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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 8, 1940 (It Was Wednesday)

Initial work on new Pacific highway on Sexton mountain to start this year.

Sale of \$10 revenue bonds to be used to finance proposed lighting system for night baseball at fairgrounds.

Past exalted rulers night of Elks lodge to have F. H. Hart in exalted ruler chair.

Miss Isabelle Miller is directing production of Phoenix school play slated Thursday.

Medford high school music department cast of 200 to present opera "The Bohemian Girl."

20 YEARS AGO TODAY March 8, 1930 (It Was Thursday)

Maintenance fees in Rogue River Irrigation district cut.

Alfred von Tirpitz, admiral of Germany navy and father of sub warfare, dies in Bavaria.

Jobless riot in Portland broken up by police using tear gas.

Talent defeats Sams Valley in close contest before big crowd of basketball fans.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY March 8, 1916 (It Was Monday)

Frank G. Owen appointed trustee for syndicate promoting sugar beet factory here.

Medford band reorganized with Edward C. Root, president.

Royal cafe, Ashland, taken over by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tefft, of Echo, Ore.

The Grange Sams Valley Grange

Sams Valley Grange held regular meeting March 4. County Agent Ben Tucker spoke preceding the meeting.

Visitors included William Howes, State Grange deputy; Roscoe Roberts of Roxo, Ann, county deputy; Ben Tucker of Phoenix, Grange and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Palmer, who are transferring from Jacksonville, Grange.

Reports were given on various phases of Grange work. Home Economics announced a card party for Wednesday night, March 8, and urged everyone to bring friends if possible.

Lecturer Thelma Beers gave a few highlights on her trip to the state teachers' conference in Corvallis last week. She also announced a special night will be held in the near future honoring all 25-year members.

Serving refreshments for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gribble.

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Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N. Y., March 1—Seldom in recent years has the present writer been able to go "ALL-out" for any individual in public life.

We have supported various candidates for office because they have appeared to be the best in the field, but usually with certain, if unexpressed, reservations. Most of them have not only displayed feet of clay, but have failed utterly to qualify in any sense as individuals of superior character, intellect or attainment.

It is, therefore, with genuine pleasure and enthusiasm that, after following the recent course and utterances of Secretary of State Acheson we have found him to be—in our judgment—one of the few really GREAT men in American public life today.

In fact we would go so far as to name him as one of the greatest Secretaries of State in American history, deserving to be ranked with such outstanding Secretaries as Seward, Blaine, Elihu Root and Henry Stimson.

Yes, as we see it, Dean Acheson is a truly GREAT man! And nothing has testified to his greatness more clearly and emphatically than his refusal to join the mob action in condemnation of Alger Hiss following the latter's conviction.

This Biblical reference caused considerable surprise in certain sections of the congress, and among the Secretary's political enemies eyebrows were raised and hypocritical pity hinted.

We grant following Christian principles LITERALLY is a novel procedure in American political life today. But there is no doubt whatever, that Dean Acheson, the son of an Episcopal Bishop, and a "sincere believer," meant just what he said, and he also was completely honest and sincere when he added:

And here, we believe, is the hall-mark of greatness, namely: spiritual stature. No informed person has ever questioned Secretary Acheson's ability, his idealism, his courage, but added to these qualities there is an elevation and integrity of the SPIRIT, which is as rare a quality in the public life of contemporary America, as artesian wells in the Sahara.

Speaking of the future, the skipper of this department is getting very much irked by the radio oracles of doom who are becoming so popular over the air since the hydrogen bomb was announced.

Whatever the motivation this department herewith files a strong protest against it.

In the first place no one knows just what the hydrogen bomb can do, or whether or not it can ever be perfected. This talk about destroying all life on this planet, human, animal and vegetable, is therefore purely conjecture.

But assuming the bomb was proved to be as devastating as advertised, and can be utilized without destroying those who employ it, what useful purpose is served by broadcasting the information to all and sundry AT THIS TIME? The net result is merely to increase popular sentiments of helplessness and helplessness—induce a psychology which might well result in widespread hysteria and panic—and lower morale everywhere.

Let the scientists keep the details to themselves, until they are CERTAIN of their facts, and then have the information properly sifted and distributed, so the rank and file may clearly understand the situation, instead of being led to assumptions which are not justified? As a general thing we are opposed to censorship, but in this particular realm we favor it.

We heartily approve therefore the statement yesterday by David Lillenthal, former head of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission at the New York Town Hall, quote:

"Let us have understanding instead of panic, sense instead of sensation, courage and faith instead of fear." Again amen!

And let one of the wisest things the late F.D.R. ever said not be forgotten, namely: "The only thing we have to fear, is fear."

The above is not a plea for any ostrich policy, any failure to face the facts; it is a plea to hold our horses, to observe some restraint, to look before we leap, and above all be CERTAIN of all facts before we broadcast any of them, to the country—and the world.

If there is, as some claim, a natural attraction between opposites, then the contention of the defense in this Coplon-Gubitchev case that Valentin and Judy were not engaged in an espionage conspiracy, but in a torrid romance—just "crazy-crazy in love," as Gubitchev's attorney declared in his opening address to the jury—makes some sense.

For two more different types as far as court behavior goes, could scarcely be imagined.

Day in day out this funny little man Gubitchev sits in his chair at the defense table like a graven image, pale, self-contained, arms folded on his chest, eyes downcast, barely blinking an eye but unquestionably "all ears"; silent, dour, almost as though he were sitting for his photograph with one of those iron clamps on the back of his head, which were common in photograph studios some 60 years ago—only this motionless pose is frozen and permanent.

Judy Coplon particularly since she got her three "smart" attorneys, the exact opposite—is restless, nervous, constantly on the move, writing brief notes, whispering suggestions, running a delicate hand every now and then through her back hair-do, turning her eyes this way and that—the jury, the judge, her lawyers—everywhere but in the direction of her co-defendant. Yep, if there is an attraction between opposites, then there was some BASIS for a romance whether or not any really existed.

Our own belief is none did. We agree with one of our neighbors at yesterday's session, a typical "man-about-town" from the Bronx, quote:

"Tell you buddy when I take out a blonde on a hot date I don't let her chase around in the dark all over the Bronx on one side of the street, while I do the fade-out on the other. And when it comes to a bus or the subway at night I don't sit in one seat and my girl friend out of reach. Now it's just a stall, I say lock 'em both up and throw away the key!"—RWR.

Jackson County Farm Notes

Compiled by County Office O. S. C. Extension Service

Commercial Fertilizer Will Boost Forage Crops Forage crops and grain may be given a material "boost" by liberal applications of commercial fertilizer during these early spring months.

Yellowing of grain and lack of growth in pasture grasses may indicate nitrogen need. Grain yields have been increased from 5 to 10 bushels per acre by the addition of 40 pounds per acre of available nitrogen fertilizer.

Sulfur may be required by legume crops. Phosphorus applications increase the feeding value of grass and hay crops as well as increasing seed production. A balanced feed for crops is as essential as a bal-

Crosstown by Roland Coe



"Our baseball team is takin' up a collection to help pay for any broken windows that might happen this season."

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Oh, the women! We must forgive them much. For they love much. And many. Their hate is only love turned inside out. —Heine.

Hardly a woman is now alive who can consume more than four cocktails and not put herself in danger of saying or doing things she will regret the morning after.

Among the things not generally known by present day baseball fans is that Branch Rickey, now the top executive of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was once a catcher for the New York Yankees.

Briefly The shortest street in New York City is Edgar street. It is fifty-seven feet long.

A Nichol's Worth of— Comment On This and That By HARMAN W. NICHOLS United Press Feature Writer

Washington, Mar. 6—(UPI)—In the old days they did it like this: A tester in California bit into a string or snap, bean and said: "Ah, no good!"

Deep Freeze By Ear The canner learns, right there, that he has a good corn on hand an decides to deep-freeze it by the ear for a better profit.

Amateurs Compete On Stage Today Many amateur entertainers of the Rogue valley were due to assemble at the Craterian theatre at 4:30 p. m. today for the principal audition in the local phase of a statewide contest to select representatives to appear on the "Original Amateur Hour" in Portland April 6.

Public To Vote Participants in the two broadcasts will be screened by votes of the public, and the grand prize winner will be sent to Portland, all expenses paid, to appear on a KEX broadcast, which will select contestants to appear on the nation-wide broadcast of the amateur hour, which was started 14 years ago by the late Major Bowes.

A ballot which radio listeners can use in voting for their favorite entertainer after the Tuesday evening broadcast will be found printed elsewhere in this issue of The Mail Tribune.

The farmer benefits because he takes his stuff to the market and gets paid for whatever "grade" he hauls in. Take sweet corn. The university has perfected a gimmick which grades the corn. Some canneries already are using it. A farmer hauls his stuff into the driveway and a man takes a couple of sample ears. He whittles them off and puts the kernels into a cup and puts the squeeze on 'em. Then he takes the juice and puts it

into a test tube. If the tube fills up high, the farmer has brought in sweet, young corn. He gets grades for good stuff and is paid off handsomely.

Times are changing. Thanks to the work being done by the school of agriculture at the University of Maryland. The scientists there have done every thing but eliminate the tongue and nose when it comes to classifying vegetables.

We now have what Dr. Amihud Kramer, professor in horticulture, likes to refer to as a "mechanical umpire."

Actually, it adds up to a lot of umpires. Mechanized thinkers which tell us whether a split pea is grade A or B. If an apple is fit to eat or would make a good pie.

To Help Farmer All of this is calculated to help the farmer, the canner, and the housewife.

The machines grade the stuff, without any help from humans. The research has been going on at the university for a long time and the developments are turned over to the United States department of agriculture with patents. It's public domain from the start. Manufacturers can dip their lunchhooks in for free but they can't ring the cash register on the work.

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Noted Musician To Play At Elks Dance

Ashland, Mar. 6—Jack Fina, noted piano stylist and orchestra leader, will play at the Ashland Elks club the evening of Thursday, March 9, it was announced today.

Fina was formerly pianist in Freddy Martin's orchestra, and it was his playing of the popularized version of "Piano Concerto in B Flat Minor," known as "Tonight We Love," which made his name as a modern interpreter of Tschaiakowsky.

He comes here directly from the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel.

Fina left Martin's orchestra three years ago to organize his own musical group. He features "smooth and sophisticated" music for dancing, advance notices say, and has played from coast to coast in leading theaters, hotels and night clubs.

Ashland Council Sets Golf Course Study Ashland, Mar. 6—The city council here will study a proposed contract for the lease of the Ashland municipal golf course when it meets here tomorrow night, according to City Attorney Harry Skerry Jr., who has been in consultation with the prospective lessee.

Elbert Williams and Merle Russell have been negotiating for use of the course. Under terms of the proposed contract, Williams and Russell would pay \$1 per year for use of the course, and would guarantee to invest \$10,000 in improvements of the course within two years.

The city would provide \$8,000 for improvements. The 10-year contract would be renewable at the option of the lessees.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Are you among those who hesitate about taking a plane trip in stormy weather? Or perhaps highway travel, with its multitudinous dangers, gives you the jitters.

Well, you never can tell. Down in Los Angeles an old bird by the name of McCarthy decides to get married, puts on a pre-nuptial party the night before, CHOKES ON A FRIED EGG and passes over the river.

When things like that can happen, why worry about ANYTHING?

AT Anchorage, away up in Alaska, life went humdrum for some citizen whose identity is as yet unknown. So he stole a DC-3 transport plane—one of those two-engine, work-horse jobs—took off in the dark, buzzed the town for 14 minutes by the clock, then landed in the dark, stole a taxicab standing at the edge of the airfield and skipped out.

WHAT was he up to? Well, I sometimes wonder if BOREDOM doesn't lie at the root of a lot of the things that puzzle us when they happen. Maybe this guy just couldn't take it any longer and had to blow off.

In an interview with Arthur Krock of the New York Times (who is perhaps the best-known of all the Washington correspondents) John L. Lewis insists that neither public health nor safety is imperiled by the nationwide coal strike.

He says there is enough coal on hand, if "fairly distributed," to last out the time needed to end the dispute.

WE have to take John L.'s statements (and about everybody else's, for that matter) with a grain of salt, because modern strikes are war and war involves propaganda. But I'm inclined to agree with him that the suffering that is alleged to be accompanying the big coal binge isn't as great as it is painted by some of our more impressionable observers.

We have a regrettable tendency to overdo these things—especially when they have political angles, as the coal strike has.

(AMONG other things, you know, we have to remember that the administration doesn't like Mr. Lewis.)

IN fact, big modern strikes are beginning to involve a curious paradox.

Take the steel strike, for example. The steel strike, like the coal strike, was largely in the east. We of the west looked on from a distance. But we were certainly told that the steel strike would play hob with business prospects. The crystal ball gazers were in no doubt at all as to that.

What happened? Well, the steel strike TOUCHED OFF A BOOM. The steel industry's operations had been sliding off steadily for months. Came then the strike. AFTER the strike, everybody rushed in to buy steel which he hadn't been able to buy while the mills were down.

Output zoomed. The mills, which had been operating away down in the neighborhood of 80 per cent of their capacity, promptly jumped up to an approximation of 100 per cent of capacity.

They have been going great guns every since.

MAYBE we are entering another "new era."

Maybe strikes are beginning to take the place of the old and now discredited boom and bust cycle. The boom and bust cycle was supposed to have had its beginning in over-production. The best end of the cycle came along, plants were shut down, people

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