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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 16, 1940
(It Was Saturday)

Ed Ellis and Bob Hoefs, both
of Butte Falls high basketball
team, named on state B tourna-
ment all-stars.

Elk Creek Stockmen's associa-
tion elects Earl Ulrich president;
South Butte Stockmen's associa-
tion names Carl Nygren presi-
dent.

Dorothy Root and Wilson
Church have leading roles in high
school opera presentation.

Al Wimer, Medford high stu-
dent, wins right to represent
county in American Legion ora-
torical contest.

Copco pays \$131,369 to Jack-
son county in taxes this year.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 16, 1930
(It Was Sunday)

Local women organize for re-
form of prohibition.

Bill Bolger elected commander
of American Legion here.

Literary Digest poll on prohibi-
tion indicates people favor its
repeal.

Floyd Young, frost expert, ar-
rives here for smudging season.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 16, 1916
(It Was Thursday)

United States reclamation serv-
ice and state surveys recommend
irrigation projects for this section
of valley.

Talent young people form In-
dustrial club with Lewis Beeson
as president.

High school band membership
numbers 15 with J. W. Gressly
as leader.

Water Rate Increase Defeated At Portland

Portland, Ore., Mar. 16—(U.P.)
For the second time in as many
weeks the Portland city council
has voted by a 3-2 margin against
putting a measure on the May 19
election ballot calling for in-
creased water rates.

At the same time, the council
voted 4-1 to keep the special real
property levy on the ballot.

Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee
told the council she was certain
the water tax was a "good" tax,
but she said she thought voters
should have a say in the issue
because of the interest shown
over it.

Four New Cases Of Paralysis Reported

Portland, Ore., Mar. 16—(U.P.)
Four new cases of poliomyelitis
were reported in Oregon for the
week ending March 11, bringing
the total for the year to 25, the
Oregon state board of health an-
nounced today.

The total for a corresponding
period last year was 11.

The new cases were widely
scattered with one each in
Clackamas, Jackson, Marion and
Washington counties.

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Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N. Y., March 13—Another one of those
needle spray rains—no rain drops, just a sort of liquid-sunshine
without the sun.

But just a little bit added to what you got makes a little bit
more. The city reservoirs are now 51 per cent full whereas two
or three months ago they were only 30 per cent. It is still an even
wager they won't have to call in the airplane rain makers.

Argentine pears are in the Madison avenue fruit stores selling
at 60 cents per dozen and up. They are (at least those we pur-
chased) TERRIBLE—small, tasteless and mushy. In fact, our fa-
vorite fruiterer across the street won't handle them. He said he
only handles California pears. We bought six of the latter for 45
cents (no fruit is sold at even prices here, just why we can't make
out) and when we arrived at the hotel found they were from "SOS,
Medford OREGON!" That is characteristic of New York. Every
product that comes from the Pacific Coast comes from "California."
Oregon is simply ignored—the forgotten state.

According to our fruitman, Florida is fading out in the citrus
line and growing steadily in the direction of vegetables—early
ones. Only Florida oranges are holding up. Florida grows no lem-
ons (that was news to us), no pineapples, while Texas and Arizona
are running her out of the grapefruit market. But Florida is gain-
ing in celery, tomatoes, early potatoes and the like.

Also Florida—this is our fruiterer speaking, we don't vouch
for his accuracy—has been run out of the berry, melon and straw-
berry market by the Imperial Valley, California. Early asparagus,
ditto. He had 3-pound bunches of the latter selling for \$2.25 a
bunch and he was getting it. "That's nothing," he added, "the
price was \$3 a bunch two or three weeks ago."

If Imperial Valley ranchers don't make money out of early
asparagus they must be something rotten in Denmark—or in the
distribution and jobbing business.

California strawberries and lettuce have been selling here
for weeks—they both look tip-top. But the berries we have tried
have been lacking in flavor and sweetness. Large "hot-house"
grapes are coming in from Portland and huge plums from Chile.
There is also fresh sweet corn. If there ever should be a trans-
portation tie-up by land AND sea, Manhattan would probably
have a scurvy epidemic in a couple of weeks!

We believe Senator Byrd of Virginia and other tax-conscious
statesmen are missing a bet. Why don't they secure passage of a
law that would compel manufacturers and retailers to put on
every article they sell—including theater and movie tickets—the
amount paid for taxes? There should be similar tags on bread
and butter—or oleo, until the latter tax is finally repealed—if
ever.

Then, of course, there are the liquor and cigaret taxes.

We have in these taxes. But how many purchasers realize
that when they buy a "5th" at least half the cost is tax?

No wonder moonshiners are increasing—over 10,000 of them
were arrested by federal officers alone in 1949 and over 125,000
gallons of illegal spirits confiscated. When the bootlegger can sell
a gallon of moonshine for five bucks when the same thing would
sell on the legal market for \$15, some idea of the incentive profit
motive can be imagined. According to Washington reports, in
many states, particularly in the South, more moonshine has been
confiscated by local and state officials than by the U. S. internal
"Revenue" men.

However, as remarked, we would not favor lowering either
the cigaret or liquor taxes—those who can afford to indulge in
either, can afford to pay.

General Li—no relation to "Trig-Lie"—former president of
Nationalist China, is here in New York recovering from a stomach
operation. We were much interested—and cheered—by his recent
public statement regarding the situation in his homeland. Li has
no use either for the Chinese Reds or Generalissimo Chiang Kai-
shek and doesn't pull his punches regarding either.

Said, quite:

"The Chiang regime is rotten to the core. The Chinese
Reds were able to come to power, not because of the merit
of communism, but the corruption of the Nationalists under the
Generalissimo. After Chiang it was thought anything
would be better. But one year of trial convinced the Chinese
people that whereas Chiang Kai-shek was interested only in
money, personal power and depriving the masses of their
material well-being, the Communists aim at depriving them
of their soul. The country is now ready for really liberal
and democratic leadership."

That has been the view of this department for some time.

It will take time and patience, but as soon as the Chinese
masses realize what it really means to be ruled from Moscow,
and what they could achieve by a free, strong and democratic
government of their OWN, there will be a counter-revolution in
that country as certain as the sun will rise tomorrow. This was
what the late General Stilwell predicted before he was recalled
from China in a mannered disgrace to die at Cannel of a broken
heart. Eventually we feel sure history will give "Vinegar Joe" his
due, and make it clear that he not only knew China and the
Chinese, but knew Chiang Kai-shek and but for the machinations
and stupidity of the latter, the triumph of the Reds would, in all
probability, never have occurred.

Went down to the NBC theater on West 44th to hear the U. S.
Steel broadcast Gertrude Lawrence in "Lady in the Dark." Never
saw the original play and this production was, of course, greatly
condensed. But it was all extremely interesting and Miss Lawrence
hasn't changed a hair in 20 years. (That is not STRICTLY ac-
curate as she has a wave of white on the right side—"silver threads
among the gold"—but it only adds to her distinction and charm.)
WHAT a gold—as Noel Coward, her platonic long ago recently
remarked, "Gert isn't at all English; she would be the first to
acknowledge it and be proud of it."

Noel, as usual, is correct. Gertrude Lawrence has the bounce
and zip and informality of the American young woman. Like Mar-
lene Dietrich one can't imagine her ever growing old, and Gertrude
can't resist shocking her more correct British sisters. In one of the
snappy Gertrude ditties, for example, she did a strip-tease "lark"
as a response to thunderous applause—quite improper for some
gals but not for "Gert." It's just her wholesome, irrepressible ex-
uberance—pure irrepressible animal spirits.

We have only attended one big-time radio broadcast before—
that was several years ago in Los Angeles. There has been a great
change since then. Everything at the "Belasco" was on a grand
and "super-super" scale—engineers, timers, sound effects, execu-
tives, managers, editors, supervisors, the official reporter, the of-
ficial announcer (Brokenshire by name), an orchestra of 30 or 40
pieces and the composer-director who simply worked himself into
a nervous and physical collapse by his excessive artistic and
muscular efforts.

Of course time is the essence. Everything has to be on the
dot—and everything was, including the applause. It was one of
the most popular broadcasts in a long time—there were almost
as many people outside of the theater as in. There were 10 in the
east, not including a tenor from the "Met." But Gertrude was the
whole show. Wonder why she isn't performing on Broadway?

Speaking of performing on Broadway—that's another strange
item in this Babylon. It is always said "she is performing on
BROADWAY," "she has her name in lights on BROADWAY," etc.,
etc. Yet there isn't one theater—or perhaps there is just one—on
Broadway, the legitimate theaters are off Broadway, practically
all on 44th, 45th and 46th streets—R.W.R.

Prospect

Prospect, Mar. 16—Mr. Ray-
mond Artzmet left Monday to fly
back to Indiana to see his father
who is ill and not expected to
live.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Scott of
Trail have taken over the Cas-
cade Gorge temporarily.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart have gone to
Sacramento to visit their daugh-
ter.

A Catholic discussion-study
club was organized recently at
Prospect under the leadership of
Mrs. Doyle Mills. The club meet-
ings on Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m.
at the home of the members. The
last meeting was held at the home
of Mrs. Jack De Rosier. Eight
persons were present. At this
meeting the group chose "Rosa
Mystica" as the name of their
club. The Lenten program
emphasizes the Ten Command-
ments. All interested in study
of Christian doctrine are invited
to attend the meetings.

Charles Fanger is confined to
the Community hospital. As soon
as he is able he will go to the
Portland clinic. He is reported
doing very well.

Several new families have
moved to Prospect recently be-

cause of re-opening of the mills.
Among them are Mr. and Mrs.
Merrill Peaselee and family from
Willets, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. Sam
Robison and family from Apples-
gate, Ore., and Mr. and Mrs.
Herbert Ferguson from Gooding,
Ida.

Paul Pearson, Reg Macro and
James Popp spent Sunday skiing
at Mt. Shasta, Cal.

Tris Norton and Roy Kalzer
returned from California recent-
ly.

Mrs. John Harper and grand-
daughter Jeanne Rienks have
gone to Idaho for a week to at-
tend a family reunion. They plan
to return Saturday.

Dial telephones are being in-
stalled in Prospect now, the
first one being put in the Pros-
pect high school.

PAPER BOY NO BOY

Wilmington, N. C.—(U.P.)—One
of the nation's oldest paper boys
is no boy. A two-mile route in
nearby Hampstead is carried by
Jane Singleton, 65, Miss Single-
ton has carried the Wilmington
Star-News on foot for two years,
walking about two miles a day
with her papers. She also helps
deliver the mail, another five
miles a day.

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Noon Saturdays.

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"I'll take the full course dinner. Everybody at our house is on a diet but me!"

Washington Report

By Bob Dickey

Washington, Mar. 16—Presi-
dent Truman's "basin account-
ing system" for federal water
projects in the Columbia river
basin has met opposition on the
Senate floor.



Bob Dickey

Sen. Cordon is a member of the senate interior and insular affairs committee which has been holding hearings on the "basin account" plan in conjunction with its consideration of Northwest reclamation projects. When the committee wound up its hearings, the majority of the members approved of the basin accounting. Sen. Cordon vigorously dissented.

When the amendments to the rivers and harbors bill, authorizing the basin account system, are made on the floor of the senate, Cordon plans to offer a substitute motion containing his legislative position on the proposal.

Steps Toward Socialism

Although the specific reasons for the Roseburg senator's objections to the basin account system will not be brought out until the matter is considered by the senate, some of his general objections to the plan have been revealed.

One of these objections is that he feels it is a long step toward socialism. Another is that he believes it is a forerunner of a Columbia valley administration or authority.

Credit to Cordon

In all fairness to Sen. Cordon, he has probably spent more time and effort on investigating the full significance of the basin accounting system than any other senator. During the largest share of the recent senate interior and insular affairs hearings, only he and Chairman O'Mahoney showed up.

And during the hearings on basin accounting, Cordon did 99 per cent of the cross-examination and interrogation of the testifying administration officials. One may be assured that Cordon's opposition to the scheme is not based on a lack of understanding of its ramifications.

Truman View

When President Truman endorsed the basin account system last February, he suggested that it would "permit a more intelligent accounting for power revenues from the various federal hydroelectric plants in the Pacific Northwest and for the various

costs which are to be returned from those revenues."

The administration's explanation of the basin-wide accounting scheme was amplified in greater detail in the recent senate hearings. According to them, the system now advocated is nothing more than an accounting procedure.

They say that basically it provides a method of showing the balances available from all Northwest federal water projects to be considered in connection with an analysis of "financial feasibility, rate making, and project pay-out."

In other words, it would provide no additional revenues as such. It would merely show the overall revenues which were being realized from the projects.

Advantages suggested by the administration are:

1. Furnish power at a uniform rate throughout the area and at a much lower level. This would be so, they say, because under the basin account system, the rate would approximate the average rate for all power projects.

2. Permit irrigation benefits from power projects independent of the irrigation project's relation to a power project.

For example, a power project such as Hell's canyon dam would provide surplus power revenues justifying the development of an irrigation project. And while under the present system, only irrigation projects near Hell's canyon are considered from its surplus revenues, under the new system the surplus revenues would be recorded on the books and would be available as justification for irrigation projects anywhere in the area.

Hell's canyon dam is cited just as an example. Under the advocated system, all the surplus from both Bu-Rec and army engineers' dams would be entered on the books and could be used to justify the economic feasibility of irrigation projects anywhere in the region.

It might be well to note that the basin account plan is not a new idea. At the present time it is being used in a number of areas. For example, the entire Central Valley of California is under such a system and is considered as a single financial unit.

Morse Welcomes Fight
Sen. Wayne Morse has tabbed as unwise the move by certain Oregon republicans to provide him with a primary fight.

He said he "feels it is a mistake to split in a primary bat-

COMMUNICATIONS

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Spawning More Devils

To the Editor: Again the people of Medford have been enlightened on the governmental philosophies of our junior senator, Wayne Morse.

After listening many times to Wayne Morse, I am impressed by his earnestness of purpose; his undoubted honesty and courage; but above all by his peerless ability to rationalize an irrational situation.

After awaking from the spell of his oratorical ability I am forced to conclude that first of all our junior senator is for Wayne Morse (for which I can't blame him too much) and secondly he is for a government of lawyers and by lawyers. He fails to realize two basic facts of government:

First—The government has nothing of intrinsic value to give to the people which it has not previously taken away from the people.

Second—The basic purpose of government is to protect individual freedom through the power of government to redress wrongs.

Because of his failure to grasp these basic facts we have a Wayne Morse, in angel garb, wrestling with all the devils spawned by governmental regulation and subsidy, while warning us that he is going to fight for fore regulation and subsidy presumably because he can thereby spawn more devils with which to wrestle for his own glorification and the applause of the suckers who can't figure out what the act is all about.

Well, wrestling by profession, as never was considered to be much of a contest of ethical skills but a lot of people enjoy the show. Can't the people of Oregon think up a better act?

BEN STAFFORD.

P. S.—And I'm not a Democrat.

Sterilization Urged

To the Editor: In your county there are probably 350 feeble-minded persons. Many of these are having children who may inherit their mental deficiency and grow up under the care of a mentally inadequate parent.

Some of these unhappy lives can be avoided if better use is made of Oregon's eugenic sterilization law. This will protect the mentally deficient from parenthood without any change in sexual characteristics or capacities. While I am superintendent of the Sonoma State Home for the feeble-minded in California more than 5,000 of the patients were thus protected before discharge. This did not interfere with fully satisfactory marriage. Having learned from other patients who had had the operation that no change resulted,

many of them would ask me, "Doctor isn't it about time for my operation?"

Some of them whom I saw later would tell me that they had married and were able to support themselves but couldn't have done so if there had been children.

If more people knew, as doctors do, that sterilization does not remove any organ from the body or interfere with its working, Oregon's law for the protection of the insane and the feeble-minded would be more widely used.

Fred O. Butler, M.D.,
Sonoma, Cal.

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'Bill Of Rights' For Children Told By Army Man Here

Maj. Roderic Durham, divisional commander for the Salvation Army in Oregon and southern Idaho, listed a six-point bill of rights for children in an address to Medford Kiwanians yesterday noon at Rogue Valley Country club. It included:

1. The right to be born into the world rather than to be "damned" into the world.

2. The right to a home that is adequate.

3. The right to a clean, decent community.

4. The right to an education.

5. The right to leisure time activity.

6. The right to an adequate investment of time on the part of a parent or good adult.

Character Handicaps

Durham, who was at one time assigned here by the Salvation Army, spoke of the serious handicap faced by illegitimate or unwanted children.

Mothers of many illegitimate youngsters are often just children themselves and are not emotionally capable of child care, he remarked. He pointed out that many illegitimate children grow up apart from their own parents and that adoption of youngsters without going through proper agencies often brings "kick-backs" and problems.

Durham told of the tendency of parents of unwanted children to push the responsibility for their offspring onto others, such as day care centers and baby

Character Important

An adequate home for a child does not depend on the size of a bank account, the Salvation Army man emphasized. It depends on the character of parents and grandparents. He stated that the home should be a sanctuary from the world where children can find love and affection.

In most communities rights of youngsters are abused in a number of ways, Durham said, and parents are complacent or encourage abuse. "You and I ought to be concerned about the kind of community we have. Do you know what goes on in your own community?" he asked.

Parents' Role

The parents' role in educating children should be more than that of teaching the facts of life, the speaker said. Parents should not give children more facts than they can take and should not force this education on them, Durham brought out.

Children have a right to a place to play and to know how to use leisure time, he said. Youngsters who have the attention of parents or some good adult probably will not get into trouble, he said.

Durham was once a member of the Medford Kiwanis club.

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