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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

February 6, 1940

(It Was Tuesday)

Dredge of Murphy-Murray Dredging company starts operations on Footh Creek.

Central Point Grange wins award for its contribution to rural highway safety.

Mrs. Edna Kindred elected president of Past Presidents' club of Elita Deuel Hubbs tent No. 11.

Harry Thurman, senior high student, wins first place trophy in oratory at Linfield college speech tournament.

Lampert's Sporting Goods store undergoing remodeling.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

February 6, 1930

(It Was Thursday)

Mail Tribune cooking school scheduled February 25 to 28.

Frauds on marketing of fruit revealed at hearing held in nation's capital.

Dedication of local airport feet depends on city finances; payment planned if cost is not high.

Congress votes fund for Gold Star mothers' trip to Europe.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

February 6, 1914

(It Was Sunday)

James Vance leaves Medford to enter University of Oregon.

William Ira Vawter, founder and first president of Jackson County bank, dies.

First carload of canned goods ever shipped out of Medford to a middlewest point goes in form of 1,000 cases of tomatoes.

Girl Who Spurned Films for Religion Receives Bible

Punxsutawney, Pa., Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—Starlet Colleen Townsend, who is renouncing a \$750-a-week contract and a chance at movie stardom for religion, proudly displayed a new Bible today as proof "that the Lord would provide."

The curvaceous brunette delivered her first sermon here yesterday before a congregation which jam-packed the First Presbyterian church to hear how she became a "real sharp Christian."

Invited To Pulpit

She was invited to the pulpit by the Rev. Herman C. Humke after her Saturday night appearance at the world premiere of her last commercial film venture.

While movie cameras and press photographers recorded the scene, staged as lavishly as a Hollywood epic, the 21-year-old convert told how a chance visit to a young people's church meeting was the "turning point" in her life.

She finished the sermon with a song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," then accepted from Rev. Humke a gold-inscribed Bible, gift of Punxsutawney's retail merchants.

Spot Proof

"This is spot proof of what I mean by faith," the 21-year-old girl said.

"Some of the reporters have been asking me how I'll live now that my study, psychology, will stop," she said, holding aloft her new Bible with an old, tattered book.

"You see," she went on, "I've been needing a new Bible for months, but I had faith that the Lord would provide."

Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N. Y., Feb. 2.—About five weeks late New York is presented with a "white Christmas." Arising yesterday morning and pushing up the curtain there were the apartment roof tops and skyscrapers above and the motor car tops below, covered with the "beautiful," with large snowflakes floating lazily through the air to the pavements. It was a grand and glorious sight.

But, like some other things we might mention, the joy did not last long. By noon there was only dirty slush and sleet which later turned into a cold rain. All of which boosted the yellow cab business and the water level in the city reservoirs, but today is another "Dry Thursday" and the crisis as far as summer prospects are concerned, is still tense.

According to the morning papers the republicans in congress are going "get" Secretary Acheson before the present session is over. No. 1 on the agenda is to call the secretary of state on the carpet to explain his—we quote: "... reflection on the courts of the nation after Alger Hiss had been convicted of espionage."

Ho hum! We never expect much from the lower house but why can't they at least stick to the truth? Secretary Acheson in his now famous (or infamous) statement explicitly explained he was making NO COMMENT WHATSOEVER upon the Hiss case legally, such action, he said, would be highly improper. BUT—regardless of what the final court judgment might be and speaking solely as an individual and old friend of the defendant (not as secretary of state) he would not turn his back on Alger Hiss regardless of the outcome. If the reporters cared to delve further into his motives they could consult the Gospel according to St. Matthew, etc., etc.

As has been previously remarked, this surprising action by the secretary of state was undoubtedly politically unwise. It was also a striking example of the enthusiastic loyalty and devotion, aroused by Alger Hiss among all classes of people but particularly in the ranks of the so-called "American intelligentsia." But on the other hand it was an exhibition of courage and personal loyalty, as well as Christian compassion, which we feel deserves the highest praise, and as far as this department is concerned, only increases our former admiration and respect for the present head of the state department.

Not only was the charge of reflecting upon the courts unwarranted but Hiss, of course, was not found guilty of espionage. He was found guilty of perjury, the distinction is purely technical, but why couldn't the congressional sub-committee get their pronouncements technically correct for a change?

If the congressional witch-hunters do "get" Secretary Acheson it will be a shame, and another body blow to good government in this democracy. It will only add more impetus to the low brow movement in the U.S.A. to place political partisanship and advantage, above the welfare and thus make it so uncomfortable for self respecting and competent men in high office, that eventually only the misfits and tub-thumping demagogues will consent to enter the public service.

This is not a new idea. But it does, with the increasing spread of communism, pose a new problem and a serious one. Whether we like it or don't, the "American way of life" is today in direct competition with the Soviet-Russian way of life. If "we the people" lack the intelligence and stamina to put competence in high office and keep it there, Lincoln's government of the people, by the people and for the people WILL perish from this earth.

And while on the subject of intelligence and competence in public life, regardless of party, might we add that in the opinion of this newspaper, Senator Wayne Morse is one of the most competent and intelligent representatives in the upper house of congress, Oregon, or any other western state, has had in the past 50 years. So put that in your meerschaum and smoke it!

Before leaving the subject of politics—than which there is none such—we have been most interested and somewhat amused by the current campaign in "dear old England."

We wonder what Senator Taft thinks of it—also our old pal John Foster Dulles.

One of their heroes—and ours, for that matter—is again in the front ranks of political combat in England, his head bloody but unbowed, swinging with both fists against the status quo of the British socialist state, and all it stands for.

But there is a striking difference between Winston Churchill's idea of what the world needs—and should fear—and the Taft-Dulles idea.

The latter continue to maintain that what they call the "welfare state" is not only undesirable but fatal—that promoting the security of the individual by federal aid, not only means financial bankruptcy, but the destruction of our cherished American liberties and the establishment of totalitarianism.

Mr. Churchill, in his speeches to date, takes emphatic issue with this GOP conception. In fact he has repeatedly come out in favor of the "welfare state," denies that any such ideology will lead to totalitarianism, and points to socialism in England today, NOT the "welfare state" as the great danger to free peoples and democratic principles.

Explicitly, Mr. Churchill favors a continuance—if his party regains control—of such things as federal unemployment insurance, old age pensions, subsidized (but not socialized) medicine, social security in fact ALL the elements of the contemporary "welfare state." What he opposes—and here he draws a sharp and entirely logical distinction—is state socialism. Socialism is the nationalization of industry—ALL industry, the complete liquidation of private enterprise and initiative, the taking over of ALL controls by the central government, with the rank and file no longer running their own private businesses, or working for their own chosen bosses but all—everyone—working for the state.

In other words, Mr. Churchill maintains the "welfare state"—the promotion of the public welfare via federal aid is here to stay. And if he is returned to power he will guarantee its continuance. Far from maintaining this is socialism, or totalitarianism, or any other "ism," he declares it is the road to the continuance of British democracy and free enterprise—or at least freer enterprise—than under the present British government. And he urges the voters to overthrow the labor government.

We doubt this will be done. But we would like to see it, and have this moot question put to the test, under the able and courageous leadership of one of the greatest men in all British history.

We fear it might prove a PERSONAL tragedy as far as the outstanding 20th century hero of the English speaking world is concerned, but it might show the same world how phony, the fears and "alarums" of the Tafts and the Dullesses are today.

It is always so easy to be wise "AFTER the event!"

Mr. Hanson Baldwin, well known military and naval expert, is one of the contemporary and belated wise-men. In a current magazine Mr. Baldwin cites some of the major U.S. blunders in World War II, particularly the U.S. "sell-out" to Stalin at Yalta. He does not blame Alger Hiss for that strategic error, but Roosevelt and Hopkins. We quote:

"Instead of recognizing that Russia would have to participate in the war against Japan if she was to serve her own interests we bribed her to enter by handing over Manchuria and vital parts of China. . . . So we invited Russia to do what she is now doing—take over China. We sacrificed the very thing that caused us to send an ultimatum to Japan—the freedom and independence of China."

"... It would have been to the interest of the United States and the world to have allowed—and even encouraged—the world's two great dictatorships to fight each other. Such a struggle with its resulting weakening of both communism and nazism could only have aided democracy and the establishment of a more stable peace. It would have placed the democracies in supreme power in the world instead of elevating one totalitarianism at the expense of another and of the democracies."

"... The Roosevelt slogan 'unconditional surrender' was another major blunder. In the first World War Wilson took care to distinguish between the Kaiser, the military junker class, AND the German people. The opportunity to drive a wedge between the rulers and the ruled was muffed by Roosevelt and Churchill. Unconditional surrender was an open invitation to unconditional resistance, it discouraged opposition to Hitler, probably lengthened the war, cost us lives and led to the present abortive peace."

Finally—"Europe should never have been invaded through Normandy but through the Balkans. Had our armies thus been in central Europe we would not have lost those lands to the reds and later found ourselves pushed around in an isolated Berlin."

We know some people—and newspapers—that during the war favored some of the items listed above, but our recollection is Mr. Baldwin was not among them. In some quarters, in fact, such suggestions were severely frowned upon and the loyalty of the proponents to their own country and the allied cause therefore seriously questioned.

Times change and concepts of war strategy and patriotism, ditto!—R.W.R.

A smaller buckwheat harvest in 1949 means fewer winter breakfasts of buckwheat cakes. Although 15 states contribute to the commercial crop of the grain, about two-thirds of it is normally harvested close to the New York-Pennsylvania border.

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"Well, I got you out practicing the piano. Now come over to my house and get me out of that spankin' my Pop's promised me!"

Your Health and Its Care

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MESSAGE FROM A PATHOLOGIST

A pathologist is a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) who specializes in pathology, that branch of medicine which treats of the structural changes (anatomical changes) caused by disease, especially the structural changes (anatomical changes) caused by disease.

I paid my respects to the pathologist here recently. The pathologist is the most genuine specialist in the business. The kind of specialist I call real, in contrast to the horde of brass specialists that infest the profession today.

The pathologist is a doctor's specialist, and the general public scarcely knows what a pathologist is. Brass specialists are more or less ethical quacks who parade their "specialist" pretensions before the public in order to attract what business they can away from the general practitioners.

The brass specialists compete with the general practitioners on an unfair basis—they have the sanction of the great A.M.A. and maybe certificates or other phony testimonials from trick organizations which they themselves maintain for the purpose.

Here is a message from a pathologist which is instructive to physicians and laymen alike:

Dear Doctor:

I was much interested in your recent article on amebiasis. It has for years been a source of wonder to me that an infectious disease which affects more people than any other except rhinitis has been so neglected. The reasons are, of course, as you brought out, it is in its nature (tubercle not disabling, not fatal) with few exceptions) difficult to diagnose.

It is probable that at least 90 per cent of its victims ignore the symptoms and learn to live with them. The remainder, perhaps because of financial situation or high degree of self care, travel from one physician or hospital to another, until some one finally exercises the skill, experience and perseverance necessary to make the diagnosis.

From my own experience, which is quite extensive, I do not believe that there are more than ten microscopists in the city (one of the five largest cities in the country) who can or will do the job.

Once discovered, the treatment is quite a problem. Many cardiac muscles have been permanently damaged by the unwise use of emetine. Drugs by mouth are sometimes effective and sometimes not. Perhaps improved forms of antibiotics will solve the problem. At the present time I am not sure that any one is cured.

The question of reinfection is of great importance.

I observe that you skipped rather hurriedly over the lack of effect of the usual amounts of chlorine in drinking water.

The insistence of the U. S. Public Health Service, after their surveys in Chicago, on the need for filtration of all water is significant.

A colleague who has been studying the question in Chicago for years found that after a strong wind from the east the water in the mains is loaded with a variety of protozoa and some of them closely resemble Entamoeba histolytica.

I believe that the role of the food handler has been exaggerated. Investigation of the Congress Hotel epidemic in Chicago

showed it was not due to food handlers but to contaminated water. Many food handlers are carriers but the percentage may not be greater than that of the general public.

May I suggest that in a great many cases the cardinal symptom is constant fatigue in the legs and lack of normal energy.

Insulin

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Dissolving Kidney Stones

X-ray kidney stone. Stone in the kidney. (Mrs. E. B.)

Answer—No. Surgical treatment is only remedy known.

Can something be done about lowering cost of insulin? (Mrs. M. E. H.)

Answer—There are many causes. Stone in the bladder and enlargement of the prostate gland in men, are two of them. These require surgery. Simple cystitis caused by infection can be managed medically. Cancer of the bladder causes cystitis. Cystitis does not cause cancer.

Calories and Doughnuts

Is there any calorie difference between the ordinary fried cake and glazed doughnut?

Answer—Not enough to bother about.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 50 words.

To the Editor: I just wish to say to Mr. Kenaday that I did not wish to start any controversy on theology. I am well aware of the many different opinions but they all narrow down to the same end, whether you call it "a short sleep," as he does, or "a land of rest" as I do, the mercy court ends there. When or where they go from there, I say naught.

Many cannot tell the difference between truth, and superstition or dogma, hence the many diverging opinions. But I wish to say to Mr. Kenaday that his theory will get him into lots of trouble. If his life belongs solely to God, then he has no business meddling with it. All medicine, doctors, hospitals, and operations, are infringing on God's province, in which he must be perfectly competent.

All evidence points to the fact that we are subject to the same laws of nature as all other life. God makes the laws of nature, and we are free to keep or break them. Breaking most any of them would end our life, as is happening every day.

"Self preservation is the first law of nature," practiced by all life. It is entirely up to us, by our acts, to lengthen or shorten our lives and it is our privilege and duty to suffer as little as possible. The doctor that left the quinine pills with full instructions as to their effect, was an angel of mercy compared with the one that informed the girl, "there is nothing that can be done for your father," just let him suffer.

When I suffer I want my doctor to be qualified to give me as much consideration and mercy as he would a sick cat or dog, without being hauled into court.

Do not take what Job said too seriously, you can find dozens of passages that refute his idea, such as seeing Lazarus in heaven, and the two thieves who would be with Christ in paradise, that very day.

We are not asking the mercy

court to go beyond the grave. We shall all be of good mind there, with arguments ended. Practical common sense is good to mix with any religion. Let us have the mercy court.

I. C. Jones.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, Feb. 6.—Charles William Gilchrist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Gilchrist, was honored on his 18th birthday, January 31, by a dinner at his home on that evening. Guests were Bob Kirk, Peter Servold, Stanley Newnam and Martin Johnson. The little party was a surprise to the young man.

Mrs. Helen Shoemaker presented the local V.F.W. post with a flag which had been carried in the Civil war by John Wesley Steelman, step-father of Mrs. Shoemaker.

Honor roll students in the high school for the entire semester were, seniors, Carma Ferguson, Theola Johnson, juniors, Beth Eskew, Sanna Craig, Joan Burk, Maurice Paulsen, freshmen, Robert Balch, Douglas Smith, Marian Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Truax left February 4, for Dallas, Tex., where he will be employed in a diesel shop. Truax recently completed a course in diesel work and the position offers the type of work he has wanted.

Truax is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Truax of this city.

Miss Helen Hood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hood, was honored on her 10th birthday with a party at her home on February 2. Games were enjoyed by the young guests followed by a luncheon served by Mrs. Hood assisted by Mrs. Charles Whitlock. Guests were Gail Collins, Nancy Jane Wiley, Marilyn Harrison, Lee Slotts, Grace Gail, Carole Joy, Sharon Whitlock, Joan Ritter, Nadra Moore, Dixie Lee Walker, Lavon Malone, Sandra Densmore, Marjorie West, Caroline Armstrong and her sister, Suzanne Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fredenburg are parents of a baby boy born January 29, at a Medford hospital. The young man is a grandson of Mrs. Amy Ross and a nephew of Pat Ross of this city. The baby has been named Donald Jr. Mrs. Ross is spending some time at the home of her daughter in Medford.

The fire department was called out early January 31, by a fire at the Gold Hill Auto court owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Cogswell. Before the fire truck arrived the shower and wash room was almost destroyed. The building was separated from any of the others on the premises. It will have to be entirely rebuilt.

The fire started while frozen pipes were being thawed with a torch.

The Lady Lions have indefinitely postponed their M.O.D. card party until the weather is better. The party was to have been the evening of January 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter and Charles Carter went to Eugene, January 23 and stayed until Thursday of that week, with Mrs. Harsh, sister of Mr. Charles Carter. Carter remained with his sister in an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Harsh is recovering from a recent illness.

Mrs. Laura Manning of Portland, her daughter, Mrs. N. C. Swindler of Phoenix, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swindler of Phoenix, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swindler of Medford, and Mrs. Hannah Routh were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thompson of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swindler remained several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

The health unit will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 7, at the home of Mrs. Charles Whitlock on highway 99 north. Dessert luncheon will be served at 1:30 p.m. and hostesses are Mrs. Harry Quinn and Mrs. Norman Gail. Plans will be completed to assist with the child health conference which will start this month with Dr. A. E. Merkle, Jackson county health officer, directing the project.

P.T.A. will hold its regular monthly meeting at the school on Thursday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. Topic will be held on the subject "What can be done to strengthen family life?" and will be led by two parents, a teacher, a juvenile and a social worker. Fourth grade mothers are the hostesses and the chairman are Mrs. C. A. Beck and Mrs. A. L. Harrison.

Classes for a course in child evangelism were held Wednesday, February 1, at the home of Mrs. R. A. Todd on Fifth avenue, with Mrs. William Armstrong as instructor. Children from the primary grades are enrolled in the classes, first and second grades going at 1:30 to 2:30 and third, fourth and fifth grades from 2:30 to 3:30. The classes will convene each Wednesday afternoon and are being given full cooperation by school

authorities. The program is being carried out during school time according to the provisions of the school law. Mrs. George Bailey, child evangelism director from Medford, arranged the course. About 90 per cent of the students have enrolled from the five grades.

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