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Medford and Jackson County History

from the files of the Mail

Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY

February 8, 1940

(It Was Thursday)

Mrs. Christian A. Bradford,

51, and Mrs. William J. Lockard,

85, both of Medford, killed in

collision on Ross lane and Mc-

Andrews road.

Estimates of city water de-

partment put Medford popula-

tion at 12,789 as of the first of

January.

Medford donates \$364 for the

relief of people in Finland.

Mrs. William Gibbs elected

president of local Girl Scouts'

Leaders association.

Quincy Scott, editorial cartoon-

ist of the Oregonian, to

speak at local Lincoln day dinner

next week.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

February 8, 1930

(It Was Saturday)

Purchase of Johnson market,

Sixth and Grape streets, an-

nounced by Gates & Lydard.

Local orchardists told to spray

orchards thoroughly to conquer

major pests.

Salem high defeats Medford

basketball team, 32 to 21, here.

Vigilantes organized in Chi-

cago to combat gangsters.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

February 8, 1916

(It Was Tuesday)

A. L. Hill, C. M. Thomas and

J. D. Bell are local delegates to

a conference of commercial clubs

at Yreka.

Ben H. Lampman, editor of

Gold Hill News, leaves for Port-

land to accept position with

Oregonian.

Snow on Siskiyou attained no

greater depth than eight feet

and in Crater Lake park 11 feet

to date.

Many Ways Found to Beat

Uncle Sam Out of Taxes

Washington, Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—The

treasury department cited facts

and figures today to show that

experts in the tax laws have

found numerous ways to take

money out of the pockets of

Uncle Sam.

Thomas J. Lynch, general

counsel for the treasury, dis-

cussed the matter of tax "loopholes"

with the house ways and means

committee, which is considering

President Truman's tax revision

program.

Corporation Formed

One example of the "loophole"

device concerned a Hollywood

motion picture producer, Lynn

said the producer organized a

corporation for the sole purpose

of producing one motion picture.

All of the corporation's capital

stock was issued to the producer

and his wife. When the picture

was completed, the corporation

was liquidated. The liquidation

value was \$1,452,000.

Taxes were paid at the capital

gains rate, which was a maxi-

mum of 25 per cent. Lynch said

the idea was to avoid paying in-

Home Tax Ceiling Proposed

Lane county's assessor, George A. Stock, comes up with a proposal for a tax ceiling of \$50 per annum on homes which cost not to exceed \$10,000 and occupying lots not exceeding 60 by 120 feet in area.

THE assessor's plan includes provision for graduating the tax upward from the \$50 ceiling, in the case of larger and more pretentious homes.

Stock urges consideration of the plan in connection with the proposed net business tax in lieu of a personal tax, and elimination of the exemption now given cooperatives.

In the latter connection the official cites the case of one Lane county cooperative where \$1,000,000 of assessed value was written off last year.

HE ARGUES also that the tax ceiling on modest homes would tend to encourage home building and ownership.

Not only would home owning be encouraged but it would give a feeling of security not now enjoyed. Under the present system, where real property carries such a large proportion of the tax burden, the man who owns a home enjoys only a tenuous title thereto. At any time death, illness, or business reverses which make it impossible for him to pay high taxes, could endanger his ownership.

REAL property taxes can and do present a major problem for many elderly people, widows, or others whose incomes have been greatly curtailed. In such circumstances, more than ever before, they need their homes and at a very minimum of tax or other fixed expense.

Those who worked hard and lived frugally in an effort to pay for a home and lay by a little money which they hoped would see them through the non-productive years of their later life, are now finding their stake inadequate due to inflation and soaring taxes. In such cases, at least, a residence tax ceiling would prove a real boon.—E.C.F.

Women Better Job Hunters

Women are finding their way into employment at a relatively higher rate than the men, according to the Census Bureau. There were more women in non-farm jobs in December than at any time since the end of World War II, the bureau reveals. Employment of women rose about 350,000 in 1949, while the total for men was down more than 700,000.

Most of the increase in employment of women was due to the brisk recovery in soft-goods industries in the second half of 1949, the bureau reasons.

APPROXIMATELY 1,200,000 more women had non-farm jobs in December than in June while for men the gain was only about 370,000.

Men held 68 per cent of the 51,783,000 non-farm jobs in December, against 32 per cent for women; a year earlier, the ratio was roughly 70-30.—E.C.F.

Man Runs Over Auto

It finally happened! Long-suffering pedestrians who have waited at intersections while unthinking or uncaring auto drivers blocked the crossing lane will enjoy the account of a San Antonian who did something about it.

ACCORDING to Pathfinder news magazine: "A snappy yellow convertible screeched to a stop square in the middle of a crosswalk just as the light turned red.

"Why don't you back up?" yelled a pedestrian in work clothes.

"Mind your own business," the driver retorted.

"The workman calmly stepped up on the jaywalking auto's fender, onto its hood and down the other side.

"While the driver stared speechless, at the scratches his heavy soled shoes had made, the pedestrian walked nonchalantly away."—E.C.F.

\$50,000 Sought As Bail For Tokyo Rose

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—The attorney for Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino, 33, convicted for treason for her "Tokyo Rose" broadcasts from Japan during the war, made arrangements today to raise \$50,000 for her bail.

Attorney Wayne M. Collins said Associate Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas agreed to free Mrs. D'Aquino on bond pending her appeal before the Ninth U. S. circuit court of appeals.

She is serving a 10-year term in the federal women's penitentiary at Alderson, W. Va.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress From Oregon

AFTER HEARING about the weather troubles in Oregon the last few weeks I almost hate to mention our good fortune here so far as weather is concerned. Thus far Washington, D. C., has had no winter. Usually snow storms and temperatures well below freezing is the menu here during January and February. This year January temperatures were record-breaking on the high side. I just noticed that a beautiful pink flowering shrub near the capitol, which ordinarily does not bloom before April, is in full blossom now.

SOUTHERN members of congress violently oppose the bills,

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"That's her all right. And only yesterday you wanted to bring her over here and teach her how to skate!"

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

My lover is a small man,
So I would have him be,
Fewer leaves and more fruit ever
We find on the little tree.

—Ryder.

Until recently of all the haunting melodies I have heard in musical shows the one that haunted me most was "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." Now it is "Some Enchanted Evening." I never grow weary of that tune. I believe it is the best musical show love song of the past forty years. All right, if it isn't, what is? I'll bet you are going to name either "Who Stole My Heart Away" as sung by Marilyn Miller or "Why Do I Love You?" rendered by Helen Morgan. You are close. But I still don't agree with you.

Horses
In the Theater Guild musical "Arms and the Girl" there is a white horse. An actor portraying George Washington in "Arms and the Girl" is only about five feet seven inches tall. George Washington was a six footer.

Asides
Add remarkable fellows: Joseph Martin, 78 years old, of Burgettstown, Pa., has all his teeth but one and is so much in the pink of condition he goes to work regularly at his trade, which is bricklaying. Recently I referred to a fight between Mickey Walker and Arthur De Kuh. A New Yorker wants to bet me a stogie these two fighters never met. He's on. I saw Walker and De Kuh tangled in Los Angeles around 1928.

Puzzling
It was A. W. Duncan who so truly observed: "When we see such comparatively useless and unsocial creatures as parrots, swans, crocodiles and alligators, from fifty to 400 years a dog's remarkably short span of life is both puzzling and painful."

Bus Drivers
Not long ago I pointed out that to be eligible to drive a city-owned bus in New York a man must be five feet four inches tall or over. I claimed it to be a ridiculous requirement. A man's height has nothing to do with his ability to drive a bus. In Pleasantville, Ind., I have a feminine reader, a widow with two children. She is five feet two inches tall and weighs one hundred and twenty pounds. She drives a school bus over country roads all the year round.

Passing By
Margaret Whiting, chanteuse, daughter of the justly famous writer of popular songs, Richard Whiting, Margaret includes in her repertoire some of her dad's songs such as "Sleepy Time Gal" and "My Future Just Passed." Ted Williams, Diamond luminary, is claimed he will be paid \$100,000 a season same as Joe Di Maggio. Not so long ago, it was reported Ray Campanella, Dodger catcher, was to be paid \$12,500 for this season. You know what? If I were the manager of a ball club and had my choice between either Williams or Di Maggio and Campanella, I would take the latter. Why? Ray is the best catcher in baseball. The catcher is the most important position on a baseball team.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. We would like to add your opinion to a little discussion in which we are engaged. Which has the greater influence on a man's life, heredity or environment? A. I would say heredity. What a man

inherits as to strength of character from his ancestors will enable him to battle the influences of a bad environment. It will inspire him to rise above that environment. Only weaklings fail because of birth in a bad environment.

Sidelights
"We asked you to suggest a name for our baby," writes a young matron of Staten Island. "You suggested Lynette. That's what we named her. We are getting many compliments on her name." ... Speaking of names I am asked if there ever was a racehorse named California. I don't recall such an animal. All I know is there is one running now named Nebraska.

I am asked who wakes up the bugler. The commander of the guard does. The bugler in the United States army uses a trumpet and must know forty-one different calls.

The Grange

Eagle Point Grange

Following the seating of officers at the regular meeting of Gold Hill Grange February 2, the following visitors were introduced: Master Edwin Gebhardt, Central Point Grange; Master Ralph James, Sams Valley; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lathrop, Central Point; Mr. and Mrs. Beers and Donald Beers, Sams Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pream, Sams Valley.

Third and fourth degrees were conferred on Mr. and Mrs. Peter Twiest, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bruce, and Donald Elder, Gold Hill, and six candidates from Central Point.

Master Gebhardt thanked the Gold Hill initiation team and complemented the tableau work. Master James also expressed appreciation and invited all to visit Sams Valley Grange.

It was voted to send Lecturer Willie McLean to the Corvallis lecturer school.

First and second degrees will be conferred March 2 and Granges having candidates were invited to send them.

Lecturer McLean asked all to bring valentines (any kind) to the next meeting.

Promotion Chairman Glenn Church reported favorably on the March of Dimes campaign to be taken at next meeting to add to the dance fund.

Lucy Eddington, acting H.E.C. chairman, reported Mrs. Charles Askin much improved in a Portland hospital. Cards were sent to Mrs. Askin and Frances Spurline.

Next Grange serving committee includes Mrs. Robert Shaw and Mrs. Elinor Ganong. Glenn Chase reported that with the worst of the winter weather behind, Gold Hill Grange will inaugurate its spring series of dances with a gala Saint Valentine dance on Saturday night, February 11. Extensive decorations will enhance the evening's pleasure, he stated.

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Rogue Dam Plan Is Protested By Resort Manager

Richard G. Eastin, proprietor of Eastin's Rogue Haven, upper Rogue-river resort, today released for publication a copy of a letter which he sent to Representative Harris Ellsworth at Washington protesting the Rogue river project. Eastin's letter follows:

Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

This is a letter of protest

against:

1. The Rogue River Project

Plan A by the Bureau of Reclamation.

2. House Bill No. 1770

3. The continued spending of money far beyond the income of our government.

I have long held hope that there were some sane minds in Washington that would protect little merchants and taxpayers from the wild idealists that seem to be planning the future of our country on foundations of clouds, in hopes that these plans by some miracle would finally settle down to earth.

Never before have I written a congressman—I just vote for the man I feel is fit for the job I want done in managing the affairs of government. But now I have been hit square between the eyes with one of these "dreams in the clouds" that have been jumping out of Washington bureaus like corn out of a circus vendor's popper.

The dream I am referring to is the economic monstrosity called the "Rogue River Project Plan A."

My business is the tourist trade. Tourist attractions of Oregon are among the most important resources in the state. Should we kill this goose that is laying the golden egg so that a few land promoters may taste the meat? You are hearing and will hear more from both sides of this Rogue River development project. I will not add to your task of sorting facts and figures, which I believe will prove to you that the cost of the project will be several times greater than the benefits received. I will point out to you, however, that the tourist will never need to be subsidized by the government and produce an added burden upon the taxpayers.

I again repeat—I vote for the man who I feel is qualified to manage the affairs of government. I don't have the privilege of voting for "bureaucrats." It is the business of the executive branch of our government to see that the laws and directives of the legislative body are carried out and upheld. Cabinet members and their staffs are advisors to the executive branch and should do the job intended for them and not attempt to take over the legislative work also.

House Bill No. 1770 contains another power of the executive branch that should be retained by congress. This bill will allow the secretary of the interior to authorize a project if, in his opinion, the total of all benefits equal the estimated costs of the project. After reading the Hoover report, I am wondering if it is wise to trust to the opinion of a department of the government which has so greatly underestimated nearly all of its projects during the past 25 years.

I ask you to vote against this bill unless this provision and all other provisions that give power to bureaucrats, that should be retained by congress, are removed.

Now is the time, if it is not too late, to call a halt on the breaking down of our American system of government. The allotting of power to appointed officials that should be in the hands of elected representatives must stop or the right to vote will soon be nothing more than a hoax.

SORRY TOO LATE

St. Louis (U.P.)—Elmer J. Smith, caught after dodging the draft for six years by traveling from coast to coast and changing his address a dozen times, told the court, "Judge, I'm sorry." "Sixty days in jail," said the judge.

HONOR ROLL

Medford junior high school honor roll for the third six weeks includes the following names:

7th Grade Boys

Bash, Frank A B A B B A

Carn, Neil A B B B A A

Cully, Stanley A A B A A A