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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History

from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 27, 1940

(It Was Saturday)

Bobby Robinson, Medford, suf-

fers broken bones and concussion

when struck by car.

Herbert K. Hanna, Edwin

Kubli and Coroner Frank Perl

announce they are candidates for

offices in May primary.

Ashland high cagers win two

games from Medford as Charley

Jandreau paces Grizzlies.

Jacksonville Garden club re-

elects Mrs. Arthur Kleinhammer

as president.

Miss Alice Hanley, member of

prominent pioneer family, hon-

ored at Eastern Star meeting

here.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 27, 1930

(It Was Monday)

Statesmen, after conferring

with President Hoover, declare

there is no real cause for panic

in America.

Retail price of milk in city

to be reduced to 12 cents a quart

in February.

Winter takes new hold upstate;

snow falls in Portland.

Christmas seals sale in county

set new record with total of

\$2,364 reported.

American women protest as

Paris decrees longer skirts for

spring wear.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

January 27, 1916

(It Was Thursday)

Fruit growers of valley ship-

ped 480 carloads by freight last

year; 225 were pears and 218

apples.

Union Oil company granted

permission by city council to

erect \$30,000 plant in vicinity

of Crater Lake Junction.

John Westergaard purchases

Midway cigar, fruit and confection-

ery from A. H. Smith.

Chrysler, Union To Confer Next Week

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 27.—(AP) Contract negotiations between the CIO United Auto Workers and the strike-bound Chrysler corporation may reopen early next week, labor mediators said today.

Federal and state mediators met separately with union and company representatives yesterday, but revealed only that talks may resume within the next few days.

Neither side took any action toward reconciliation of its views on the method of paying \$100 monthly pensions.

Industry observers estimated that the three-day strike had made 115,000 jobless, and sliced the nation's weekly automobile production by 35,500 vehicles.

Geologists call the molten rock material within the earth "magma," a Greek word which may be translated as "dough." However, when this "dough" is ejected from the earth's interior by volcanic action, it is spoken of as "lava."

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Vets Bank Checks

The first trickle of G. I. insurance dividend checks has reached here according to acting Postmaster A. Moore Hamilton, and it is expected that the golden stream will reach substantial flood stage within a few weeks.

MORE banking than buying is noted among those receiving the first checks. A survey this week revealed that a very large proportion of the nation's 16,000,000 eligible veterans will hurry their share of the \$2,900,000,000 windfall into bank accounts, savings bonds, insurance policies or other safe and sane investments.

The veterans' sensible handling of their insurance dividends differs considerably from the easy-come-easy-go attitude which marked their disposal of the \$1,800,000,000 terminal leave melon two years ago.

Of the terminal leave pay, distributed in the form of bonds, more than 23 per cent had been cashed within a period of five days. By December of 1949, \$1,457,000,000 had been cashed in, mostly for spending, while \$343,000,000 remained uncashed in the recipients' hands. E.C.F.

Truckers Troubled In Britain

Britain's trucking and bus industries which enjoyed considerable growth during and immediately after the war are now feeling some of the unwelcome repercussions of government ownership.

WHILE the war was on the railroads were unable to handle all the freight. During the first three postwar years they were still inadequate even though traffic fell off about one-third from the wartime peak. During this period the truckers continued to expand their operations. Door-to-door service was offered and many former army vehicles were acquired to help meet the traffic demands.

But the government, noting that its newly seized railroads were hauling less and less freight and passengers, reached out to exert some of the pressure which its monopoly in transport permits.

Under the new regulations private individuals or concerns can haul their own goods in their own trucks or can haul freight for other customers up to 25 miles. To haul further, a trucker must get government permission.

LIKEWISE the government executives are looking with jealousy at the buses which haul people at half of the third-class rail fares. Already a number of the long distance passenger bus lines have been taken over and it is believed by some Britons that it is only a matter of time until the rest of the buses are swallowed up by the government monopoly.

WORKING of the passenger and freight monopoly is fairly simple. Both forms of transport are operated by the British Transport commission which, legally, is a private company. The commission, set up by the government, bought up the private holdings by merely switching its stock for the private stock, share for share, at the current market prices.

The commission is required by law to pay three per cent interest on its stock, which gives the ex-railroad stockholders a much greater income than they had in past years when many rail stocks paid no dividends at all.

AS SUCH government commissions are prone to do, however, the British Transport commission went in the red. In its very first year, it failed by \$16,000,000 to make enough to pay the required dividends.

Also following the usual pattern, the commission met this difficulty by borrowing enough to pay. This year, with receipts falling, the shortage will be over \$56,000,000.

The law which set up the commission provides that the executives must find ways of cutting costs or increasing receipts. They cannot do the former by reducing salaries and wages and to do the latter would serve to reduce rail traffic still more as passenger fares are already 55 per cent above prewar levels.—E.C.F.

University Club Expansion Studied

Representatives of the board of governors of the Rogue Valley University club met with members of newly appointed committees at the club's building, 218 West Sixth street, Thursday night, to formulate steps for improving facilities and expanding membership.

Dr. Burt Lagerson, vice-president of the club, presided at the meeting at which plans for periodical social nights for wives were initiated. Mark A. Goldy, now vacationing in the south, is president of the organization.

Members of the board of governors for the ensuing year include Goldy, Lagerson, R. B. Thierolf, treasurer; Garland Jones, secretary; Martin Luther, James Keeble, Dr. O. J. Halboth, I. E. Staples and Jack Crawford. Changes Planned

Robert Shepherd is chairman of the house committee in whose charge will be the program for improving the facilities and redecorating planned for this year.

Nine Persons Killed In French Rail Wreck

Besancon, France, Jan. 27.—(AP) At least nine persons were killed and 11 injured last night when two passenger trains collided head on 15 miles north of here.

Rescue workers probed through the wreckage at an early hour this morning in a search for possible additional victims.

Crosstown

by Roland Cos



"It's not the sort of job where you can work your way to the top, but it's just as well—executives don't last long around here."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

You may remember the name Wayne Richardson. He's a correspondent (AP). He boarded the American merchant ship Flying Arrow in Hong Kong a while back and rode it through the blockade shooting, landing eventually in Tsingtao. He got ashore while the boat was unloading cargo, and spent four days talking to the Shantung Chinese, who are now ruled by the communists.

Since he is a trained correspondent, seeking only such facts as he can find, caring not a tinker's dam for propaganda, what he tells us is interesting.

ONE of his contacts was a well-informed Chinese—whose name, of course, can't be given, the communists, either Chinese or Russian, would make quick work of him for blabbing. He tells Richardson:

"Poor crops in Shantung (one

of China's richest agricultural areas) will make impossible any surplus for export. Consequently many MILLIONS of people will starve before next year's harvest, despite anything the communist government could do even if it was willing. Even now in various areas people are eating herbs and leaves."

TOUGH, isn't it? What do you reckon the Chinese will do about it?

Richardson's informant says: "The average Shantungese (Shantung is a province of China, as Oregon is a state of the Union) thinks even less of the reds than he did of the Kuomintang (Chiang's crowd) but will remain apathetic. Consequently, there appears no reason to believe that the armed communists, by resorting to gestapo methods, can not maintain effective control."

NOTE, please, that the Shantung Chinese, who are a shrewd and cynical people, HAD REACHED THE POINT WHERE THEY HAD NO FAITH IN EITHER PARTY. They were so far gone in political disillusionment that it made no difference to them whether they were in the Kuomintang frying pan or the communist fire.

Paste this in your hat: If we ever reach that point, we'll be as bad off as the Shantung Chinese. When faith in BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION IS GONE, nothing much is left.

RICHARDSON'S Chinaman goes on: "The Kuomintang, through sheer corruption and robbery of the people by their financial measures, lost... their prestige with the people. There is no more behind the communist money than there was behind the Kuomintang money. The rate is already 21,000 dollars communist for \$1 American."

Funny money, you know, nearly always follows funny government.

AN OLD-TIME resident of Tsingtao (name not usable, as he too wants to go on living) tells Richardson of a ruse the communists used to get rid of robbers and beggars.

"They arrested one robber," he said, "and convinced him that he wouldn't be molested if he registered his trade. He registered as a burglar, told his colleagues about it and they registered too. THEN THE POLICE CRACKED DOWN AND ARRESTED ALL OF THEM."

The same trick was played on beggars. After they all registered, they were arrested and sent to the salt mines as forced laborers."

That might be called the "end result" of regimentation.

THAT is the pass that BAD POLITICS, continuing for generations, has brought the Chinese to. If our politics got BAD ENOUGH LONG ENOUGH, that's the pass we'd come to.

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Former Legion Leader Passes In Portland

Portland, Jan. 27.—Funeral services will be held here tomorrow morning for George E. Love, Portland realtor and past department commander of the American Legion, who died at a local hospital Thursday.

Love was state Legion head in 1927-28. In 1936 he was named head of the home sales department of the World War veterans state aid commission in Portland, and served there for four years. He opened his own real estate office, later joining the staff of the Metzger-Parker real estate company.

Reported to be despondent over ill health, Love was said to have died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Survivors include his widow, Margaret, and

a son, Rollin George.

Love was well known in Medford, particularly in veterans' and realtors' circles, as he visited here frequently during his years as Legion commander.

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