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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History  
from the files of the Mail  
Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago10 YEARS AGO TODAY  
February 23, 1940  
(It was Friday)Kiwanis club announces first  
Easter egg hunt in years to be  
held March 23.Townsend Youth association  
organized here with Earle Ficht-  
ner as president.Lost River Dairymen basket-  
ball team clinches AAU league  
title by trouncing Lewis Super  
Service.Mrs. Catherine Hall Bragg,  
wife of local orchardist, dies.George W. Nielson files for  
republican nomination as district  
attorney here.20 YEARS AGO TODAY  
February 23, 1930  
(It was Sunday)Young Mexican student held  
at St. Louis as member of gang  
planning to assassinate President  
Hoover.Fishing in Rogue river reported  
good for past week.Hundreds attend formal open-  
ing of Beck's bakery building.Medford firemen of early days  
plan reunion during summer.34 YEARS AGO TODAY  
February 23, 1916  
(It was Wednesday)Jackson County Business  
Men's association gives backing  
to plan of purchasing Sunnyside  
Coal company property near  
city.O. C. Boggs, Medford, named  
attorney for state land board.Medford Choral society organ-  
ized in studio of Mrs. Ed And-  
rews with J. Vilas Beckwith  
named president.News of 4-H  
CLUBSCentral Point Sewing club  
met February 20, at the home of  
Mrs. W. L. Childress, club  
leader.The meeting was called to or-  
der by President Judge Parrish.Pat and Esther Snook volun-  
teered to provide refreshments  
at next meeting.We were shown how to fit a  
pattern correctly, also how to  
make several seams. We are to  
bring to the next meeting one  
example of each of the follow-  
ing: French seam, flatfist seam  
and regular or open seam.Refreshments were served.  
For these we wish to thank Mrs.  
W. T. Parsons and Mrs. S. Skyr-  
man—Esther Snook, reporter.

BLACK-ESTHER PEAS

Memphis, Tenn. (U.P.)—Mrs.  
Ferrell McDaniel suggested that  
her daughters, 11-year-old Marie  
and seven-year-old Linda, pop  
some corn. A long while later,  
the girls reported that the corn  
would not pop. Mrs. McDaniel  
checked and found they were  
trying to pop a sack of black-  
eyed peas.Current census estimates show  
populations of 87,000 for the Dis-  
trict of Columbia proper and 1-  
402,000 for the Washington met-  
ropolitan district.

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## Winnie Holds Main Interest

Whatever the outcome of today's election in Britain, interest on this side of the pond will center chiefly in Winston Churchill and his dramatic campaign effort under the Conservative party banner to wrest control from the Laborites.

OUR interest gravitates naturally to the Englishman we know best because the issues before Eng-land's 36,000,000 voters, or rather the lines of cleavage between Conservatives, Liberals and Labor, are not too well defined.

For instance, Churchill's advocacy of job security, tax paid medical treatment, subsidizing of housing, guaranty of prices for farm products and even more cradle-to-grave social benefits are looked upon from this land as anything but conservative.

LABOR party spokesmen and even some within "Winnie's" own ranks have criticized his old age pension plank as merely intended to outbid Labor for votes.

Churchill's answer to this accusation was to point to his campaign of forty years ago when, as a Liberal, he championed the first old age pension bill in his country.

Furthermore, Churchill has pointed out, it was the Conservatives, and not the Labor government, that was first to move for aid to the poor; free meals and free milk for school children being instituted by his party before the war.

CONCERNING the matter of British industry's nationalization, there is also little of the conserva-tive pattern to be found in Churchill's platform. Although he would halt further action looking toward nationalization, he favors the retention of such indus-tries as have already come under government control.

THE fact that the run-of-the-mill Britisher is be-ginning to look a bit less avidly toward free government handouts of one kind or another, and think more about what such handouts are costing him in taxes, may be an extremely potent factor in today's balloting.

Said one owner of a hundred acre farm near the old market town of Chippenham:

"I clear about \$1,600 a year but I can't save any-thing. Ordinary, everyday things take most of what I make. The income tax, the sales tax, the beer tax, the tobacco tax, the tax on this and the tax on that eat up what's left."

AS stated at the outset, it is difficult for Americans to understand and differentiate between Eng-land's Labor party, her Conservative party, and her Liberal party, but we do know "grand old" Winston Churchill. How he fares in the voting is the para-mount interest, and tomorrow we shall know. E.C.F.

## Hiking Growing More Popular

"Hosteling," one of the pleasant recreational avenues offered youth in many parts of Europe and to a more limited extent in this country, will find even greater favor in the coming summer. Hosteling—low cost hiking or cycling in supervised groups along established routes with overnight stays in shelters maintained by local councils of interested citizens—has been enjoyed abroad for nearly half a century. It is strange that the diversion has not caught on more rapidly here in the west where there is such an abun-dance of beautiful scenery and other attractions for the traveler be he afoot or a wheel.

UNDER supervision of the American Youth Hostels, which has headquarters in New York City, trips have been planned this season to various parts of the U. S., the North American continent and to Europe. They will vary in length from five to ten weeks and costs will range from \$115 to a maximum of \$780.

Hosteling in the U. S., which began in 1934 centers largely in the New England and Great Lakes areas.

ACCOMMODATIONS are located in barns and farm buildings, cabins and private homes, in churches and schools and even in former military lodgings. They are supervised by resident housepar-ents. Possession of an American Youth Hostels pass, which costs \$2 to \$3 a year permits a hosteler to re-main overnight at any hostel in this country or abroad at a charge of not more than 50 cents.

Simple living is the aim and hostelers agree to travel by their own efforts, to provide and prepare their own meals, to do their share of "clean up" be-fore they leave and to refrain from drinking or smok-ing on the premises.

ASIDE from its recreational value, hosteling serves a real and needed role in helping people grow into responsible citizens in our complex world. If more of us would forgo the easy, if hectic, vacation trip by auto and take to "Shank's mare" we would be healthier and probably wealthier. E.C.F.

## Oregon Girl Chosen Princess At Festival

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23—(U.P.)—The Oregon State society has selected Diana Powers of Coos Bay, Ore., as Princess Oregon in the annual Washington cherry blossom festival in April.

Maritime Commissioner Joseph K. Carson Jr. of Portland, society president, said today.

Miss Powers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Pow-ers of Coos Bay and is a gradu-ate of Stanford university. At present she is a secretary on the staff of Rep. Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg. Miss Powers is a tall and slender blonde.

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## Three Arraigned On City Police Charges

Three men have been arraigned in county justice court on com-plaints filed by city police. Robert Marion Sims and Charles Reigard are charged with the attempted burglary of a service station, and while they are wait-ing for a preliminary hearing are being held in county jail in lieu of \$2,500 bail each.

Kenneth W. Kohn has been bound over to the grand jury in stipulated bail of \$1,500 on a charge of taking and using an automobile without authority. He has waived preliminary hearing.

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## Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"That cat of Julie's is always getting her in trouble. Yesterday it chewed up her report card—and she had the highest marks in the class!"

## COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circum-stances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is per-missible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and conden-sation. Letters submitted for pub-lication must not exceed 100 words.

## Restraint of Trade

To the Editor: There is a situa-tion existing in the valley I have been hoping to see some editorial comment on as it puzzles me. I refer to the Medford Gasoline Dealers' association's refusal to allow reduction in the price of gasoline and their disciplining of members who do reduce prices.

Several times since the war they raised the price to the pub-lic claiming it was due to a short-age of gasoline but now they will not even let it drop back to war time levels.

I am not in favor of a price war such as we saw in the 1930's but I do believe if a dealer can make a living and charge less he should be allowed to set his own price accordingly and give the man, who has seen his dollar buy less each year, a break. More people would drive more miles and they would all sell more of their other products.

I would call these dealers ac-tions a monopoly's restraint of trade on a small scale.

I hope you will comment on this or some of your readers will see my letter and give their opinion.

Bernard Jensen.

## Poor Fish

To the Editor: If you haven't read this article in the Oregonian of February 18, under the caption "U. S. Engineers Resent Criticism of Shad, Say Pisal Migrants Enjoy Fish Ladders," you have missed something, or maybe you haven't unless you want to laugh yourself into a frenzy.

The piscatorial migrants of the Columbia haven't anything to kick about—they should try the Rogue.

For instance—two spring Chinook salmon entering the Rogue from the sea are allowed perfect freedom of the bay at Gold Beach, but if he and she wish to travel up the river to engage in the fine art of propaga-tion they must first play an im-portant role in the spring seal rodeo above the bridge at Gold Beach, obtain permits, get their license plates and drivers' li-censes which allows them to pro-ceed up river to the spawning grounds.

To demand these licenses is like obtaining money under false pretenses, as these fish are not told of the hazards and per-ils which they must undergo be-fore they arrive at their rendez-vous. They may expect to battle places like Black Bar, Rainey Falls and Hell's Gate, but they certainly are entitled to an eas-ier access to their destination than through, around or over such places as the Savage Rap-ids or Gold Ray dams.

And now we are to have an additional hazard at Lewis Creek to further discourage even the most stout-hearted piscatorial amoratists and their consorts, but the engineers, biologists and fish wardens have put their heads to-gether and it is rumored that they have decided to install at each of these dam abortions, lad-ders, escalators and elevators or

a combination of the three which they will call a "ladesel."

At Savage Rapids they already have a so-called ladder and an in-cluded walk or ramp for apod animals, so the escalator and elevator will be of inestimable assistance to the aged and in-firm salmon and those too young to walk.

If the poor fish of Rogue riv-er don't appreciate this incentive to abolish their diminishing mi-gration, let them try the Colum-bia and end up in genuine tur-bine fish meal.

Fred J. McPherson  
Shady Cove, Ore.

## How About Cleveland?

To the Editor: Mr. Truman in his broadcast February 17 told how bad things were in 1933 or 1932 but he was careful not to tell how bad things were in 1892 when Grover Cleveland was

president of these United States. If my memory serves me right Cleveland was a democrat. Then, Cokie got up an army of hungry men and they marched to Washington and when they got there they were told to keep off the grass.

At that time my boss hauled wheat to Callaway, Neb., 16 miles with teams and wagons and a No. 1 wheat brought only 32 cents a bushel.

Of course Mr. Truman did not care to bring up anything about those times, and he did not men-tion the awful mess this country is in at the present time.

Frank Griffing,  
Central Point, Ore.

## Why He Writes

To the Editor: In reply to Mr. Gaster, I must say he is mistaken about me hating labor; just the opposite, I honor and respect labor. I fully realize that labor provides everything we have better than the wild beasts or savages. I am, however, in the very unenviable position of a person trying to tell his best friend his faults.

I worked many years for wages, sometimes fourteen hours a day for \$12 a week. I want labor to have shorter hours and good wages. Later I employed considerable labor and never had a strike, so I do know both sides, and it is because labor does not see straight ahead, what is sure to happen, that I feel impelled to sound the warnings.

As Gaster said somebody ought to speak up. We all know very well no politician, business or professional man, dare open his yap, owing to fear of reprisal. See what is arrayed against Senator Taft for merely standing for law and fair play.

He should have gone further and removed special privileges in trust and monopoly.

Many of us older people work-hard at low wages, saved a little money. The New Deal comes in, cuts what we have saved right in the middle by chang-ing prices to more than double.

What I object to is these spe-cial privilege laws and rulings for political purposes. It would make no difference where wages were placed, providing they remained there, other things would soon adjust to themselves. But these everlasting strikes and changes are the height of folly, and in the long run benefits no one but injures many.

## Presbyterian Sunday School Sets Lesson

Teachers of the beginners' de-partment of the First Presby-terian Sunday school will ex-plain and demonstrate a Sun-day school lesson from the se-ries, "Jesus, God's Loving Help-er," at a meeting of teachers and parents set for Friday, Feb-ruary 24, at 8 p. m., at the church.

Participating in the demon-stration will be Mrs. Marshall Sweet, superintendent of the de-partment; Mrs. Wilbur Scalberg, Mrs. George Witter, Mrs. May-nard Putney and Mrs. Max Gra-ham.

Mrs. Leonard L. Town, a per-sonal friend of the woman who edited the lesson series, will be presented as a new teacher in this department.

Mrs. Sweet urges parents of children enrolled in the depart-ment to attend the meeting.

## FIRE MEETING TODAY

Phoenix residents will meet at 7:30 p. m. today in the Phoenix Grange hall to discuss fire in-surance rates, and problems of the volunteer fire department.

A motion picture film and a talk by Eldon Winkley, deputy state fire marshal, will feature the meeting, which is under the sponsorship of the city council and volunteer firemen.

I doubt very much if the coal miners are saving any more money at \$15 per day than they were at \$3.50. And if they get \$15 a day and a bonus per ton why should not all labor be treated alike?

If labor cannot see where pres-ent trends are leading, surely torpedoes on the track are very much needed.

I am past ninety, have nothing to lose, even my life is not worth taking, and if I can toss in a few little torpedoes and warn my labor friends of the dangers ahead and put in a plea for equal laws and opportunities, and may-be a few seed thoughts that might ripen when I am gone, I just feel impelled to do it. I may bungle in expressions, but my intentions are to help everybody.

Ira C. Jones.

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