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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 7, 1929

(It Was Wednesday)

Bill Irons, gas station attend-

ant, foils would-be robber by

knocking man through station

door.

City council approves new

garbage dumping site off Barnett

and Talent roads.

Water content of snow in

Rogue valley watersheds smaller

on February 1 than for any

year since snow measurements

began in 1920.

Central Point high wins di-

vision 2 title of county B con-

ference basketball.

State convention of 20-30

clubs slated here June 22 and 23.

30 YEARS AGO TODAY

February 7, 1909

(It Was Friday)

Lincoln day dinner here to

honor Gov. A. W. Norblad speak.

Local beauty shops announce

standardization of prices.

City of Chicago issues scrip

to pay salaries of employees.

Women in United States

breath defiance at Paris edict

of long skirts.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

February 7, 1895

(It Was Monday)

Bungalow of Mr. and Mrs.

J. O. Cave, 906 Beekman av-

enue, destroyed by blaze.

Hugo Lundberg and George

Henselman as Medford high

debating team to debate Ashland

high team tonight.

Rogue River Valley Japanese

association meets.

Deserter, Communist

Denied By Robertson

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—

J. R. Robertson, a co-defendant

in the perjury-conspiracy trial of

Harry Bridges, stuck by his de-

nial yesterday that he is either an

army or navy deserter or a com-

munist.

Prosecutor F. Joseph Don-

ahue painstakingly cross-ex-

amined the longshore union vice-

president on his previous mili-

tary experience and his earlier

testimony in answer to a claim

by a prosecution witness that

Robertson attended communist

party meetings in the 1930s.

But the answers always were

the same. Robertson insisted he

legally bought his way out of

both the army and navy, a pre-

World War II custom.

As to the communist ques-

tion, Robertson's answer was, "I do

not now and I never have be-

longed to the communist party."

Donahue brought up the ques-

tion of desertion Friday before

the trial recessed for the week-

end.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—

E. W. Dixon, Seattle, was elected

president of the Northwest Plas-

ters bureau at the close of an

annual three-day convention, it

was announced today.

Bend, Ore., Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—

Construction has started on the

\$900,000 St. Charles hospital at the

head of Minnesota avenue.

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Who Gets The Good Spuds?

Potato growers and shippers in Maine, it is learned from the Herald and News of Klamath Falls, are packing and shipping spuds under a new grading system designed especially for consumers. The new system is of major interest in the Klamath country where a large fraction of the country's spud supply is grown. Such an innovation should also be of interest to consumers everywhere because the government potato muddle has reached a point where, although there are some 50,000,000 bushels of surplus potatoes, the supply available to the average consumer leaves much to be desired in the matter of grading.

THE Maine plan, according to the Klamath Falls newspaper, promises to be the answer to the consumer demand for better quality. Retailers, it is pointed out, have found that bins filled with potatoes graded under the new system are usually completely emptied at the end of the day while bins with potatoes graded under the old system usually contain a residue of cut, broken, sunburned, or small potatoes.

A principal feature of the new arrangement is providing potatoes in even-running sizes that will be "done" together when baked or boiled.

ONE of the mysteries of the potato price support program has been the lack of consideration for the ultimate consumer. The government has continued to stimulate potato production by purchasing the surplus, such stimulation resulting in some 50,000,000 bushels above the country's needs last year. Yet according to culinary experts, the quality of potatoes available at the stores has never been as good as one might expect considering the vast quantities raised.

In other words, housewives wonder why, with a 50,000,000-bushel surplus bought and paid for with taxpayers' money, the portion of the crop which is directed into the consumer channels, is not more closely graded.

MOST taxpayers are in favor of some assurance to the farmer that his crops will not be produced at a loss, especially in war time, but the continued heavy inducement to overproduction such as has been the policy in recent years, is as hard to understand as why such surplus should not be more closely culled for the benefit of the consumer.—E.C.F.

Air Force Academy

At least two eastern Oregon cities are listed as having a chance for the \$300,000,000 national air academy which the government proposes to install some place in the country where strategic and other conditions are believed most ideal.

The air academy would include fifty buildings located on approximately 9,000 acres and would be set up to train 2,500 to 5,000 students at a time.

ALTHOUGH Bend has looked somewhat skeptically at the invitation to present its case, La Grande's chamber of commerce has launched a campaign to raise \$5,000 to support the city's bid.

IT IS understood that approximately 195 possible sites in 34 states will be inspected by the Air Force survey teams.

It is further understood that Bend's attitude may possibly be due to some extent to the fact that Congressman Paul Kilday, a Texas democrat, had already announced that he has assurance from Air Force Secretary Symington that the Air Force's proposed air academy, when and if authorized, will be located at Randolph Field, Texas.

It has also been surmised in some quarters that the Air Force hopes by holding out the possibility of the academy location, to secure the backing of the congressmen and chambers of commerce in many of the 34 states named as possible sites.—E.C.F.

Unemployment Rises To 4,480,000 Persons

Washington, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—Unemployment rose to a post-war high of 4,480,000 persons in mid-January, the census bureau said today.

The bureau said 36,947,000

persons had jobs on January 14 compared with 58,556,000 a month earlier.

Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer said the sizable increase is to be expected between December and January because of "seasonal developments."

He called it "noteworthy that industrial employment did not appear to be materially affected."

There were 991,000 more jobless workers on January 14 than on December 10, an increase which the bureau said "appears to be due primarily to the curtailment in seasonal industries." Bad weather in many parts of the country also cut down construction and farm employment.

On Jan. 8, 1949, 57,414,000 persons were employed and 2,664,000 were jobless.

Sawyer noted that a year ago unemployment increased substantially between December and January but that a big part of that increase came from non-seasonal cutbacks in production.

The latest census bureau report placed non-agricultural employment on January 14 at 50,749,000 against 51,783,000 on December 10.

Agricultural employment was estimated on January 14 at 6,198,000 compared with 6,773,000 on December 10.

70-Mile Wind Smashes Roof Of Roundhouse

La Grande, Ore., Feb. 7.—(U.P.) A 70-mile gust smashed a section of the roof of the Union Pacific roundhouse here Saturday and damage was estimated unofficially at between \$4000 and \$5000. William Cameron Miller, 41, machinist, was struck on the head by falling wreckage.

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"Don't ever get into any arguments with Julia! I hear she sometimes has that purse filled with SAND!"

Your Health and Its Care

By DR. WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.

Readers should address inquiries to: Dr. William Brady
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WHO IS THE BOSS IN YOUR FAMILY?



Dr. Brady

A while ago I wrote about the management of small children and ran out of space before I really got into the subject. Even though it is a choice subject of discussion for the paragonizing parents of several children, I do think that the only child in the family may easily be adversely affected by his circumstances. If his parents, however, are "on the ball," and alert to all the possibilities involved, there need be little fear for the poor little geezer.

It is obvious, of course, that the only child in a family does not have to compete for attention and favors from his parents. But wait a minute—he may have to compete with one of his parents for attention from the other. Perhaps it hadn't occurred to you, but jealousy of a parent is common among the children of one child families. This is the source of so-called mother or father fixations which only recently was a choice topic of conversation in the cocktail set.

If the mother is the "source of all blessings," and the father is the stern disciplinarian, then the father appears to be the chief source of the child's frustration. He stands between the child and his desires. The attention the mother accords the father is resented by the child, who thereupon enters into competition with the father for the mother's attentions and favors. This situation, if not recognized and checked, may lead to serious psychological difficulties for the child.

More often, perhaps, the parents vie with each other for the child's favor. Under these circumstances, the child is indulged to an often ridiculous extent, and grows up with the conviction that the attention he receives is rightfully his and that he is morally entitled to similar attention from anyone—playmates and all. His humiliation and confusion which results from his experiences with the indifferent and cruel outside world imposes a heavy and miserable burden upon him.

Indulgent or rather overly-indulgent parents are not above recourse to corporal punishment at times. Often, after one of these episodes the parent is so overcome with the enormity of his offense that he places himself in the position of apologizing to the child for interfering with his wrong-doing. All of these things are calculated to inspire the child with a highly inflated opinion of the importance of himself and his desires. Under these circumstances the child becomes the boss of the family—a miniature martinet. Entitled to sympathy rather than censure the child is thus embarked upon a difficult mode of living.

Sen. Tydings Urges Disarmament Talks

Washington, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—Chairman Millard E. Tydings of the senate armed services committee proposed today that President Truman call an international disarmament conference to strip all nations of weapons "all the way down to the rifle."

Tydings introduced a resolution to authorize and direct the president to call the conference. The Maryland democrat told his colleagues that his proposal is based on the belief that plans to control atomic weapons give only "illusory security." He said they are not enough "to save mankind from destruction."

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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No stir the fire, and pour the wine,
And let those sea-green eyes
Divine
Pour their love-madness into mine
I don't care whether
'Tis snow or sun or rain or shine
If we're together.
—Mortimer Collins.

(Thousands of poems have been written in praise of women with blue eyes or black eyes. Hundreds about females with brown eyes. But the above is the only poem I know of inspired by a woman with green eyes.)

Recently I referred to a report that in Tehuantepec, Mexico there are five women to every man, and that most of the women are beautiful. According to the same report, Tehuantepec is one of the cheapest places in the world to live. This report has been checked. It is 100 per cent correct. Dan Lamb, the well known globetrotter, was in Tehuantepec as recently as last September. Dan confirms the report that the women are beautiful by forwarding a number of snapshots he took of the town's glamorous females. "In addition to being beautiful," says Dan, "the Tehuantepec girls are witty and fun loving, but undoubtedly due to the acute scarcity of males, most of them are lonely." (Note—This reporting of places where beautiful and lonely females can be found is part of the regular service offered to bachelor subscribers of our Horses & Women Department).

Stogie Department
It has been my claim the first handball court in the United States was built by Phil Casey in Brooklyn in 1822. In this claim I have had the support of none other than Frank Menke, editor of the New Encyclopedia of Sports. It looks as if Frank and I were stuck for the stogies. John Condon, of San Francisco, says there was a handball court in his city as early as 1872. In proof of this claim Mr. Condon offers in evidence from the San Francisco City Director of 1872, a listing as follows: "Sullivan's Handball Alley and Racquet Court."

Traveler Note
A traveler just returned from Paris says he understands that in the not far distant future the Duchess of Windsor will go into the dressmaking business in the French capital in partnership with the Duchess Gabriel de Romanov. The Duchess Romanov already has a dressmaking establishment in Paris.

Singing Neighbors
Do singers such as Dinah Shore, Jane Pickens, Lisa Kirk and Lucienne Boyer ever practice at home? Have you ever lived next door to a singer who enjoyed hearing practice? I never get a break that way. I always get high-powered, shrieking sopranos with concert and operatic ambitions. Come to think of it, I did get one break in the matter of singing neighbors. Some years ago when living in Santa Monica, Calif., I had for neighbors some members of the Carlos Molinas rumba band. These fellows usually arrived home around three in the morning. They would then have supper. After that they would sing Spanish songs in soft-voiced fashion. I really enjoyed listening to them.

Mule & Men
The white dinner jacket, for summer and winter resort wear, seems a poor style to me. I have yet to see a man who really looked well attired. Why should men wear jackets on hot nights? Why can't some male apparel genius originate some summer evening attire that calls for a man wearing a snappy looking shirt but no coat.

Passing By
Sandra Deel, Comedienne and chanteuse. She is the understudy for Mary Martin in the musical "South Pacific." Seems the many underestimates in the Broadway sector should have a club. Perhaps Miss Deel would be a good candidate for president. . . . Gene Fowler, Journalist, poet, biographer, novelist and ex-bon vivant. Of all the books Gene has written I liked "Timberline" and "The Great Mouthpiece" the best. The last named was, of course, the biography of the picturesque legal light, Bill Fallon. Only time I met Mr. Fallon in person was when he was the attorney for the ballplayer "Cody" Dolan, who had been accused of being one of the prime movers

in trying to fix a contest between the N. Y. Giants and the Phillies. Remember that case?

Says Rudolf Bing: "The Metropolitan is the greatest opera company in the world." Maybe it is. But I like the San Francisco Opera company better. . . . Have just received some Idaho potatoes sent direct from Idaho. These are really beautiful spuds. As for size, it seems as if one would be a meal in itself. We are going out to dinner tonight, so I won't have a chance to see if these Idaho beauties taste as good as they look until tomorrow. I can hardly wait.

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Vote Buying

To the Editor: Our "true deal" administration in Washington is offering to sell our 1949 surplus spuds to foreigners for one cent per hundred pounds in 17-cent sacks, bought with taxpayers' money, to get the farmers' votes. In order to keep prices high for the same taxpayers millions of pounds of surplus butter, eggs, wheat, rye, hops, nuts, corn, soy beans, prunes, raisins, wool, pears and most all other commodities are offered—all for the purpose of keeping prices sky high for the American public.

Now this "true deal" is buying up surplus hams and bacon. By the way, I see the same bunch is offering to sell surplus raisins for \$50 a ton for cow feed. That would be a luxury for us poor saps called Free Americans.

Wit almost 100,000 jobless workers in Oregon, some trying to exist on \$18 to \$25 per week unemployment compensation and many on public welfare, why not dump the surplus commodities to the half-starved citizens of our own country. That would create a demand on the open market among the Americans that still have a few inflated dollars left. The taxpayers have already paid the bill.

Why doesn't the "true deal" under Truman's leadership do something about the high prices of coffee? I suspect there is an Ethiopian in the woodpile there also.

I can't understand how we can tax our citizens for about 17 years and go in the red billions every year and come out prosperous in a "true deal" fool's paradise.

How I long for some of those good old days when I ate T-bone steak, ham and real butter and cream.

The republicans didn't try to change the law of supply and demand in this country.

How long will it take us to wake up and quit voting ourselves into a welfare state like Johnny Bull? May the Lord have mercy on us poor victims of this Harry S. Truman deal.

William E. Brown.

Higher Fruit Prices

Seen In Few Months

Washington, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—Consumers can expect to pay higher prices for oranges, apples, grapefruit and pears during the next few months.

The agriculture department blames the increase on bad weather and its program of exporting surplus crops to assure growers a fair return.

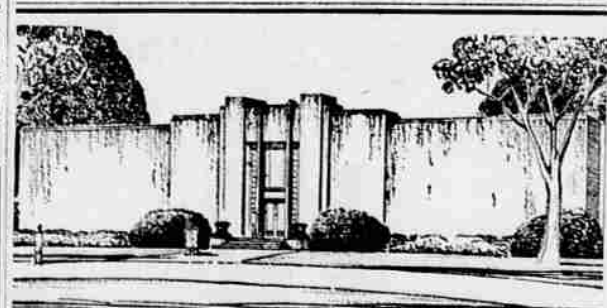
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