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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 22, 1940

(It Was Thursday)

Riggs Optical company offices in Medford building provided.

Jackson county contributed \$801 to March of Dimes drive.

Fourth annual Catfish derby scheduled May 12 at Elks picnic grounds.

Fifty boys enrolled in physical education at high school to put on show tonight.

Mrs. J. C. Carr elected president of Missionary society at Presbyterian church at Phoenix.

Dan Moon named scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 14, Talent.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

February 22, 1930

(It Was Saturday)

Forty-two mile an hour gale sweeps over city and electricity shut off when limbs of trees short circuit power.

Ashland high basketball team clinches southern Oregon title by defeating Grants Pass high 36 to 21.

Four Nebraskans die when they drink anti-freeze mistaken for wine at party.

Ashland groups approve Washington school site for new county courthouse.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

February 22, 1916

(It Was Tuesday)

George Gates and Jay Gore join fraternities at the University of Oregon.

Police Chief J. F. Hiltson files candidacy for democratic nomination as sheriff.

"Brown's" up-to-date and sanitary soda fountain, opened here by Mr. and Mrs. Ed G. Brown.

Portland Council

Passes Ordinance

On Discrimination

Portland, Ore., Feb. 22—(U.P.)—The Portland city council today passed a civil rights ordinance which bans racial discrimination in public places such as hotels and restaurants.

The vote was unanimous.

The council chamber was packed with spectators and representatives of various groups who appeared before the council to speak for or against the ordinance.

In the audience were whites, Negroes, Chinese, Filipinos, Catholics, protestants and Jews.

Both the Hotel association of Portland and the Oregon Restaurant association opposed the ordinance.

Proponents of the ordinance included several civic groups, churches and Negro and religious organizations.

Walter Evans Jr., attorney representing the Hotel association, told the council that hotel men were opposed to discrimination but believe the ordinance was no solution to the problem.

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Plane Spotters Again

Secretary of Defense Johnson's request for re-activation of the wartime air raid warning system in Oregon, California and Washington has kicked up considerable rumpus. The principal criticism is due to belief that the set-up would not be sufficiently efficient, considering the speed of today's planes, to be worth the effort. There is also much wonderment since the powers that be in Washington have divulged nothing that would indicate need for such action at this time.

Governor Douglas McKay has invited the governors of the adjoining states to send their air raid chiefs to a meeting in Portland for discussion of the ground warning program which Secretary Johnson wants in operation by early April.

IT WASN'T patriotic to criticize the air raid warning system as set up during the war, but there were a number of things connected with that activity which volunteer participants and others viewed with jaundiced eye.

A mild form of hysteria seemed to prevail, its chief manifestations being the desire on the part of some to tell others what to do regardless of whether the orders made sense or not. Another manifestation was the anxiety of some to follow orders—any orders. The air raid warning system was part and parcel of this war-born aberration as was also the order which went forth for a bucket of sand and a stirrup pump for every household. The stirrup pump manufacturers cashed in on the latter brain storm but there its usefulness ended.

WE ALSO call to mind the shipment of "tin hats" to the various municipalities, for fire wardens. This helped the tin hat makers but just what the wardens were supposed to do with the equipment was never fully understood. Certainly they would have been of little protection had a raiding plane or planes visited the valley as the latter would have dumped their bombs and been gone before the wardens could have dug their helmets out of the closet, donned them and gone about their work of rousing the populace, putting out fires, etc.

Today the warning situation would be even more confused as plane speed has been stepped up and especially if jet planes were used they would be over the target here, for instance, and half way to Timbuktu before any watcher in the valley could draw more than a couple of breaths.

Just why an enemy would want to make the long flight to bomb inland points on the coast where there are no strategic installations has never been explained.

AT LEAST 6,000 volunteers will be required to man the state's air raid warning observation posts, Governor McKay has estimated. Before that many people are again subjected to the dislocations and discomforts of airplane spotting there should be something more than a cryptic directive from Washington. E.C.F.

The American Seesaw

In the United States the economic rise, or fall, of families and individuals comes not so much through inheritance, and royal or political favor as in the old countries, but more through the sagacity of those concerned in managing their fortunes, and the turn of business conditions and events for good or bad.

AN EXAMPLE may be seen in the current dismantling of the extravagantly lavish Chateau Carrols, in Hillsborough on the San Francisco peninsula.

The 96-room mansion, located in 26 acres of formal French gardens, was built, furnished and landscaped in 1915 at an estimated cost of \$3,000,000 by Mrs. Harriet Pullman Carolan, Pullman fortune heiress.

The lady had prepared the place to entertain the royalty of Europe expected to visit the Panama Pacific exposition.

There were marble baths, three-inch carpets, silver drainboards and the upper floor had rooms for the 40 servants required to staff the palatial premises.

BUT the turn of events, combined with the poor judgment which had conceived the place, left it unoccupied except for caretakers for most of its 35 years. First the coming of World War I dashed hopes for any royal guests. Then came the United States' entry into the conflict and seizure of the railroads with an accompanying crimp in the Pullman fortune.

The mansion, closed then for the sake of economy, now will give way for more plebeian housing, its 14-carat gold bathroom fixtures and other items for sale at bargain prices, remnants of a grandeur which took only 35 years to fizzle out. E.C.F.

International Pancake Race Title Goes To Lassie In England

Liberal, Kans., Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Olney, England, where Shrove Tuesday pancake racing is a 500-year-old art, today won the international griddle derby when the best time in this southeastern Kansas plains town fell 7.6 seconds behind the Olney mark.

Mrs. Dale Warden, 22, bride of a few months, puffed down Liberal's Main street, over the 415-yard course traditional in Olney, in 1 minute 18 seconds.

But five hours earlier, in Olney, 18-year-old Florence Callow made the distance—flipping her pancake three times while racing—in 1 minute 10 2/5 seconds.

That made Florence the winner of the first international pancake race.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at Noon Saturday.

Reg Tag Sale Slated Friday And Saturday

Offering many values especially purchased for the event. Medford merchants will sponsor another city wide Reg Tag sale, Friday and Saturday.

Food stores as well as all other businesses have been urged to cooperate in the bargain days according to Robert Agard chairman of the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce.

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Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"I brought my Boy scout axe. You can't cut a cherry tree down with that cardboard axe you gave me!"

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Love torments me once again sweetly-bitter, sadly-dear. Blinds me with a rosy chain. Hard to break, and hard to bear. —Arnold.

As for astrology, I don't go for it at all myself. However I have done some extensive checking on the stargazers and so the clientele continue to query me about the subject. If you are interested in astrology, why not do some checking yourself. For example, take Margaret Truman, the president's daughter, born on February 17 under sign of Aquarius. There are more people in the Hall of Fame born under that sign than any other. I don't think Maggie is going to make the Hall of Fame but she sure is getting a lot of publicity. Marlene Dietrich is an Aquarian. Do you see any resemblance between Miss Truman and Marlene? Aquarius women, say the stargazers, despise housework. I don't know whether this fits Maggie Truman or not. Aquarian women "dislike poverty." That's what the stargazers say. What woman doesn't? Quint fellows, those stargazers. The analysis of Miss Truman according to what the astrologers claim will be continued in a later issue.

Get It Right!

The Boy Scouts of America has officially announced that this year is the organization's 40th anniversary. You would think they would know. However, certain residents of Monterey, Cal., say this is the 42nd anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. And what's more they can prove it. They say the first troop of Boy scouts was formed in Monterey, Cal., in 1908 by Gen. R. I. Bullard who had previously met Baden-Powell in England. They also state the country's first scoutmaster was Bill Pottharst of Monterey.

Overlooked

The winner of the Santa Anita Derby ever won the Kentucky Derby. That's what many sportscribes, including my distinguished colleague Bill Corum, continue to state. The observation is intended to convey the thought that the California classic is not in the same class as Kentucky's run for the rose. I would like to call something to the attention of the aforementioned sportscribes. The Kentucky Derby of 1940 was won by Gallahadion. Well, gentlemen, Gallahadion ran in the Santa Anita Derby of 1940 and could not even finish in the money.

Advice

A girl's best friend may be her mother but she usually gets the best advice from her father. Take Yolanda Donlan, for example. Yolanda was born and reared in Hollywood, Cal. She wanted to be an actress. Her father, Jimmy Donlan, the well known comedian, said to his daughter: "If you want to become a great actress get out of Hollywood." Strange sounding advice, what? But Jimmy reasoned with his daughter that legitimate stage theaters were

scarce in Hollywood, the chances of good sound training for a young actress slim. Anyway, Yolanda took her father's advice. She got a job as an understudy in "Born Yesterday," attracted the attention of Garson Kanin who recommended her for the featured part in the London production. And so, Miss Donlan, born in Hollywood, first achieved fame in Britain and is now one of London's leading stage and screen actresses.

Over There

As to what is the most popular alcoholic drink in Norway, I have not been definitely informed. I believe, however, it is gin. In Norway the liquor industry is state controlled. Places where strong drink is sold are strictly limited. In fact there are only 52 liquor shops in all Norway. Also only 64 restaurants in that country where the stronger alcoholic drinks are served. It is also necessary for a Norwegian citizen to have a drinking license. That is, a license which permits him or her to buy a drink. It is about five times as hard for a Norwegian woman to get a drinking license as it is a man.

New York City certainly has quite a few colleges for dogs. Today I noted at Third Avenue and 16th street, Manhattan, a dog school called Canine college. Maybe these dog colleges should meet in some sort of athletic competition. Then the dogs on these teams could wear sweaters or coats bearing their varsity letter.

Many Tools, Ingenuity Used In Jail Escape

Lebanon, Mo., Feb. 22—(U.P.)—A Laclede county jail inmate used a stove poker, a can opener, a length of rope and a good deal of ingenuity to escape during the night.

Carl Clend Perry, 59, in jail on a theft charge, jabbed a hole in the brick wall and went down a rope from the top floor.

Perry was being held for National City, Cal., authorities on a charge of forgery.

H. L. Mounteer, a National City police officer, arrived to-day in time to join the search for Perry.

Neil Brown, Laclede county sheriff, said he didn't know how Perry obtained the rope. Perry was the only prisoner in the jail.

Medford Union Man

Named To Council

Portland, Feb. 22—Don Stansell, Medford, secretary of local No. 962, teamsters, chauffeurs and helpers union, was elected trustee of the joint council of teamsters here recently.

Phil Brady, long-time teamster leader and state legislator, was re-elected president of the council.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A dispatch from Washington this week says there is "increasing talk in congress that the government may have to seize the mines in a new effort to end the coal strike."

It should be added that there has been considerable talk from the miners' side that if the government seizes the mines it must be a COMPLETE seizure—that government men must run the mines and the government must keep any profits arising out of their operation.

I THINK this is the time for us to remember that if, as socialism comes to our country that is how it will come. Our politicians will bungle along with some situation like the coal strike until it becomes EXPLOSIVE—as the coal strike already is.

Eventually things will get so bad that seizure of the affected industry by the government will be the easiest way out.

ALREADY we have established a pattern of government seizure in such cases. The government takes over in a crisis. It leaves management of the seized industry in the owners' hands. The government merely uses its temporary "ownership" as a device to end the strike that caused the crisis. When the crisis ends and the strikers go back to work, the industry is handed back to its owners.

Labor is coming to regard that pattern as a G.Y.P. Hence the talk from a labor's side that THIS TIME it must be a complete seizure and that the government must keep the profits, if any, arising out of operation.

FROM that, it is only a step to RETAINING the seized industry as a government-owned monopoly. Whenever that process begins, socialism will be here.

THERE is increasing talk in congress these days about WHAT TO DO TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS. One senator says: "Everybody wants to help the little business man, but we can't seem to agree on how to do it."

AS ONE small business, that

that kind of talk scares me. If the politicians ever get their clutches on small business, it will be just too bad for small business men. Look at the poor devils of potato farmers the country over. They got into the clutches of the politicians. The ensuing mess is something fearful to contemplate. I find an increasing number of potato farmers coming to the grim conclusion that the only way to save their industry, to which most of them have devoted the bulk of their working lives, is to get it out of the hands of the politicians and hoe their own row from here on out—no matter what it costs in the way of loss of "parities" and subsidies.

IF SMALL business ever gets to feeling sorry for itself and starts running to the government for "help," the day of successful small business will have come to an end.

The help that politicians give to business in such cases is the KISS OF DEATH.

The Grange

Central Point Grange

Central Point—John Day showed pictures of a trip to Yukon to a large crowd of Grangers and friends, on February 17. Regular business meeting followed the pictures. The men had a real display of guns and ammunition. The ladies also had a display of ammunition used to get a man, which consisted of powder, lipstick, rouge and a rolling pin.

It was decided to have a potluck dinner preceding the special meeting on March 7, when a large class will be initiated in first and second degrees. Special guests for the evening were Master Paul Force of Eagle Point and State Deputy Wm. Howes and Mrs. Howes of Medford. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Victor Birdseye and committee.

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Editorial Comment

WHO WOULD RESTORE IT?

If the beauty and recreational utility of the Rogue are destroyed by the ill-considered Rogue river project, bureaucratic in concept and alike economically and ethically unjustifiable, who will restore that which shall have been destroyed beyond restoration? The present will stand condemned in a court of future opinion of illogic and waste.

Such reflections arise when one considers the case of D. H. Barber of Trail, president of the Preserve the Rogue association, recently made for an unshackled river before the Portland chapter of the Izaak Walton League. He set forth the contemplated dam, would decrease the present income from sports fishing by \$800,000 a year, representing a capitalization at 3 per cent of \$26,666,000—and this in an era when there is neither shortage of power nor of agricultural products. He cited the doubtful benefits of flood control, and the disadvantageous ratio of irrigation returns.

"All this is for 1000 new farms," he said, "to raise on the taxpayer, or other crops to compete with other farms on a rapidly lowering farm market. Are we going to continue to be fools enough to pay too much to irrigate new land, and then pay out more for subsidies on the additional crops the land produces?"

An attempt has been made, by those who wish to shackle the Rogue, to represent that all who oppose the dams are unprogressive. But if that which the proponents intend is progress, then with alacrity we shall accept the contrary epithet and wear it with pride. This newspaper rejoices that many residents of the Rogue river valley have banded together to defend their invaluable God-given inheritance, but it wishes that Oregon residents elsewhere would enlist more actively in the cause. It is their river, too, for it belongs to the people. And once destroyed, as a free river, it could not be restored, though penitence and regret would be certain to follow.—The Oregonian.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. No letter for publication must exceed 400 words.

Brotherhood Week

To the Editor: Each year, for several years, in February, it has been the custom to celebrate Brotherhood Week. Certain men of vision planned a week during which time Americans would strive to work together for the common good.

The Jew, the Protestant and the Catholic were to form a nucleus of brotherly conduct, with feeling, thought and action, combined to foster understanding and good will.

If we are to have a United Nations, living in the harmony of a united world, we must prepare in just such ways as this to make the ideal a living thing in all we think and say and do.

The United Nations must represent united races, united creeds, united arts and sciences. The separate and independent segments must yield to a great and perfect whole; a whole to which each part contributes wisely, not losing identity, but relating to a concept larger than that of the private home, the community, the state, or even the nation.

Each who celebrates Brotherhood Week, whatever the time or the season adds by so much to the fulfillment of an eternal and worthy dream: the dream of peace.

One spirit animates all religions, though the truth is expressed in many ways. So men too, though of many races are united in the human race. They are inter-related by the creed of love.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" is one of the most important commandments ever given. The world is a family; humanity is one; and each who lives can draw from the richness of the whole.

Mrs. Lillian Kendall, President Medford Theosophical Society

WEATHER

By United Press

Northern California—Fair today, tonight and Thursday. Slightly warmer today except on north coast. Northwest winds 10-20 mph off coast, except southerly Eureka northward.

OUCH!

Hollywood, Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Actress Arlene Dahl was recovering today after the removal of 40 cactus needles. Miss Dahl accidentally sat on a cactus bed when she was thrown by a horse near Palm Springs, Cal.

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