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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 5, 1940

(It Was Tuesday)

Phoenix to institute night cur-

few again in effort to curb juvenile

misdeeds.

Pro-America here elects Mrs.

C. M. Hurd as chairman of group to

organize county units.

Greatest February precipitation

on record at Crater Lake

park with fall of 17.58 inches.

State Rep. William McAllister

files candidacy for repub-

lican re-nomination.

Medford becomes army re-

crutating center for Jackson,

Klamath, Curry, Lake and Jose-

phine counties.

29 YEARS AGO TODAY

March 5, 1920

(It Was Wednesday)

Henry Ford and Thomas Ed-

ison come out against liquor.

Sams Creek residents ask

county court for better roads.

Valley fruit trees reported in

good shape for coming crop.

City council votes \$500 for

repairs at airport.

Nation warned time is ripe

for demagogic agitators to stir

turnout.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

March 5, 1916

(It Was Sunday)

Local Elks lodge elects Carl

Heilbronner exalted ruler.

Hotels here report improved

business; Holland hotel full ev-

ery night.

Mrs. T. G. Heine, president

of Arts and Crafts league, to

start series of lectures.

Republicans Hear

Of 'Suitcase Spying'

Washington, Mar. 3—(U.P.)—

Republican members of the

house un-American activities

committee today had their op-

portunity to hear George Racey

Jordan tell his story of "black

suitcase espionage."

At the insistence of GOP

members, the committee recalled

Jordan, a former air force ma-

jor, for cross-examination on his

testimony last December that

vital information on American

industry and know-how, crum-

pled in some "1,000 black suit-

cases" was flown to Russia in

lend-lease planes.

The republican members had

protested that they were given

no chances to attend the Decem-

ber hearing.

The committee heard one of

its investigators, Donald T.

Appel, say yesterday that gov-

ernment files "tended to sub-

stantiate" Jordan's statement

that voluminous records were

shipped through the Great Falls

(Mont.) air base on their way

to Russia.

Enlistments In Coast

Guard Again Accepted

Seattle, Mar. 4—United States

coast guard enlistments, limited

for a time to a few men each

month, are again open to men

between the ages of 17 and 25,

the 13th coast guard district

headquarters here has an-

nounced.

Veterans up to 35 years of

age will be accepted if otherwise

qualified. Information may be

obtained by writing to the Se-

attle headquarters.

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p.m. for following day, 10 a.m. Mon-

day, noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Soil Conservation Urged

The belief that soil conservation should be given more consideration in this area has finally reached the action stage and formation of a soil conservation district is expected to result when land owners vote on the matter on March 22.

COUNTY AGENT BEN TUCKER invited all interested to attend a meeting in Phoenix a few weeks ago and those present at that time voted to go ahead with the preliminaries. As a result of that decision, meetings for land owners have been scheduled at the Central Point Grange hall at 8 p.m., March 15 and at Eagle Point the night of March 16.

At these meetings, owners will become better acquainted with the benefits to be derived from formation of soil conservation districts.

THE practicality, and indeed, the necessity for soil conservation on a district cooperative basis has long been recognized in the more enlightened farm regions of the country.

As long as there was plenty of unsettled land, soil saving did not seem important in this vast country, but back in the 1930's the matter of conservation began to gain a bit of attention. A few farmers took good care of their land, but many let it erode until it was worn out and then simply moved to other land. The moving process began to slow up as good land became less and less easy to find.

THE Soil Erosion Service was created in 1933 as an emergency agency in the United States Department of the Interior, and in 1935 Congress passed our first soil conservation act. It transferred the Soil Erosion Service to the Department of Agriculture and named it the Soil Conservation Service.

BY 1937, the various states had begun to pass laws that permitted farmers to organize their own soil conservation districts. The Soil Conservation Service then began to do its conservation work in cooperation with these districts. By 1948 all states and territories of the nation has passed soil conservation district laws and more than 2,000 districts had been organized. The districts so formed included more than half of all the land and more than three-fourths of all the farms.

MOST soil conservation districts have both short-time and long-time plans. Some erosion problems are so acute that they cannot wait. Work on the critical areas must be carried out as quickly as possible to prevent further severe damage to the land. For that reason, the supervisors of a district usually plan to work first on those farms which need help the most.

AS explained by those fostering the conservation effort here, soil conservation districts are formed by farmers to enable them to work together for the best use of their land and water.

Five supervisors, who are resident land owners, conduct the business of the organization. Operation of a district is provided for by the Oregon state laws and districts are legal subdivisions of the state.

THE district officials and members concern themselves with sound conservation farming practices, the districts, in general, being authorized to do everything that needs to be done to achieve the prevention and control of soil erosion and the conservation of soil and soil resources.

Broken down into detail, the problems may include proper crop rotation, pasture and forage improvement and utilization, maintenance of soil fertility, determination of fertilizer needs, improvement of irrigation systems, drainage, land leveling, erosion control and other related matters.

LAND owners in soil conservation districts have no financial responsibility other than the expense of putting into practice those recommendations which they voluntarily accept as best for their farm program.

As a member of the district, it is expected, however, that the individual will, on a voluntary basis, make an effort to develop a farming program that will make the best use of his soil resources.

IT should be thoroughly understood by those interested that land owners in soil conservation districts are not subject to taxes or assessments on that account.

GOOD progress has been made in other parts of the country since the national soil conservation program got under way. Many land owners here are eager to join in the effort.—E.C.F.

Central Point Home
Purchased By Couple

Central Point, March 4—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anhorn have purchased the home on Freeman road belonging to Mrs. W. W. Jermark, who will move to Ashland where she owns and operates an apartment house.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Faber have bought a part of the land. The house and the land are the old Freeman properties.

Mrs. Jermark will continue her work in local groups until her term of office is over. She holds the presidencies of the Woman's Christian Service circle of the Presbyterian church and the Central Point Garden club. She is a member of the guardian council of Job's Daughters and is active in Nevita chapter, Oregon Easter Star.

MAN FALLS TO DEATH

Seattle, Mar. 4—(U.P.)—Wallace E. Payne, 35, Los Angeles, electrical worker, fell 30 feet down an air shaft to his death yesterday in the New Public Safety building under construction here.

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Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"I don't see why we have to spend so much time looking for a cheerful paper for your mother's room. She counteracts any note of cheerfulness."

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Today's your natal day:
Sweet flowers I bring;
Mother accept, I pray,
My offering.
And may you happy live
And long us bliss
Receiving as you give
Great happiness.

(Above was the first poem written by Christina Rossetti. She wrote it when 12 years old. Title is: "To My Mother on the Anniversary of Her Birth.")

Know any man who has been working for the same organization for seventy years and is still on the job? I do. He is a reader of this column, too. Writes to me quite often. I am referring to that grand old fellow, Joe Weller, who has been working for the White House department store, in San Francisco, for seventy years, and is still very much on the job. Joe, who is 82 is a bachelor. When I asked him last spring why he hadn't married he said: "I'm waiting for the right girl to come along."

Mules & Men.

"Some of the girls at the office have been discussing the question as to whether tall men prefer tall girls or the cute, little tricks," writes a Bostonian. "Anything in your Mules & Men files on this?" I do not believe height has anything to do with the average tall man's preferences as to females. The six footers go for the statuesque beauties and the petite charms are usually seeking a sincere, sympathetic girl with a sense of humor who has a great capacity for affection and does not strain it too much. Of course, there is a lot of competition for the six foot males. The cute, lit-

tle tricks like the big guys and the tall girls want somebody they can look up to when being kissed good night. But the little girl has just as much chance of winning the regard and affection of a six footer as a tall girl. Such is the opinion of our Mules & Men experts.

Queries from clients. Q. Are you familiar with a song titled, "The Sweetheart of Private O'Reilly"? A. Never heard of it. Q. What is the longest highway in the U. S.? A. It is Highway 50. From Los Angeles to Annapolis, Md. Q. I expect to be married in March or April. Isn't there something called, "The Bride's Prophecy" dealing with best months to be married in? A. There is some ancient verse titled, "The Bride's Prophecy," but it doesn't present a very pleasing picture of March and April marriages. An excerpt from same follows:

Married in January's hoar and time
Widowed you'll be before your time

Married in February's sleety weather
Life you'll tread in time together.

Married when March's winds shrill and roar
Your home will be on foreign shore

Married beneath April's changeable skies
A chequered path before you lies.

Blessed Event

Mr. and Mrs. C. Luther Remberg, of Middletown, Md., who have been married twenty-five years, have just had their first child. Imagine a woman having her first child and her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in the same year. That is something I am sure California cannot top.

Asides.

Baldness is hereditary. If your wife's father is bald it is probable your son will be bald when he reaches manhood.

It was R. G. Ingersoll who said: "The true civilization is where every man gives to every other man every right that he claims for himself." The most popular strong alcoholic drink in Norway is not gin but aquavit.

My informant states: "Aquavit looks like gin, but is a much nicer drink and more potent."

Noted in magazine article: "Hyde Park High School, Chicago, boasts among its alumni Amelia Earhart and Milton Sills." Quite so, Hyde Park can also boast that Walter Eckersall, the third greatest football player of all time, was among its alumni. Incidentally, Eckersall played on the Hyde Park High School football team that beat Brooklyn Poly Prep by a score of 105 to 0. And that year Poly Prep was the champion high school team of Greater New York!

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A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

United Press Feature Writer

Washington, Mar. 4—(U.P.)—A man who has treated a lot of aching backs on the farm has come up with advice for the man in overalls—put on a girdle!

Dr. L. T. Fruin, who patches up backs and busted collar bones out in Normal, Ill., near my home town, theorizes that the farmer isn't physically able to keep pace with the speedy vehicles science has pro-

vided for him. He said as much the other day in a speech before the farmers adult education class in Normal.

Dr. Fruin started out with a lot of professional double-talk about "those of us who see farmers rather frequently in a professional capacity are struck with the multiplicity of complaints and definite lesions which we have felt were traceable directly to the violent shaking up that a farmer gets riding high speed tractors over rough ground."

Later he got down to earth, or almost. The tractor and other mechanical farm implements, the doctor finds, give a man a heck of a go-

ing-over because of the "thudding, jarring action imparted to them by the seals of their tractors in fast activity over irregular ground."

The Normal, Ill., physician said he was aware that among truck drivers, motorcyclists, aviators and racing automobile drivers, some rather "amateurish and feeble" remedies have been tried. Like costly shock absorbent seats.

"These," he said, "alter the timing and rhythm, but don't absorb the shock. What's wrong with an old-fashioned girdle—not a two-way stretch thing, but one that a man could lace up and tuck himself into?"

The doctor asked if we all hadn't heard about cases classified as "visceroptosis?" That's a term indicating a dropping of the abdominal organs. This, said he, is particularly true with reference to the kidneys.

Jarred From Moorings

Dr. Fruin concluded that things like the kidneys and liver often are jarred from their moorings inside us by "constant jarring, and jolting upon the stomach and intestines."

"All of us occasionally see, and there have been multiple reports of collapse of the intervertebral cartilages, discs with resulting pressure on nerve roots and extreme disability, and often-times subsequent major surgery," Dr. Fruin said.

The doctor said that he advised

per cent of real cost. The average farmer is willing to gamble and can diversify if protected.

Ira C. Jones

Veterans Explain Stand

To the Editor: The local chapter Disabled American Veterans believes the "loud outcry" of veterans, as mentioned in your editorial, "Hoover Report and DOA," should be explained.

Being in accord with the general idea of economies and more efficiency in government, we object to no part of the Hoover commission's report, except in the case of recommended changes in civil service regulations wherein the present system of one examining body for all agencies is to be decentralized by allowing every one of the 140 government agencies to conduct its own examination.

We fail to see the economy or efficiency in such a set-up, since today, civil service exams and their administration are costing between four and seven million dollars. The new system would cost between 40 and 50 million. My information on this is from the DAV national legislative committee.

The bills before congress now, ask that instead of giving each applicant, there be set up a four-category system, "outstanding," "well-qualified," "qualified," "unqualified." The veterans' preference act of 1944 is a point advantage, and not a guarantee of being placed in a certain category.

Since these Hoover bills, in so far as they concern the civil service rating boards, will not provide either improved efficiency or economy, the DAV can reach only one conclusion, and that is, that this proposed legislation is aimed directly at elimination of any special consideration or preference for the veterans. We believe this is the spearhead of a campaign, engineered by the same groups that were responsible for the atrocious economy act of 1933, which cut thousands of deserving veterans from compensation lists.

Our government, which sponsors National Employ the Physically Handicapped week each year to spur employment of disabled veterans, is now considering proposals that would wipe out what chance they might have of obtaining government employment.

Why should economy campaigns always begin with the nation's disabled war veterans?

J. P. (Pat) Graham,
Publicity Chairman,
DAV No. 8.

Freedom—GOVERNMENT BY CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED



A SENSE OF FAIR PLAY is deeply rooted in Americans. In baseball, football or any sport, the slightest tinge of unfairness can ruin a team or a player. This sense of fairness also extends into business and politics.

However, sometimes when our emotions overcome our reason, we forget to be fair. For instance, if "Freedom" means government by consent of the governed—"any far-reaching changes, such as suggested in Compulsory Health Tax Bills, these facts should be considered:

Surveys show that the vast

majority of our people do not want Federal control of medical service, schools or churches; the vast majority of our Doctors want no Federalized controls, to hamper them in service to their patients; great numbers of our people closely ally their religious beliefs with the handling of their own personal health, and should certainly not be compelled to "buy" a service they would not use.

American sense of fair play says: Allow no minority pressure groups to force through legislation that IGNORES these facts.

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