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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 28, 1940
Harry D. Force confirmed by senate as postmaster at Gold Hill.

Ladies' Civic club, Central Point, to sponsor play put on by Lone Pine PTA.

First aid station opened by Red Cross in Brownsboro store.

Sheriff Syd I. Brown elected president of Footprinters.

Rotarians hear talk by Dr. Burt Lageson on progress of dentistry over centuries.

Second annual senior conference expected to bring 400 from throughout county here tomorrow.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 28, 1930
Irrigation districts plan to hoard present supply of water for summer use.

C. E. "Pop" Gates re-named to state highway commission.

Congressional democratic leaders rap President Hoover for signing tariff bill.

Miss Dorothy Slead elected queen of junior carnival.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
March 28, 1916
Joan Anderson opens stenographic office in M. F. and H. building after graduating from Medford college.

Miss Claire Burris and Hubert Allen, both of Medford, married by Dr. J. C. Rollins.

Field work on surveying for Crater Lake highway to start April 10 with crew of 12 men on job.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 3:30 p.m. for following day, 10 a.m. Monday, noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS
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For Applause Meter
To the Editor: I am a student of Medford senior high and although I am not musically inclined I was very satisfied at the way the final winner was chosen for the Amateur Hour.

In a recent letter to the editor, Elinor Johnson states that "the high school was just all out for their boy." Now she must surely realize that all the students of M.H.S. couldn't possibly get into the Craterian theater along with all the other people that were there. I think this seems to indicate that a few others were applauding for our boy.

In answer to her statement about the applause meter not being a fair way to settle for a person's talent, I know of at least two major network programs that use the applause meter to select their winners.

I realize the contest was held in Medford, but I don't agree that "a Medford boy should be chosen, whether he had the talent or not" just because he is from Medford. I'm sure many of the people that applauded for "our boy" had heard him play at football games, parades, over the radio, and many other places. I think many of us laymen, at musical genius, recognize good music when we hear it and that's why I, along with many others, am satisfied with the winner.

In closing, I think that if another amateur contest is held,

What Is Life Worth?

We learn from the San Francisco Examiner's usually reliable Herb Caen that a bus passenger who suffered a head injury in the Bay City was recently recompensed to the tune of \$72,500. The size of the award by the transportation concern was, undoubtedly in line with the practice in such matters in the California region. What struck us was the difference between what a head injury is worth in California and a life is worth in Oregon.

A few days ago in our own Jackson county circuit court damages were awarded in two auto accident death cases—one a man aged 69, the head of a family; the other a young girl of 16. In both cases the juries found that there was no contributory negligence. They had to find thusly for under Oregon law had they found that there had been contributory negligence on the part of the accident victim, there could have been no damage award.

IT is hard for a layman to understand how a jury can find that an injured party was not guilty of contributory negligence in case of an accident, and yet award that injured party only nominal damages. Going into the matter of damages a bit further, it is difficult to follow the reasoning of some juries that a human life is worth only \$2,500, in any event. If the potential earning power, or possible savings accumulation under commonly accepted longevity tables are considered, the figure is absurdly low.

THE law permits suit for up to \$15,000 in the case of an accident death. Apparently the lawmakers here place a higher value on life than do the jurors here for we cannot recall a verdict for full damages ever having been rendered in this county. E. C. F.

Canadian Competition

Oregon and Washington Douglas fir cutters are becoming increasingly alarmed by the flood of lumber entering the United States markets from British Columbia. American mill operators have not been particularly worried heretofore as the demand for lumber, due to the post war building boom has kept all hands pretty well occupied. But the time may not be far distant, American interests are now beginning to fear, when the demand will be less pronounced.

IT IS foreseen that when the demand does become less eager, the Canadians who are now selling their output in the big eastern markets for approximately the same price as the Americans, will be able to cut the price and make things very bad for their American cousins.

THE Canadians use foreign tramps ships, thus saving about \$6 per thousand on freight bills, compared with shipments from Northwestern U. S. ports, in laying their lumber down in Atlantic ports. An additional shaving of 60 cents on the Canadian timber price is possible through escaping the three per cent excise tax which is levied against American freight bills. Because of the difference in exchange rates, a whole \$5 per thousand is saved.

OF COURSE, there is a little matter of \$1 per thousand to cover duty and excise taxes to be paid by the British Columbians, but they are still able to put their product into eastern American markets \$10.60 cheaper than can our own west coast mill operators. The Canadians have not trimmed their prices so far, probably fearing that should they do so there would be an immediate demand upon congress for a quota basis.

ALTHOUGH no anti-Canadian bills have appeared in the congress, Oregon's representatives Harris Ellsworth and Walter Norblad are reported studying legislative tactics which may be undertaken should more serious developments appear in the U. S.-Canadian lumber competition.

One possibility for American relief would be for the congressmen mentioned to seek repeal of the transportation excise tax affecting U. S. lumber shipments and another would be a subsidy for shipping lines which transport lumber from United States northwest ports to the Atlantic coast.

PROBABLY the most important factor in keeping U. S. mill owners from complaining more loudly about the Canadian competition is the fact that imports from the latter source are as yet not very large, comparatively speaking. Last year, for instance, Oregon-Washington fir mills turned out 9,400,000,000 feet while British Columbia's main producing area was shipping only 672,000,000 feet. E. C. F.

WAF's Body Returned To Pennsylvania Home

San Francisco, Mar. 28—(U.P.)—The body of Sgt. Fairy E. Decker, 43-year-old WAF who was strangled to death by an air force sergeant, was en route back to her parents' home at York, Pa., today.

the winner should again be chosen by the applause of the whole county.

Ken Degerness

Error Noted
To the Editor: In the articles by Ralph Watson, "Glances at Highway History," published recently in The Mail Tribune, I noticed two errors. Samuel Hill was James J. Hill's son-in-law, not son. The Hill railroad is the Great Northern, not the Northern Pacific. I think you can find in your file of 1911 or earlier, that Samuel Hill made his first good roads speech in Medford. In order to assure an audience, the prisoners were brought from the jail. However, the audience was there.

Mrs. J. F. Reddy, 324 Medio Drive, Los Angeles 49, Cal.

Herbert Hoover To Get Award From Magazine
New York, Mar. 28—(U.P.)—The Natural History magazine will present its golden anniversary award to former President Herbert Hoover at ceremonies in the American Museum of Natural History Thursday, it was announced today.

The award will be made in recognition of Mr. Hoover's achievements as a scholar, statesman and humanitarian during the past half century, magazine officials said.

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"That wasn't such a hot idea, giving Pop a change purse for his birthday."

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

See the mountains kiss high heaven,
And the waves clap one another,
No sister flower would be torn,
If it daisied its brother.

It has been definitely proven that the hips of the average woman are getting larger. That is, larger than those of the average female of 20 years ago. Now it is said women's feet are getting larger. At the present time there are more requests by women for stockings in sizes from 10 to 11 than ever before in the history of the hosiery industry. And fewer requests than ever for sizes 8 and 8 1/2. It is said men with big feet nearly always make good husbands. I have never heard it stated, however, that women with large feet make good wives. I'll have our Horses & Women experts check on it.

Asking
Prisoners from clients: Q. Was Charlie Howard, California sportsman and owner of Seabiscuit and Noor, a member of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders? A. Charlie is a good friend of mine, but not inclined to reminisce much. Never heard him mention the Rough Riders. He once told me that in his early youth he was a professional auto race driver for a time. Q. Did Hoover, when president, really give voice to the remark that the country would soon be so prosperous that "there would be two chickens in every pot and two cars in every garage"? A. I don't think so. Some facetious scribe attributed the remark to Hoover, Henry IV, of France, once said that he "hoped every peasant would have a chicken in the pot on Sunday." That is the origin of the remark.

Names
A subscriber recently sought the meaning and origin of her name, which is Nona. I am informed by an expert on the subject it is of Latin origin. It means the "ninth child." Octavia means the eighth child.

Greatest
A Chicagoan says he thinks the greatest ballplayer of all time was "Wee Willie" Keeler. He says Keeler was a past master in the art of place hitting, which is a "lost art" today. It was Keeler who said, when asked to account for his success as a batsman, "I try to hit 'em where they ain't."

Says She
As to the advisability of a girl marrying a man with a lot of sisters, perhaps I'm entitled to speak with some authority," writes a Californian. "I married a man with six sisters. He was the only son. Men who have lived their young lives in a house full of women are very difficult to get along with. Having six sisters means that the home is run by the girls for the girls, which seems to cause a sort of frustration to the male ego. My husband knows less about what it takes to make a woman happy than any man I know of. I strongly advise against marrying a man with a lot of sisters."

Chickens
A subscriber says that chickens were being tattooed 20 years ago in Kansas as a protection against thievery. He says his father had 200 chickens stolen one winter. The next winter he had his chickens tattooed and not a single chicken was stolen.

Passing By
"Pinky" Tomlin, band leader and song writer, is 14 years ago that "Pinky" first achieved national recognition by writing that ditty titled, "The Object of My Affection."

A Nichols' Worth of—
Fairlington, Va., Mar. 28—(U.P.) The best-informed authority on elephants at 3470 S. Utah street, here never had a leg up on a pachyderm. In fact he's afraid of the brutes and won't get any closer to one than the guard rail at the zoo.

Comment On This and That
By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer
They were dummies all right, in some respect, but they formed sort of a pachyderm union. They'd mire in their tracks and wouldn't budge if the mahout tried to overload them or make them push something heavy enough to get up a sweat. No amount of prodding or coaxing could get them to work.

Animals Not Clean
We have been taught to regard the animals as very clean. They are not. The only time a self-respecting elephant will go near any water is when it wants to cool off or to trunk-squirt water at some kid thoughtless enough to show up without a sack of peanuts.

In the tropics, elephants come down with laziness and will work only in the morning when it isn't quite so hot. When the sun gets through their tough hides, they give up.

And another thing: Elephants, Colonel Bill said, are not the strongest beasts of burden in the animal kingdom. Any two Missouri mules could carry a heavier load.

And finally, the legend about elephants being afraid of mice is pure nonsense. We used to be told a mouse could worry an elephant to death by hiding in the hay and running up its trunk.

According to Elephant Bill, all an elephant has to do is to blow his trumpet and any mouse with regard for his life gets out of there.

Approximately 274,000 vehicular bridges are in use in new Japan of which some 49,300 are less than five years old.

Annual Spring Argument Over Daylight Saving Time Starts

By United Press

The annual spring argument over daylight saving time raged in many communities today as a number of large cities prepared to turn the clocks ahead for the summer and others outlawed any tampering with time.

On April 30, citizens will lose an hour of sleep which they won't get back until September in New York, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Peoria, Baltimore, Philadelphia, a majority of Pacific Northwest cities and in several states west of the Mississippi.

Other northwest communities committed to daylight saving time include Longview, Corvallis, Medford, Klamath Falls, Roseburg, The Dalles, Oregon City, Centralia, Woodland, Richland, Seaside, Lakeview, Milwaukie, Beaverton, and St. Helens.

The Astoria city council is expected to decide April 3. Clatsop county dairymen and fishermen generally oppose fast time. Orchards and farmers have gone on record against daylight saving time in Hood River.

Coos Bay has turned down daylight saving, but other communities in Coos, Curry and western Douglas counties will confer on the proposal April 5. Decisions still are to be made in Salem, Bend, Tillamook, Redmond and other Oregon communities.

Daylight saving time is banned in Arizona, Wisconsin and Kentucky. It just isn't observed in Iowa, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Detroit, Omaha, Lincoln,

Nebr., Columbus, O., and Cincinnati. Matter Debated
The matter is under debate in several places. An enabling measure is on the desk of the governor of Kentucky which would allow daylight saving time to be established by individual cities. Farmers are opposed to the measure, which would not become effective until June 15, if it were signed.

Daylight time is banned in Indiana under a law passed in 1949. The measure provides for no penalties for violations, however, and most Indiana cities ignored it last year.

In West Virginia, Charleston, the capital, and other major cities except Wheeling and Parkersburg usually do not observe daylight time. Small towns hold an election every year to determine what will be done.

Illinois has local option. Several cities are voting on the question.

Nevada will go on daylight time April 30 over the protests of Reno gamblers who said the extra hour of daylight hurt their business because tourists prefer to gamble after dark.

Proposition Approved
California voters approved a proposition at the polls last November to use daylight time this summer after having defeated similar proposals in two previous years. In the previous ballots theater interests, especially drive-ins, had been more solidly lined up against the proposition.

The agricultural areas of eastern Washington and eastern Oregon generally opposed daylight saving time.

Spokane voted down fast time two years ago and there was no indication the city will reconsider this year.

The change in time during the summer months is generally popular with Seattle residents. Network radio stations, transcontinental railroad, airline and bus companies have urged the council to go alone with most other large cities in the nation, observing daylight savings time from the last Sunday in April to the last Sunday in September.

Gubitchev Shuns Newsmen In England

Southampton, Eng., Mar. 28—(U.P.)—Valentin Gubitchev, deported from the United States as a Russian spy, locked himself in his cabin today when the Polish liner Batory anchored off Southampton.

The ship's purser told newsmen who swarmed aboard the liner that Gubitchev did not want to see the press.

Moreover, he said, Gubitchev had spent most of the voyage from New York seaskin in his cabin.

Gubitchev unlocked his door here only long enough to admit an official from the Soviet embassy in London. The official refused to make a statement afterward.

Eagle Point, March 28—The city ordinance which makes it unlawful to permit dogs to run loose from April 1 to June 30 will be enforced this year, according to Recorder Sam F. Coy who stated today that violators will be fined \$1 and costs for the first offense and \$1 will be added for each additional offense.

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