federal legislation and its effect on lumber and will discuss the government's proposed "free trade" program and its impact on lumber.

Arthur Clifford, Bridgeport, Conn., retail lumberman, will tell the local delegation and other lumbermen what they can expect in selling and competition during the coming year. "Lumber Exports Under ECA" a sore point with many local mills, will be given an airing by another retail lumberman, Martin S. McDonnell of Chicago.

Bonneville Plan Is For Line to This Area, Mayor Says

Ashland, Jan. 21—Mayor Thomas Williams has found an item in President Truman's new budget which he says reveals the plans of the Bonneville power administration to string a transmission line through the Rogue river valley.

Mayor Williams has reported to the Ashland council on several occasions that Bonneville is looking for a southern Oregon market for its power and he says a \$2,000,000 entry in the power administration's budget is evidence of federal power's intention to expand into this area.

A transmission loop would be extended from present Bonneville lines at Eugene through a southerly circuit including Roseburg, Grants Pass and Ashland, crossing the mountains to Klamath Falls and then north through Bend and Redmond, the matter said. The lines would transmit power from McNary dam, he asserted.

Williams said he has been told by a Bonneville official that the only bottleneck of public power for southern Oregon is the lack of transmission lines, not lack of power. McNary generators are scheduled to produce their first power in 1953.

Southern Oregon's power needs are principally served by the California-Oregon Power company which is now in the middle of a \$50,000,000 expansion program to about double its output. The Ashland council has proposed that representatives of both Copco and BPA be invited to meet with the council for a discussion of public and private power interests in this area.

Deschutes Irrigation

Project Earnings List

Boise, Ida., Jan. 21—(U.P.)—Farmers on the north unit of the Deschutes irrigation project in central Oregon earned a gross of \$118.39 per acre in 1949, the bureau of reclamation regional office here reported today.

The annual crop census showed a gross return of \$4,944,685 for the 41,767 acres under cultivation. The project gets its water from the Deschutes river through Wickiup reservoir.



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In the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

The federal oleomargarine taxes, which both houses of congress have just voted to repeal, were first levied back in 1886—64 years ago. They were designed to help the dairy farmer by taxing a competitor of the dairy farmer.

Over the years, repeated efforts have been made to repeal the oleo taxes, but up to this week they were unsuccessful.

THAT raises a quite interesting question:

Why did we finally abandon this effort on the part of the federal government to aid the dairy farmer by levying punitive taxes on his competitor, the margarine maker?

I don't know, of course, but I suspect it was because consumers became irked by high prices of butter, which resulted first from war conditions and were maintained after the war by artificial price supports.

Turning to margarine as a relief from high butter prices, they were further irked by the fact that margarine prices were kept arbitrarily higher by a discriminatory tax.

THIS is the point:

Consumers are VOTERS.

They are very NUMEROUS voters.

When any policy of government loses the sympathy and support of the most numerous class of the electorate, that policy is on its way out.

Federal taxation of margarine is OUT now.

THAT starts another train of thought:

What will happen if, as and when consumers become convinced that our present system of parity supports results in keeping food prices artificially high?

HERB is an interesting paragraph from an interpretive dispatch on the food situation:

"Plagued by mountains of surplus food, the department of agriculture is opening a big clearance sale. Millions of dollars worth of government-owned surplus farm products are being tossed ONTO THE EXPORT MARKET at prices below cost. The dispatch continues:

"FOR EXAMPLE, UNCLE SAM IS OFFERING 100 POUNDS OF POTATOES (on the export market) FOR ONE CENT."

To get the full impact of that item of news, you must keep clear in your mind the fact that these bargains in food that are being offered by our kindly old uncle in Washington are offered TO FOREIGNERS ONLY.

The consumer here at home is going right on paying the high prices necessitated by the parity system.

It is the foreigner who gets the bargains.

THIS is the \$64 question:

What will consumers (who are the most numerous class in our population) do when they begin to get irked over this situation as they get irked over the margarine situation?

THERE are two things they might do:

1. Invite in the Brannan plan—which is a straight treasury subsidy with fantastic possibilities of increased taxation for everybody.

2. KICK OUT THE WHOLE PROGRAM OF FARM SUPPORT.

Blaze In Big Inch

Line Burns Self Out

Caldwell, O., Jan. 21—(U.P.)—A raging fire in the "Big Inch" natural gas pipeline three miles north of here burned itself out within three hours Friday after destroying a vacant farm house nearby.