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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 28, 1924 (It Was Wednesday)

Raging Bear creek causes damage near Ashland; valley downpour brings worst flood condition since 1927.

Elwood Hedberg, Ashland, elected president of Southern Oregon Bankers' association.

Oscar Knox sells service station in Jacksonville to F. A. Henspeter who will take charge March 1.

"Skeet" O'Connell resigns as Ashland high school coach.

Exalted Ruler Wilson Walt of local Elks announces new candidates to be initiated at Thursday meeting.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY February 28, 1914 (It Was Friday)

Experts produce plans for proposed parkway along Bear creek.

Census shows 9,696 pupils in county public schools.

Governor Norblad promises southern Oregon will get representative on game commission.

Jack Sharkey defeats Phil Scott, British fighter, in bout called "terrifically miserable."

34 YEARS AGO TODAY February 28, 1900 (It Was Monday)

S. Vilas Beckwith placed in charge of sales campaign by Rogue River Valley Fruit and Produce company.

John Hammersley, Claude Barden and John McTimmins capture live female cougar.

The Rev. Robert McLean Jr. unanimously called to local pastorate by Presbyterian church.

Talent

Talent, Feb. 28—Mrs. Jack Sucksdorf and daughter Joan, left February 23 to spend a day with her brother, Kenneth Winston of Myrtle Creek.

Boy Scouts troop 110 combined with Bellemead troop and Ashland troop to hold a court of honor at Talent city hall February 24.

Community club ladies spent February 23 filling 3500 envelopes with Easter seals in preparation for the Crippled Children campaign which will start near Easter. Ladies helping to fill the envelopes were Mrs. Chas. Holt, Mrs. Clarence Mathes, Mrs. Chas. W. Long, Mrs. Harold Strauss, Mrs. Lloyd Bunnell, Mrs. Lloyd Wells, Mrs. Vic Mason, Mrs. J. C. Ottinger, Mrs. Beryl Settlemier and Mrs. Ray Burnette.

Crater Lake Campfire Girls took a short hike Saturday, February 25 following the road up around Sunset toward and back to the Talent junction.

Talent Garden club will meet March 1 at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Tom Bell. Mrs. Herman Cannon will act as co-hostess with Mrs. Bell. Mrs. J. C. Ottinger as program leader will talk on "Camellias."

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Zediker have returned from California, where they had been called by the illness of Mrs. Zediker's mother, Carol Zediker stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Holdridge during her parents' absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lacy Sr. have a granddaughter, Trilla Lacy, born February 17 in Medford.

Crater Lake and Wa-ti-hi-yi Campfire Girls will hold a ceremonial at the Talent city hall

Editorial Correspondence

New York, N. Y., Feb. 25—As this is written it appears the Socialist government in England has won a majority in the Friday elections, but such a slim one that it is regarded as a moral victory for Mr. Churchill and his Conservative party.

We doubt, however, if this is any justification for the Republicans in this country staging a Roman holiday and picturing a return to the "good old days" of Coolidge and McKinley. There is an ebb and flow in all the affairs of men, and particularly in the political history of this country.

The most cheering feature of the English elections, as far as this department is concerned, lies in the fact that it clearly demonstrated that not only a free democracy is still working smoothly "over there," but that the people of that country have developed a sense of discrimination, as to precisely what constitutes their welfare. It is the familiar race between liberty and security as to how far the latter can go without impairing, or destroying the former.

This has reinforced the essential verity and wisdom of Lincoln's well known observation that "you can fool some of the people all the time, and all the people some of the time but not ALL the people ALL the time."

Speaking of "taking bearings," we think it about time to take them in the matter of "mercy killings." That girl who shot her father to end his sufferings in a Bridgeport hospital a few months ago was acquitted on the ground she was temporarily insane. That is, she was crazy before she pulled the trigger and sane afterward, but not sane when the deed was done.

The same sort of hocus ponis is now being followed in the Dr. Sander trial up in New Hampshire. After Dr. Sander had injected air into the blood stream of his patient he dictated to his nurse—this is a matter of record—that he had injected 40 cubic centimeters of air into the vein and Mrs. Borote had died 10 minutes later. The nurse asked the doctor "How was it?"

If this sort of thing is allowed to continue it will not be long before someone guilty of premeditated and cold-blooded murder will maintain the victim was suffering from an insurable and painful malady at the time and all he—or she—did was to save further suffering, pointing to the Bridgeport and Manchester precedents, as justification.

This department believes the time will come when, under proper supervision and restrictions, euthanasia will be legalized. But until that time DOES come, the law declaring the taking of human life a crime, should be enforced, taking the matter of motive and premeditation into consideration, of course, but giving them no more weight in so-called "mercy killings" than in any other type.

Charging too much for theater tickets in New York via the speculators is not the only racket, in the local show business. There is also the matter of quoting theatrical reviews in newspaper advertising and posting same on billboards in front of theater entrances.

Mr. Dramatic Critic may write that "Come Home Little Sheba" is a terrible bore, loosely constructed, unconvincing, and amateurish, but that two of the characterizations are excellent. In fact represent some of the finest acting to be seen in New York. Whereupon the press agent proceeds to quote "some of the finest acting to be seen in New York" and skips anything else. In fact, in front of the Lyceum theater on West 45th, nearly every dramatic critic of any note in New York is quoted praising the play within called "The Enchanted," although only one of them wrote a criticism that could, as a whole, be called favorable. None of them on the other hand failed to write something of a praise-worthy nature and the press agent simply picked out the few favorable items from their contexts—just as easy as that! So, when you come to New York don't believe what you see in the theater advertising line, as far as quotations are concerned. The press agents don't misquote, but they do consistently use stray sentences taken from the reviews which entirely misrepresent the reviewer's verdict—and get away with it.

Melvin Douglas has just opened a new play called "The Bird Cage," which was universally panned by the critics, including Barnes of the Herald-Tribune. But Barnes did praise portions of Douglas' characterization with the inevitable result that in today's H-T theatrical "ad" the critics' reaction is represented entirely and exclusively by Barnes, as follows:

"A tough and strident melodrama . . . a striking piece of showmanship . . . suspense and lurid theatrical excitement . . . Douglas is a tower of strength."

Such misrepresentations may do some good but not much. As before stated in regard to "Stromboli" the theater-goers in New York are hard to bamboozle. They won't pay out their hard-earned money for a slice of cold turkey for long, no matter what the press agents or critics may say. And in some fashion, not entirely clear, they waste no time in determining the truth. "The Enchanted" is closing tonight, and it is a fairly safe bet "The Bird Cage" won't be open a week or two hence. As for Ingrid Bergman in "Stromboli," in spite of all the fanfare and preliminary build-up of a somewhat lurid nature, the Broadway performance only lasted a week—and played to poor houses then. According to reports it was different in Los Angeles and Chicago. But as far as that goes, most things are.

A decade or two ago life may have begun at 40 but that is no longer true. Look at Winston Churchill staging such a sensational political comeback at the age of 75, and now George Bernard Shaw, who is somewhere in the middle 90s—is the most popular dramatist in New York, with three shows going great guns here, "Caesar and Cleopatra," the "Devil's Disciple," and "St. Joan." We wager GBS has a smile a mile wide behind those white lace-curtain whiskers. Shaw has been a devout Socialist all his life, with a genuine artist's scorn of the Almighty dollar, but no fainter man in modern history has more thoroughly enjoyed raking in the shekels, particularly from "vulgar and opulent" U.S.A. than he. Well, it must be nice to be able to do that when one approaches the Century mark.

Across the river in Jersey it was "Happy Birthday" yesterday for papa Charlot Conqueror of Rutgers university. The faculty celebrated the occasion by baking a huge birthday cake, presenting it to him and congratulating him on being the father of 2000 descendants. Charlot Conqueror is only 19 years old, but that is round 90 for a Holstein Friesian bull. According to report the old boy snuffed at the cake but did not partake, going back with relief to his hay!—R.W.R.

JOB WAS STEADY Framingham, Mass.—(U.P.)—Harry A. Chandler has what looks to be a steady job Chandler, now 90, is still on the job at the Dennison Manufacturing company factory where he went to work in February, 1874.

Cleburne, Tex.—(U.P.)—Elizabeth Jones, a 4-H club girl living near here, gathered 42 pounds of tomatoes off one vine she planted in the spring. The vine didn't produce normally, but weathered the hot summer months to bear in December.

Wednesday, March 1, at 8 p. m. ODO club will meet Friday, March 2.

Ladies of the Methodist church will hold an all-day meeting Thursday, March 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell.

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Crosstown by Roland Coe



"I can slip away from my kid brother easy enough in the summertime, but in the winter he's always right behind me!"

A Nichols' Worth of Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS United Press Feature Writer

Washington, Feb. 28—(U.P.)—Maggie O'Brien hasn't been spanked for more than seven years.

Outside of that, she's a normal little girl, just busting in as a teenager and trying to get grown up. Maggie, you know, is Miss Margaret O'Brien, the 13-year-old kid actress. She was in town to entertain 10 little friends. They were finalists in a writing contest for the "Hecht company" on the subject "Why I would like to have a lunch with Margaret O'Brien."

One of the winners was a kid who wrote a two-word letter—"I'm hungry."

Maggie, wearing pig-tails with white ribbons attached on a pretty blue dress, admitted that she had less trouble with big shots than she does with little shots. Made Her Nervous

The little shots who got into her pig-tails Saturday were high school journalism students who were invited to put her on the pan at a press conference at the Carlton hotel.

Petitions Circulated Asking Assistance For Television Station

Portland, Ore., Feb. 28—(U.P.)—Petitions to Oregon's congressional delegation were circulated today in northern Willamette valley and southwest Washington cities asking help with the federal communications commission to permit at least one Portland television station as soon as possible.

A group composed of equipment dealers and, unofficially, Portland radio stations said the petitions would be circulated in an effort to obtain 150,000 signatures.

The group argued that permission was being held up because of a prolonged technical argument about color television channels which the Portlanders believed was a problem at least five years distant.

UNDERWRITERS MEET

The regular business meeting of the Rogue Valley Life Underwriters' association was held at the Medford hotel Monday noon with President William Lawrence presiding. Plans were discussed to send representatives to the Oregon Sales congress in Portland April 17, M. C. Wright announced that March 1 is the last day members may file for the national quality award, presented each year to life underwriters who have met required standards of quality underwriting service over two-year period. Last year four members of the local association received the award.

CELEBRATED IN STORY

Boston—(U.P.)—During the past century, 250 novels have been written about Boston.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH Member of Congress From Oregon

There is a publication issued daily during each session of congress and sent to each house member. It is known as the calendar of the house of representatives. It lists the bills reported by committees and tells the history and status of each. The back page of the calendar each day reports the "Status of Major Bills Second Session." Up to now it is a blank page—with one minor exception. The house did on February 9 pass an urgent deficiency appropriation bill. Otherwise no major bills have been reported and no major bills have been acted upon by the house—with the session nearly one-third gone. The other evening I heard the president refer to the 80th (Republican controlled) congress as a do-nothing congress. So long as his own 81st congress has such an amazingly poor record—literally no record at all as compared with the constructive record of the 80th—I should think he would talk about something else.

FOR THE BENEFIT of those who worried because some of us voted to do away with the phony "21-day rule" a few weeks ago and charged us with being "reactionary," "anti-liberal," etc. I take pleasure in pointing out that the so-called 21-day rule which so many people were deceived into believing was a means of breaking a rules committee bottleneck, was proven on the record to be a meaningless failure for that purpose. On the other hand, the regular calendar Wednesday rule, which was adopted nearly 40 years ago for the same purpose, and which really works, was used to smash the rules committee block against FEPC legislation. The bill came to the floor under calendar Wednesday proceedings and was passed.

THANKS TO THE generosity of H. B. Murphy of the Pineapple Packing company of Medford, many members of the house of representatives now know of the surpassing excellence of Rogue River valley pears. DuCombe pears were distributed to members attending a dinner combining the 78, 79, 80 and 81 clubs and their guests recently.

The explanation of the otherwise mysterious number designation of the groups is that members elected to congress for the first time generally band together in an organization which meets for dinner occasionally. The groups take their names, the numbers of the congresses in which they came in as new members. These are essentially social groups but serve a very useful purpose in getting members better acquainted with one another. It is customary to have speakers of outstanding importance at these dinner meetings, with questions of an "off the record" basis following the speech. I have found attendance at 78-club meetings to be very beneficial to my work at a congressman.

APPARENTLY what big-government addicts seem to consider a minor item of \$90,000,000 has been mislabeled by the commodity credit corporation. It was publicly stated recently by general accounting office officials that the CCC is not actually "short" some \$386,000,000 (more than a third of a billion) as intimated by Senator Williams of Delaware last year. No, it was written off by CCC as "interdepartmental bookkeeping!"

Safety Commission Organized At Salem

Salem, Ore., Feb. 28—(U.P.)—The city council Monday night established a Salem traffic safety council and a safety commission.

The safety council will be a citizens' group appointed by the mayor to lead a program of public education for safety. The safety commission will be a city officials' group to study traffic legislation and otherwise advise the city council.

Dead line Sunday Classified in 'A' Noon Saturdays.

Corvallis Quartet

Champion Singers

Forest Grove, Ore., Feb. 28—(U.P.)—The Agony Four of Corvallis was the champion quartet of the Pacific northwest today after winning the northwest harmony ballad contest here during the week-end.

The Agony Four last year placed second and the previous year third.

Second place this time was awarded the House brothers of Bonanza, Ore., and third to the Korn-Aires of Seattle.

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News of 4-H CLUBS

Beef Club

Upper Rogue 4-H Beef club met at the home of Bert Comer, February 14, where they had their regular 4-H club meeting. Club pledge was led by Herby Comer. They are going to start making their halter to show for 4-H club week. Next meeting will be at the George Millard home March 14. Eddie Peile will make a demonstration on "Grubs on the 4-H Club Steers."

Pig Club

After a get-together the pig club members elected Eddie Peile president; Vernon Baldwin, vice-president; secretary, Charles Peile. Next meeting will be at Ed Houston's home, February 28 at 7 p. m. Anyone interested in joining the club should attend the meeting.

Dr. L. L. Hill of Montgomery, Ala., performed the first successful surgery upon the human heart.

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