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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 12, 1940
(It Was Monday)

Snow falls in Medford for first
time in 1940 and third time in
winter.

Perry Foster, 97, resident of
county for 78 years, dies.

Warren G. Breeding, Asland,
killed when car plunges off high-
way 99 near Jackson Hot Springs
resort.

Applegate extension unit
elects Mrs. Lee Port chairman.

Barbara Roberts, Medford,
elected to Amphibian, woman's
swimming honorary at University
of Oregon.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
February 12, 1930
(It Was Wednesday)

Clarence Meeker, Medford, ap-
pointed to legislative committee
of state merchant's association.

Petitions circulated for recall
of Mayor Baker in Portland.

Senate hears prohibition term-
ed a failure and a disgrace.

Charles Evans Hughes nomi-
nated as supreme court justice.

H. L. Corbett, Portland, gubern-
atorial candidate, visits.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
February 12, 1916
(It Was Saturday)

Former residents of Ohio to
organize local society.

Ivory E. Curtis purchases T.
A. Finlayson place near Lone
Pine schoolhouse for poultry
business.

W. L. Moore, W. D. Kincaid
and E. T. Staples, all of Asland,
called for jury duty at Jackson-
ville.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ALL kinds of questions are
asked in Washington these
days. Here is one of them: "How
much free mail does a congress-
man send out in the course of a
year?"

The average, according to
Representative Arthur Hall of
New York, is about a ton and a
half.

THAT'S interesting, of course.

But, speaking personally, I'd
say the important thing is how
much of this free mail is read
and digested. My guess, after
years of looking over the stuff,
would be about an ounce and a
half out of the ton and a half.

THE department of agriculture
announces this week that it
has about a hundred million dol-
lars worth of eggs stacked away
in warehouses, caves, etc.,
around the country.

That's a lot of eggs.

LET'S see.

As near as can be made out,
our government with one hand
is egging the hens on to lay more
eggs every year. With the other
hand it is buying up the surplus
eggs the industrious hens are
laying so that the price of eggs
will stay high and the poultry-

Editorial Correspondence

New York, N. Y., Feb. 7.—For many centuries the Esterhazy family has been prominent, not only in the nobility of Hungary and Austria, but in the political affairs of the former empire of Austria-Hungary. Count László Esterhazy was Hungarian minister to the United States during World War II, and now his son Count László Esterhazy, and his wife the countess, are working as butler and cook at a Greek orthodox church camp over on Long Island for \$125 per month. They are young,—the count somewhat re-sembles the ex-King of Yugoslavia,—have a bright-eyed daughter four years old, and according to their employer, who secured them through a regular New York employment agency without know- ing their royal status, they are both "hard workers." Even more important they are said to be extremely happy in this "land of the free and home of the brave," after their harrowing experiences in post-war Austria.

That "happiness" item, we believe, is important. For in the final analysis the genus homo will strive after happiness, with the persistence of a seedling striving toward sunlight. And by the same token will fight unceasingly against unhappiness. We have often remarked concerning the competitive race for world favor between Soviet Russia and the United States. How many Esterhazys—or Smiths or Jones or Pillsburys,—are striving in every way today to find sanctuary in the United States and finding it are happy. And how many are content in Soviet Russia or its satellites, or living on THIS side of the Iron Curtain WISH to get on the other?

There is considerable squawking these days about how Soviet Russia is extending its control over the surface of the earth, and particularly in the Far East. This is true and deplorable. But it should not be forgotten that this control has been extended di- rectly or indirectly only by force and can only be retained in the same way.

The peoples who come under it regardless of race or color don't LIKE it,—they are not and will not be happy under it. It will take time, of course, but eventually the conditions that im- pelled these young people to flee from their homeland, and start a new life in America, under conditions however humble, will impel thousands,—perhaps millions,—of other young people to do the same thing. And that means when the final gun goes off Uncle Sam, not Uncle Joe, will be proclaimed the winner of this inter- national competition.

We have remarked before that one can live as cheaply in New York as anywhere else in the country,—perhaps more cheaply if one will spend enough time and shoe leather in the effort.

As evidence observe the recently publicized experience of the Hilliard family.—Mr. Hilliard is welfare commissioner of New York, with a family of six.

There has been considerable criticism of the established wel- fare budget, which for a family of six adds up to \$124.50 per month. Many on relief claimed they could not get along on any such sum,—approximately \$21 a head, or 75 cents a day.

Well, to prove their error Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard,—particu- larly the latter,—buckled down to show that they themselves could not only live on \$124.50 per month for food but could save some- thing.

So during the month of January, what is now known as the "Hilliard Test" was carried out, and on the first of February there was a balance of \$28.54 in the family bank account.

How was it done? Here is Mrs. Hilliard's explanation: "After 15 years experience in cooking and baking for my family and careful selective shopping-around for the best values, I did not find it difficult to keep my family well nour- ished during the month, two of them gaining weight in fact. I usually spent my mornings in cooking, baking and in child care, and about an hour and half or two hours in the after- noon, shopping. I did not have to go far for my shopping, but I did cover many different stores and markets. I bought a pork roast for 40 cents a pound,—one day only paid 38c,—an- other day smoked tongue at 33 cents a pound,—we like smoked tongue. Another cheap buy in pork gave us pork chops for one day, roast for another, and barbecued pork for still another. Cabbage and escarole proved a satisfactory and cheap substi- tute for expensive lettuce salad, peanut butter and jelly on bread took the place of doughnuts or cake. Spices and sauces made cheap stews and salads more palatable. The main thing was not going out with a set notion of what we had to have but letting the lowest prices determine that,—in short it was a result of proper planning and management."

So it CAN be done, and probably New York City is one of the best places in the country to do it.

While on this subject, it might be stated that in spite of the prevailing good times here, and in the country at large, there are more New Yorkers on relief and a larger list of unemployed in Greater New York than at any time since President Truman's in- auguration. Just why that should be true no one seems to know, but it costs nothing to guess.

Too bad some of the extra snow falling in Oregon could not fall here, where it is so acutely needed. The Weather Man is cer- tainly all balled up this winter. Our oldest grandson out in West- chester county is especially sore for the "keen" skills he received Christmas haven't been broken in as yet,—what little snow has fallen has melted as soon as it hit the ground. That's the way it used to be in Oregon—in the valley at least,—that a way no longer.

After the remarkable government and FBI showing in the Hiss case the handling of the Coplon-Gutwitcher trial is very de- cidedly disappointing. Instead of a battery of half a dozen federal attorneys headed by the towering and aggressive Murphy, there are only two from the justice department handling this espionage case, and they are half asleep most of the time. The No. 1 conspiracy, and they are half asleep most of the time. The No. 1 conspiracy is an ex-Shakespearean actor of the cornbelt circuit, with a most resonant bass voice and classical profile, but not much else thus far exhibited.

Judge Ryan frequently makes his own objections to the de- fense counsel's queries and at least twice has declared the line of questioning improper but as the government has not objected—the defense may continue.

Today Assistant United States Attorney General Saypol came down to sit in on the proceedings for a while, perhaps to check on the government's handling of the case,—perhaps for other reasons. The comments one hears in the press-section are not complimen- tary.

Almost as sensational as the hydrogen bomb have been the political reactions therefrom. We were not so surprised at Sena- tor McMahon's proposal to "buy off" Soviet Russia, for the Sena- tor is inclined to be somewhat hyperbolic. But to have such an experienced and sophisticated ex-army officer as Senator Tidings of Maryland propose a world disarmament program, with every- thing down to the hand-rifle excluded, did take the editorial breath away.

Of course the world SHOULD disarm, the swords of war SHOULD be hammered into ploughshares. But with Soviet Russia constituted as she is, how in creation can any constructive progress be made in that direction?

It would, of course, do no harm to try—try ANYTHING! But we fail to see how any practical, realistic person, as well informed as Senator Tidings could believe it advisable to seriously propose international action at THIS time. In fact until Russia abandons imperialistic communism of the type now functioning—in other words until the present members of the Farther shore are licked out and entirely different types of men are placed in power,—any effort to secure Soviet Russia's cooperation in ANY peace effort strikes this department as not only futile but dangerous.

Senator McMahon's proposal, incidentally, we believe was origi- nated by Henry Wallace two or three years ago when he advoca- ted spending 50 billions of United States cash for the material benefit of Europe including his beloved Russia. With Uncle Sam unable to pay his debts now, throwing another 50 billions into the pot would surely delight Uncle Joe Stalin. Not only because the certainly result in national bankruptcy for the U.S.A. After all there IS a limit.

According to the morning papers the republicans have adopted a new platform for this year's campaign the keynote being "Free- dom versus Socialism: Americanism versus Regime." "Ho Hum! Is that the best the old elephant can do? If so he might as well follow the hedge-hog and hole up until February 1951!" —R.W.R.

men will go on voting the democratic ticket.

Isn't political progress won- derful?

IT all sounds grand (especially the election returns), but a faint note of worry comes from the national poultry and egg as- sociation, whose board of direc- tors tells an eastern reporter:

"If every American would eat an average of about two dozen more eggs this year than last, taxpayers' money would not have to be spent on buying eggs under the support program,—and the eggs would be nourishing taxpayers instead of standing rot in warehouses and caves."

HO, HUM! Let's see,

In the ignorant and unenlight- ened old days when the law of supply and demand ruled the markets, egg prices went down when the hens laid too many eggs and when the price went down about so far people piled in and ate a lot of eggs and the price went up again when eggs began to get scarcer.

Now we buy up the surplus with tax money and park it away in caves and the price stays up and people don't eat as many eggs as they oughta.

The modern way is of course much better (especially from the standpoint of election returns). But you can't help thinking at times of all those eggs in all those caves.

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



Your Health and Its Care

By DR. WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.

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EASIER TO PREVENT LOCKJAW THAN TO TREAT IT

When the "auto-intoxication" notion was at its height, (a few die-hards still stubbornly cling to the nonsensical idea) the word "toxin" was tossed around with great abandon. "Toxins" formed in the bowel and sneaked off the reservation be- coming a foul and ob- fuscating every function and tissue of the body, accord- ing to the goofy idea's prevalent on the subject. The public finally smartened up and recognized that the word was the stock in trade of the laxative boys. We don't see the word "toxin" in print nearly as often as we did previously.

There are actually very few toxins—demonstrable as such—which account for all the mis- chief attributed to them. A real toxin is a thing with which to conjure—the "toxins" involved in the "auto-intoxication" mar- kety are purely imaginary. They were read into the act like minas, wet feet, "resistance" and other gimmicks to explain something that couldn't be ex- plained.

The tetanus bacillus which causes lockjaw, produces one of the most powerful toxins known. While most everyone knows that the spores of these bacilli inhabit the bowels of lower animals, it does not seem to be generally appreciated that they can be found in the discharge from the bowel of at least every fourth human.

Lockjaw or tetanus—is a dis- ease to which all warm-blooded animals are susceptible. It is caused by the entry into the tissues of the spores of the tetanus bacillus, often by totally un- suspected routes. Puncturing the foot with a "rusty" nail is one example too well known by most people. It matters not at all whether the nail is rusty—a clean one bearing spores is just as menacing as a rusty one.

Tetanus has been acquired from dust blowing into an oper- ating room and settling in an open surgical wound. Mind you, the dust itself does no great harm, it is the spores or full grown bacteria which "ride" the dust that create the damage. In- fants have been known to ac- quire tetanus from invasion of the cut umbilical cord at birth. There are innumerable ways in which the infection gains entry to the body, but perhaps the most common is the "punctured" wound.

Tetanus toxin is so powerful—deadly, that is—that the tiniest imaginable drop will kill a mouse within two hours. Once this toxin gains access to the human body, it creates a disease the mortality rate of which is at least half of what it was a cen- tury ago when nothing was known of the actual nature of the disease. Despite our great knowledge of the disease today, any victim of it is in a very serious predicament.

Humans can be immunized to this disease by two tiny in- jections, given under the skin, with two or three months intervening between injections. The sub- stance used in these injections is known as toxoid, which is derived from the toxin. In children, tetanus toxoid may be given to advantage in combination with whooping-cough or diphtheria

toxoid—thus protecting the child against two diseases at the same time. The exact duration of the immunity thus conferred is not easily determined; it is good judgment to give an occasional "booster dose" particularly after an injury.

In non-immunized persons, a "prophylactic" dose of tetanus serum, given by hypodermic in- jection, will confer immunity for a week or ten days—probably sufficient to "tide" one over af- ter an injury. This may be treat- ed—with due precautions. While toxoid rarely creates an unde- sirable reaction, antitetanic se- rum sometimes does. A person who has received a previous dose of serum is tested for "sensitivity" to the serum before a second dose is given.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Are You Wondering?
If there are any new developments in reference to fibroid tumors of the womb. . . I am wondering. (Mrs. L. G. W.)

Answer—A bad habit. Better quit wondering and consult your physician. Three Had a Fair Break

We have wanted to tell you this for a long time. Our three children have never had a bit of medicine for constipation or to "regulate" them. They have never needed any. They enjoy excellent health. We wish there were many more doctors like you. Your teachings should be in the hands of all parents. (S. E.)

Answer—Oh, no, that would be more than they could endure—that is, the Yankee Wascare parents. I congrat- ulate your three children. The time to prevent the constipation habit is be- fore the child is born, or at any rate before Salsey-gamp gets at the baby with the first dose of castor oil. For instructions send twenty-five cents and stamped self-addressed envelope and ask for booklet "THE CONSTITUTIONAL HABIT AND COL- ON HYGIENE."

A Bad Day
Sometimes I have the impression, when you rave at us dumb geeks, that you are just wasting away with some incurable disease and have had a bad day. (Mrs. I. R.)

Answer—Not noticeably, although I have had a day or two, often enough, on the howling green. (Copyright 1950 by John F. Dille Co.)

Wall Street
New York, Feb. 11 — (U.P.) — Radio and television shares high- lighted trading in an otherwise irregular moving stock market today.

Gains in the electronic group ranged to more than 4 points, but other sections of the stock market were down fractionally on balance.

Dow Jones closing stock aver- ages: 30 industrials 203.36 off 0.13; 20 railroads 54.78 off 0.03; 15 utilities 42.65 off 0.10, and 65 stocks 73.52 off 0.06.

Sales today approximated 830,000 shares compared with 730,000 shares traded last Satur- day.

Enough leather to put soles on the shoes of 12,000,000 men could be made from the cattle hides spoiled each year by cat- tie grubs.

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

She's adored
Ample, that in her husband's eyes
looks lovely
The truest mirror that an honest
wife
Can see her beauty in.
—John Tobin.

Are you familiar with that
painful ailment known as
"shingles"? How did it happen
that an affliction which causes
so much suffering has been sad-
dled with a name that makes it
sound so trivial? People suffer-
ing from "shingles" get very lit-
tle sympathy. They, except
from other persons who have had
the ailment, I believe the name
of "shingles" should be changed
to something more impressive.

This paragraph comes from the
heart. I have just had "shingles."
It's something like having five
toothaches and the hives hives
at the same time.

Mom Is Angry.
"Be careful what you report
the stargazers have to say about
"Scorpio" women," writes a
young Brooklynite. "My mother
is a Scorpio and she is plenty
mad about the things you star-
gazers report. She says she
would like to join the women
who want to slap your face.
Mom is red-haired, Ed, so go
easy. Better try to dig up some-
thing nice about Scorpio females
and square yourself."

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. You
should know Park Row as it was
in the days beyond recall. I say
that Dolan, the owner of Dolan's
"Beef and" Restaurant, was a
bearded man. Right? A. When I
knew Dolan's place it was owned
by a man named Meehan. You are
probably thinking of him be-
cause he sported a highly impres-
sive beard. We want to know
some songs that were popular in
1925 to use as a medley to be
played at a twenty-fifth wedding
anniversary. My daughter said:
"Ask Ed Durling, he knows
nearly everything." A. "Who
Stole My Heart Away?" was a
1925 song. So was "Don't Bring
Lulu." Thanks for the Buggy
Lulu. "Just a Cottage Small by
a Waterfall," "Sleepy Time Gal,"
"You Forgot to Remember,"
"Brown Eyes, Why Are You
Blue?" and "Pal of My Cradle
Days."

Smart Female
Patricia Winter, cosmetic ex-
pert, created the first odororani
and the first liquid nail polish.
These products made Patricia's
business so prosperous that in
1929 she was able to sell out for
four million dollars in cash. A
very smart female.

Asides
Do you know your groceries?
Did you know "fancy asparagus"
is the lowest grade and that
grades of asparagus are fancy,
select, extra select, jumbo and
colossal? . . . How are you on the
English language? I mean do you
consider yourself sharp as to
what is in the dictionary? All
right, there is only one four-letter
word in the English language
ending in "eny." Name it.

Passing By
Joseph P. Polowsky, One of
the six American infantrymen
to make the boat crossing over
the Elbe, April 25, 1945, to es-
tablish contact with the Russians
of the Soviet First Ukrainian
Army. When Joe's grandchildren
ask him: "What did you do in
the great war, grandpappy?" he
certainly will have an interest-
ing answer. . . . Joe McCarthy,
Greatest of present day baseball
managers. Joe prefers to have
cigar smokers on his team and
will never engage a player who
smokes a pipe if he can help it.
He believes most pipe smokers
are slow thinkers and lack the
energy and ambition that are
necessary for a great ballplayer.
"The pipe is a symbol," says Mr.
McCarthy. "It means the smoker
is satisfied with himself and the
world and would like to sit
around in slippers and a bathrobe
and dream."

Briefly
It was La Martine who said—
"The reason women are so much

State Department Aids

Washington, Feb. 11—(U.P.)—
The state department today back-
ed ten American oil companies
in their tiff with Great Britain.
The British want to cut their
imports of "dollar" oil in favor
of oil produced by British firms.
The American companies are
protesting.

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