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Flight of Time: Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY: March 21, 1940 (It Was Thursday)

Fifteen CCC enrollees injured in accident on Redwood highway while en route here.

About 150,000 boxes of pears remain in storage in Medford.

C. E. Gates, Medford, re-elected vice-president of Oregon Motor association.

Pacific Plywood corporation explosion and fire seriously damaged part of plant; one employee injured.

Junior high boys to present athletic jamboree March 28.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY: March 21, 1930 (It Was Friday)

Special prosecutor named in Rogue river fish cases.

Al Capone, Chicago gangster, offers to surrender to police if no jail term imposed.

Cloudy weather aids fruitmen who have smudged spots out for first expected frost of season; buds developing rapidly.

Uprate revolt against Sen. Charles McNary subsides after senate passes tariff on lumber.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY: March 21, 1916 (It Was Tuesday)

McCurdy Insurance agency moves from Sparta building to Medford National bank building.

Jackson county fair reorganization started with proposal to sell 150 shares of stock at \$10 a share for refinancing.

Misses Rose Wickman and Lona Dunlap, both of Grants Pass, walk to Medford in 11 hours.

Navy Reservists To Meet Here Tomorrow

Medford's naval reserve composite unit will meet at 8 p. m. Wednesday in the Federal office building, 33 North Riverside avenue, according to Lt. R. William Clark, commanding officer. The meeting will be open to all ex-members of the naval reserve.

Lt. Ted Pierce, from 13th naval district headquarters in Seattle, will attend to discuss reactivation of the Medford unit. A film, "Marianas Operation," will be shown.

Complete information for reservists who plan a summer cruise this year will be available, and a report will be given regarding the future of the naval reserve program.

Dominews Observes First Anniversary

Camp White, Mar. 21 — The Dominews, twice-a-month publication of the members of the veterans domiciliary center here, celebrated its first anniversary of publication last week. The mimeographed newspaper is edited by Franklin Girard, and has subscribers and readers scattered throughout the world.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday, noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

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Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N. Y., Mar. 18—St. Patrick's day is a great occasion in New York. And properly so, for the Irish really built the place—laid the bricks, put down the cobblestones, dug the sewers and the sewers, and for many years kept law and order. Today the mayor is a native-born son of the "old sod," O'Dwyer by name; the chief of police is none other than John O'Brien; the Catholic bishop of New York is Joseph Donohue (who reviewed the parade from the steps of St. Patrick's cathedral), while the master of ceremonies was none other than John Sheehan.

It was, as everyone said, a great day for the Irish! For a wonder it did not snow. Old Sol beamed in a clear blue sky, a wind came up, however, about the time the parade started and the mercury dropped somewhere in the thirties. This made it about right for the marchers, but tough on the spectators. The latter sat on the temporary bleachers lining Fifth avenue, resembled a football crowd wrapped up in muffler and blankets, children in snow suits, pet dogs in their green knitted sweaters, some (not the dogs) eating their box lunches as the parade, which started at noon and did not end until 4:30 p.m., passed by.

When we first came to New York the police force was 100 per cent Irish. Yesterday all the Irishmen on the force were put on the Fifth avenue beat, but there were not enough to go around, there were also Italians, Negroes—fine looking ones too,—and a sprinkling of muscular Israelites. According to newspaper reports there were 100,000 Irishmen in the parade and 2,000,000 spectators packing the curbs from 44th to 96th streets. We would not voice for the figures but after walking from 44th to 72nd while the parade was on, we agree the crowd was terrific. It was like trying to get through a Saturday basement bargain sale at Kleins.

We gave up trying to count the bands,—there must have been 100 of them, ranging from prep schools to Fordham's varsity. The most popular of the tunes were "Wagon of the Green" and "Finnegan." What appealed to your correspondent most were the local Irishmen in their top hats and long-tailed morning coats with canes and green-and-white sashes draped over their shoulders,—talk about your struttin' drum majors,—these lads from the Emerald Isle surpassed anything we have ever seen for pure cockiness. Nor have we ever seen so many green ties and red noses,—the latter from the cold not pocket flasks,—though there were plenty of good-natured drunks along the right of way. An Irishman who doesn't drink a nip on St. Patrick's day just doesn't belong.

We did not know before that the Irish wear kilts and play bagpipes. That, we had supposed, was exclusively Scotch. But such a contingent was headed by a brawny lad named O'Reilly and we were informed by an elderly spectator with a huge green rosette in his buttonhole that bagpipes originated in Erin,—the Scots are just copy cats at least on St. Patrick's day!

Of course, St. Patrick's day without a fight wouldn't be St. Patrick's day. The one we witnessed from afar was near 44th street when a rosy-cheeked matron came prancing up on a dashing "hunter" with a basket tied to the rear of the saddle in which a dog of uncertain breed reposed nonchalantly in spite of the bouncing. Another gal on a beautiful chestnut horse, a blonde in a smart habit and derby hat, rode up and told the "mistress of the kennels" to beat it,—that no dogs were allowed in the parade, and she did not qualify either. We did not get all the conversation but it was hot and heavy for several minutes until a police captain (mounted) clapped up alongside and calmed the troubled waters in a rich resonant brogue. The middle-aged woman got her way, and made quite a hit in the parade although why she insisted on packing the pup no one seemed to know.

Handbills were distributed along the line of march by young boys wearing green kilkeny hats and sprigs of shamrock. The handbills announced a mass meeting of protest against "Public Bigot No. 1," Sir Basil Brooke, who has suppressed all Catholic freedom in northern Ireland, has "out-Hiltered Hitler," and is a "bigger coward" than Joe Stalin. The meeting will be held March 24 under the auspices of the "American Minute Men," the chief address to be given by the Honorable United States Congressman John J. Rooney,—sounds like a nice little picnic!

Apparently all the schools let out for the day including the girls' private school "Norfleet" on 67th near Madison. One of the scholars in the group attracted almost as much attention as the Color Guard of the New York fire department. She is known here as Margaret Smith but her real name is Princess Lyngdoh, and she hails from East India where she lives in a maharajah's palace. It was bitter cold in the wind but the princess had a leopard-skin coat and leopard-skin mittens, with a heavy veil wrapped around her head and face, only her eyes—and WHAT eyes, showing. She was not marching, she and her class mates were spectators near the famous Seventh regiment war statue; but the boys in the parade and the nearby groups were as fascinated by Her Highness, as she was by the marchers, the flags and the bands.

Probably Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin marched in the Washington parade,—he loves the limelight. We wager if St. Patrick could return to earth, however, and secure all the facts about McCarthy and his war on Secretary of State Acheson, he would invite "Mac" to join the snakes and be driven wherever it was the Celtic serpents were driven. St. Patrick not only knew snakes, he knew human nature, and the frequent relation between the two.

The Pulitzer prizes in drama will be announced in a few weeks. We know the musical we would give first place,—no doubt whatever. It is "Lost in the Stars" by Maxwell Anderson based on the book "Cry, the Beloved Country." It is miles ahead of anything else in town, dramatically and musically speaking,—as far ahead as "The Hasty Heart" is ahead in the line of the Hollywood movies.

Great Pete! Spring officially begins day after tomorrow, March 20 at 11:30 p.m. Well, it would be just like the cock-eyed Weather Man to turn on the heat and bring out the blossoms 48 hours hence although as this is written the wind is howling through the Broadway canyon and the mercury is close to freezing. There was a time when the New Year started on March 23,—not so long ago either, if we recall correctly, 200 years or so. We don't know why a change was ever made. There seems much more sense starting the new year when Nature starts, than when old Mother N. holes up for the winter, as January begins.—R.W.R.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials is 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 300 words.

Why Easter Seals?

To the Editor: I am a volunteer worker in the annual Easter Seal campaign being held in our city from March 9 through Easter Sunday, April 9. Many people have asked me the purpose of the drive and some have suggested that I should write a note to the newspaper stating just why the drive is held. This letter contains a few of the answers.

First of all, there are in our state many crippled persons, among them crippled children. To help them overcome their handicaps and become self-sustaining citizens of our community, we need continuing research, increasing professional personnel in medical, therapeutic and educational fields, and an enlightened public which will understand that the crippled can do constructive work in business, professions and industry and see that they are given suitable jobs.

Obviously all these numerous objectives cannot be obtained without a great concerted effort on the part of all of us—not only here in Medford but throughout the United States.

We have made tremendous progress in the past 25 years or so and I think no one will challenge my statement that the Oregon Society for Cripple Children and Adults, Inc., and the National Society for Cripple Children and Adults with which it is affiliated have been leaders in this progress. But to keep on making progress we need more

Crosstown by Roland Coe



"The date we've set for our fishing trip fortunately is the same one the wife has set down for housecleaning!"

Oregon Crops Assisted By Winter's Protective Cover

Portland, Ore., Mar. 21—(U.P.) County extension agents in a "first day of spring" report today said the winter's heavy snowfall actually helped Oregon crops by providing a protective cover.

They said crops planted last spring have come through the winter in surprisingly good shape and look better now than they did after last year's severe winter.

Some Damage Done: Some damage was done this year to certain tree and trailing cane fruits. But Yamhill County Agent Jack Hansell said wheat, oats, barley, Austrian field peas and common and hairy vetch came through the winter in the Willamette valley in far better shape than last year's crops.

However, Hansell said the winter showed its effect on some fruit crops, especially peaches and boysenberries.

Oregon farmers are happy over the large amount of snow that fell throughout the state this winter because it improves irrigation prospects, the report said. Tremendous quantities of snow are still stored in watersheds. The only weak spot for irrigation noted so far is in Lake county, northeast of Lakeview.

Lake and Harney counties are expected to be threatened by grasshoppers this summer, according to Entomologist R. W. Evers of the Oregon State college extension service.

Wheat Killed: In Umatilla county, Vic Johnson said there was some winter killing of winter wheat at the northern end, but he termed surface moisture prospects good.

Wasco County Extension Agent E. M. Nelson said sub-soil moisture is lacking in his county and in Umatilla county.

Nelson thought Wasco county farmers would plant 10 to 15 per cent more spring wheat than usual this year because of dry soil conditions last fall which postponed seeding.

Agents indicated that weeds will be more than the usual problem in the Columbia basin this spring because the dry fall of 1948 stopped seed germination. On top of that, adequate spring moisture is proving to be a boon to weeds as well as wheat.

Klamath County Extension Agent C. A. Henderson said "further drastic acreage reductions in Klamath county and chaotic marketing conditions have left potato growers in a dilemma."

Acreage May Decrease: Henderson said Klamath county might have a decrease in potato acreage and a slight increase in breeding barley. More alfalfa, clover and irrigated pastures are also being planted, Henderson said.

Malheur County Agent Harry R. Sandquist said livestockmen indicated they were getting ready to turn their cattle and sheep onto range. Potato acreage in Malheur county is expected to be less this year.

Curry county's Easter lily

pect to get a number of federal engineers to map out projects and tell farmers which way the water should run. Most farmers have the old fashioned idea that it would run down hill. Then the AAA will pay for dirt moved and tile used and another federal agency will buy the surplus spuds, pears and other crops grown.

We suggest that before they seek more members for the U.S. H.C. (Uncle Sam's Handout club) they look for a cure for the "gummy ailment." It may be later than they think.

We are not saying that these things are all bad and may not be necessary. But we do wish that some people we know would either quit asking for more government money or quit griping all the time about high taxes and federal spending.

R. E. Nealon

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Drilling To Start On Oil Property In East Of State

I. W. Love Drilling company, Shreveport, La., was to resume oil drilling operations today on the 12,000-acre Vogler lease about 15 miles southeast of Burns. Love reported here yesterday during a conference with officers of the United Company of Oregon.

Accompanying Love here was an associate, Zeke Lohman, representative of the Hurley Oil company, Shreveport.

Last fall Love, a contractor, brought in about \$135,000 worth of equipment to the Harney basin. He was halted by cold weather after reaching a depth of 15 feet.

Company Cooperates: United company, which has drilled two wells in the basin without getting flows, is cooperating with Love in every way, according to J. Verne Shangle, first vice-president. United has leases on about 65,000 acres and is waiting now to see what comes of Love's drilling operations.

If Love should happen to get a gusher, United would go to work, it was said. The firm was temporarily halted in its activity by a fire at well No. 2.

The Louisiana contractor became interested after studying reports of the Oregon company's operations. He obtained leases and engaged Gravity Meter company to study the ground. The investigators found that earlier

wells had been drilled in structural lows while oil flows in structural highs. Three highs were found in the study, according to reports.

Festival Plans Talked By Board

Ashland, Mar. 21—Ideas for the promotion of Ashland's Shakespearean festival's 10th annual presentation this summer were discussed at a meeting of the association's board of directors over the week-end. Gene Malecki, Salem, who has remained as promotional representative, attended the session.

Plans include sending personal invitations to the nation's leading Shakespearean actors, distribution of brochures, an enlarged printed program this year, and other publicizing schemes including an opening day program and parade.

Ashland Soroptimists said they would call attention to the festival when they attended the national convention of their group in Seattle July 2 to 8.

The board of directors will meet Monday in Medford.

Eagle Point Students In News Competition

Forest Grove, Ore., Mar. 21—Eagle Point high school is among the first registered for Pacific university's fifth annual north-west high school journalism competition, to be held here Saturday, March 25.

Students from Eagle Point entered in the competition are Patricia Lucas, senior, news writing; Ralph Humphrey, senior, speech reporting; Virginia Fleeman, junior, editorial writing; and Lois Nelson, senior, sports reporting.

Last year 120 students from 34 high schools in Oregon and Washington competed for first place trophies awarded by the Hillsboro Argus for news writing, Forest Grove News-Times for news-feature writing, Oregon Journal for sports reporting, Vancouver Columbian for speech reporting, and The Oregonian for editorial writing.

GROUP INVITED

Minneapolis, Mar. 21—(U.P.) A spokesman for the Youth for Christ movement says Gen. Douglas MacArthur has invited the group to carry its evangelistic work to Japan.

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