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10 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 13, 1940
(It Was Wednesday)
George C. Sabin, resort manager at Oregon Caves, dies.

Wallace Lowry receives scholarship at Rochester university to study for doctor of philosophy degree.

Most local stores vote to continue closing Saturdays at 6 p.m., Chairman Charles S. Adair of retail merchants committee says.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 30, 1930
(It Was Thursday)
Pageant of fashion presented by local merchants attracts large crowd.

County court rules all dogs in county must have licenses.

Fire sirens at Main and Fir and Sixth and Holly tested and work well.

Frank Ovelman reports catching first bass of season.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 13, 1916
(It Was Monday)
Todd Beaulieu, in charge of smudging at Conner orchards, to use wood instead of oil this season.

Mrs. I. N. Stille and Earl Mathews received prizes at Eagle Point for being best spellers.

Ashland fire department names Glenn Guiley relief man.

Airliner Crash In England Worst In Flying History

By United Press
The crash which killed 80 persons aboard the giant Tudor II airliner in Wales was the worst in the history of aviation.
The highest previous death toll was 73 men who died when the U. S. navy dirigible Akron crashed into the sea during a storm off Barnegat Light, N. J., on April 4, 1933.

Other crashes which have killed 50 or more persons include:
Aug. 23, 1944—Non-scheduled C-46 plunged into the sea near San Juan, Puerto Rico, killing 53 of 81 persons aboard.
Airliner Crashes—Eastern Air lines transport crashed near Port Deposit, Md., killing 53 passengers and crew.
Feb. 15, 1947—Avianca airlines DC-4 hit a mountainside in Colombia, killing 52.
Oct. 24, 1947—United Air lines DC-6 crashed near Bryce canyon, Utah, killing 52.
June 13, 1947—Pennsylvania Central airlines DC-4 hit a mountain near Lookout Rock, W. Va., killing 50.

What and How to Teach

To politics and religion, the two main topics about which people have disagreed and argued since time immemorial, there has been added a third subject for public wrangling. This one concerns educational standards, methods and what should and what should not be included in the public school curriculum.

IN THE interminable debate concerning modern education trends most of the divergence of opinion centers on what should constitute proper emphasis on the fundamental three-R's and what part the newer studies, such as domestic science, current events, art, music, machine shop, etc., should play.

IT IS HARD to evaluate as between different schools with differing methods, for, as Dean P. B. Jacobson of the School of Education of the University of Oregon, points out in a letter to the Mail Tribune, not all students from any community are equally capable.

The dean states that the School of Education has no statistics to indicate comparative standing or records of the various schools of Oregon. He adds that in making comparisons of the scholastic attainments of high school graduates it should be recognized that from every community there will be students who do very well and there will also be students who do very poorly.

REFERRING to the controversy now raging over the Eugene public schools, the Eugene Register-Guard recommends that "those who are now engaged in challenging teaching methods in the (Eugene) schools" read an article in the March issue of the Atlantic, written by Albert Lynd.

The same newspaper observes editorially that:

"There is nothing really new in the questions which have been raised by a considerable number of Eugene parents.
"Ever since 'progressive education' came into prominence some 25 years ago there have been recurrent arguments between the proponents of the old and the new in education. In our Eugene schools we have never really gone to one extreme or the other. In the last 20 years our administrators have sought to take what seems best out of both old and new methods and weave them into a program suited to this community. . . . In the background lie these questions:

"Are the fundamentals—the well known three R's—receiving proper attention in the present curricula?
"Are basic disciplines being neglected in the effort to give the child a social adjustment for education?
"Is this thing called Social Living an adequate substitute for solid content subjects such as American history, English grammar and literature, geography, etc.?"

"Does the child who is being prepared for a college education get an adequate preparation in the high schools as compared with the child who was compelled to drag through the old classical requirements of mathematics, history, language, and so on?"

"Is the bright child sacrificed in the effort to provide a training for the merely average child?"

"There is no easy answer to any of these questions. It is possible to throw some light on WHY our schools, and schools all over the United States, have been experimenting in methods. These figures are approximate:

"Since 1900 the enrollment in American high schools has multiplied 80 times where the population of the country has merely doubled. This is because education in most states is now compulsory through age 18.

"In the good old days only 30 per cent of those who finished eighth grade ever went to high school and, of those, approximately 70 per cent were being prepared for college. The high schools were geared to college and to the well-to-do.

"Today, approximately 90 per cent go to high school; of these only 30 per cent are preparing for college. For the great mass, high school is 'terminal education.'

"Not everything that our educators have done to meet this problem is wise or good, but we want to point out that a tremendous burden has been placed upon the public schools. They have had a frantic scramble to get enough competent teachers, enough school buildings, enough of anything to meet the new demands. Taxpayers, as a rule, have been very slow to understand or respond to the needs, although in Eugene and Lane county generally the response has been far above average."

IN CALIFORNIA, a Stanford University English professor addressing an alumni meeting last week, took an academic whack at "modern education" with the assertion that a startling amount of relative illiteracy among high school seniors results from teaching subjects like ceramics and basket weaving at the expense of the three-R's.

After studying high school curricula in California for eleven years, the professor said he has found high schools won't be able to teach grammar systematically again until the public backs the old-fashioned ideas that clarity and logic are important.

HE SUMMED UP with the pertinent assertion that "you can't teach a lot of new things and still do justice to the courses which used to receive primary emphasis."

His analysis of the troubled present day educational situation is not only pat but explains why we have such diversity of opinion as to what, and how, to teach.—E.C.F.

Mailing of Easter Seals In Fund Drive Starting Here

Mail bags containing Easter seals for Jackson county homes flooded the post office today on the opening of the annual Easter Seal drive of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Most of the Easter seal letters will be delivered this week, carrying the message of the society asking support of its services to our crippled children and adults.

This year the Oregon Federated Women's clubs volunteered to prepare the Easter seals for mailing. In Jackson county, four federated clubs have completed preparation of 18,500 envelopes. They are the Rogue River Women's club, Talent Community club, Ashland Women's Civic club, and the Ashland Junior Civic league. The Ashland clubs were assisted by the typing classes of Southern Oregon college, and the Ashland Campfire girls.

"Let's not deny a single crippled child the full benefits of professional care so that he may have the happy life that is the birthright of every child," was the appeal of Mrs. John Billings, Ashland, county co-ordin-

Crosstown by Roland Coe



"If you're thinking of monkeying around with that what-ya-call-it in the basement, you're too late. I fixed it yesterday with a bobby pin."

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Where we love is home. Here that our feet may leave. But not our hearts. —O. W. Holmes

To what are you allergic? That is a question not everybody can answer. You may be allergic to something and not know it. A New York wife claimed she was allergic to her husband. She said whenever he came near her he made her sick! The couple was about to get a divorce when a discerning doctor proved the wife was not allergic to her husband but to chicken feather. Seems the husband was a chicken fancier and came home covered with chicken feather dust, which caused his wife to have asthma.

How to Live To Be One Hundred Years Old, was the title of a book written by Louis Cornaro, a Venetian of the seventeenth century. Cornaro's theory was to eat less and less as one grows older. He lived to be one hundred and two years old. . . . It is said that in 1890 women and fashion wore twenty-five pounds of clothing. I don't know how much the clothing of the average woman of today weighs. That would be an interesting thing for that Milwaukee checker-upper to check, if his wife would let him.

Chickens Now they are fattening chickens in English. The idea is to make it harder to steal them from the farms. Each chicken is tattooed under its wings with a registered number. It is said this idea originated in the USA. Maybe it did, but I never heard of any farmer in this country with tattooed chickens. How about you?

Other Matters Among the unusually successful marriages in which the bride was older than the groom was that of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning. When they were married Elizabeth was 41. Robert, 36. . . . Ex-Senator Happy Chandler, now top man of organized baseball, calls his wife "Sweetie Pie." According to a check on the matter, the most popular salutations of affection for wives by American husbands are in the order named: Darling, Baby, Honey, Sweetheart, Precious and Dearest.

Asking Queries from clients, Q. How is that you above all people who claim to be an authority on Brooklyn history do not know it was not Brooklyn Poly Prep football team that was beaten by Chicago's Hyde Park high?

No Order Blanks "We are not over there with order blanks in our pockets," Levy explained. He added that valuable business contacts will be made, of course, but that the tour's principal purpose is to bring about "better understanding, confidence and respect between us and our neighbors in the Far East."

The first overseas friendship tour is sponsored by the world trade division of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with the Pacific Northwest Trade association.

FORT WORTH, Tex.—(U.P.)—A suburban fireman was burned at his own fire station. Tommy Lee was cooking a meal at the station when escaping gas in the stove oven ignited and blew off the door.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Late the other afternoon, just as the press was about ready to roll, our teletype paused dramatically, stuttered, choked and then began to chatter excitedly. The gist of its chattering was the crashed flying saucer, with its pint-sized, wierd-headed, other-world, dead pilot which a Los Angeles man had allegedly seen near Mexico City.

We all read the teletype's mutterings; swallowed a time or two and found our mouths a little dry. Then, just as somebody was starting out to stop the press, the ever-cautious AP killed the story, but later reinstated it and the radios went to town with it and the next morning's Portland and San Francisco papers printed it under kidding headlines with cute little sketches by their comic artists.

All in all, we afternoon paper people felt that we had been done in the eye again.

IN THE office where I work, we have a probably reprehensible habit of gathering around for a spot of coffee at mid-morning and that day, as you can imagine, the latest flying-saucer yarn bulked large in the chit-chat over the cups.

All of a sudden, somebody remembered that at least three months ago someone had told one of our number this same tale, man-from-Mars pilot and all, and it had been spoofingly discussed at a morning coffee session then.

So we laughed cynically, looked at the clock, emptied our cups, stubbed out our cigarettes and went back to work.

DID we dismiss the tale from our minds? No, we didn't. Nor, I think, did anyone else who heard it on the radio or read it in type. These are strange times. We can't believe anything we hear, nor can we REFUSE to believe anything we hear.

After all, aren't our own scientists telling us confidently that 20 years hence WE will have been to the moon and back?

THERE is more strange news on the wires. This dispatch from Moscow, for example: "Three members of the Soviet Union's politburo have put PEACE AMONG THE GREAT POWERS as today's greatest international objective. . . . The three men are Deputy Premier Malenkov, Beria and Andreyev."

THE dispatch goes on: "Malenkov, speaking in Moscow's famous Hall of Columns last night, drew STORMY APPLAUSE from his listeners when he declared that the Soviet Union is ready to participate in any sincere effort to prevent a new war."

Andreyev said: "Russian foreign policy is based on a consistent policy of peace. . . . The Soviet Union, indeed, has been striving for co-operation with all peoples on the basis of mutual respect for their interests and sovereignty."

INTO this symposium Pravda, official newspaper of the Russian communist party, tosses this assertion in a front-page editorial: "The Soviet Union stands for peace. It supports incessantly the cause of peace and demands an end of the armament race and the abolition of atomic weapons."

IF I WERE working on a deal with a man WHOM I TRUSTED and he used fair words such as these, I would feel that we were well along on the way to the making of a bargain that would be useful and profitable to both of us and to everybody else concerned in the bargain.

But if I didn't trust him, HIS FAIR WORDS WOULD JUST MAKE ME Madder AND GRIMMER AND MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO HAVE NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO WITH HIM IN THE WAY OF A DEAL.

THE trouble is that we don't trust Russia.

HERE is a disturbing thought: Can it be possible that Russia distrusts us as utterly as we distrust her?

WE ARE certain in our minds that her leaders are double-crossers. We can quote the page and the paragraph where they have double-crossed us. But how about our leaders? We haven't agreed with everything they have done and said. Do you reckon the Russians could be as certain that OUR leaders have double-crossed them as we are that their leaders have double-crossed us? WOULD'N'T IT BE WONDERFUL IF ALL LEADERS WERE ALWAYS SINCERE AND HONEST AND DEPENDABLE?

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Jackson County Farm Notes

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

Standardization Of Crop Varieties Are Advised
Small seed production and standardization of crop varieties were advised by the Jackson County Farm Crops program planning committee recently while reviewing current programs.

National stress is being placed on forage crop production. Southern states are converting tobacco, cotton and rice acreage to grass and forage for livestock. Seed supplies are inadequate for all these demands. Jackson county farmers have demonstrated their ability to produce the seed crops of several needed varieties.

Those contemplating seeding seed crops this spring may profit from the suggestions of the committee. Ladino clover should be seeded to land that has been devoted to grain or row crops for from four to five years. The field to be seeded should not be adjacent to a pasture or filled crop containing many of the common white or aliske clover. Prepare an adequately packed seed bed, apply phosphorus and nitrogen fertilizers and seed early.

Bladed grass seed crops respond to seed bed preparation and fertilizer applications. Alta fescue, tualatin oat grass, smooth brome grass and Harding grass show larger seed yields when seeded or drilled in rows. Solid plantings may be made with red creeping and chewing fescue. —W. B. Tucker County Extension Agent

Early Garden Crops Should Be Planted Soon
Early garden crops such as lettuce, spinach and onions should be planned as soon as the garden can be worked. Lettuce and spinach do best in cool weather and onions require a long growing season in order to attain their best size.

A short row of spinach should be seeded now, and more rows may be set out at two-week intervals. A 25-foot row of lettuce could be planted, and, in addition, a dozen plans could be set out which would give earlier lettuce than the seed. A short row of carrots could also be planted for early use. Carrots will continue to grow well all during the year, so the main planting could be delayed until a little later in the spring when the seed would come a little quicker.

For commercial production it is important that onions be planted right away. For home gardens, while this is desirable, Chicago (U.P.)—An ink company has marketed a new product which comes as a liquid in a tube but hardens into material resembling ordinary rubber when exposed to air. The manufacturer claims that the material can be used to repair rubber goods, make water-tight joints, and insulate wires and other electrical appliances.

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