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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 14, 1940
(It Was Wednesday)

Approval of WPA funds of \$4,818 for replacing wooden water main in southern part of city received.

Philip Lowry, Medford, initiated into the Senior Six, top ranking Phi Beta Kappa students at University of Oregon.

Mrs. O. J. Halboth elected president of recently organized Sojourners club.

Medford Athletic association re-elected C. H. "Doc" Davis as president.

Cooksey Motor company opens new used car lot in charge of Willard Cave.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
February 14, 1930
(It Was Friday)

"Progress Week" to open in Medford tomorrow; "Old Man Depression" to be burned in effigy.

Admiral Richard E. Byrd prepares for trip to Antarctica.

Army board orders survey of Crescent City harbor.

Charles Evans Hughes to be sworn in as chief justice of United States supreme court on February 24.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
February 14, 1896

More than 1,700 persons attend three-day poultry show held at fairgrounds.

Mrs. B. E. Haney moves dress-making shop to Garnett-Correy building.

Gladys Fay Minkler and Fulton J. Smith married at Presbyterian church to make home in Talent.

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

I lit a taper, gleaming white, To watch it burn throughout the night. Our love was dead and for its sake I planned a tender little wake. But as I knelt there all alone There rose a low, protesting moan, And thus I learned what women know: Love does not die with saying so.—Paula

A good sign that a male patient is on the mend is when he begins squawking about the service he is getting at the hospital. That is when he starts saying the bed isn't made right, the nurse is neglecting him, the food is terrible, etc. A good sign that a female patient is on the upgrade is when she asks for her make-up box or wants a manicure. So I am informed by a hospital nurse of long experience. This nurse says that the worst of all possible hospital patients are doctors. She says when a doctor gets sick he really makes something of it. She adds, "Even if he only has a boil on his neck the doctor patient soon has the entire hospital in an uproar."

Passing By

TED LEWIS, Dean of dance band maestros. Has been a vaudeville and night spot headliner for over thirty years and is still going very strong. Currently is being featured at the Copacabana, in Manhattan. Among the things that have kept Ted on the top of the heap all these years is that his band plays music that most people can dance to nicely. Wally Van, extremely popular cinema comedian in the silent film era. If you don't remember Wally in the hilarious picture titled, "Love, Luck and Gasoline," your resignation from the young old timers is requested. Howard Cullman Broadway's leading theatrical angel. He has furnished all or part of the financial backing for one hundred and fifty plays in thirteen years. Incidentally, one of these plays was "Life With Father."

Sidelights

There were no electric self-starters on automobiles until nineteen hundred eleven. Cadillac had the first. Note offered for sale a suit described as "a midnight blue tropical tuxedo." Me for that for summer evening wear. None of those white dinner jackets for men. Never saw a man who looked other than a fool in one. "How about marriages between tall girls and short men?" asks a Bostonian. Answer is they are nearly one hundred per cent successful. Will explain why in a later issue.

Test

How is your enunciation? Do you think it is good enough for you to be horse race caller or a sports broadcaster? Then repeat the following sentence three times very rapidly: "Old Ollie Ollie old oily autos. Also this one: 'The short sort straight through.' If you rapidly repeat each of these sentences three times without making an error your enunciation is good. Besides you don't have to send me a stogie.

Asides

It is claimed the smallest shop in the country is that of shoe repair man Carl Brady, of Joliet, Ill. Mr. Brady's shop is five feet six inches, by three feet seven inches. The French Charmer Mistinguett, who was world famous for the symmetry of her limbs thirty-five years before Marlene Dietrich was born, is still actively engaged as a performer in Paris. Mistinguett recently completed a long engagement in which she appeared at seven night performances and three matinees weekly. She is coming to New York soon.

Railroad News Holds Interest

A revival of interest in Oregon's railroad picture as a part of greatly accelerated service over the hodge-podge of lines which make up the so-called "Great Northern line to California," is foretold in a recent article by Richard L. Neuberger in The Oregonian.

THE article holds more than passing interest for this portion of southern Oregon as there is a possibility it may have some connection with the recent renewal of rumors here that a railroad line is being planned to connect the Great Northern near Klamath Falls with the Rogue River valley and possible extension westward to a seaport.

Neuberger, discussing the stepping up of service over the north and south route, intimates the decision was probably reached when three railroad presidents, F. J. Gavin of the Great Northern, Fred G. Gurley of the Santa Fe and Frederick B. Whitman of the Western Pacific, met a few months ago and "without fanfare or publicity" traveled from Wishram, Wash., to Keddie, Cal., on the main line of the Western Pacific. None of the officials had ever been over the entire route before.

THE present set-up permits funneling of freight to Wishram from such points as Spokane in the eastern part of Washington over the Spokane, Portland and Seattle line; from as far north and west as Vancouver, B. C., and Everett, Seattle and other Washington coast towns over the Union Pacific, Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

From Wishram the haul would be over the Oregon Trunk Line and S.P.&S. to Bend, Ore., thence by Great Northern to Bieber, Cal., and on southward by way of the Western Pacific to Stockton and San Francisco and via Santa Fe to Barstow, Los Angeles and San Diego, with of course, connections to the east.

SPEEDING up of freight service over the "back door" route to California holds much significance for Washington shippers, according to the Seattle Post Intelligencer which points out that the announcement of a full day's reduction in freight time between Seattle and California points is "one of the most significant to be made by a railroad or combination of railroads in Seattle in many years."

It is also surmised that considerable rivalry for coastal tonnage may materialize with resultant benefits to shippers.

PASSENGER service is presently provided only on the section between Wishram and Bend but rumors here have it that passenger service may be instituted on the line south of Klamath Falls. Neuberger states that talk in Seattle is to the effect that eventually passenger service will be provided from Wishram to Keddie and that such service might even include the Great Northern's luxurious Empire Builder.

ROGUE valley shippers and train travelers have realized ever since the Southern Pacific company moved its main line traffic to the other side of the mountains that the only hope for better service in and out of here is the construction of a competing line east from Medford and/or Grants Pass.

If the Great Northern, for instance, should acquire the former Pacific and Eastern which now serves the Medford corporation as a logging road far into the country east of Butte Falls, it would have a substantial nucleus for such a western link with the rich Rogue valley. Extension of the line into the Illinois valley and thence to the sea would not be too fantastic a dream for there is a vast freight potential in all that region.

IN addition to the freight possibilities, the region is fast filling up with people, and people make business—railroad business and otherwise.

An eastward route from Medford with competitive rates and schedules would give our great pear and lumbering industries a new and encouraging outlook.—E.C.F.

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"You can stop worryin' about Julia findin' out you're the one who sent her that comic valentine. She already knows who did it!"

Your Health and Its Care

By DR. WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.
Readers should address inquiries to: Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

AMEBIASIS IS NOT TROPICAL



Dr. Brady

Dysentery is a name given to a number of disorders marked by inflammation of the intestines, especially of the large intestine (colon), pain in the abdomen and diarrhea with more or less mucus and blood in the stools. The presence of blood distinguishes dysentery from diarrhea.

Dysentery may be bacillary (due to a germ known as Shiga's bacillus because a Japanese named Shiga first isolated the germ during an epidemic of dysentery in Japan in 1898). Formerly this type of dysentery was the usual type in America; at least one gets this impression from the medical literature of the nineteenth century.

The most common type of dysentery throughout the United States and Canada, not to mention Mexico and the subtropical Central American and tropical South American countries, is amebic today, owing to the steadily increasing travel or traffic between these countries.

Both bacillary and amebic dysentery (amebiasis) are water-borne diseases in most cases, although either kind of dysentery may be contracted in other ways, such as contact or association with carriers (persons who have or recently have had the disease), contamination of one food or drink by a cook, waiter or other person who handles the food or drink with unclean hands; or by pollution of food by flies, cockroaches, mice, rats that may convey the infection from anywhere in the vicinity directly to the exposed food.

As mentioned in an article published here, the diagnosis of dysentery in any case can be made only by microscopic isolation of Shiga's bacillus or the ameba (called *Endamoeba histolytica*) from the intestinal discharge and identification of the organism by scientific tests.

Far from being prevalent only in the tropics, as we formerly thought, a medic dysentery (or amebic or ulcerative colitis) is now widespread throughout the continent. The parasite can survive freezing. It may live a month or more outside of the body. It may be present on fresh vegetables not only in subtropical and tropical countries but anywhere that vegetables grow—even in the Arctic. This is true also of bacillary dysentery.

Again I emphasize the part played by food handlers—for instance de Rivas of U. P. observes in his textbook of *Clinical Parasitology*: "In the author's experience it has been found that the main source of infestation, especially among the well-to-do, has been traceable to servants, cooks, butlers, nurses, waitresses, governesses and chauffeurs."

In localities where the water supply is likely to be impure, the water should be boiled at least one minute, better five minutes, not only for drinking but for any domestic use. Only thoroughly cooked vegetables or fruits should be eaten. Salads should be omitted from the menu. All doors and windows must be screened against entrance of flies. Insecticidal sprays or powders should be used in the proper way each morning and evening.

When one orders bottled (presumably pure) water or milk anywhere, north or south, one should insist that the bottle be served with seal unbroken, and open and pour it oneself. I hope the information given here may be of some use to readers who wish to avoid contracting dysentery. I hope, too, that readers will not ask me what remedy I suggest for dysentery. That is strictly a medical question, and this is not a medical column, even though some knuckleheads choose to call it medical. The purpose of this column is to teach physiology, hygiene, prophylaxis (prevention of disease) and health, and that's all. I wish I could make this clear to editors.

Readers and the small fry of the medical profession.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Our problem is how to get school teachers out of the habit of having so many parties of sweets for the children at school. (Minority of Mothers)

Answer—What with pop dispensers, candy bars galore, ice cream and other cheat-foods, astutely dangled before the children's eyes, plain health-giving food hasn't a chance. The health board, school board, school doctor, school nurse, cafeteria dietitian and teacher cater to the children's demands, lest the Majority of Mothers raise holy hell.

Leg itters

I am bothered a lot with leg itters, especially when I try to get asleep at night. Can you suggest anything?

(W. K. D.)

Answer—Yes, take a nitroglycerin tablet 1-2 hours after you get into bed, and repeat the dose in half an hour if the restlessness in legs is not relieved. Don't tell me if the drugstore refuses to sell you nitroglycerin tablets without prescription. Tell your doctor.

Diabetes

Mother has diabetes. I sent for your pamphlet and she says she has learned more from it than from anything else she has read or the doctors have told her. (H. A. T.)

Answer—For copy of booklet TRAINING FOR DIABETES send twenty-five cents and stamped self-addressed envelope.

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Attlee Heckled by Red Demonstrators

London, Feb. 14.—U.P.—Communist demonstrators heckled Prime Minister Clement Attlee today when he and Winston Churchill opened their separate campaigns for Scotland's 71 seats in the house of commons.

Attlee made the first speech of his electioneering tour of Scotland at Greenock. He spoke in support of Hector McNeill, minister of state who is having a tough fight for his seat. One of his opponents is J. R. Campbell, editor of the communist Daily Worker.

A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington, Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—The American Telephone & Telegraph company has an ingenious way of detecting trouble in its underground cables.

The company loads the cables with nitrogen and when a line break occurs, a signal is flashed in the home office.

One day this week, T. D. Dutton, A. T. & T. supervisor, was talking on his own phone when a warning flash came in from the long distance line that services New York and Baltimore.

Tom put down one phone, picked up another, and dispatched a crew of strong men to the trouble area.

The men arrived on the scene in due time and bore down on the enemy, which turned out to be a worm, white in color and about two inches long.

"We've had a lot of trouble before with underground cables and wires overhead," Dutton said, "but this is the first time in history that a worm ever fouled up the works—or almost fouled them up."

Worm Caught

The rescue squad caught the worm in the act. The little fellow was busy getting itself a fine case of indigestion or lead poisoning from the sheath that covers the wires.

Up to this point, worms have been the very least of the troubles of the A. T. & T. Dutton said the company has had trouble with electric currents eating away cables. Rats are consistent pests and in some sections of the country so are gophers, and even squirrels—even though the cables are buried two and a half to three feet underground.

Dutton carefully explained the nitrogen system, which in some manner I didn't understand sends an alarm to the telephone company's office.

OUT OF THE WOODS

By Jim Stevens



The Fernhoppers

On February 18 the annual banquet of the students and alumni of the Oregon State college forestry school will be held at Corvallis, Ore., as the lads and grads themselves put it, "The Fernhoppers will buckle on the nosebag."

So tradition grows in forestry education. The Oregon forestry school was started in 1910, as part of a mighty surge in the pioneer forestry movement of the northwest. The year before the Pacific Logging congress and the Western Forestry and Conservation association had come to life. The year of 1910 was one of the worst in the history of American forest fires. It set all hands to thinking on forestry questions. Education was a first answer, and at Corvallis it became a substantial one in that year of holocaust.

So there will be solemn responsibility evident at the big annual feed of the Fernhoppers. Some 500 are expected to answer the dining-room of the cut-hammer. It will be good to look upon them. There will be the heads and hands of forest management in the future of the greatest commercial tree-growing region in the world.

Now What Do I Say?

I had written so far on a serious kind of article for this space when a telephone call from Forestry Dean Paul Dunn of OSC found its way into my boom-box and shakle. Through snow drifts, icicles and all. Now I sit again at the old three-bank Oliver, all a-tremble with something far worse than the bite of winter at my bones.

"You are invited by the Fernhoppers to be the speaker at their annual dinner on the 18th of February," he said. "The words left me feeling both honored and flabbergasted. Through the chattering of my store chompers I managed to mutter that as an alumnus of the eighth grade I was unfit to stand up in a meeting of college people, but the dean only laughed."

"The Fernhoppers have read your books and they know your 'Out of the Woods,'" he said. "You come on to Corvallis and meet your friends."

That was just how it happened, minus details. So here I sit. For four paragraphs I'd hacked out a fair to middling oblique report on the annual affair of the Fernhoppers and some passable comment. Now I'm looking at myself in the thick of it, and already the cold sweat is popping.

Tonight, in the solemn watches, I'll be dreaming of facing a room full of Fernhoppers, and standing numb and dumb under their stares. So it will go many a night. And in daytime worry too.

So Much To Be Said

What the Fernhoppers want to hear I reckon, is another voice from the field of their own experience and prospects. They were certainly not looking for hot entertainment or for professional inspiration, speaking when they looked the way of an old horse-lodger, green-chain

hand and weaver of bunkhouse yarns. They know who I am. They know what they will get. A heap of looking backward. Tall tales. An old ballad or two in a conky tenor, powerfully rendered. Maybe a moral.

It will be a pleasure for me, after I've worried through it. And it may be that I'll leave a thing or two with the Fernhoppers for them to remember. Sometimes it happens. Public speaking by awkward amateurs is undeniably a steadily growing force in American democracy. It is a part of forestry progress, too. So—off to Corvallis!

In the Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

Last week's explosive news sensation is the confession of a German-born, British-naturalized atom scientist that SINCE 1942 he has "knowingly and continuously" passed on to Soviet Russia vital British-American atomic secrets.

IT DEMONSTRATES COMPLETELY THE FUTILETY OF SECRECY AS A DEFENSE.

IN his operations, this man Fuchs was no false-mustache-wearing two bit spy with a suit case full of disguises, snooping for such information as he could pick up from others and selling it to the Russians for a high price.

In Britain (starting, remember, away back in 1942) he was the LEADING ATOMIC RESEARCHER at Hartwell, Britain's atomic establishment—which corresponded to our Oakridge, Tenn., or Hanford, Wash. At Hartwell, he was HEAD of the theoretical physics branch, which is the heart of atomic science.

In the United States, during the war, he visited Oakridge, our No. 1 atomic plant, and Los Alamos, where our first atom bomb was produced. He had access, apparently, to ALL of our atomic knowledge.

HE fooled the British first. The British vouched for him. So, naturally enough under the circumstances, we accepted him unhesitatingly. That is how he came into full possession of all of our top-drawer atom secrets.

WHAT kind of man is he? Well, he was a young communist back in Hitler Germany. That is how he came to go to England. In his confession, he says:

"When I learned the kind of work I was to do in Britain I decided to inform Russia and I established contact through another member of the communist party."

So he went on finding out things and telling them to the Russians all through the war and clear up to 1947. He explains: "I believed Russia would build a new world and that I would take part in it."

He was a fanatic, you see. You never can tell what a fanatic will do.

EVENUALLY, he says, he came to have doubts about Russia. He arrived finally at the point where he disapproved of many of the actions of Russian policy. Because of ill-health, he missed one of his rendezvous with Russian agents, and when he got well he decided not to go to the next one.

But by then the damage had been done. He had given to the Russians (according to his confession) the essential facts about the atom bomb and what made them all we know about the hydrogen bomb.

A BRILLIANT scientific screwball?

Apparently yes. He describes himself as an individual with a split mind—a fantastically advanced Jekyll and Hyde. He says of himself:

"I used by Marxian philosophy to cancel my thoughts, which had to be separated into two compartments. On one side was the man I wanted to be. I could be free and easy and happy with other people without fear of disclosing myself because I knew the other compartment would step in if I reached a danger point—looking back now, the best way is to call it controlled schizophrenia."

SO there you have it. All the mummery, all the secrecy all the ridiculous ritualistic business with which we have surrounded our atomic enterprise has been merely wasted

effort which actually delayed and confused our progress. Secrecy never was much good because secrets can't be kept. We have this startling demonstration that it is no good now. Maybe the knowledge will shock us into more intelligent ways of meeting the grave problems that admittedly face us in the present crisis in human progress.

Saga, Japan, Feb. 14.—(U.P.)—Forty persons, including school children, were feared drowned today when a ferryboat capsized and sank in the Chikugo river.

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