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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

March 2, 1940

(It Was Saturday)

Howard Pruitt, Medford, injured when struck by car in Grants Pass.

Jacksonville high wins President's club division title of Southern Oregon College of Education basketball tournament.

Lois Ann Hubbard, Shirley Weisenburger and Neysa Wall get first class Girl scout awards.

Jackson county wins in four divisions of state-wide traffic safety contest.

Jean Goldsmith, Medford, wounded by accidental gunshot.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

March 2, 1930

(It Was Sunday)

Jackson county ranks fifth in state for registration of autos with 9,907.

Valley agitated by controversy over fruit fly pest.

City park area urged as spot for civic center.

Labor union charges communists breed riots and strikes among unemployed.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

March 2, 1916

(It Was Thursday)

Federal building here will be completed month ahead of schedule as final touches are added to structure.

Charles Simonds, Medford, seriously hurt while repairing car on Jacksonville hill.

Grizzlies to observe first birthday anniversary tonight.

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. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 100 words.

Murder is Murder

To the Editor: It hurts me to the heart when I read a story like the "Science at Work" story in the Mail Tribune, about cancer and the mercy killing of people.

Murder is murder, no matter if done by doctor or bandit. We in the U.S.A. need more faith in God. He alone gives life and He alone has a right to decide how long we shall live.

In 1947 I was a terrible sinner and suffered from high blood pressure, bad heart and other things. Doctors told me I was all washed up so far as working in a sawmill was concerned. I weighed only 135 pounds and I thought I wanted to die as I suffered plenty.

I finally found salvation and trusted to God and today, after two years handling lumber I weigh 170 pounds and according to tests have no heart trouble or high blood pressure.

My sister-in-law in Flint, Mich., was cured by prayer after being given only three weeks to live.

So who are men to have the right to say anyone cannot be healed?

Sidney F. Gay, Ashland, Ore.

Carried Away

To the Editor: We of the Preserve the Rogue association appreciate the offers of those of you who suggested taking the Squire of "Broughton's Bayou" to the woods and administering the hairbrush for some under-the-belt references to the "fat" disability compensation

Everybody's Responsibility

The annual Red Cross fund drive is on in Jackson county, the goal this year \$25,000—twenty percent more than last year.

SOLICITATION throughout the county will be a considerable task but the labor of the volunteer workers can be materially lightened if there is co-operation on the part of the general public.

It should not be necessary to "sell" the Red Cross to each individual donor. The far-flung relief work of the great humanitarian organization is known to all. Known also is the work on a local level, the summer swimming programs whereby hundreds of children, and adults too, learn not only how to save their own lives but how to save others, the nursing classes, the many, many hours devoted to veterans at the Camp White Domiciliary center, and scores of other activities under the Red Cross banner.

MARCH has been designated as Red Cross month. Let us prove that Jackson county can raise its share of the national drive quota in much less time than a month. This we can do if each person gives generously and takes a personal interest in seeing that his donation is in the hands of a solicitor as early as possible.—E.C.F.

Next Time Try Sno-Cats

Problems encountered by the army in its recent test of men and machines in the far north are told in a recent United Press story from Washington.

AMONG other things, those engaged in Operation Sweetbriar, as the exercises along the 350-mile stretch of road from Whitehorse to Northway, Alaska, were termed, found that ground operations in such country cannot be counted upon.

Deployment of troops is almost impossible in the rugged terrain where mountains, marshes, deep snow and forests serve as hazards. Either there must be a new approach to the matter of transport over snow or reliance must be placed mainly in paratroops.

THE war games revealed an urgent need on the part of the U. S. Army for a better tracked vehicle than the "weasel" the Washington story reveals. The "weasels," underpowered and difficult to maintain, suffered an estimated 50 per cent casualty rate. The Canadian "penguin," another type of snow vehicle, fared somewhat better, but its size made it hard to maneuver off the Alcan highway.

FAR be it from us to make any suggestions to the mighty staff officers, but we wonder if they know about Sno-Cats. The Sno-Cat is a comparatively light, easily maneuvered, trustworthy and proven vehicle which can haul men and equipment over most any snow conditions that may be encountered.

Oh, yes, we almost forgot to mention that Sno-Cats are manufactured right here in Medford.—E.C.F.

Republicans Muff a Chance

For months past the government's buying of potatoes and storing them to rot has been the subject of criticism and protest. It was pointed out to congressional farm leaders that unless the situation was corrected the whole farm support program would be endangered.

A similar condition in the egg industry where the government already has \$100 million worth of surplus eggs on hand, has not helped to quiet the critics.

FOR a time it appeared that the republicans in congress would seize the opportunity to do something about the pressure-group-born surplus buying. The time was ripe for a bold stand against a situation which has become a national scandal.

But what happened? The Lucas legislation which would have ended subsidies until controls could have been imposed was rejected, 28 Republicans joining with 15 Democrats to adopt an amendment by Aiken of Vermont to continue the potato subsidies. E.C.F.

Independence Autoist Killed in Auto Upset

Salem, Ore., Mar. 2.—(U.P.)—A motorist identified by state police as Harvest Thibeau, 33, of Independence, Ore., died Tuesday night when his car left the highway and overturned in two feet of water in Oak Point creek west and one-half mile south of the Salem-Independence Y.

State police said they had not determined the cause of the accident.

checks that the government saw fit to award a veteran who was disabled in combat.

Anyone is liable to get carried away by his enthusiasm, and if the Squire does not now regret his indiscreet remarks, public reaction to such tactics may later give him pause.

Members of the Preserve the Rogue association are highly pleased by the heavy and increasing support being given our fight by people in the Medford area—fruitgrowers, other farmers and ranchers, and business and professional men. Yes, some of us are also members of the Walton League and several times as many are members of the Grange. Since Broughton seems to think that we cannot stop this project and force reclamation to bring out one that will provide water at less expense and damage to the valley—and we are equally sure that we can—both of us should be happy.

A. B. Layman, Member, Preserve the Rogue Association, Trail, Oregon.

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'Thunderjet' Fighter Bombers Grounded

Washington, Mar. 2.—(U.P.)—All F-84E "Thunderjet" fighter bombers have been grounded as a precautionary measure pending investigation of "a minor" mechanical trouble in the engine, the air force said today.

The F-84E, manufactured by Republic Aviation, is the newest version of the Thunderjet and is equipped with an Allison J-35-A-17 turbo-jet engine.

Grounding of the F-84Es will reduce air force fighter bomber participation in the joint army, navy, air force training exercise portex in the Caribbean area. The air force would not say how many F-84Es it has. The model has been in production since last June.

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Washington Report

By Bob Dickey

Washington, Mar. 2.—Should the government seize the coal mines? Yes, says Oregon's in-dominable Sen. Morse. He feels that the country is in a "serious economic crisis" because of the coal strike and envisages a seizure as a matter of necessity at this time.



Bob Dickey

While he fears government seizure, the Oregon senator says, "We are faced with a crisis, and I think we have to move in and seize the coal industry as a last resort."

Fight Nationalization

Although Morse calls for a seizure, he stresses that it must be only temporary. He doesn't believe it is a step towards nationalization of the coal industry. His pronouncement on this issue was: "I will fight nationalization to the last breath."

But how is this seizure to come about? Would it merely be a seizure by order of the president? Or does the president have inherent power to order such a seizure?

According to Morse, the constitution of the United States does not give the president implied power to order such a seizure. It is his belief that legislative action is required. This means congress would have to act.

Another aspect of the seizure problem examined by Morse was the procedure to be employed. He does not advocate a seizure per se. The Oregon solon feels that when the government seizes the mines, it has an "obligation and duty to determine the merits of the dispute during the period of seizure."

Objects to Taft-Hartley

He criticized the Taft-Hartley law in its application to the coal crisis. One of the features of the law objected to by Morse is that the miners are forced to go back to work under the very conditions which they are striking against. This procedure is inequitable, he believes.

He advocates a finding of fact and a granting of concessions which appear to be just and fair, even during a seizure, or during the time that the miners are working under the compulsion of a court injunction.

But even though he objects to the existing labor law, Morse has called for its strict enforcement. He says, "So long as it is on the books, it must be followed." And on this score he accuses the administration of being delinquent.

Individual Miners Affected

As is well known, Truman has finally acted under the Taft-Hartley law and an injunction has issued. But the crisis has continued because the miners have refused to follow the back-to-work order. They say that the injunction does not apply to them individually.

On this count Morse also gave a verdict. He said, "While some lawyers say the individuals are not affected, the language of the Taft-Hartley law makes an injunction under it applicable not only to the officers of the union, but to the workers themselves."

Greatest Defense Weapon

Morse also expressed his views on our national defense situation. He called a sound domestic economy our greatest defense weapon.

"Our national defense is "much stronger than the American people think," he said, "but it does need strengthening in many places." He added, however, that "military weapons alone are not enough."

"We don't have a sound economy at present," said Morse. He labeled the five billion dollar deficit in the budget as "outrageous and indefensible."

He suggested removing the deficit by cutting expenditures—not by raising taxes. Some of these specific proposals to cut spending were:

1. An adoption of the Hoover commission's recommendations, which Morse says would save three billion dollars.
2. Elimination of waste within the military establishment by a centralized accounting and centralized procurement system. Two billion could be saved here, according to Morse.
3. Adoption of the tax program espoused by the committee on economic development.

Leads With Chin

These were some of the views expressed by Sen. Wayne Morse in a recent press interview. While the positions he took were important, probably more important was the fact that Morse still continues to lead with his chin, notwithstanding his coming re-election campaign.

The amazing Wayne Morse has a political philosophy all of his own. When election time rolls around, he seems even more lively to take a position on controversial issues instead of following the usual politicians' practice of riding the fence.

Production Model Of 6-Jet Bomber Ready

Washington, Mar. 2.—(U.P.)—The first production model of the six jet, swept-wing in edium bomber, the B-47 "Stratojet," was completed today at Boeing's Wichita, Kans., plant, the air force here announced.

Air force engineers immediately began a week-long inspection, after which the plane will be put through a test flight. The production model B147A is similar to but more powerful than the two experimental XB-47's which have been flying for about two years.

The production model has J-47 jet engines with 5,200 pounds thrust each, compared to the experimental plant's J-35's with 4,000 pounds thrust. The production model also has more fuel capacity which will increase its combat radius over the "more than 1,000 miles" of the XB-47.

One of the experimental stratojets set an unofficial transcontinental record by flying 2,289 miles from Moses Lake, Wash., air base to Andrews air base near here in 3 hours and 45 minutes—an average speed of 607.8 miles per hour.

Education Blamed For Divorce Rate

Los Angeles, Mar. 2.—(U.P.)—A college president blames the high divorce rate among college women on "educating girls as though they are men."

"We must free them from the masculine notions of what is unimportant or unwomanly," Dr. Lynn T. White, Jr., president of Mills college for women, Oakland, Cal., said last night. White said the divorce rate among college women was about twice that of college men. He said that was a symptom of the "bad job" the colleges are doing. Graduates of women's colleges, he added, marry more successfully than those from co-educational universities. He spoke at a meeting of the Southern California Friends college.

Memphis, Tenn., Mar. 2.—(U.P.)—Former Policeman Joseph Crook was free today of charges that he stole a raincoat worth \$1.50. Crook's lawyers said he took it as evidence in a robbery case.

WEATHER

By United Press Northern California: Fair today, tonight and Friday except occasional rain from Eureka and Mt. Shasta north. Coastal overcast and local fog in interior in mornings. Slightly cooler northwestern interior. West to northwest wind 10-20 MPH off coast, except southerly from Cape Mendocino north.

Bolton, Mass.—(U.P.)—Members of this town's fire department are volunteers in every sense of the word. When a \$10,000 high-pressure fog pumper was needed, the members built it themselves for less than half the price.

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