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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 23, 1940
(It Was Saturday)

Farmers and Fruitgrowers
bank, Medford, purchased by
United States National bank.

F. L. TouVelle, Jacksonville,
named to Garner-for-president
committee in state.

Beta Sigma Phi sorority elects
Mary Peterson president.

Nearly 300 youngsters take
part in first all city Easter egg
hunt sponsored by local Kiwanis
club.

Leo Williams and Shirley
Croucher take over operation of
General Petroleum company station
in Medford.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

March 23, 1930
(It Was Saturday)

Ward Howell, Ashland high
jumper, named center on all-state
second team.

Blue Ledge directors plan erection
of concentrator and aerial
tramway at mine.

Groceries to open second store
at Sixth and Grape streets.

B. H. Conkle resigns as principal
of high school; Glenn Smith
takes position.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

March 23, 1916

Grammar school teacher salary
minimum placed at \$55 and
maximum at \$80, while high
school teachers to get \$85 and
\$100 respectively.

Medford baseball team re-
elects R. L. Ewing president and
names Dick Antle treasurer and
L. S. Beveridge secretary.

Miss Bruce Putnam and Miss
Naomi Hemphill to play piano
duet at Roosevelt P.T.A. meeting
tomorrow night.

State Production Workers Receive Average \$65.86

Salem, Ore., Mar. 23.—(U.P.)—
Production workers in Oregon
received an average weekly pay
check of \$65.86 during the final
quarter of 1949, the state un-
employment compensation commis-
sion and the United States
bureau of labor statistics said in
a joint report today.

About 400 representative
manufacturers in all parts of
the state are reporting employ-
ment and pay rolls each month
in building up the new earnings
figures, the report said. An
average working week of nearly
39 hours at \$1.69 an hour was
indicated in the report.

Second Highest

Oregon's average is second
highest among 27 states now re-
porting in cooperation with the
United States bureau of labor
statistics. Wyoming, with a
work week of more than 41
hours reported \$68, although the
hourly rate was only \$1.64.
Washington was third, just un-
der \$65. California followed at
less than \$62. The average for
reporting states was \$55.47.

Although printing and pub-
lishing led all manufacturing
groups with an average of more
than \$75 (\$79 for mid-December),
most of Oregon's high figure was
credited to lumber and logging.
The lumber and logging indus-
try, with earnings of more than
\$70 a week, represented about
60 per cent of Oregon's 125,000
production workers. This com-
pared with an average of \$66.85
for northern sawmill and log-
ging workers and \$37.02 for
those in the south.

A Letter From Norway

Some weeks ago we commented here on the recreational value of hosting as practiced in some countries and to a less extent in parts of the United States. We suggested that because of its scenic attractions, the Rogue River valley holds great possibilities for such organized hiking, particularly for the younger folk.

THE editorial was forwarded by Mrs. Fred C. Sander of Medford to her son, Fred Cyril Sander, who with his wife, and son, Fred Cyril, are presently living in Oslo, Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Sander were teaching in Long Beach, Cal., last year when they won a Fulbright scholarship covering a year's study at the University of Oslo. There they are engaged in research, he in education and she in psychology.

On receipt of the editorial, the former Medford man sent The Mail Tribune the following interesting letter:

I was very happy to read your recent editorial on "hosting" and the American Youth Hostels. I hope that it attracted local attention and that some able and public-spirited citizen will take it upon himself to begin this type of recreation in the Rogue River valley. The valley is quite ideal for all types of hosting, winter and summer.

I would like to add that hosting is no longer confined just to the east coast, but local chapters are springing up rapidly on our west coast. I believe both Seattle and Portland have groups and there are quite a number in California. Something over a year ago, a group of us in Long Beach started a chapter which has within a few months blossomed into a sizeable group with regularly scheduled tours almost every week-end. Arranging such outings amidst the traffic of Los Angeles County is not an easy thing!

Here in Norway, where my family and I have been spending the past year, almost the entire population participates in some form of hosting or outdoor activity. Now during the winter, cross-country skiing is the sport almost everyone takes part in. The entire nation is literally crisscrossed with a network of well-marked ski trails, and it is possible to go out for a few hours—or a few weeks depending on the time and energy available.

Within the city limits of Oslo itself, there are probably at least a hundred miles of marked ski trails (Oslo is the largest city in the world—in area), and it is possible for many of the citizens to ski from their front doors right out into the midst of the forest and mountains. Or if you wish you may board one of the electric trolleys and in 20 to 30 minutes be in wonderful ski country complete with trails, many slalom courses, jumps, etc.

On an ordinary Sunday, the trolleys carry over 40,000 people with their skis, to the woods and recently on "Holmenkollen Day" (the day the experts use the famous Holmenkollen ski jump) over 100,000 were carried.

Perhaps even more wonderful than the numbers involved is the range of age of the participants. The children start learning here when they're three or four and many times we have encountered both men and women skiers on the trails with packs on their backs, that were well along in their seventies!

In the spring, summer and fall, the people continue to take to the mountains, hiking, cycling or boating. And it is not unusual for office secretaries and the like, to spend their entire three week vacation (with pay and guaranteed by national law)—hiking from one mountain to the next, either sleeping out or using the huts maintained by the hiking clubs. We have tried a bit of this—hiking in the fall and skiing in the winter—and even a week of such outdoor activity changes your entire outlook on life. You begin to feel that it is only during such times that you really live.

We are looking forward to returning to the West Coast this summer and we hope we find other people that are also interested in developing the magnificent possibilities that our country offers for this type of recreation. I hope you will encourage such activities in the Rogue River valley.

—E.C.F.

There's Many a Tax Slip

Now that our federal tax returns are in the internal revenue collector's mill many of us are wondering if, and when, they will be returned with a demand for additional details, explanation or more money.

OF course, each of the 53,000,000 individual income tax returns is given a routine check for arithmetic and apparent reasonableness of claimed deductions and exemptions, further than that, however, the scrutiny is not so close.

If you are among those lucky enough to have had income over \$100,000, the chances are only 68 out of 100 that your tax return will be given a thorough audit. For those in the \$25,000 to \$100,000 bracket the chances for a minute going over are 48 out of 100; for those making \$7,000 to \$25,000, 18 out of 100, and for those with income below \$7,000 the chances are only four out of 100.

THE number sending in deliberately falsified tax reports, or returns which for one reason or another are not correct is very large. The internal revenue bureau figures about one return out of each four is faulty, and of those which are detected and referred back to the taxpayer, it is noted that the errors are hardly ever in favor of Uncle Sam.

SO large is the number of faulty or fraudulent returns that the internal revenue commissioner figures a vast amount of tax money is lost through inability of his limited staff of auditors to make a more thorough check. He cites the fact that although only 4.5 per cent of all returns in 1947 were given a thorough audit, nearly \$750,000,000 in additional taxes was recovered thereby. E.C.F.

Market Costs Absorb Most Of Food Income

The average consumer paid \$215. retail value, for the farm food products in the market basket in 1949, according to the weekly farm price report prepared by the Oregon State college extension service.

Farmers received \$103 of that amount or 48 per cent, the report said, and the balance, \$112 or 52 per cent, went toward marketing charges. At the end of the year, the retail cost rate to consumers was down to \$207 a person per year, but marketing charges were still \$112; farmers were getting only 46 per cent, compared with 49 per cent in December, 1948.

The extension service pointed out that in addition to the farm food products, consumers also buy imported foods, fishery products, and other foods not from United States farms. Therefore, the service claimed, farmers actually received a smaller percentage of the consumers' total food dollars than is indicated by the figures.

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Jet Pilots Killed As Planes Hit Home

Emmons, W. Va., Mar. 23.—(U.P.)—Two air force jet pilots crashed to their deaths today five minutes after taking off from the Charleston airport where they were grounded when they ran out of fuel.

The flyers were identified at Lt. Col. A. F. Reinhardt and Capt. George Eans.

The sub-type jets smashed into a home in this tiny Coal river mountain town shortly after taking off from the Kanawha airport on their way to Kirtland field in Albuquerque, N. M., their home base.

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Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"Pop's right, somethin' has to be done about my report card. I've got to get rid of it!"

Washington Report

By Bob Dickey

Washington Report—STNDG—
Washington, Mar. 23.—The key to low cost power for the Pacific northwest lies in the O'Mahoney amendment to the rivers and harbors bill (H. R. 5472), says the bureau of reclamation.



Bob Dickey

and sets up a basin account. (Basin account is just the trade name for the proposal to keep one set of books for all the federal water projects of the Columbia basin.)

It is this basin account proviso that will herald the maintaining of low cost power rates, according to the Bu-Rec officials. Here is the way they arrive at such a conclusion.

Public power in the northwest is now furnished chiefly by Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams. Even though the power revenues for these two dams are computed differently, by sheer coincidence the power rates are approximately the same. Consequently, public power in the area is now selling at a uniform rate.

In a few years this situation is going to change. The new power producing dams such as McNary, Detroit and Hungry Horse, are going to cost more and as a result rates will have to be higher. These dams are going to be more expensive because they are being built with present day high cost labor, instead of depression labor which was available for Bonneville and Grand Coulee.

The question then becomes: How will the rates rise? Will they be kept at a uniform rate but keyed to the highest priced dam of the area? Or will they be sold at different prices at different dams? Still another possible method is to have the power sold at a uniform rate throughout the area representing the average of the different rates from the dams.

This is the scheme contemplated by the basin account. By its provisions all power rates would be averaged and from it they would establish the uniform power rate for the area. This, the Bu-Rec people say, is the key to maintaining the cheapest possible power rate for the northwest.

The basin account proviso has several other significant aspects dealing with highly technical features of project pay-out and irrigation project feasibility, which will not be dealt with here.

Cordon Amendment
Sen. Guy Cordon does not subscribe to the changes proposed by basin account. But he does support the authorization of the 13 reclamation projects in the O'Mahoney amendment. Cordon has, therefore, introduced his own amendment to supplant the O'Mahoney version.

In so far as the authorization of the projects is concerned, the two amendments are identical. But in the Cordon amendment all of the provisions for the basin account are stricken.

What the Cordon amendment provides is a little basin account for the purpose of paying the irrigation subsidy from the interest component of Hell's Canyon dam.

In contrast, the basin account uses the interest component on all the dams of the area, including both engineers and Bu-Rec dams, for an irrigation subsidy.

It was Sen. Cordon's aim to curtail as much as possible any changes in the existing reclamation laws and still provide an irrigation subsidy for the projects authorized. So he just tied the other 12 projects authorized to Hell's Canyon dam for the purpose of the necessary irrigation subsidy.

Criticism
The main objection to Cordon's amendment is that it does not deal with the coming uneven power rates. In his measure he has left out the basin account which sets up the uniform system.

Cordon's answer to this criticism is that it will be three years before any new power will be available in the area and he feels the problem should be studied at length before any new schemes are adopted.

The age-old scrap between the army engineers and the bureau of reclamation has flared up again. This time it is over the building of the Eklutna power project in Alaska.

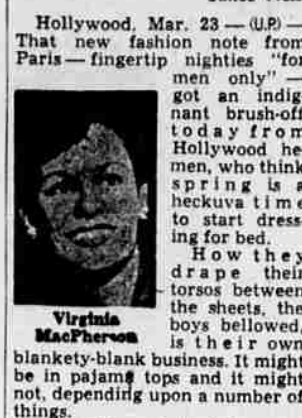
On Jan. 7, 1949, Bu-Rec submitted a two-inch thick report to the secretary of the interior, recommending that they be permitted to build the project.

Now, over a year later, the engineers have come out with a like proposal. On Mar. 6, 1950, the Portland, Ore., office of the engineers announced by public notice that they had made an interim report on various Alaska projects. Included is a recommendation that they be authorized to construct the Eklutna project.

The engineers and Bu-Rec pro-

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON
United Press Correspondent



Virginia MacPherson

Hollywood, Mar. 23.—(U.P.)—That new fashion note from Paris—fingertip nighties—"for men only"—got an indignant brush-off today from Hollywood helen, who think spring is a heckuva time to start dressing for bed.

How they drape their torsos between the sheets, the boys bellowed, is their own blankety-blank business. It might be in pajama tops and it might not, depending upon a number of things.

A Parisian haberdasher announced yesterday he had designed bottomless pajamas for his customers along the Champs Elysees.

They are, reported haberdasher Nick Levy, tailored nifties, draped to a point four inches above the masculine knee.

And the boys are snapping 'em up.
A man in a fingerlength nightie reminds me of a bargain basement sale," Red Skelton quipped. "Half off."
Even thinking about it, shudder Dennis O'Keefe, gives him insomnia.
Wouldn't Be Caught Dead
"I wouldn't be caught dead in one of the things. I wouldn't even keep 'em handy in case of fire."

Lex "Tarzan" Barker, who swings through the movie jungles in six inches of strategically placed leather, just snorted.

"You're supposed to 'undress' for bed aren't you? Why should I put on more clothes to sleep in than I do to work in? Confidently, I'm an 'in-the-raw' man, myself."

Howard Duff and Robert Ryan said they were, too.

"If this report is true," Ryan said, "it marks the first time in history 50,000,000 Frenchmen can be wrong."

Johnny Lewis, the funny-faced half of the comedy team of Martin and Lewis, says these skimpy-sleepers would wreak havoc on Hollywood's bed habits.

It'd Be Murder
"It'd be murder," he groaned. "How could we ever eat crackers in bed? A thing like that could

Norman Thomas Not To Seek Presidency

Salem, Ore., Mar. 23.—(U.P.)—Norman Thomas, who has been socialist nominee for president six times, won't run again. He told a press conference here Tuesday that "no one should seek public office when he is as old as I am."

Asked how he rates Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon republican, Thomas said:

"I think enough of him not to give him the kiss of death by praising him too highly. He and I disagree on a lot of things, but Morse is an able man."

Of Oregon's other republican senator, Guy Cordon, Thomas said: "If you ever wanted a neuter person in congress Cordon is your man. He is so neuter that you never even know he's in the senate."

be fatal, y'know."

The ladies couldn't get excited about 'em, either.

Marie Wilson said she's afraid if France forces those exposed male knees on America it'll set the Marshall Plan back 10 years.

"Obviously," she lisped, "this guy has never spent a crowded Sunday at the beach."

Corinne Calvet, a French beauty, refused to stand up for her countryman.

"Masculine legs sticking out like a sack like bones?" she gasped. "Nevalire!"

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