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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History
from the files of the Mail
Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago10 YEARS AGO TODAY
February 2, 1940
(It Was Friday)Air mail business in Medford
increased 152 per cent in Jan-
uary over year ago.Improvement of highway over
Siskiyous to cut driving time
from Medford to Yreka to about
an hour.I. E. Schuler to file on demo-
cratic ticket for county judge.More than 700 adults and 300
children attend annual dinner of
Elks lodge here.Drinking fountain installed
near Eagle Point post office.20 YEARS AGO TODAY
February 2, 1930
(It Was Sunday)Rainfall settles snow in Crater
lake area, now 52 inches deep
at rim.January in valley was cold
and wet with 19 days on which
snow or rain fell; plenty of mois-
ture assured for farming.Charles Evans Hughes to suc-
ceed William Howard Taft, re-
signed as chief justice of U. S.
supreme court.Ice jam in Columbia river
damages docks at Vancouver,
Wash.34 YEARS AGO TODAY
February 2, 1916
(It Was Wednesday)Norling mine west of Jack-
sonville, owned by B. F. Forbes
and associates, Medford, being
developed.Howard Frame, 19, seriously
injured in coasting mishap.Miss Frances Anna Henry and
Max H. Stafford married at home
of bride, North Talent.Army Team To Test
New Ration In AlaskaWashington, Feb. 2—(U.P.)—
The army announced today that
it will assign a 50-man team in
Alaska to test a new trial ration
February 12.The ration is designed for use
in extremely cold weather by
search parties and other groups
who must travel on foot and
carry all their equipment and
supplies.The new ration provides
5,324 calories a day compared
with the 3,600 calories supplied
troops in temperate climates.Half of the test party will be
supplied the standard C ration
with an extra food packed to
supply 5,400 calories daily and
the other half will get only the
new ration.The new packet weighs three
and a half pounds, about half
that of the C ration plus the
caloric supplement. It includes
dehydrated meats and other
dried foods.Judge Rules Divorce
Not Set Aside By DeathMilwaukee, Wis., Feb. 2—(U.P.)—
A circuit judge ruled that a
divorce cannot be set aside after
one of the principals dies.Mrs. Mary Junker, 40, asked
Judge Otto Breidenbach to set
aside a decree granted her in
November, 1941, from her hus-
band, Joseph.She said they were reconciled
on the day of the divorce. Junker
died in September, 1948.Breidenbach ruled that a di-
vorce becomes final one year
after it is granted. He said no
motion was made during that
year to set aside the decree.

Warning To Medford

What happened to the Coos Bay-North Bend
water supply during last week's storm should serve
as a warning to Medford and its adjacent commu-
nities which depend upon the single pipe line from
Big Butte springs.AT 11 o'clock one morning a 16-inch pipe broke
when rain softened the earth which supported it
in a fill. The break forced closing of the city's schools,
water heaters had to be turned off and sawmills were
forced to shut down by the lack of water.Repairs were made more easily in the case of the
Coos Bay interruption than would probably be possi-
ble in case of a break in the line which supplies the
Medford system. Our pipe runs over thirty miles to
the foot of Mt. McLoughlin where the springs which
feed it gush forth. Much of that distance is through
rugged and hard-to-get-at country.IT HAS been felt for some time that an additional
line to the springs is needed not only to bring a
larger supply of water to the fast-settling-up area
around Medford, but to give a margin of safety in
case of a break.The present gravity supply line is well past its
middle age and in the natural course of events can
be expected to give increasing trouble even though
no major break occurs. A second line, not necessarily
closely paralleling the old route, would be good in-
surance, good business and good sense. E.C.F.

Fred Robinson Advised

Fred E. Robinson's recent plunge into Oregon's
political pool has brought some interesting reper-
cussions including a flood of letters from voters who
profess much interest in the Medford man's avowed
aim to defeat Senator Wayne Morse in the forth-
coming republican primary.MOST of the letters are of a congratulatory nature
and strictly on the serious side; a few are in
lighter vein, among them being one from F. S. Emery
of Elgin, Ore. The latter states he has read Robinson's
statement of qualifications and wishes to cite a few
facts therein. Emery's letter follows in part:In the first place you are a clothing merchant, a very
commendable occupation; however, the article implies you
are a successful merchant. This, in itself, is enough to dis-
qualify you for any political job, and especially in Wash-
ington. Between now and Spring you must fail and go into
bankruptcy. The better you fail the better your chances,
if you should get elected, of being a big shot in Washington.
It might pay you to take a trip to Washington at once and
interview Harry. He is a past master at failing and passed
this test with high honor.You stated in your interview with the Oregonian re-
porter that you were in favor of getting on a pay-as-you-go
plan. Now what kind of philosophy is this? Have you been
sleeping like Rip Van Winkle, the past 20 years?For your information here are a few changes that have
taken place while you stumbled along making a success
out of your business. It is wrong now to talk or even think
about living within your means. It is treason to save any-
thing for a rainy day. To be called conservative is a dis-
grace, equal to a skunk, crook or an ignoramus. Why, even
Mortimer Snerd would resent being called conservative.I saw nothing in your article about riding horses. It is
imperative for you to get a horse and start riding at once.
Riding a horse will make you bow legged and spread your
legs, the better to straddle fences. Take a lesson from
your opponent.I notice from the article you had the misfortune to lose a
leg as a young fellow. What a pity you fumbled the ball
on this. It could have been lost in the Marines while fight-
ing a hundred Japs in the South Pacific, single handed, I
mean. Don't you ever read the political news in Multnomah
county?You graduated from Medford high school. What a laugh!
Unless you can claim Michigan university and being a star
football player there, you haven't a chance with the Port-
land voters.Take my advice Fred and drop out of the contest before
it starts. Your qualifications are no good today. You have
never stood on the street corner and given away ten dollar
bills; why, I bet you never even touched the hand of
Pendergast.You are living the days before 1930. This is the era of
"give-away programs." "Spend yourself rich" and take it
away from the industrious and give it to the shiftless. Too
bad you are so young. You would have gone over big
before the days of "Hair-brained Harry." Anyway, good
luck from a lonesome brother Republican.—E.C.F.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear
the name and address of the writer
although under certain circum-
stances the use of a pen name or
initial for publication is permis-
sible. The Mail Tribune reserves
the right to edit all letters with a
view to clarification and con-
densation. Letters submitted for pub-
lication must not exceed 400 words.

Against the Rogue Dam

To the Editor: I want to raise
my voice against the proposed
Rogue River Basin project. I
have never attended a Lincoln
day dinner but I have read
the newspaper account of the
speeches and in every case where
the speaker objected to the boon-
doggling tactics of the party in
power I have agreed with him.It is surprising to find some
of the most vocal republicans
making every effort to have the
New Deal government spend an
enormous amount on a gigantic
boondoggle which would put
money in local pockets.Government economy, like
charity, should begin at home
and if we, as taxpayers, claim
the right to raise our voices
against government waste we
had better not have a great mess
of it right in our laps.The Medford and Talent ir-
rigation districts were organized
about 1914 at a cost for construc-
tion of approximately one hun-
dred dollars per acre but with
the coming of the depression it
was found that the land could
not pay any such amount. A
new deal was set up in which
the cost per acre was reduced
to about forty dollars and even
with this reduction it took a
world war to get prices of farm
produce up to a point where the
owner of the land could meet his
payments.The land in the present ir-
rigation districts is probably the
easiest to irrigate of all the lands
in the valley and now it is pro-
posed to put all the rest of the
farm land in the valley under
water at a cost that is simply
fantastic.

On top of all this there is a

move on foot to put two and one
half million acres under water
in the Columbia valley.The business men and specu-
lators in Medford and Grants
Pass propose to raise a war chest
of \$20,000 to lobby for passage
of the Rogue Valley project and
I feel that it is time for the land
owners who will pay the bill to
stand up and be counted.I wish every taxpayer would
get a copy of the February issue
of the Readers Digest and read
the resume of John T. Flynn's
book "The Road Ahead." It tells
you what will happen if our gov-
ernment gets its stranglehold on
every phase of our life.Planned economy (or social-
ism) has brought England to her
knees and is reaching for us.
It is later than we think.

W. B. Barnum.

Acheson Criticism

To the Editor: A lot of criticism
seems to have attached to Sec-
retary of State Acheson because
of his defense of Alger Hiss, even
in the face of a jury of 12 good
citizens pronouncing him guilty
of perjury.What is the matter with these
thin-skinned republicans in con-
gress? Don't they know that
Acheson's action is based upon
precedent from high position?
Don't they remember that Harry
S. Truman flew to Kansas City
to be present at the funeral of
the nationally known crook, Pen-
dergast, who was the benefactor
of Truman? And don't they
know that Truman's feelings
were so wounded by indictment
and conviction of his old crony,
Pendergast, for violation of
U. S. laws, by the U. S. district
attorney of Missouri that Tru-
man refused to re-appoint this
competent U. S. district attor-
ney? And don't these fellows in
congress know that Admiral Den-
ham, capable U. S. admiral, was
recently demoted because Den-
ham had the temerity to testify
to the truth before the senate
investigating committee?And don't these fellows in con-
gress know that the Roosevelt
administration sought to pack

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"This probably won't happen to me again this year, so I'm gonna use this good report card to hit Pop up for a raise in my allowance!"

the supreme court with judges that would sustain any new deal legislation whether constitutional or not?

And what about General "Deep-Freezer" Vaughn? These republicans in congress who are inveighing against Acheson know that the general was sus- tained in his corrupting acts of "Deep-Freezer" generosity, by Truman in retaining the general in his present position.

Don't they know that a new code of political morals and ethics came into being with the Roosevelt regime and has since been sustained by Truman, and that this is a new era which has outmoded the old and long-standing standard of integrity?

Don't they know that the last 20 years have made "ancient good uncouth" and that the standard of political integrity established by Washington and Jefferson, sustained by Jackson and Lincoln and Cleveland and Hoover is no longer the criterion to be observed by men in high public position?

And now, you have the brazen proposal by the administration for an additional two billion dollar deficit spending, purpose of which is to buy the congressional election of 1950 and the presidential election of 1952 by gener- ous distribution of the said

monumental appropriation throughout the various states having the big volume of votes. It contains such a bald faced political purpose that certainly the voters ought not to overlook it. And don't forget the taxpayer pays for the votes.

But such is the code of morals now prevalent and the slogan is: "The ends justify the means."

GUS NEWBURY

Against Mercy Death

To the Editor: I was interested in Mr. Jones' recently published appeal for a mercy court. How- ever, I am very much against such a court.

Human life belongs to God and it is not ours to dispose of as we see fit; thus the command: "Thou shalt not kill."

Mr. Jones seems to believe that as soon as a person dies he immediately is transported to a realm of bliss. This is not ac- cording to the Scriptures. "The dead know not anything."—Ec- clesiastes 9:5, and again: "And no man hath ascended up to Heaven, but He that came down from Heaven, even the Son of man which is in Heaven"—John 3:13.

Patience Job has this to say: "So man dieth down and riseth not, 'til the Heavens be no more."

Virginia And Truckee Railroad To Quit

Carson City, Nev., Feb. 2—(U.P.)

A landmark of the gold rush days moved toward oblivion to- day as the Nevada public ser- vice commission said the ancient Virginia and Truckee railroad could abandon operations fore- ever.

The line now operates a single train daily between Reno and Minden, via Carson city, the state capital. The distance is 50 miles.

Once, the railroad ran to fab- ulous Comstock Lode and Vir- ginia city. Its old-fashioned wood burning locomotives with their balloon smokestacks carted away more than \$800,000,000 worth of gold and silver ore.

They shall not awake nor be raised out of their sleep.—Job 14:12.

If those who die here on earth go immediately to Heaven, then there would be no need of our Saviour coming the second time.

Let's obey God's great com- mandments and spend our time and energy in relieving the suf- fering of the unfortunate until God sees fit to lay them in the grave for a short sleep.

Tom Kennaday

Chuck, The Punxsulawney Groundhog, In Annual Weather Prognostication

Canoe Ridge Weather Works, Punxsulawney, Pa., Feb. 2—(U.P.)

An indignant Punxsulawney groundhog made it clear today that repercussions from the Mighty Mo did not shake him from his burrow.

"Not even the H-bomb could do that," Chuck told newsmen. (The groundhog is also a wood- chuck, hence the nickname.)

"You know full well that this is the annual date of my emerg- ence from hibernation to prog- nosticate the vernal season."

"Look, Bub," said an impa- tient newsmen, "the facts. Forget the John L. Lewis lingo. How much more winter?"

Chuck looked scornfully. "Very well. For the unlearn- ed, the untutored, the unletter- ed, I'll clarify. I didn't see my shadow today. That means no more winter weather. Spring is just around the corner."

Chuck edged back toward his winter quarters.

"You make me sick," he said over his shoulder. "If it weren't for my fur coat, I'd move on out to California where I could get a movie contract."

The newsmen laughed. "You forget that you're already in one

picture, and you're a West Vir- ginia hillbilly at that."

Town Misplaced

He referred to the fact that the movie makers mentioned Punxsulawney but misplaced the town in the neighboring state.

Chuck groaned. "You're right," he said. "But don't forget. The premiere will be here Saturday night and they've promised to make amends by putting my name in lights."

"Anyway—that's Hollywood for you," Chuck said. "Trying to right a wrong with a right. I mean trying to make a wrong right. Well, you know what I mean."

This was the cue for the illit- erate newsmen.

Make It Right

"You mean, Bub, they're try- ing to make things right after making something wrong."

"Yes, that's right," said Chuck. "Well, there's one thing you can do to make things right," advised the newsmen.

"Yes?" said Chuck. "Just go right back into that hole. It's bad enough we gotta do this story every year without you trying to stretch it out."



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