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10 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 20, 1940
(It Was Wednesday)
Poultry plant to be erected on McAndrews road will handle 40,000 turkeys a year.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 20, 1930
(It Was Thursday)
Fish reported biting in vicinity of Savage Rapids dam.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 20, 1916
(It Was Monday)
Rich gold strike yielding \$285 to \$15,000 a ton reported along Birdseye creek; tungsten ore veins found near Gold Hill.

Astoria Teachers Quit
At Close Of Present Term
Astoria, Ore., Mar. 20—(U.P.)—Walter Christensen, principal of Astoria high school, and three city school teachers have resigned, effective at the end of the present school term.

The Grange
Griffin Creek Grange
H.E.C. of Griffin Creek Grange met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Dill with Mrs. Mark Sylvester as co-hostess.

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Registration Drive On

Despite earlier lack of interest and scarcity of candidates, it now appears that Oregon's primary campaign will generate considerable heat before the ballot marking, come May 19.

GOVERNOR McKay has designated March 27 to April 1 as Registration Week, and is urging upon all people of the state to see to it that their voting right is protected.

UNION LABOR interests have launched what the Oregon Teamster, official mouthpiece of Joint Council No. 37 of Oregon Teamsters, describes as "the biggest registration drive in Oregon's history—a campaign to register virtually every eligible voter in the state."

"Non-partisan registration leagues have been formed on county and state-wide levels with organized labor groups, AFL, CIO and independent unions supporting and in most cases, spearheading the campaigns," says the union paper.

Labor, it is stated, is particularly interested in getting out full voting strength for action on the reapportionment issue which it is hoped to place on the November ballot, through petition.

IN JACKSON COUNTY there is increasing interest in the May primary, especially since both parties have full tickets with at least two hot contests promised on the Republican side.

Voters have until April 18 to register.—E.C.F.

Wings for Mercy

Mercy Flights, Inc., of Jackson county, sent its large white airplane to the North Bend airport Wednesday afternoon to pick up a patient who needed fast transportation and who was unable to sit up and travel by conventional means.

THE PILOTS, Medford fliers who donate their time when flying this airplane, explained that Mercy Flights is a no-profit, volunteer organization and that the plane was purchased by contributions from Jackson county school children, service clubs and other interested people.

The plane cost \$3100. It is to be used for emergency missions only and must not compete with commercial services. The operating cost, actual gasoline and oil, is figured at \$12 per hour. If a patient cannot pay this sum, he rides free.

The plane has a stretcher and seat for an attendant in addition to room for the pilots.

COOS AND CURRY counties are even more isolated than Jackson county, and could well use a service such as this. Men injured in woods accidents who must be taken out of the county for specialized surgical treatment, plus others too ill to travel to veterans' hospitals and like establishments might be benefited to a great extent by such a service.

We hope that some alert service organization or group of such organizations sees fit to investigate this activity with the hope of providing a similar worthwhile project for southwestern Oregon.

A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington, March 20—(U.P.)—It was nice of the New York Yankees to bring my old friend, Dizzy Dean, back into baseball. For a while, it looked as if Deacon Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers was about to take the last bit of whoopla out of our national pastime. He tried out a mechanical umpire. Fortunately it didn't work.

Jerome Herman (or Hanna) Dean, who claims he caught the attention of a major league scout by hitting a jack rabbit on the car with a rock, will be on television for the Yankees. In addition he will do some glad-handing and maybe beat the bushes between telecasts to find some new talent for the world champions.

Will Add Color
At the very worst Dean will add some color to the game. Something the game needs. There isn't much around. But there was plenty around when Dean and Babe Ruth and Lefty Gomez were on hand. The name of "Ruth" has enough of a magnet to clog the turnstiles. Many was the time that Gomez would put his hands on hips and relax to watch a plane come over the field. He did it once during a world series with a three-two count on the batter.

A veteran sports editor of the St. Louis Star-Times, Sid C. Keener once had a man named Red Smith traveling with the Cards. One day Dean walked up to Smith and said:

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"I borrowed the neighbor's tractor—it's lots faster than spadin' it up!"

Jackson County Farm Notes

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

Wet Weather Good For Planting Shrubbery
This wet weather isn't helping our gardens any for getting early crops, but it is very good weather for setting out shrubs.

Delbert Mongold's Jerseys Top Herd For Month
The Jackson County Dairy Herd Improvement association listed for February: Delbert Mongold's herd of 23 registered Jerseys as the top herd for the month.

The second high herd was owned by H. C. Callihan of Eagle Point. His herd averaged 885 pounds of milk, 42.8 pounds of butterfat. This was a herd of 13 cows, with one cow dry.

The third place herd was owned by Victor Birdseye of Medford. This herd produced an average of 794 pounds of milk and 48.5 pounds of butterfat.

R. E. Van Dusen's herd of 671 cows came in fourth with 821 pounds of milk and 40.3 pounds of butterfat, and in fifth place was Luana Farms with 572 pounds of milk and 31.4 pounds of butterfat.

The top cow for the month was Polly, owned by Callihan. She produced 1,579 pounds of milk and 91.6 pounds of butterfat.

Delbert Mongold on second and third, which produced respectively 1,173 pounds of milk, 75.1 pounds of butterfat, and 1,257 pounds of milk and 74.2 pounds of butterfat.

Lewis Clark owned fourth place cow with 1,277 pounds of milk and 72.8 pounds of butterfat.

Fifth place cow was again owned by Delbert Mongold, as was the eighth place cow. Victor Birdseye owned the cow in sixth place, Lewis Clark's came in seventh, H. C. Callihan owned the cow in ninth place and the tenth place cow was owned by Jack Caldwell.

Each one of these cows produced over 68 pounds of butterfat. February being a short month, these records were made in 28 days.

Earle Jossy
County Extension Agent
COMMUNICATIONS
Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name is essential for publication to be 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.

German Officials Making Joke Of American Purification Desires

By Lyle C. Wilson
United Press Correspondent

Stuttgart, Germany, Mar. 20—(U.P.)—There is a political scandal in this beautiful Swabian country where German officials are making a joke of American desires to purify and punish some of Hitler's old Nazis.

Responsible officials believe similar conditions exist in other areas. The situation is not good, and at first glance it looks very bad. But the showdown on issues now raised will not be had soon.

Not Making Martyrs
American authorities are more likely to take it easy for a bit rather than crack down sharply on balking German officials. They are not making martyrs of them.

High policy seems to be to permit German officialdom some leeway on the denazification question here for the time being, in expectation that they will lose out badly in the end.

Explanations why a drastic crackdown might do more harm than good are persuasive. But many Germans on the spot here do wish American authorities would move in hard and fast on the local German state government.

"Denazification has become a farce in Wuertemberg-Baden," one German earnestly assured me. "This is a disgraceful picture of democracy, is it not?" another suggested.

Wuerttemberg-Baden is one of the four states comprising the American zone of Germany. British, French and American occupation authorities on Sept. 21, 1945 relinquished much of the direct control of western Germany. German officials and the German people that was under a new occupation statute designed to move western Germany rapidly toward democratic self government.

Aimed at Press Control
Thereafter many German state officials here and elsewhere began feeling out the situation to see how far the Americans would let them go. Return of communications facilities to German administration in the American zone shortly was followed by devious efforts apparently aimed ultimately at press control.

This would have been achieved variously by license systems or by pooling communications facilities, so the government actually would be in a position to eliminate or fatally to delay news dispatches intended for circulation to the German press.

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Denazification is the process by which occupation authorities required Germany to deal with Hitler's old Nazis. German courts considered indictments, excused many a thousand as mere "followers" of the Nazi party and wholly exonerated others. For those deeply implicated in Nazi policies and brutalities there were fines, revocation of civil rights and seizure of properties, according to the degree of guilt.

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Maier, Gen. Charles P. Gross is the senior American official in Wuertemberg-Baden. Gross's moved fast and vigorously with an order to the state police to investigate Stockinger's charges. The German press and even the public became aroused as evidence piled up of wholesale corruption. But Maier would not act.

Instead, he abused Gross in a public statement, charging the American with unwarranted interference in German affairs. Investigating Nazis
He said he was investigating a family group of Nazis who had banded together to destroy democracy with perjury, bribes and the assistance of corrupt officials.

Maier and the state government turned on Hoffmeister. Maier rejected all suggestions that his deputy, Stroele, be suspended pending investigation, or otherwise dealt with.

The Americans pressed for more action. Prosecutor General Richard Schmid issued an order forbidding Hoffmeister to give any more information either to

the press or to American officials in Stuttgart.

But he had turned up so much already that indictments could not be avoided. In a single haul Hoffmeister obtained 500 documents involving bribery of the personnel of German denazification courts.

Prices paid for soft treatment varied up to a bit more than \$4,000.

There is no suggestion that Stroele took money. But he evidently was a key man in the deal-softly-with-the-Nazis policy of his superior, Maier.

While the Americans kept the pressure on, the investigation was going high, wide and handsome in Wuertemberg-Baden. But Maier took a chance, during the recent absence of high Commissioner John J. McCloy in the United States, and ordered the investigation ended.

Three Germans have been indicted and another shortly will be. But the indicted men were released from jail this week. The inquiry has come to a dead stop.

State Police Eager
The state police are eager to proceed. Maier's decision to end the investigation before it was half finished may have a heavy hand because Chief Hoffmeister was beginning to fire away at Maier.

The little policeman proposed that the immunity from investigation enjoyed by Maier and two others as members of the state legislature be waived or lifted so he can ask some questions. The request was ignored.

Hoffmeister wanted to ask Maier, among other things, about alleged irregularities in

the denazification of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, the financial genius of the Hitler regime.

Germans here say that all Germany will be watching to see whether McCloy will compel Maier's government to reopen the inquiry. McCloy is back here now.

But it is not so simple as that. McCloy must avoid any pressure on the Germans which could be twisted by the alert German communists into propaganda against the western powers. At the same time he does not want the Germans to get the idea that they can ignore lawlessness merely because they do not like the law against which it is committed.

Not Regarded as Closed
McCloy's spokesman told the United Press today that the high commissioner certainly is not going to regard the case as closed and that he had not been aware that the investigations had been ended.

Gen. Gross evidently would like to see the investigation pressed.

"Give me a couple more scandals like this one and the people and press will be sufficiently awakened so that we will have some real democracy here," Gross told me.

But he knows, too, that Maier's attack on him found wide popular support and that the state president will make political capital and a lot of votes out of it in next November election.

The state police and other interested Germans frankly say they are disappointed because American officials have failed to compel a full inquiry.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Back in Ohio, the other day, a woman sent a \$15 check to the county treasurer along with a letter explaining that it was she had gyped the county out of that much and now wants to ease her conscience.

When he took the check to the bank, the treasurer was informed there wasn't sufficient money in the lady's account to cover it.

I wouldn't know. About the only explanation I can think of is that a lot of us have that kind of consciences.

THIS-screwball-world note:
At Corcoran, down the line in California, the other day, an unemployed farm laborer looked over his cupboard and found it as bare as Mother Hubbard's.

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I suppose such things just happen.

IN OUR states, we haven't been doing too well in the way of enforcement of anti-gambling laws. So, a while back, a meeting of good citizens was held in Washington under the sponsorship of the attorney-general of the United States and an outfit called the Conference of Law Enforcement was organized.

Its object is to put a crimp in gambling syndicates operating coast-to-coast and to accomplish this the law-enforcement agencies of the federal government would be called in. It sounds like a good idea. These big-time gamblers skip across state lines and in doing so twiddle their fingers at state law-enforcement people.

Kathryn Lazinka Named Pendleton Rodeo Queen
Pendleton, Ore., Mar. 20—(U.P.)—A 19-year-old, blue-eyed, red-head who hails from a 13,000-acre Oregon ranch, was named queen of the 1950 Pendleton roundup today.

Kathryn Lazinka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lazinka, will hold the seat of honor at the annual event, August 24 to 27. She will be attended by four princesses, Nancy Collins, Portland, Betty Belle Lueillean, Adams, Francine Hister, Heppner, and Shirley Warner, Milton.

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