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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 16, 1940
(It Was Friday)

Childers building opposite the Roxy theater sold to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith.

Attorney Harry B. Duncan returns from tour of Mexico.

About 300,000 boxes of pears remain in local storage places unpacked and unsold.

Medford chapter of International Footprinters' association planned with Col. L. M. McKinley in charge.

Proposed elimination of sharp curves on Sexton mountain told by surveyors.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
February 16, 1930
(It Was Sunday)

Spring pruning underway in many of valley's orchards.

Ice forms on edge of Crater Lake, rangers there report.

Sams Valley and Phoenix quintets challenge Ashland for right to represent district in state basketball tournament.

Unrest throughout nation regarded by democrats as chance to win next presidential election.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
February 16, 1916
(It Was Wednesday)

Phoenix high school domestic science class provides three course dinner for school board at home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Furry.

Large heron flying into power lines throws southern Oregon and northern California into darkness.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and addresse of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial 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 400 words.

Red Snow

To the Editor: Most people think of snow as white. Some artists paint it as blue. In Greenland and elsewhere, red snow has been found. This is due to minute plant organisms.

Last August, National Parks' Ranger Naturalist Sharsmith, found in the Yosemite region a much rarer snow. It was green snow. Its color is due to tiny green plants. These are algae, cousins to the green seaweeds. Naturalist Sharsmith's find was described in Yosemite Nature Notes, a little publication of the Yosemite Ranger Naturalists.

Children who enjoy national park educational programs soon will have a rare treat. Florida's Everglades national park now has been dedicated. Soon dad and mother can pack the brood into the auto for a trip to the tropics. In this baby of the national parks chain, one can see Royal Palm forest, yet avoiding the expense of a Brazilian tour. The Everglades, too, have 100 species of orchids. On its miles of mangrove, oysters grow. These landed poor Columbus in dungeon chains. He refused to recant his statement: "In America, oysters grow on trees!"

The kiddies can watch, through a telescope, eaglets at school. Best of all are the roseate spoonbills. These are great pink "cranes." A few years ago these were down to three breeding pairs on one key. The Audubon Society saved them by jailing plume-hunters.

C. M. Goethe,
Sacramento, Calif.

Rain On Order

The Salt River Valley Water Users association in Arizona is going about the business of rain or snow making in a somewhat different way than is being tried in this part of the Rogue River valley. In Arizona three rain making machines have been used and, according to the January issue of the Arizona Farmer, they have proved sufficiently successful to warrant purchase of seven more.

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HERE, the aim has been to increase snowfall through "triggering" of certain type clouds by the use of airplanes. The added snowfall, if any, is expected to give additional irrigation water when the melting process sets in this spring.

The Arizona machines are blowers, set up in the watershed, to spray the air with silver iodide vapor in fine particles. The object is to stimulate precipitation from clouds that are in condition to drop their moisture but need something to actually get them started.

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SCIENTISTS explain that silver iodide particles are almost exactly like the aqueous nucleus around which raindrops form. Artificial injection of the iodide particles deceives the clouds causing them to drop their cargo and, theoretically at least, this reaction spreads as far as there is moisture cold enough for condensation.

Admittedly, the clouds have to be exactly the right temperature for the "triggering off" to have effect. If the temperature of the cloud vapor is too high, nothing that man can do will condense it.

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REPORTS from the Salt River Valley experiment reveal that normal precipitation of 0.22 of an inch was stepped up to 0.84 and Dr. Irving P. Krick, meteorologist, who has analyzed Weather Bureau data for the region believes one ground unit can effect as much as 240 square miles when everything is favorable.

The three rain machines which have been used in the initial experiments cost around $1,200 each and required a portable electric generator. The seven new "rain makers" developed by the General Electric company, burn bottled gas and the cost per unit is only $200.

Although there will be considerable additional expense in placing the machines in the most strategic spots and keeping men on hand to operate them at the proper time, the promoters believe that all told the machines will stimulate precipitation at about one-tenth the cost of cloud seeding by airplane.

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IF the Arizonans have actually found a way to bring rain by making only a nominal investment in apparatus, it may be natural to expect dry land ranchers of this and other regions will be setting up "cloud guns" in their back pastures before long. Such a development could lead to considerable disagreement as to timing and quantity of rain, but that is a subject which can be taken up later. E.C.F.

Senator Malone

Nevada's U. S. Senator George W. Malone, who gave Monday night's Lincoln club diners one of the most down-to-earth talks heard here in some years, may be a man-to-watch in the national Republican picture—that is, if there is any future in republicanism.

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SENATOR Malone has few attributes of the political spellbinder; he indulges in no arm waving, voice whittling or other histrionics. His argument is easily followed for his words make sense, and both he and his hearers know what he is talking about, a situation becoming more and more rare in these days when so many in public life are sailing under the gobbledygook banner.

The senator is one of those seldom found in politics, a successful businessman. A civil and hydraulic engineer by profession, he served as an adviser to the secretary of the interior in the construction of Hoover dam, he was state engineer of Nevada in 1927 and conducted his own engineering concern until becoming his state's junior member of the United States senate. E.C.F.

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Washington, Feb. 16— (U.P.) — Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods today announced that rent control had been removed in Milwaukie, Ore., as a result of local option.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

Crosstown

by Roland Coe

"I cannot accept this book report you turned in, Charles! It sounds very much like the movie version."

Washington Report

By Bob Dickey

Washington, Feb. 16 — Five Oregon reclamation projects are now being considered by a senate committee and may be authorized by backdoor legislation.

Bob Dickey

These five projects, included in the 14-project program submitted to congress early this month, are: Hell's Canyon dam; Canby project on the Molalla river; Crooked river project on the Crooked river; The Dalles project, west unit, on the Columbia river; and the Vale project, Bully creek extension, on the Malhuer river.

The interior and insular affairs committee of the senate is now holding hearings on proposed amendments to the "rivers and harbors" bill, H.R. 5472, passed over by the senate last session. And among amendments being considered is one which would authorize projects located in Oregon. In other words, they would be brought in through the backdoor by riding on H.R. 5472.

It is necessary to understand the house bill, H.R. 5472, to appreciate the uniqueness of this action now being taken by the senate interior and insular affairs committee.

Pork Barrel Bill

House bill H.R. 5472 is commonly called the "pork barrel" bills. It is a legislative authorization of all the rivers and harbors projects which are to be undertaken by the army engineers. In it there are 12 Oregon projects with an estimated appropriation of $103,307,000.

These are: Lookout Point dam (completion of dam and power facilities); Hills creek dam; Dexter dam; Waldo lake; Fall creek dam; Holley dam; Fern Ridge dam; Willamette falls fish ladder; Willamette river supplemental works; Detroit dam (completion); Johnson creek dam; and an authorization of work on levees on the Willamette river to protect the city of Portland.

This bill was passed in the house last session but bogged down in the senate public works committee. Finally it was reported out of committee but the bill remained on the senate calender without being passed.

But since last session of congress was the first session of the 81st congress, the bill did not die. House passage of the measure is still effective and if the bill is passed by the senate this session, congressional action will be completed.

Complications

Now the senate interior and insular affairs committee is complicating the situation. They are holding hearings on these reclamation projects to get information for the purpose of amending H.R. 5472, the pork barrel bill, by tacking on to it the authorization of the reclamation projects.

Oregonians could interpret this action two ways. They could say it would be beneficial in that more Oregon projects are being authorized. Or they could reason that since H.R. 5472 did not get past the senate last session, if it is now burdened with additional amendments approving reclamation projects, it will be bogged down again this session.

Presidential Approval

But then again, reasoning that the amending of H.R. 5472 would be burdensome is not too accurate in the light of current conditions. The majority of the projects in the "rivers and harbors" (or pork barrel, or omnibus) bill, as well as the reclamation projects which may be tacked on to the bill, have been given the green light from President Truman.

The first of this month, the bureau of the budget, speaking for Truman, notified the secretary of interior that he was to submit the "combined plan" for the development of the Columbia basin region to congress.

This combined plan represented the integrated agreement between the army engineers and Bu-Rec. It was the topic of much controversy last year and termed the "shot-gun" wedding of the engineers and the bureau of reclamation by the CVA forces.

There was also much comment last year by the opposition to CVA over the president's reluctance to clear the "plan" through the budget bureau. They accused him of:

1. Holding up the combined plan to force CVA action; and
2. Holding up action on H.R. 5472, embodying features of the "combined plan," to force action on CVA.

Now the president has released the Bu-Rec-Engineers coordinated plan and this should indicate to his supporters in congress that he wants it enacted into legislation. This also should expedite the passage of H.R. 5472 this session since it embodies most of the plan. If the bill is amended to include the reclamation projects, they probably will be carried along with it.

Plug for CVA

Notwithstanding the president's release of the "coordinated agreement," he still managed to slip in a plug for CVA. He said, through the budget letter to interior," . . . authorization of this program by congress will make it more important than ever to establish a better organizational framework and more uniform statutory basis for the conservation and development of all natural resources in the Pacific Northwest, such as would be provided by the Columbia Valley Authority."

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A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington, Feb. 16—(U.P.)—Look up and down Main street, folks. You may find just the man Paul Green is looking for to play the role of George Washington.

Harman Nichols

Green, a Pulitzer prize-winning playwright, is completing a new symphonic drama, featuring the father of our country. The drama will have its world premiere here in connection with the national capital sesquicentennial.

The playwright says all the bars are down on the search. He'll take for the part a professional, an amateur, a hay-shaker, a butcher or a guy who runs a cement mixer.

"I'm not going to leave any talent unturned," Green said. "I'm even going to look at all the drama schools in the country."

The qualifications are not simple.

"The man to play George Washington must be a rugged, heavy, almost craggy person," said Green. "He must at times be a jovial character. At other times he must be deadly serious. He should have big hands, a big-featured face, with wide-spaced, level, penetrating eyes."

Lips Must Be Heavy

The author didn't mention it, but it probably would help the man after the job if he knows how to belt a cherry tree with a hatchet and is willing to swear on a stack of good books that he never told a lie.

"His lips should be slightly heavy," Green said, "not beautiful, not ugly. He must have a voice of authority, for Washington always spoke with such a voice."

The man who will play George Washington must be a little over 50 years of age. He ought to have gray hair, although a wig could fix that up and probably will, anyhow; he must be slightly grizzled and should be taller than average.

Words Lacking

Green and Edward Boykin, the director of the sesquicentennial, were talking it over and had to admit they couldn't quite find the exact words to describe the man they are looking for.

The history books say that Washington was "at all times" a vivid vital personality. A professional could put on that act; an amateur would have to have it in the first place.

And the man who portrays his personality and character must possess the innate quality of a "noble gentleman."

Above all, the fellow they're seeking must live and work in America.

"Surely," Green said, "there are scores of Americans who know a 'George Washington.' Maybe he lives on the farm behind your back 40 acres. He might ride to work with you on the street car. Take another look at your grocery clerk."

Anyway, if you know a "George Washington," drop Paul Green a line in care of the National Capital Sesquicentennial in Washington, D. C., and send along a photograph of your candidate.

Diesels To Replace Steam Locomotives

Ashland, Feb. 16—A plan to replace steam locomotives with diesel engines on the Southern Pacific line in this division was revealed today by a spokesman for the railroad in the Ashland Southern Pacific freight office. Reduction of locomotive crews from six to two men will accompany the change-over, according to the official, but he added that the SP hopes to arrange transfers for the employees "bumped."

As a preliminary to the switch from steam to diesel, Southern Pacific is now making test runs over the Siskiyous from Ashland to Dunsmuir with a Baldwin diesel, one of the largest of its type made, and with a smaller "helper" locomotive.

The spokesman said one diesel engine can do the work of three steam locomotives and will be used exclusively by the SP "within a short time."

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